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OUR SIXTH VOLUME.

E in the course of the year we feel it our duty to
ve a short confidential chat with our friends and
rs, and we need hardly say the fulfilment of this
lways accompanied with a great deal of pleasure.
casions happen when, having completed a further
f the CHRONICLE, we are about entering on a fresh
abour. It is, of course, inevitable that when thus
we must, to a certain extent, be somewhat egotis-
suming at least that the use of this word is per-
when speaking in the plural, instead of the singular
But, doubtless, our kind friends will excuse what
ssible for us to avoid. Two years and a half ago,
hed our frail barque on the stormy waters of
n, and we have no reason to regret what many
e considered our audacity. If we have not accom-
l we had in contemplation when we started so
nsly, we have at least the satisfaction of knowing
e whole our voyage has been a prosperous one.
had favourable winds throughout, and have
each fresh stage of the journey with increased
long continuance of prosperity, on the one hand,
e other, with an ever-deepening sense of thank-
those who have supported us. We are conscious
hortcomings, but they have been generally over-
cause, we presume, our anxiety to please has been
st to admit of the slightest question. We have
every means in our power to gain the respect of
, and we have our reward in the steadily-increas-
t of support extended to us. It is occasionally
une to lose an old subscriber, but, as a rule, our
still among the most enthusiastic of our
d, in time, we shall begin to think the old saying
e a Captain, always a Captain," is equally true
orters.

e work we have done, we have conscientiously
d to promote, as far as in us lay, the welfare of
y, and especially of those magnificent Institu-
are connected with it—our two Schools and the
Institution for aged brethren and widows. We
missed an opportunity of pleading their cause.
iticised their management, but in no unfriendly
firmly believe that, all things considered, they
conducted as any other Institutions of a similar
n this or, indeed, in any country in the world.
they obtain a wider and more generous support
tsmen, and the hope that we may have contri-
n never so slight degree, to bring about this happy
on, is itself a sufficient reward for our labours.
so done our best to make our readers better
with the leading features of the Craft in other
d especially in the United States. We have
the belief that what happens in Masonic circles
ot be devoid of interest to English Freemasons.
r this country that it is the original home of, at
Speculative Freemasonry, and that, in the
eases, the Masonic bodies now existing in other
e their origin to the Grand Lodge of England.
The progress of these offshoots of our own body must interest us. We have further done our utmost to promote the knowledge of Masonic history, as based on documentary evidence, and to this end we are still continuing the publication of the Warrants of our "ancient" Lodges. In short we have done, as far as the narrow limits of our space have permitted, whatever appeared to us to be promotive of Masonic interests and Masonic knowledge, and the critics are kind enough to say from time to time that our efforts have not been entirely unsuccessful.

As regards the future, we look forward to it with hope. We believe we shall have meted out to us the same measure of kindness we have received heretofore, so long as we exhibit the same anxiety to do our duty, and we need hardly say that to do our duty to the best of our humble ability is the main purpose we have in view. We shall continue in the path we have chosen, and, till reasonable cause is shown, we shall not depart from it. We thank our friends for what they have done in our behalf. With all the advantages we have received from their assistance, ours has been a very up-hill battle to fight. Yet we have pressed on victoriously thus far, and shall go on pressing forward till the position we have won is unassailable. With these few prefatory remarks we have the honour to present to our readers the first number of our SIXTH VOLUME.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1876.

THE Report of the House Committee on the receipts and expenditure of the Boys' School for the past year is now printed, and will be scanned with immense satisfaction by all who take an interest in the success of this Institution. In no previous instance have there been such excellent grounds for this satisfaction. The year opened with the very substantial balance of £1631 0s 6d. In the way of donations and subscriptions we find the magnificent total of £13,220 15s 6d; £714 were received as the purchase money for admissions, and £1050 was bestowed by the Province of Cheshire, in order to entitle it to one perpetual presentation. The grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, two small legacies, dividends on stock, and other items, raised the incomings to £15,359 6s, so that the total receipts for the year, including the opening balance aforesaid, amounted to £16,990 6s 6d. The expenditure was £14,514 8s 8d, of which £6867 1s was special, and £7646 7s 8d ordinary, so that there remained on the 31st December 1876, a balance to the credit of the Institution of £2476 17s 10d. Having regard to the Special or Extraordinary outlay, we note that two principal items together absorb close on six-sevenths of the whole sum. These are the purchase of Kent House, and all its belongings, for use as an Infirmary, which accounts for £2993 19s 6d, and the purchase of £3,000 Consols, for which £2895 were paid. Both these investments are of enduring value, the one increasing the real estate of the Institution, and the other its funded property. The other items under this head of service do not call for any special comment, except, perhaps, that the sum paid in connection with the University Local Examinations

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number of pupils who have submitted themselves for examination, three having been awarded the degree of A.A. at the Oxford Local Examination in June, while at the Cambridge ditto, in December, fourteen took honours, and twelve obtained certificates. The principal items under the head of Ordinary Expenditure are of the usual character. For the general office was spent the sum of £1,175 15s 8d, while for the educational and other staff, including servants' wages, &c., &c., the expenditure amounted to £1,609 16s 10d. Provisions cost £2,282 5s 1d, clothing £1,469 19s 2d, household requisites, £267 10s 2d, various, including coals and coke, water, gas, rates and taxes, school stationery and books, scientific instruments, &c., &c., 840 10s 9d, making the general total under this head of service, as we have already stated, £7,646 7s 8d. The Sustentation Fund shows receipts, including balance from previous account, to the extent of £509 18s 7d. The expenditure for various kinds of repairs amounted to £382 2s 8d, so that there remained at the close of the year a balance to credit of the fund of £127 15s 11d. The Fund for the Advancement of Boys on leaving the Institution was, on the receipt side, £10 8s 9d, with no outlay whatever, while on the Stock Account there is a small balance due to the Secretary of £1 13s 3d, the receipts from Sale of Stock, and including cheque for purchase of cow, being £60 19s, and the expenses, £62 12s 3d. We think the House Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their labours, and the careful supervision they have exercised over the expenditure. We shall not be surprised to hear that some objections are raised to the increased cost per boy as compared with the year 1875. In the latter the average outlay on each pupil amounted to £40 9s 8¼d, of which £34 8s 5d was set down to Establishment charges, and £6 1s 3¼d to Office charges, while in 1876 the average cost per pupil was, in respect of Establishment charges, £37 3s 8¾d, and in respect of Office ditto, £6 15s 1¼d. The Committee, however, have explained most satisfactorily how this increase of £3 9s 2d has come about. £1 17s 0½d is due to extra clothing under exceptional circumstances, and the remainder to the increase in salaries and wages, rendered necessary by the increased cost of living. We do not see how any reasonable being can object to so modest an increase, for which so lucid an explanation is offered. It will, moreover, be noted that the increase in the average per boy of Office expenditure forms only a small proportion—under fourteen shillings—of the total increase. This fully bears out what has been said in other quarters, as well as in these columns, that, however the Establishment charges may fluctuate, now exceeding, now falling short of the outlay in any particular year, the average Office Charges will never vary seriously in excess, while in the event of any considerable permanent addition being made to the numerical strength of the School, it will go on slowly but regularly diminishing to a very modest limit. Indeed, we do not believe that if the number of pupils were immediately raised to 300, there would be any substantial increase in the Office expenditure, except, perhaps, in respect of the postage and stationery, and what now costs £6 15s 2d per boy, would probably cost only about £4, a little more or a little less.

If we turn from the statement of accounts to note the results of the education provided, we have equal reason to be gratified. Three pupils, as we have said, were awarded the degree of A.A. in June last by the Oxford local examining body. At Christmas twenty-eight presented themselves for examination by the Cambridge examiners, and twenty-six of them passed—one senior and eleven juniors obtaining certificates; while of the remaining fourteen two obtained first class, three second class, and nine third class honours. In addition, several pupils have passed the Science and Art examinations in various branches. We do not need better evidence than this that the educational system pursued at Wood Green works admirably. Of the 102 pupils (49 honours and 53 certificates) who have passed the University examinations in the decennial period ended last Christmas, no less than 29 (17 honours and 12 certificates), or over 25 per cent. of the whole, belong to the year 1876. However, a report appears elsewhere in the *Chronicle* of the distribution of prizes on Monday, so that we need say nothing further on this point. Our principal object was to submit to our readers the leading features in last year's balance-sheet. This we have done most fully, while

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No.

TIME-HONOURED LANCASTER

"Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme:
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time
When wasteful wars shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.
'Gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find ro
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom."

THERE is no country in the world in which worth is more truly appreciated than in No matter what a man's origin may have bee achieve distinction in the calling he has chosen he is invariably respected, and people hold him example for others to follow. Hardly a day passe hear of some one who, by his own unwearied and efforts, has attained to a position of eminence, rece the hands of his fellow-citizens some signal mark esteem. It may be he is elected to some position in which his zeal and ability will be at the servic community. He may have conferred upon hi honorary distinction, some title over and above tha he already enjoys to the love and respect of societ perchance, the recognition of his merits may ta form of a testimonial, which he can hand down to h and his sons' sons, as evidence of the esteem in wi was held. It matters not by whom, or in what fo appreciation is shown, we are never weary, in this home of ours, of rendering honour to whom honour In one sense, we rarely allow virtue to be its own r at all events, not its only reward. It is, indeed, t wise recognition of merit among all classes, that indebted for the sound and healthy tone which pe society, and so long as we cultivate this wholesome pr so long may we hope for a continuance of that pros which has been the lot of this country for so generations.

The brother, whose portrait we are now presenting t readers, is but slightly indebted to Fortune for the tion he now occupies. He has laboured assiduously i station of life in which he has been placed, and th tinction he has achieved is due to the energy and indo ble pluck he has exhibited at each successive stage c career. Though descended from one of the oldest most respected families in his county, he is, in fact architect of his own fortune, and we are telling on plain unvarnished tale when we say that, whether it the immediate circle of his own friends, or in that w and more extended sphere in which he has followed daily business of life, there are few men who have ea for themselves such universal esteem. The bare men of his name acts like magic on those who hear it, nor any one have reason to consider himself a stranger—al a stranger, in one sense, to the county in which our bro lives—who enjoys the friendship or acquaintance of we have designated "time-honoured Lancaster." Howe it comes not within our province to dwell, at length, the private acts of any Craftsman. It is enough for u say, as indeed we have said already, that his cond throughout life has been such as to win for him gol opinions from all classes of men. He has made for himse host of friends, and it would be difficult in the extreme find any who are prepared to say the respect in which he held has not been deservedly won.

But though we feel it is our duty to avoid furth reference to his business relations with the world, we not consider we shall be exceeding the limits of propri if we describe, at some length, his Masonic attainmen and the efforts he has so persistently made, in order confirm and extend the interests of our Fraternity. It almost needless to remind our readers that his career Masonry has been a long and useful one. A whole gener tion has passed away since "time-honoured Lancaster ascended, so to speak, the first rung of the Masonic ladde He was initiated into our mysteries in the year 1848, St. John's Lodge, then No. 407 and meeting at Eccle

len, he was elected to the position of Master no three times. Moreover, he discharged the duties irer for seven years. In 1853, he joined Affability hen No. 399, now No. 317, of Manchester, and en to be its W.M. in 1859. He was also a joining of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, of Manchester, referring to former records of Craft doings, we present at the consecration of that Lodge in 1864, ate Bro. Stephen Blair, P.G.M. East Lancashire. sion was an important one. . The day chosen for iony was the tercentenary of Shakespeare's birth, was, moreover, another Lodge, No. 999, named late Bro. Robert Burns, consecrated at the same place. Later the same year, we read of his active part in the consecration of the Masonic oper-street, Manchester. Thrice has he been fill the honorable office of Provincial Grand , and we believe he is the oldest Provincial and Warden whose name is borne on the list of fficers of his Province. For years he was the riend and confidential adviser of the late Bro. ose name we have just mentioned, and we may hat in this twofold capacity he played no un- part in the Government of the Province over t worthy brother presided. So highly, indeed, ervices valued, that it was quite on the cards he ve received the appointment of Deputy P.G. nt, with the retiring modesty which invariably es sterling merit, he waived any claim he may e had to such a position in favour of the late pected Bro. W. Romaine Callender. He has also ncial rank in Mark Masonry, having filled the rovincial G.M.O., while in Templar Masonry he Commander, and for the long period of sixteen been the Treasurer of Jerusalem Conclave. This, epresents but a very meagre portion of the work eved. He is the Chairman of the Charity Com- is Province, and for years has been charged on with the conduct of the elections to our central arities. He is, moreover, the founder of the and Salford Committee for the relief of itiner- n, and, by the careful action of this Committee, of imposition have been detected and prevented. our Institutions, we may state that he is a Vice- f the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and ernor of the other Charities. He has likewise office of Steward at sundry of their Festivals, been the means of raising funds for them very ccess of what he deemed himself justified in out of his own purse. Indeed, the greatest of achievements is associated with the Institution ersary has been held this week, and at which again served the office of Steward. This the year 1869, when a supreme effort was ade successfully, to clear off a mortgage of the School property. We are so accus- r now-a-days of our Festivals being productive of many thousands, that we are apt to forget very long since the sum of £3000 or £4000 red a very handsome amount to realise. we allude to, however, the feats we have come lmost as a matter of course in connection s' School was anticipated. Over £12,000 was f this sum the Province of East Lancashire £3885. The Provincial Grand Master, the ir, headed the list with the munificent dona- ousand guineas. The Provincial Grand Lodge sum of five hundred guineas, and two promi- of the Provincial Grand Lodge gave each guineas, while from the Craft throughout the represented by thirty-five Stewards, no less tand guineas were raised. The enthusiasm ro. Blair's contribution in particular, and the e Province generally, were received, may be imagined than described. Contemporary how, in connection with the former, "the y rose *en masse*, the more enthusiastic of the ies included—waving their handkerchiefs ting in every possible way their appreciation bution." As regards the latter, we read Bro. Binckes "acknowledged the great and stance in every way rendered" by the sub- ics, who had "aided most largely in bringing t result which the Province had achieved" ime-honoured T-

than most men, we have noted the flush of just pride mantling on his cheek when haply he has been called upon to recount the signal triumph of that memorable year. It falls not to the lot of many a man to be able to boast he took a leading part in so glorious an achievement. However, the assistance he rendered was publicly recognised, and the memory of his deed will never be forgotten.

We feel that we have hardly done justice to the singular merits of our respected brother in the sketch we have drawn of his career. We have touched, as far as consisted with a due sense of propriety, on his extra-Masonic deeds. We have enumerated the various positions of trust and dignity he has filled at different times, with so much credit to himself and with such infinite advantage to the Fraternity. But though we have recorded certain facts, which will always be inseparably connected with his name, it is beyond our power to lay before the reader a perfect "counterfeit presentment," which shall be truly worthy of the man himself. It is easy enough to say that any one is genial and kind, that he has laboured diligently, and that he has enjoyed a full measure of success. But words will not serve to convey an adequate idea of our esteemed and estimable brother's worth. They who are privileged to meet him frequently, whether in society, in business, or in Freemasonry, know well enough how admirable are the qualities, both of heart and mind, by which he is distinguished. By these, indeed, no terms of praise we might employ would be considered too great, for his career has been beyond all praise. But others there are who know him not, or only by reputation, and they might imagine we were inclining towards adulation if we spake of him as he deserves. We deem it best, under these circumstances, to leave the portrait as it is. We have done our utmost to observe as closely as possible the outlines of the original. The main features are accurately delineated, though it is possible, of course, they might have been presented more artistically. Be this as it may, in taking leave of "time-honoured Lancaster," we express a hope that he has many other honours yet in store for him, and that great has have been his services to Freemasonry, he may be enabled to render others, which, though they may not raise him to a higher pinnacle of fame,—for that were well-nigh impossible,—may nevertheless serve to confirm him still more in the affectionate regard of his fellows. It has been said

> "Honours best thrive
> When rather from our acts we them derive
> Than our fore-goers."

We have already shown that our esteemed brother is indebted to his own energy and talents for the respect in which he is held. His honours derived from his own acts have thriven apace. May they continue to thrive henceforth as heretofore! And may he continue to enjoy, henceforth, as we feel confident he has enjoyed heretofore, the happiness which, to quote the words of an early English poets, includes

> "The equal friend, no grudge, no strife;
> No charge of rule, nor governance;
> Without disease, the healthful life;
> The household of continuance."

Mere numerical increase does not necessarily bring with it increased strength, but when we note how splendidly our new Lodges are fulfilling their duties, how they vie with each other which shall best promote the welfare of our Charitable Institutions, we are justified in assuming that, in English Freemasonry, numerical increase does imply an increase of strength. Let us take as an example the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, which was consecrated the 24th June 1876. By the 27th June 1877, it has contributed over £267 to our Charities, namely, £67 2s at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution in February, and £198 19s by Bro. C. J. Benson, Steward, at Wednesday's Festival —since increased, for the sake of even money, to £200— at Wednesday's Festival of the Boys' School. And there is still a considerable sum in hand for future distribution when the proper time arrives. Facts like these speak for themselves. We apologise for the seeming slanginess of the expression; but we cannot refrain from saying, and we say it with our heartiest felicitations

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Seventy-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. After dinner, grace was sung, and the chairman proceeded to propose the toasts. In introducing that of the Queen, he said loyalty is a plant of ancient growth, and has attained deep root in the breast of all Englishmen. Under the sway of a Sovereign, we enjoy more freedom than the people under any other government in any part of the world, and Her Majesty has endeared herself to all. The toast having been duly honoured, and the National Anthem sung, there followed the toast of the Prince of Wales, who, the Chairman said, had no light duty to perform. Very many important matters are entrusted to him, and he never fails to support this useful institution. We are specially indebted to him as Master of our Order, and also as President of our Institution. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the Chairman proposed that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M, the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers. In doing so, he said, he naturally took a great interest in the Masonic career of our Pro G.M., because he had had the pleasure, a good many years since, of initiating him into Freemasonry. He had since amply justified the expectations then entertained of him. In his absence, he could fully rely upon Lord Skelmersdale, who, although Provincial Grand Master of a very large Province, was ever ready when Freemasonry called upon him. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart, a brother whom we have known for many a long year, and hope to see among us for many years to come. Bro. Raynham Stewart, in reply, said he had been called upon unexpectedly to acknowledge the honour conferred upon our second chief. He was extremely proud to hear from the Chairman that he was the means of initiating him into our Order. We have many good officers among us, one of the foremost of whom was our Chairman of to-day. We have a worthy and energetic Secretary, who delights in introducing innovations, and one innovation has done good, as it has brought the ladies among us. The Grand Officers were always proud to encourage anything to benefit the Masonic Charities. Bro. Benett Stanford M.P. then rose. Their energetic and indefatigable Secretary had placed in his hands the proposition of the next toast. It was one that gave him as great pleasure to propose as he was sure it would all present to drink, it being the health of the Chairman. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Beach for some years, in more than one position. He had never heard the inauguration ceremony of a Lodge better performed than had been done by their Chairman. He was in every respect the most cordial English gentleman any one could wish to meet. When he saw that Bro. Beach was to preside on the present occasion, he at once made up his mind to be present, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see such an influential meeting of ladies and gentlemen. He concluded by calling upon them to drink to the health of their worthy Chairman. Bro. Beach offered his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It gave him the greatest pleasure to be present, and to see so many to support the Charity. If he might be allowed, he would give them a few words with respect to himself. When he was initiated, the W.M. of his Lodge, the Apollo, inquired, who would serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He asked a brother at his side what the Boys' Institution was, and on receiving his answer, sprang to his feet, and said he would serve. He was then convinced that the Boys' School was a noble Institution, and from that time made up his mind to do a little for so good a Charity. From that moment he had never relaxed in his efforts on behalf of our Institutions. He must now ask them to drink a toast which he was sure would go home to their hearts. The Institution, for the benefit of which we meet to-day, was one of considerable antiquity. It had been largely increased by the liberality of the Freemasons, in 1860. There were then 70 boys educated in the Institution, now they accommodated 180. This number entailed no light expense on the funds of the Institution. He was quite aware that there had been complaints as to the cost of the education of the boys, but he would point to one fact in answer to this, viz., that in 1866 the average cost per boy was £47 16s 4d, while in 1876 it was only £43 18s 10½d. During that time there had been a considerable increase in the price of provisions, &c. He was sure there was no undue expenditure incurred by the management. The education given was not of one kind. The boys received a thoroughly sound classical, as well as commercial, education. Throughout the world there were many buildings, magnificent in design and proportion, but none of them were of such intrinsic merit as the one at Wood Green. There were carried out the principles inculcated among us. May the Institution flourish. He regretted that through the ill-health of their Treasurer he was unable to attend, but in Bro. Plucknett's absence he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, who briefly replied thereto. The next toast, the Chairman said, was rather a comprehensive one. We are deeply indebted to all who take upon themselves to promote the benefits of the Institution. He had great pleasure in calling upon them to drink the health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and others connected with the Institution, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Chancellor, who returned his sincere thanks. He had been connected for many years with the House Committee of this glorious Institution. On behalf of the House Committee, he begged to thank the Chairman most heartily for what he had done, and hoped that in the consideration of all present they had done their duty, as he was sure they would ever continue to do. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, then announced the then proposed the health of Bro. Binckes, to whose was principally due the success of the day. Bro. those present that he felt more than honoured. He all go away satisfied with what had been done. T be could receive was their approval. Bro. Hyde "the other Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Terry Beach proposed special thanks to the Stewards. T acknowledged, the company adjourned to the conc tea and coffee was obtainable. The remaining portio were here given, most ably, and called forth several e the musical arrangements throughout were all desired.

PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHO

The annual distribution of prizes and visit of Stewa stitution took place on Monday last, under the presidenc Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore. The popularity of th is now so well established that nothing is ever wan weather to make the afternoon a most agreeable one. T provided for the amusement of the guests was a lengt prising several part songs, the farce "To Paris and bac French play "l'Ours et le Pacha," and the burlesque "Bombastes Furioso." The whole of the performances out in a most creditable manner, the acting of the especially good. Between the intervals the various priz by the Institution, as also by the House Committee, we the pupils by the chairman, after which the special priz by private donors, were distributed. The silver medal for presented by the Institution, was awarded to Edward T the Canonbury gold medal, presented by Bro. Edward Patron, to Frank Lewis Scurr; and the silver watch a general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Coun pupil on leaving the Institution, to Edwin Pawley. The being thus brought to a close, the chairman rose. He should only be speaking the thoughts of all present in had spent a most agreeable and very instructive after performances they had witnessed had passed off excellent listened to the plays and songs with great pleasure, and from the applause that had been given, all present had en Judging from the variety of subjects for which prizes were Institution, he felt sure the boys were receiving a good ed tion. The general excellence of the scholars, as shown by from the various Examinations, spoke highly for the boys, the care and discrimination of those appointed to instruct the recent Examination at South Kensington, of 44 boys up, 39 passed in Mathematics, 10 in Physical Geography, subjects were alike satisfactory. To the boys he would sa but do not become bookworms." Boys who enjoy out-do ment get a seat for work, and vice versâ. To those w been successful in obtaining prizes, he would say, do n heartened—try again. He made these remarks on the s which he felt was true, that there was not a lazy boy in t He concluded by wishing prosperity to the Institution. ment was provided for the visitors, after which the Cha posed the health of the Queen, Patroness of the Institutio by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the President, and w coupled the health of the Vice-Presidents, Trustees, School, and called upon Bro. Capt. Wordsworth to reply did, and proposed the health of the Chairman, who, in again referred to the pleasure he had experienced in v School. The present was the first Masonic meeting he had at which ladies were present; he considered it a great imp He then proposed the health of the Head Master, Dr. M thanked all for the kind way in which the toast had been He could only repeat his words of last year, that so long with them, he would do all in his power to keep up the p the School. Bro. Raynham Stewart had great pleasure in the health of their energetic Secretary, Bro. Binckes, w knowledging the toast, said he had always endeavoured to the good of the Institution; no one could be so proud of it as he was. Their Chairman had referred to the present first occasion on which he had been among ladies at a Masc ing. If he would visit them at the Alexandra Palace he woul a much larger gathering, of both brethren and ladies. H credit of introducing novelties, and he hoped they would pr for the good of the Institution. Some of our more brethren afterwards started some races among the boys, wh well patronised, and after a very pleasant meeting the returned to town.

We append the List of Patrons and Stewards, with the amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is ins list had not been received up to the time of our going to pre

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R.W. Bro. Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W.

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V.W. Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg. . . .

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	861	Legg, Elias, W.M.	75 12 0
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Burgoyne	902	Poynter, Samuel, P.M. and Treas.	36 4 6
Royal Albert	907	Dennis, John, P.M.	70 17 6
Rose of Denmark	975	Lee, W. H., P.M.	14 3 6
Excelsior	1155	Wilson, Joseph, W.M.	30 9 0
Perfect Ashlar	1178	Lover, Wm. Thos., W.M.	60 17 6
Eclectic	1201	Barber, W. Henry	105 0 0
Macdonald	1216	Lariham, Mark S., W.M.	63 0 0
Upton	1227	Goddard, R. W.	
Grosvenor	1257	Murley, Thos. Wm., J.D.	74 0 0
Hervey	1260	Southwood, John Hy., W.M.	60 10 6
Burdett Coutts	1278	Crutch, W. J., P.M.	48 14 0
Granite	1328	Thomas, J. L., P.M., Prov. G. Sup. of Wks. Midx.	113 8 0
Ebury	1348	Ireton, A. J., S.W.	31 10 0
Friends in Council	1383	Barlow, Major Geo., S.W., P.M. 321.	106 1 0
		Bake, Samuel G.	10 10 0
Anerley	1397	Cristall, H.	14 14 0
Earl Spencer	1420	Kempster, W. H., P.M.	63 0 0
Hyde Park	1425	Smith, Robert John	73 10 0
The Great City	1426	Seex, John, W.M.	123 18 0
Mount Edgcumbe	1446	Thomas, Alf. Moore, W.M.	63 0 0
Athenæum	1491	Lewis, Angelo J., W.M., P.M. 788, P. Prov. G. J.W. Middlesex	71 17 6
Surrey Masonic Hall	1539	Ramsey, William, W.M.	39 10 0
Upper Norwood	1586	Pringle, John	54 12 0
Skelmersdale	1599	Marston, Wm. Henry S.W.	42 4 0
Ravensbourne	1601	Reed, Nelson, J.W.	21 0 0
Sir Hugh Myddelton	1602	Abrams, Edward	17 17 0
Northern Bar	1610	Littler, R. D. M., Q.C., W.M., P.M. 263	47 5 0
Cripplegate	1613	Benson, Charles Jno., J.W.	200 0 0
Bayard	1615	Burney, Lieut.-Col. Somerville, W.M.	135 9 0
West Smithfield	1623	Johnson, John, J.D.	24 3 0
Royal Kensington	1627	Raymond, W. T., W.M.	3 3 0
Canterbury	1635	Robbins, Rev. John, D.D.	28 7 0
Crichton	1641	Middlemas, Andrew	42 0 0
Samson	1668	Rudderforth, W. H. G.	52 10 0
		Barnett, J. D., P.M., 185	5 5 0
Langton	1673	Ridley, J.	54 1 6
Orpheus	1706	Murray, J. Joyce.	115 10 0
CHAPTERS.			
United Pilgrims	507	Hilton, William	10 10 0
Prince Frederick William	753	Hill, R. T., P.M. 95, 753, P.Z. 180, 733, Z. 753.	41 9 0
Lily of Richmond	820	Myers, Wm. Henry, P.M. 820 and 1445	23 12 6
Stockwell	1339	Spiegel Maurice	
BERKS AND BUCKS.			
Etonian	209	Carter, John O., P.M., Prov. G. D. of C.	33 12 0
Union	414	Weightman John, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.	84 0 0
Loyal Berkshire	574	Knight, G. M., S.W.	22 1 0
Windsor Castle	771	Grisbrook, Ewd., P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.	32 5 6
		Pulley, T. J.	
CHESHIRE.			
Cestrian	425	Smith, Albert Geo. J.D.	17 13 6
Zetland	537	Milner, Walter, S.W.	10 10 0
		Marquis, William, I.G.	
Combermere	605	Mellor, Richd. C., P. Pro G.D., N. Wales & Salop	
Cope	1357	Simcock, Thomas D., W.M.	31 10 0
Earl of Chester	1565	Simpson, E., P.M., P.G.S.D.	36 15 0
Dee	1576	Chesworth, Thos., W.M.	10 10 0
DERBYSHIRE.			
Royal Sussex	353	Diamond, Hugh E., P.M., P.P.G.W.	32 11 0
		Howe Robert, W.M.	
Arboretum	731	Cay, George	11 0 6
Hartington	1085	Pipes, Samuel, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.	34 2 6
DEVON.			
		Curteis, J. Edward	63 0 0
DORSETSHIRE.			
		Benett Stanford Vere Fane, M.P., P.M.	80 17 0
DURHAM.			
St. John	80	Crookes, Wm. Henry, Prov. G. Sec.	158 11 0
ESSEX.			
Angel	51	Pye, Geo. Gard, W.M., P. Prov. G.S. of Wks.	36 8 6

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	£	s	d
Foundation	82	Basevi, Col. Henry, P.D. Dist.G.M. Punjaub	275	2	0
Zetland	1005	Roberts, F.G., P.M., P.P. G.D.C.	63	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Albany	151	Watts, Rev. E. W., P.M., Prov. G. Ch.	40	0	0
Phœnix	257	Wheeler, Cornelius J., P.M.	31	10	0
Harmony	309	Holbrook, Edwd. Geo., P.M.	52	10	0
New Forest	319	Rawlings, Thomas Joseph Davis, W.M., Prov. G. Sup. Works	21	0	0
Southampton	394	Hickman, Wm., D.Pr.G.M.	300	6	0
Portsmouth	487	Osborne, Robert, J.W., Org. 309, P.Prov.G. Org.	2	2	0
Panmure	723	Sowdon, Walter Pr.G.Reg., P.M., P.P.G.D. / Eve, Richard, P.M., P.P.G. W., V. Pres. of Inst.	121	0	0
Gosport	903	Groves Edwin, P.M., P.Pr. G.A.D.C.	10	10	0
		Lancaster, George F., P.M.	31	10	0
		Pulley, T. J.	13	13	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Cecil	449	Shilcock, James, P.M., P. Pro.G.W.	7	7	0
Berkhampstead	804	Lambert, Geo. P.M.	52	10	0
Halsey	1479	Edwards, Isaac Newton			

KENT.

Royal Kent of Antiquity	20	Gamon, William, W.M.	119	14	0
Wellington	784	Goodall, H. S., I.P.M.	70	7	0
Cinque Ports	1206	Emmerson, R. J., P.M., P. Prov.G.W.	10	10	0
Corinthian	1208	Baker, Henry Minton, W.M.	60	18	0
Amherst	1223	Webb, John, J.D.	10	10	0
Erasmus Wilson	1464	Andrews, Chas., P.M., P. Pro.G.Std.	300	0	0

LANCASHIRE—East Division.

Anchor and Hope	87	Newton, James, P.M.	10	10	0
		Brookbank, Geo. P., P.Prov. S.G.D., V.Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Fortitude	64	Harrison, W.M., F.S.A., D.L., &c., P.M., Prov. S.G.Warden	10	10	0
Virtue	152	Chorlton, T., P. G. Reg., V. Patron of Inst.	16	16	0
St. John	221	Entwisle, Thomas, P.Prov. G.Sup.Wks.	32	11	0
Harmony	298	Holroyd, J., P.M., V. Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Affability	317	Hine, J. L., P.M., P.Pr. G. W., P.Pr.G.Treas.	105	0	0
Royds	816	Taylor, James, W.M.			
Stamford	1045	Watson, James, P.M.	5	15	0

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

Derby	724	Ballard, J. W., P.M.	42	0	0
Architect	1375	Pochin, George Davenport, P.M., Prov.G.Reg.	122	17	0
Prince Leopold	1588	Crompton, Thos. Arth., J.W. / Crosby, H., S.D. / Barber, George	21	0	0
Trafford	1496	Harding, Edw. Banks, P.M., Prov.S.G.D.			

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

John of Gaunt	523	Partridge, Samuel Steads, P.M., Prov.S.G.W.	400	18	6

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Pelham Pillar	792	McSheen, Richard, W.M.	10	10	0
St. Albans	1294	Sutcliffe, John, V. Pat. of Inst., P.Pr.G.W., P.M. 600, 764, 792, 1294	16	16	0
		Coates, Thomas, S.W.	5	5	0
Isle of Axholme	1462	Parkin, Alfred, P.M., P.Pr. G.S. of Wks.	21	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

Royal Union	382	Davis, Chas. J.W., P.M.	87	3	0
Bard of Avon	778	Harding, Major Chas., P.M. 231, F.R.G.S.	22	1	0
Enfield	1237	Brown, Chas. Saml., W.M.	31	10	0
Gooch	1238	Weeks, Alfred G., W.M.	59	6	0
Acacia	1309	Rushworth, C. G., W.M.	21	0	0
Lebanon	1326	Gilbert, Edwin, W.M.	10	10	0
Thames Valley	1460	Brette, Rev. Dr. Ernest, P.M., P.Prov.G.Chap.	17	17	0
Elliot	1567	Mason, John, P.M.			
Unity	1637	Woodward, E. C., W.M., P.M. 382.	23	2	0
		Rosenthal, S., P.Pr.G.W., V. Patron of Inst.			
		Kenning, George, P.G.D., V. Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Burdett Chapter	1293	Pearse, David W.			

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.
The Province		

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Annesley	1435	Jacoby, Chas. Theod., I.

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	Hughes, James J., I.G.
Churchill	478	Wakeman, H. Offly, W. P.J.G.W.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Benevolent	446	Perkins, Capt. A. Thral I.P.M., P.Prov.G.W.
Agriculture	1199	Edwards, Ch. L. Fry, P.M. Prov.G.D. and P.Pro G.S.W. Oxon.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

St. Martins	98	Thomas, J. W., P.M. 637
Sutherland	451	Parker, Henry, P.M., P. Pr J.G.W.

SUFFOLK.

Dorio	81	Phillips, Wm. Page T., P.M

SURREY.

Grove	410	March, Edwin, P.M.
St. Andrews	1046	Goddard, D., I.P.M.

SUSSEX.

Royal Clarence	271	Scott, John H., Dep. Prov. G.M.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Charity	1551	Hands, Thomas, W.M., P.M. 1016
Faithful	473	Short, Walter

WILTSHIRE.

Concord	632	Gauntlett, S., P.M., P.Prov. G.S.B.

YORKSHIRE—North and East.

Minerva	250	Thompson, John, P.M., P. Prov.G.S.B.
Denison	1245	Armitage, S. H., M.D., P. Prov.G.W.
Eboracum	1611	Cumberland, J. S., J.W.

YORKSHIRE—West.

Unanimity	154	Tomlinson, W. H. B., P.Prov. G.Regist.
Harmony	275	Tomlinson, W. H.
Royal Brunswick	296	Ridal, John, W.M.
Hope	302	Gott, Charles, W.M. / Hill, T., P.M., P.Prov.G.W., V. Pres. of Inst. / Pickles, John, J.W.
Candour	337	Hirst, John jun., P.M.
Sincerity	1019	Newton, Geo., W.M., Vice-Patron of Inst. / Wordsworth, John, P.Prov. G.Dir.Cers. / Hazlegrave Joseph, P.M.
Wentworth	1289	Ellis, S.B., W.M.
		Total from the Province 7

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

St. Oswald	1124	Spaull, W. H., P.M., Prov. G.Sec.	1(
Royal Denbigh	1143	Sisson, Robt. James, P.M. Prov.G.Reg.	1
Square and Compass	1236	Bury, J. Oswell, W.M.	5
Sir Watkin	1477	Potts, Algernon, W.M.	1

SOUTH WALES—Eastern Division.

Glamorgan	86	Taylor, William, M.D.	13

SOUTH WALES—Western Division.

Prince of Wales	671	Stone, Aaron, P.M., P.Pro. G.W.	16

HONG KONG.

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Mt. Calvary Preceptory		Tanner, Joseph 5

MARK DEGREE.

Aldershot Military	54	Pulley, T. J.	
Grosvenor	144	Levander, H. C., Prov. G. Sec. of Middx.	28
Duke of Connaught		Shackleton, J. B., W.M.	

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VERS AND PRIVILEGES OF MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Unhappy "W. M. Regispons!" He has received ent at the hands of "Primus," and ought to be, if he is not, d trembling. He asked a plain question, to which you, Sir, nts, thought it worth while to give a plain answer; but the "Primus," who, for aught I know to the contrary, may be en indignant W.M.'s rolled into one, haughtily advises your te correspondent "to seek to do his duty in the high office ne is placed, and not to attempt to shirk his work by putting e Wardens' shoulders, before they are, by the training of a iple, fitted for the task." Oh! dear! what can the matter be beaten for a harmless query, to be pummelled to a jelly sing an opinion! For my part, I shall consider the requisite before I seek for information, or, with your permission, I think in the columns of your estimable journal. No, y noble "Primus," you are a little too terrible!

his dread "Primus" whom I see before me,
h cudgel in his hand? Oh! let me 'scape thee:—
art thee not, and yet I fear thee still.
thou not, awful brother, sensible
feeling, that thou smite'st me terribly,
ause I askèd just a simple question?
e thee yet—in fear and trembling too,
t all too eager curiosity
y bring me overwhelming chastisement.

part, I saw nothing in "W.M. Regispon's" letter suggesviation from the ancient customs, and established landnothing about a W.M., who might allow one of his o utter for him the words used in our ceremonies, not being his work sufficiently to teach them *by his example;*" bout the "W.M. shirking his work." I saw a simple which seemed to me reasonable; a statement of fact which iable; and the expression of a hope that the views which herto held were wrong; as then, if occasion offered, a W.M. his Wardens "an opportunity of learning their future Surely there was nothing in this to warrant so tremendous on as "Primus" has administered.

Yours fraternally,

COMUS.

FREEMASONS AT ISSUE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

R AND BROTHER,—I do not think that the statement of ENDANT'S SOLICITOR," in your last issue, places the case, recently brought before Mr Justice Field, and held over, estion, for reference to the G.M., in a more favourable says the P.G.M. "still has the matter before him for his on, and that he has not declined to adjudicate." All the ason, in my humble opinion, why the "Freemasons at ld have waited for the decision of the proper Masonic fore rushing heedlessly into a court of law. Nor do I escription of the facts make it more apparent that the case rthy of being decided Masonically. He says, "The fact on is brought, upon the Lodge summons, against the W.M., ry, and a third brother," &c. I labour under the disadhaving no legal knowledge to back up my view; but, as common sense, it strikes me that a Lodge summons is r private circulation only, that its contents are essentially ntial character, and that nothing respecting their nature be divulged to anybody outside the precincts of the Lodge. he difference, it was purely and simply Masonic, and it been settled before that tribunal which is provided by d constitutions of Freemasonry. I do not say that a Freeot the right to invite the decision of our courts of law oble he may, unfortunately, be engaged in with another but, as far as I have been able to gather, Mr. Justice very properly when he stopped this particular case, in t might be referred to the Masonic authorities.

Fraternally yours,

5th June 1877. NO LAWYER, BUT A MASON.

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SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT BY THE PUPILS.

THE question of Masonic innovation, so far as the presence of ladies and non-Masons at our festive gatherings is concerned, is fast becoming one which will require grave consideration from such of our brethren who deem that the slightest knowledge of the proceedings at our meetings will lead to the destruction of the Masonic edifice. Another phase of this, in our opinion, judicious innovation is, what may be termed semi-Masonic gatherings. The proceedings of some of these it has been our pleasure to record, and certainly, if we open our doors to the public, nothing is fairer than that we should expect the public to open their doors to us. Among the latter class, the periodical gatherings at Leyton College deserve a place, for there we are always sure of a true Masonic welcome from Bro. Westfield, and we are likewise certain of meeting, on these special occasions, several well-known brethren.

Part I. of the programme on Friday, 22nd inst., commenced with a piano duet (Eco di Napoli), which was admirably played by Miss E. Westfield and Mr. W. F. Bradshaw; this was followed by some capital songs, choruses, and piano solos, by Masters A. Delves, J. Slater, Brown, J. Cecil Jackson, H. Milton, Miss E. Westfield (who is fast becoming a most accomplished executant), Mr. Bradshaw, &c. Part II. comprised no less than fourteen items, prominent among which we may mention the "Bird Waltz," played by H. Brown; "Nothing More," sung by D. Bartlett; "Happy be thy Dreams," by J. Cecil Jackson, &c. A recitation (Tam O'Shanter) was well given by W. Walters, although he exhibited some slight amount of nervousness. J. Cecil Jackson was admirable in "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell." This part of the evening's proceedings passed off very successfully, and clearly demonstrated that the musical tutor (Mr. Bradshaw) conducts the training of the boys in an efficient manner. By special desire, two of the pupils sang "What are the wild waves saying," and rendered it in a most creditable manner.

The specimens of drawing exhibited showed that the pupils are making great progress in this art, and prove that the efforts of the masters are directed in the right course. We especially desire to mention the efforts of Masters Delves, Webster, Milton and Waters in Mechanical Drawing; Masters Sayer, Slater, Wilson and Waters in Architectural Drawing; and Masters Waters, Delves and Webster in Crayon Drawing. Many of these specimens are above the average looked for from such young gentlemen.

Those of the visitors who were not compelled to return by train spent a few hours in dancing, and universally expressed the pleasure they had derived from their visit.

JAMAICA.

THE installation of Master and Officers of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, took place on 23rd April, when the following were duly installed:—

Wor. L. C. Hollen	Master.
Bro. G. P. Myers	Senior Warden.
„ D. Wilson	Junior Warden.
„ J. S. Campbell	Secretary.
„ J. Thompson	Treasurer.
„ J. Campion	Senior Deacon.
„ R. Greenaway	Junior Deacon.
„ J. Allen	Inner Guard.
„ F. W. Hollen	Tyler.

The Installing Officer being W. Bro. O. Delgado jun., assisted by Bros. Alvarenga, Phœnix; Ferron, of Glenlyon; Sueriosh, Royal; afterwards the brethren repaired to a banquet and retired at a late hour.

No meetings have been held for the Glenlyon Lodge (Scotch), holding at Kingston, for some months, the W. Master refuses to call any meetings on account of some disagreeableness with the members.

The members of the Sussex Lodge, holding at Kingston, have purchased very large and extensive premises, well adapted for a Lodge Room; the necessary alterations will shortly be made.

No officers for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for Jamaica have been appointed for the year.

At Kingston the following are the officers:—	
Royal Lodge	Wor. W. Andrews jun.
Sussex Lodge	„ N. R. Lee.
Friendly Lodge	„ E. J. Brandon.
Glenlyon Lodge (Scotch)	„ B. M. Dias.
At Port Royal:—	
Phœnix Lodge	Wor. J. C. Hollar.
Royal Chapter	Comp. J. Garsia P.Z.
Sussex Chapter	„ J. Francis, P.Z.
Friendly Chapter	„ J. J. G. Lewis P.Z.
Port Royal:—	
Phœnix Chapter	„ O. Delgado sen. P.Z.

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NOTICE.

In consequence of the heavy demand on our space, we are compelled to hold over several important Notices (especially Report of Prov. Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks), some interesting Letters, and other matter. The Title Page and Index for Vol. V. will be issued next week.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords it has been announced that, owing to the defeat of the Government on Lord Harrowby's clause, the Burials Bill is withdrawn. The Married Women's Property (1870) Amendment Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Lord Coleridge, is withdrawn. The advancement of sundry bills through various stages, and a question respecting the insulting treatment of Colonel Wellesley, our military *attaché* at St. Petersburgh, are the only other noteworthy matters in the Upper House. In the Commons, the Indian Budget was submitted by the Home Secretary of State, Lord George Hamilton, in a

the bringing this Budget forward at so ear
excellent precedent. On Friday, the obstruc
his best to prevent the progress of the Sup
Judicature (Ireland) Bill. On going into
moved to report progress, but he was defeate
After this, Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to.
Mr. Meldon proposed that the Irish Lord Ch
be appointed from the Irish bar, but was defe
106. Progress was then reported, and the C
and Courts (Ireland) Bill was read a second
very commencement of the evening sitting
occurred, as there were under forty members
Monday, a motion of Colonel Jervis for giving
to certain Royal Artillery and Engineer Officer
in spite of the opposition of the Government, b
able majority. A resolution of Mr. Holms o
Army Reserves was defeated by 207 to 46. In
progress was made with the Army Estimates.
the House again went into Committee on t
Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill, and though
cussion occurred, clauses 6 to 12 inclusive wer
A motion by Colonel Alexander, relative to co
Intestates, was defeated by a majority of 62, t
being for the motion 135, and against it 197.
of Church patronage was discussed at some len
after which the House was counted out, at twe
past one o'clock. Nearly the whole of Wedne
noon was occupied with the Irish Sunday Closi
by the rules of the House, the debate had to be

The Queen reached Windsor Castle on her r
Balmoral early on Friday morning last. Durin
the Prime Minister had an audience of Her M
later in the evening Prince Leopold arrived at t
On Monday, the Emperor and Empress of Br
visit to Windsor, and having lunched with t
returned to town after a drive in the Park. O
General and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Jesse Grant, the
Minister and Mrs. Pierrepoint, visited Her Maj
dined and slept at the Castle, returning early the
morning to town. On Friday evening a State
given by command of the Queen at Buckingham
The Prince and Princess of Wales received Her
guests, among whom were the Emperor and Em
Brazil, and several members of the Royal Fam
Wednesday, a State Concert was given, at wh
Prince and Princess of Wales again did the hon
Her Majesty. The Emperor and Empress of Bra
present, and so were the Prince and Princess Christ
Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince
the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess o
and a large number of the nobility and gentry.

No long time elapses without our hearing of the
rence of some dreadful colliery accident. One o
terrible catastrophes happened on Wednesday,
Annerley Colliery, situated about ten miles from N
ham. Two of the men who were in the working
the explosion of firedamp took place, were rescued in
exhausted condition; but the bodies of the other fiv
not reached till death had supervened. Of the exp
party who went to the rescue, two fell victims to th
air, and the rest had to retreat for a time.

The Winchester Conference met on Wednesday
noon, at the County Hall, Winchester, under the presi
of the Bishop of the diocese. In the course of the
ceedings a motion was adopted condemning the pract
obligatory confession, as alien to the spirit of the En
Church, and a certain book entitled "The Priest in Ab
tion," which has lately caused so much indignation ar
the public.

The trial of Mr. Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant for
publication of a filthy book, has terminated in
defendants being found guilty. Sentence has been pa
but, pending a further appeal to the Court, the acc
are at liberty on their own recognizances.

This week there has been more than one consider
gathering of visitors at the Crystal Palace, in consequ
of the celebration of the Triennial Handel Festival. O
18,000 were present on Monday, when the Festival
inaugurated with the *Messiah*, the principal artistes be
Mdlle Albani, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Vernon Rigby, a
Mr. Santley, while Sir Michael Costa conducted. T
choruses were rendered with admirable effect, and t

i, Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Mr. Santley, Mr. (organ,) Mr. Willing, who played the organ accompa- ists, Mr. Harper (trumpet,) and Signor Foli. Over 00 were present on this occasion. Yesterday the ival was brought to a close, with *Israel in Egypt*.

n Wednesday H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge presided e distribution of prizes to the Medical Department of 's College, London. The hall was well filled, and ng those present were many ladies. The Principal of College, the Rev. Canon Barry, and Professor Bentley , of the Medical Faculty, were present. When the mony was over, His Royal Highness delivered an ad- congratulating the authorities on the efficiency of the rtment, shortly after which the proceedings termi- with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

John Bennett has at length gained the object of his ion, and has been formally declared elected as Alder- of the Ward of Cheap, in succession to the late Alder- Allen. It will be remembered that when the vote place some short time since, Sir John was declared e a majority of one over his opponent, Mr. Waddell, scrutiny was demanded by the latter, and at once sced in. The result confirms the election as having legally on Sir John Bennett, to whom, accordingly, er our felicitations. Our energetic brother, "Father " may now look forward to the day when he will occupy ivic throne, while Mr. Waddell, who is likewise a man, will, no doubt, succeed at some future election aring the Aldermanic Gown.

France, the Chamber of Deputies has been dissolved, nate having acquiesced in the wishes of the Presi- and voted its dissolution by 150 to 130 votes. A hamber will have to be elected. The whole of the pposition Deputies will offer themselves for re-elec- nd there appears a general belief that the party of Simon and Gambetta will secure a victory. How- he Ministry are able to bring a great deal of pressure in support of their own candidates, and it is pos- hey may succeed in obtaining a majority; but the rialists are not a united body, and the Oppositionists

ral important events have taken place both in and Asia. The Russians have crossed the Danube atz, and are marching through the Dobrudscha to dje, where it is expected they will meet with the rious opposition from the Turks, into whose plan of gn it never entered to oppose the passage of the river direction. They have, therefore, evacuated the few le places in the Dobrudscha as the Russians ad- Meanwhile, it is evident that preparations are ade higher up to effect other passages. The mass Russian army has been marched westward, the mself, according to the latest accounts we have seen, gone to Turnu Magarelli, so that even before this he eye of our readers, the attempt may have been As the Turks are on the look-out, some tremendous may be anticipated. Elsewhere the operations the opposing forces has been limited to bombard- etween Kalafat and Widdin, and Rustchuk and o. The Russians must be very indifferent marks- else they are indifferent to the claims of that y which they are professing to fight for, and the due to this country; for they have hit the hospital din more than once, and at Rustchuk, the f the British Consul, with the Union Jack has been battered to pieces. The Austro- an Consulate at the latter place has also been We read also of a protest issued by the Government against the Russians blowing sisting Turkish merchant vessels with torpedoes, where—notably in Asia—we hear of Russian atro- These, of course, are the honourable men of whom sympathy was known in England last autumn. might makes right in the eyes of the Czar, so can do nothing else but grin and bear these out- mmitted in the name of religion and humanity. In e has been a severe amount of fighting, and the en on their enemy's own showing, appear not to the worst of it, while, according to their own , they have gained a very considerable victory om the scene of the former battle, where Mehemet s defeated and slain. At Batoum they claim to cted heavy losses on the Russians, while the casus, except that the insurrection is still in force, and that the Russians have behaved with the grossest inhumanity, burning down villages, brutally using women and children, and sending the men to Siberia. These are, of course, mere statements, and we must guard ourselves against accepting them as true. But we know that Russia has sent people to Siberia before now, and has slaughtered women and children on previous occasions. The statements, therefore, are not improbable or impossible, and if, on examination, they turn out to be true, we trust Mr. Gladstone will make a point of condemning the Russian atrocities as publicly and as vehemently as he did the Bulgarian atrocities of the Turk. We must be just before we are ungenerous. As to the political aspect of the situation, there is no change worth recording. Prince Milan is not much the better for his visit to the Czar, who seems to have treated him in a very off-hand way. Whether Servia will plunge into war again is not known at present. If she is wise, she will stand aloof. Such a drubbing as she received last autumn from the Turks is enough for half a century. We hear little of the Roumanians, while as regards Montenegro, in spite of the repeated defeats they have met with at the hands of the Turks, they seem, according to their own account, to have killed more of the enemy than he ever had in the field, and are preparing for a decisive victory, just when nearly the whole of their country is in the hands of the Turks. We shall not attempt to explain these wonderful contradictions. The fact that Montenegro itself has been invaded by the Turks, whereas before it was Turkey which was invaded by the Montenegrins, is quite enough, whatever it may be in the judgment of others. However, we have sketched the progress of the war thus far, and next week, no doubt, shall have more terrible events to record.

Since the above was written, news has arrived of the passage of the Danube at Sistova, by a portion of the Russian army under the Grand Duke Nicholas in person.

The Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, will be consecrated this day (Saturday), at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The ceremony, which will commence at 4 o'clock, will be performed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.S.G.D Surrey, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap. Bro. J. M. Klenck is the W.M. designate, W. Goddard the S.W., and C. H. Benham the J.W. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was to have met on the 4th July, but it has, we understand, been postponed until Wednesday, the 18th July, when it will assemble in the Freemasons' New Hall, Sheffield,—as we previously announced.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. C. F. Matier, whose interest in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and especially in what concerns the Craft Institutions, is familar to our readers. Knowing, as we do, the amount of energy he has displayed in connection with the recent Festival of the Boys' School, we feel that his being laid up this week, of all weeks in the year, must have proved a serious disappointment to him. We offer him the expression of our warmest sympathy, and trust that not many days will elapse ere he is completely restored to his normal state of health.

The *Keystone* announces that Oriental Lodge, No. 385, Philadelphia, celebrated its tenth anniversary, by a Masonic re-union, at Morton Hall, 41 Street and Haverford Street. Bro. Charles Summerfield W.M. presided, and extended a hearty welcome to the one hundred and sixty brethren who were present. When the Lodge business was over, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the hall being very tastefully decorated with flags and emblems, and the tables with magnificent bouquets of flowers. After banquet Bro. Summerfield gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Lodge, which started with thirty one members, and now numbered over one hundred and sixty. Several speeches followed, by Bro. John Field, the first W.M. of the Lodge, and others. At intervals, the guests were entertained with a capital selec-

A DAY WITH WESTMORELAND MASONS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

HAVING received an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, at Appleby, and knowing the picturesque character of the scenery, we purposely arrived at the ancient borough on the eve of the local St. John's. We sojourned for the night at that famous hostel "The King's Head," where we had bed, board, and attendance,—all that could be desired. We shall not soon forget the longest day, 1877. After breakfast, one of the Senior Past Masters, Bro. Whitehead, called and offered to show us the "lions." The town is beautifully situated on both sides of the Eden, the English Rhine, and dates back to the time of the Romans, and was for very many years a place of similar importance to York. Its ancient glory is represented by antiquities and historical associations, at which, of course, we could only faintly glance. Appleby was made a borough by the first Plantagenet Sovereign, and is still governed by a Mayor, twelve aldermen, and sixteen burgers, according to ancient custom. It returned two members to Parliament from the time of Edward I., till the passing of the Reform Bill. It has been the scene of many a sanguinary conflict—the last being a heroic resistance, under the direction of Anne, Countess of Pembroke, to the Parliamentary Army in 1648. Appleby proper stands on a hill-slope, with the Castle at its head, and the Church of St. Lawrence at its foot. The Castle occupies the site of the Roman Station, Galicum; was built by the Saxons, and rebuilt in the time of Henry VI.; and is surrounded by a double moat. From the top of the Tower we obtained a view of surpassing beauty. The whole scene is wooded, every slope and every ridge is dark with trees, or verdure. Here the eye wearies not of seeing, nor the mind of the refreshing thought inspired by so rich a scene, nor the heart of the emotion awakened by so vast a horizon. On the way from the Castle to the Church, we visited Countess Anne's Hospital, a quadrangular building, occupied by a "Mother" and twelve "Sisters." In one angle of the quadrangle is a quaint little chapel, in which early matins is said daily throughout the year by the Chaplain. The Church of St. Lawrence is an edifice in late English, chiefly rebuilt by the Countess Anne of Pembroke; and contains tombs of that lady, of her mother the Countess of Cumberland, and of other Cliffords. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is a notable seat of learning, with five Exhibitions to Queen's College, Oxford. We crossed the river by the "Stepping Stones," and returned by Old Appleby, with its pretty little church. Small as is this ancient borough, yet it has sent forth, from time to time, men who have left their mark behind them. Thomas de Viteripont, of the 13th century, Thomas de Appleby Bishop of Ossory, Dr. Bambridge Archbishop of York, and Dr. Christopher Potter Dean of Durham, were natives; and Bedell Bishop of Kilmore, Barlow Bishop of Lincoln, Addison Dean of Lichfield, and Dr. Langhorne, the translator of Plutarch, were educated at the Grammar School. A rest and some light refreshment brought us to Lodge time. The Lodge was held in a very comfortable room, which was soon filled by the Members and Visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Simpson LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, the brethren invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.Z., Prov. Junior Grand Warden, to take the chair, and conduct the ceremony of the day. In this he was assisted by Bros. Kirkbride P.M. P.Z., Prov. Senior Grand Warden, John Whitehead P.M. Prov. G. Reg., W. S. Foulton P.M., Nelson W.M. 129, R. Godfrey W.M. 1074, R. Warton S.W. W.M. elect, Cockfield J.W., Barron J.W. 129, G. R. Thompson, Rev. R. Chapelhow Chaplain, Popple, Pearson, W. Consens Hon. Sec., Cupins Tyler, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in solemn form, with prayer, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge being opened in the 2nd degree, Bros. Kirkbride and Whitehead presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Warton, for the benefit of Installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the following Past Masters took up the positions indicated: Bro. Nelson S.W., Bro. Godfrey J.W., and Bro. Whitehead I.G. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, after which all below the degree of Installed Master, with the exception of the W.M. elect, were requested to retire. Bro. Warton was then "entrusted" and retired. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form—the W.M. elect re-admitted and installed in the Chair of K.S., greeted in due form, and proclaimed from the centre. The W. brethren were then called off, when cement proper to the occasion was applied, according to ancient custom. Labour resumed, the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren re-admitted. The W.M. was then greeted and proclaimed in the several degrees. The officers for the ensuing year having been appointed and invested, Bro. Kirkbride delivered the charges to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Bowes the address to the Wardens.

After some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where everything in season was bountifully supplied, and tastefully presented by the excellent hostess, Mrs. Rigg, and under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. nothing was wanted to render the occasion one of real enjoyment. Grace before and after meat was said by the Rev. R. Chapelhow. On the cloth being withdrawn, a toast list of a unique character was placed in our hands, for which the Appleby brethren were indebted to Bro. Kirkbride. The list is of an unusual and appropriate character, and we have pleasure in reproducing it.

THE QUEEN.—"Many years of happy days befall our Gracious Sovereign, our most loving liege. Until the heavens, envying earth's good hap, add an immortal title to a crown."—*Richard III.*

The M.W.G.M.—"The Immortal Heir of England." "The hope and expectation of the time." "It is the Prince of Wales."—*Henry IV.*

THE R.W.P.G.M.—"A braver place in our heart's love hath no man."—*Henry IV.*

THE R.W.P.G.M.—"What is the news from this Good Deputy? For you must know we have, with SPECIAL soul elected him ... and given his deputation all the organs of our power.' *Measure.*

THE P.G. OFFICERS.—"Degrees and Office purchase of the bearer."

THE W.M.—"The Master! He is a good one, and does challenge much respect."—*Othello.*

THE VISITORS.—"Our hearts of Brothers' temper do with all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence."—*Jul*

THE P.M's.—"Elder Masters of known honour, such a copy to these younger times."—*All's Well.*

THE LODGES OF THE PROVINCE.—"Pray you, bid welcome, for it is a way to make us better friends."—*H*

THE CHARITIES.—"The charitable duty of our order. *Errors.*

THE OFFICERS.—"Bear their blushing honours thick —*Henry VIII.*

The following appropriate quotations were found in of the Toast List:—

"You know your degrees, sit down:
At first and last, the hearty welcome."—*Macbet*
"A stoup of wine."—*Twelfth Night.*
"Beseech you, sirs, be merry."—*Tempest.*
"Love and health to all."—*Macbeth.*
"There is full liberty of feasting from the present
Bell have tolled ELEVEN."—*Othello.*

Post prandial speeches are much of the same character made; but we were much pleased on this occasion by the and the true Masonic feeling manifested in the remarks of speakers. The W.M. is evidently held in the highest and we entertain no doubt from what we saw and hea will make a thoroughly efficient Master. The Past Ma highly spoken of, for their long-continued interest in the C the officers generally appear to have been selected with m ment. The Installing Masters are well known and appre "working" Masons, and their rank in the Province shows worth is recognised by the Prov. Grand Master. The Vi and all, gave free expression to their obligations to the brethren for the very enjoyable day they had had in every

"The Bell having tolled Eleven," the Tyler's Toast br proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated.

"Happy to meet,
Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again."

LODGE OF PEACE, No. 149, MELT

CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

THE Centenary Festival took place on Friday, the 15th Meltham. The Lodge was opened at twelve o'clock Infant Schoolroom by the officers of the Lodge. Bros. Charl ner I.P.M. acting as W.M., D. Cairns S.W., Samuel Sugde George Heywood P.M. as I.P.M., John Ellis S.D., William Su Joseph W. Sykes I.G., and Buckley Tyler. There were brethr sent from twenty different Lodges in different parts of Engla Scotland, viz.:—Probity No. 61, Royal Yorkshire 265, Ha 275, Fidelity 289, Huddersfield 290, Prince Frederick 307, 324, St. George's 333, Candour 337, Scientific 439, St. Jame Wakefield 495, Truth 521, St. Oswald 910, Trafalgar 971, 1102, St. David's 1147, Thornhill 1514, Wellington 1521, Leg 1542, and Colne Valley 1645.

After the Lodge had been opened to the third degree, the shipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P Bentley Shaw W.P.D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of En D.L., and other Provincial Grand Officers were announced, and ducted to their places in the Lodge, Bro. George Milnes presid the harmonium, when Bros. Tew and Bentley Shaw were saluted honours in the usual manner. Bro. Rayner, as W.M., then ros said:—Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the purpo celebrating the one hundredth birthday of this our good old L of Peace. It is an event such as rarely occurs in any Province event which will no doubt be long looked back upon as a red l day in the annals of the old Lodge, not only by its present mem but also by their successors in time to come. I feel sure you excuse me for seizing upon this the earliest opportunity of expres the pleasure and the gratification it gives me to see you all he join with us in our rejoicing on this auspicious day. I sincerely h that we shall all enjoy ourselves, that we shall all make ourse happy and comfortable, and that when the day's proceedings over we may be all able to part with a full consciousness of ha assisted in carrying out those proceedings in a manner both credita to ourselves and honourable to the Craft. I will not further take your valuable time with any remarks of my own, but will at once the W.D.P. Grand Master to take the chair, and favour us with address he has so kindly promised to give.

Bro. Rayner then left the chair, which was occupied by W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, who then read a most interesting address Freemasonry, prepared for the occasion.

The W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, next addressed t brethren, and read a communication he had received from friend in London, giving a short account of the earli history of the Lodge. That it was first opened at the Co Inn, Barnsley, on the 1st of April 1777, and that after havi been in existence only one year, it ceased working until t year 1804. He also alluded to the laying of the foundation s ne the Meltham Church Tower by the Freemasons, in the year 1835, a of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cemetery [illegible]

, Bro. Joseph Knight, of the Swan Inn, Meltham, being the ; it reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Knight. Accommoda- is provided for about 100 persons. The tables were decorated ry rare plants, from the conservatory at Thickhollins Hall, lent for the occasion by Bro. J. W. Carlile. Each napkin had splendid bouquet for the coat. On the top or cross table we that the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the e of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., occupied the chair. right were seated Bros. Bentley Shaw W.P.D.P.G.M. P.G.D. land D.L., Booth W.P.G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, John Hirst P. W.P.G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, Simpson W.P.P.G.W., H. P.G. Secretary West Yorkshire, and Charles Rayner I.P.M. of Peace. On his left were seated Bros. Rev. W. T. M. Sylves- G.C. Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, Rev. R. , J. W. Carlile, T. A. Haigh P.M. Lodge of Peace and P.P.G.D., Craven P.P.G.S.W., and Dr. Spark P.P. Grand Organist of The choir consisted of Bros. George Milnes, Joe Wood, Wil- dd, and B. Stocks; J. Marshall piano.

loth having been removed, the Queen was given by the Chair- d having been duly honoured, the Most Worshipful the Grand of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., next given and received with cheers.

ext toast was the M.W. Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of on, also R.W. Dep. G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, rest of the Grand Officers past and present, proposed by the nd responded to by Bro. Bentley Shaw P.G.D. of England.

hairman, in giving the toast of the R.W.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. ry Edwards, Bart., said: We could hardly expect to be with the presence of Sir Henry Edwards on this occasion— will echo this sentiment—we rejoice in this opportunity to good health. Although absent he desires me to express ratulations to the brethren assembled on the 100th year of of this excellent and valued Lodge, and I, as his Deputy, fail to inform him of the admirable working order in which e Lodge of Peace, and on the whole with which this day's ents have been organised. We must look upon another when a Prov. Grand Master was present in this very room. the occasion of the Marquis of Ripon visiting Meltham, in d the manner in which he laid the foundation stone accord- asonic ritual of the Convalescent Home, and a lasting memo- e benevolence of Mr. Brook. Greatly do we, as Freemasons, e circumstances which deprived the Craft of the Marquis of I fear he will never return to us again in the capacity of our and Master. We have, however, in his place Sir Henry a Baronet who has shown his appreciation of the honour r Royal Grand Master has conferred upon him, as the head aft in West Yorkshire, by always being in his place in Pro- rand Lodge. I am requested to inform you that our Summer is on the 18th July, at Sheffield, and you will see Sir Henry in his place on that occasion. We have Bro. Booth from the Probity, the same Lodge as that to which Sir Henry Ed- longs; we have also the late Deputy Provincial Grand esent with us. It is gratifying to every one of us that he ered so far from his indisposition as to give us the light ntenance and the sunshine of his genial and ever welcome

I can only say that the excellencies of our Provincial ister are now so well known amongst the Craft as to need eulogy on my part. It is his popular characteristics which ared him to us all, and I think no more worthy gentleman e been selected to fill the place of the Marquis of Ripon Henry Edwards. I now call upon you, brethren, to join me ing the hope that the Great Author of the Universe will is blessing upon our P.G.M., and give him health and long side over our assemblies and the Craft which he adorns y moral and social virtue. The toast having been drunk ours,—

W. Carlile proposed the Worshipful Deputy Provincial ster, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., also W.P.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bentley , and all present and past officers of the Provincial Grand West Yorkshire.

W. Tew responded, he said: I feel it to be no light re- y to fill the office of D.P.G.M of this Province. In 1875, I of you an untried Mason, and to have been chosen repre- e our Prov. Grand Master of so large a Masonic constituency West Yorkshire, is to me the most complimentary privilege

You have been good enough to receive the toast of my ight in a manner much more worthy of the close of my nection with the Province than my first years of labour a y. I attribute your kind reception of me more to your and forbearance than to any Masonic talents of my own, feel I am continually being brought into contact with this Province of greater talents and erudition than my- atly regret that my business and other multifarious occu- not leave me free and unfettered in thought and action, so I devote the whole of my time to gain that perfect know- xperience of Masonic line amongst you, without which n ou can thoroughly succeed in the office of D.P.G.M. of this I thank you for your invitation to-night, and promise best of my poor ability, I will try in the future to do tried to do in the past, to make the administration u e, under Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, prosperous, and brilliant. I feel that the gathering to-day is not only o Bro. Bentley Shaw, but an enthusiastic expression o in the beauty of Masonic principles of piety, justice and our abiding faith in the permanency of the organisatio nry, which has led to the prosperity of the Order and it t amongst all nations on the earth. In this direction th our previous D.P.G.M. have been crowned with success nated Prov. G. Officers in the past. Will you trust thos you would leave matters, as in the past, so in the present in our hands, trusting to our watchfulness the honour and Masonic interests of our beloved Province.

The Old Lodge of Peace was proposed in a suitable speech by Bro. Bentley Shaw.

Bro. T. A. Haigh, in responding, begged to tender his sincere and heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the rest of the brethren, to Bro. Shaw, for the very kind expressions and kind remarks he had been pleased to make respecting the Lodge, and he hoped that so far as the future of the Lodge was concerned, those wishes and expressions might be fully realised. Bro. Haigh also begged to thank the numerous brethren present from other Lodges, in this and other Provinces, for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. The Lodge, he said, had been in existence over 100 years, having been first opened in the town of Barnsley in the year 1777, but in the year 1778 it is supposed to have ceased working for a lengthened period. There was no record of its proceedings from that date until the year 1804, when it was revived by Warrant of Confirmation, granted 28th March of that year, and removed from Barnsley to Dewsbury, and held its meetings at the Traveller's Rest, in the latter town, until the year 1815, when on the 26th August, it was agreed, first to pay all expenses which might be brought against the Lodge, and, secondly, to dispose of the Lodge to the best advantage. In a few years after this time the Lodge regalia and Warrant were purchased by brethren residing at Honley, as on the 26th August 1826 it was agreed to re- move to Meltham, and accordingly the first Freemasons' Lodge meeting was held in this village 13th September 1826, and the Lodge of Peace has now been located here for nearly 51 years. During the last half century it has had its times of adversity as well as its times of prosperity, but at the present time he thought it might be safely said to be in a more prosperous state than it ever was during any period of its existence. The Lodge had, during the time of its existence in Meltham, taken a prominent part in the following in- teresting occasions—viz., on the 15th of October 1827, the brethren of the Lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of the South Crosland Church, and the trowel used on the occasion was now in the possession of the Lodge. On 5th March 1835, under the auspices of the Lodge, the foundation stone of the Meltham Church Tower was laid by our late Bro. Charles Lee, the then D.P.G.M. of this Province, and a sermon preached by our late Bro. Dr. Naylor, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and last, though not least, the late Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, assisted by the Provincial G. Officers, on 28th October 1868, at the request of the late lamented Charles Brook jun., Esq., laid the corner stone of the magnificent Convalescent Home. He concluded by again thanking them.

Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace, then proposed the next toast. He said, Brethren, the toast which I have the honour and the pleasure of proposing is that of the Visiting Brethren. It is a toast which is always well received in our Lodge, but on the pre- sent occasion I feel sure that it will meet with a most enthusiastic reception. We have amongst us here to-day Visiting brethren who have spent great portions of their lives in working hard, not only for the good of their own Lodges, and the good of their own Province, but also for the good and the interest of the Craft generally; brethren who have attained to high honours in the Craft, honours which have been well earned, and which are well deserved, and my fervent wish and ardent hope is that the Great Architect of the Universe may give them long and happy lives to enjoy those honours. We are very proud to have amongst us the hard working W.D.P. Grand Master of this Province; a brother who is ever ready to give his assistance and advice to any Lodge in the Province that may require it; a brother who, in filling the office which he now holds in the Province, has proved himself to be a worthy successor to his most excellent predecessor in that office. We also feel greatly honoured by the pre- sence of the much respected W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, a brother whose Masonic zeal is well known and greatly appreciated throughout the whole of this Province; whose genial temperament, kindheartedness, and whose noble and generous sentiments have won for him, I believe, both the respect and the admiration of all who have ever had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. We are greatly delighted and highly honoured in having here to-day so many of the present acting and past officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. They are all of them brethren who have worked hard in the Craft. And lastly, brethren, I see before me a large number of visiting brethren, whose love for Masonry none can doubt; brethren whose Masonic labours, like my own, are in a more humble sphere than those I have before mentioned, and many of them who, like myself, may perhaps never hope to reach the higher honours in the Craft, but whose labours for the good of Masonry will be none the less in- cessant on that account. They are brethren whose familiar faces may be found wherever there is any Masonic work to be done. In short, Visiting Brethren, I beg to thank you all, with the greatest sincerity and from the very bottom of my heart, both on my own behalf and on behalf of every member of this, the old Lodge of Peace, for the great honour you have conferred upon the Lodge by your presence on this great occasion. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and then—

Bro. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester proposed the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Nimrod Earnshaw, the W.M. of the Lodge, subsequently took the chair, and Bro. Jonas Craven P.P.G.S.W. responded to the toast of our Masonic Charities. He spoke of the large sums of money sub- scribed every year in support of these Charities, and of the good that had been done generally.

After a few songs, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very harmonious manner, and the proceedings terminated soon after eight o'clock.

The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. Nimrod Earn-

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 JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing. (Emergency.)
1606—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Consecration, at 4 o'clock.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

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, Amherst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
463—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
860—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1440—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
66—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, 369 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1669—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Emergency.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
105—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
156—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.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
949—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.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1540—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

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.)
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.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
286—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.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
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.
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Checquers, 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, Mason's 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.)

24—Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners', Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
491—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
500—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
630—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
1293—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1344—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1504—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Wilfred Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1387—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.

FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgw
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instru
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish T
933—Doric Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Ins
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7.
1317—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (In
1490—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Inst
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8.
1294—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruc
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructio
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington,

375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Inst
1387—Charlton, Masonic Rooms, Charlton Cum Hardy.
1328—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lan
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms House, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (I
1223—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, M
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
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.
1543—Legislium, 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.

266—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. 280—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield,

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—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—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register

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During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our tra
brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the
All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 128—St. Mirren's, 5 Mosa-street, Paisley, at 7.30.
" 138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 237—St. John, Masonic Arms, Govan.
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow,
" 66—Doric Kilwinning, 64 Church-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 173—St. John, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Largs.
" 177—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Coatbridge
" 437—Greenside Portland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 442—Neptune Freemasons' Hall, Prince-lane, Ardrossan.
" 556—Clydesdale, 168 Rose-street, Glasgow
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 21—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 166—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.
" 213—Hamilton, Commercial Hotel, Hamilton.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" 592—Albert Edward, Freemasons' Hall, Polmadie.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Temple.
THURSDAY—6—Mother Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Kilwinning.
" 22—St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 320—Cunningham Kilwinning, 8 High street, Paisley.
" 445—St. Andrew, Garngadhill-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—7—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 116—Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135—St. James, Argyle Inn, Tarbolton.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow
" 429—Kilburn, Cumbrae Hotel, Millport.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge, No. 51, Colchester.—The installation of ıd Grand Secretary for the Province of Essex, Bro. Thos. as W.M. of this old Lodge, took place at the Assembly n Hall, Colchester, on Thursday, the 21st June. Bro. the attention he has given to Masonic matters, not only rince of Essex, but in the surrounding districts, has goodwill and best wishes of Masons of every grade, and ntified by the way in which the brethren assembled to induction into the chair. Bro. Matthew E. Clark, Deputy l Master, had kindly promised to act as Installing Master, e formal opening of the Lodge, which was presided over ard Pye, the announcement was made that the D.P.G.M. idance. A reception committee was immediately formed, ark was introduced, Bro. Pye vacating the chair in his . looking round the Lodge we recognised the following Bros. Matthew E. Clark D.P.G.M. Essex, the Rev. Thomas .M. 214 Prov. S.G.W.; J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Rev. F. B. P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W., N. Glackstein P.M. 51, W. W. 5, J. Nicholls P.M. 278, Rev. E. H. Crate W.M. 697. ve P.M. 228, H. Sooney W.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, F.M., J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec., Henry York P.M., Iritson and S. Lord 433, T. Rix Sec., T. Eustace P.M., F. , F. E. Morris and J. W. Smith 697, J. Stewart, W. C. nd F. G. Green Sec. 1024; and the following members of ros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., Past Masters C. O. G. Becker uplin P.P.S.G.W., Chas. Cobb P.P.G.S. of W., A. Cobb . A. Cole P.P.G.R., W. P. Lewis P.G.S.D., A. Welch W. H. Ablitt, W. Brightwell, B. Barber, J. T. Browning, se, W. Bray, A. R. Clench, H. H. Elwes, I. Harris, G. , J. Hanly, D. Hill jun., G. Mercer, W. Richey, H. Sandford, A. R. Staines, and T. H. Webb. erformed the ceremony in a most effective manner, and mission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the a. The investment of officers then took place:—Bros. G. P.M., W. S. Sprent S.W., E. Hennemeyer J.W., Alf. Cobb John J. C. Turner Secretary, J. Hanly S.D., C. Denton ver I.G., W. P. Lewis D.C., W. H Ablitt and D. Hill . E. H. Crate Chaplain, C. Gunner Tyler. On the con- e investiture, and after the addresses had been given, a of thanks was passed to Bro. Matthew E. Clark for his officiating. After this had been acknowledged, Bro. s complimented on, and thanked for, the services he had Lodge during the past year. The names of three or initiation were handed in. A vote of thanks was also he Mayor of Colchester for the kindness he had lending the Town Hall for the purposes of the gathering. ry banquet took place, at the Cups Hotel, and was well Russe. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and s received full honours. In giving the health of Her s Majesty the Queen, the W.M., Bro. Rolling, said she to us, not only as our Soverign, but as the Mother of f.; she was the Patron of all that was good, and an all. The National Anthem was sung, and the W.M. lth of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He e done honour to the Ruler of the Land, we now come f the Craft. The late G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, was a t Mason, but the gap caused by his retirement had d up. Bro. Rolling then referred to the Prince's visit November last, and expressed a hope that he might be it Clacton-on-Sea, on the occasion of the inauguration ons' Lifeboat to be stationed there. Should the Prince hren of the Angel Lodge would do all in their power gathering a success. After the Pro Grand Master Lord e Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the past and present, had been duly honoured, the W.M. incial Grand Master for Essex the Right Worshipful Bagshaw. He regretted the state of health of and Master prevented his attendance amongst the often as they could wish, at the same time, those who were present was unmindful of the rendered in his day by Bro. Bagshaw. Bro. Clark, in replying for the health of the D.P.G.M. the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, re- was a subscribing member of the Angel Lodge, and source of pleasure his being able to instal Bro. Rolling ng as he was able, he would do all in his power to terests of Freemasonry throughout the Province of alth of the W.M. was proposed by the D.P.G.M., in . In responding, Bro. Rolling said that at his initia- minded to reflect upon the peculiar moment when he son, but he had found out another peculiar moment ferred to his being installed as W.M. of their old ge. He thanked them for the kind promises of sup- ived, and Bro. Clark in particular for his attendance. nents were especially due to the Past Masters, from are he should receive every assistance. His heart f thanks, and he could only promise to do all in his ds appreciation of the kind feeling that had been ast of the Visitors was given by the I.P.M. Bro. Pye, d by Bro. Cochrane. The Charities, by Bro. P.M. Cole, rledged by Bro. Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., who gave re résumé of what was being done for our three he toast of the I.P.M. and the P.M.'s was entrusted who, throughout, expressed himself in manly and e manner. Bro. Pye, in responding, thanked all present which the toast had been given and received. He other officers. Bro. Sprent replied most ably; and was followed by Bro. Hennemeyer. The musical brethren—Bros. T. M. Bear, W. Brightwell, S. Chaplain, D. Hill jun., A. R. Staines, T. H. Webb, with Bros. J. J. C. Turner, and Winterbon—who, throughout the evening, had exerted themselves most effectively to enliven the proceedings, having received due honour, the Tyler was called, and the brethren dispersed shortly afterwards.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—The last time we recorded the doings of this young Lodge we were compelled to say that the surroundings were not of a promising character. It was winter time, and a wintry cloud indeed then hung over the fortunes of the Alexandra Palace. How different the aspect of affairs on Saturday last, the 23rd inst. A brilliant summer's day, and all about the Palace were signs of well-doing and prosperity. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock in the afternoon, by the W.M. G. Kelly King, who was supported by Bros. G. J. Palmer S.W., E. M. Haigh J.W., John Dyte Treas., J. R. Stacey Sec., J. Lee S.D., W. S. Daniel J.D., James J. Chapman I.G., and C. T. Speight Tyler. The attendance of the members was all that could be desired, and the following were present as Visitors: Bros. Brown S.G.W. Monmouthshire, J. H. Swan, J. U. Spence, Walter Wood, Allen, M. D. Loewenstark, A. E. Taylor, W. W. Morgan, &c. On glancing at the summons it was apparent there was work to be done, and the remark was made that the agenda was an exceptionally heavy one. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry J. Kimbell; it resulted in that gentleman's favour, and he, with Mr. Richard Simmonds, were initiated into the mysteries of our Order, Bro. J. R. Stacey, at the request of the W.M., working the ceremony in his accustomed painstaking and impressive manner. The candidate for passing, Bro. Wheeler, next presented himself, and underwent examination as to his proficiency. His replies were satisfactory, and in due course he was advanced to the second degree. There were three candidates on the list for raising—Brothers Ward, Rubinstein, and Lever; they were successful in passing the necessary examination. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the sublime degree was wrought in their behalf, Bro. Stacey conducting the ceremony in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to each brother who was present. It may be remarked that Bro. Stacey had, indeed, well borne the burden of the day's proceedings, but the W.M., ever zealous as a Masonic worker, had promised to instal his successor, and for that purpose he now resumed the chair. Bro. G. J. Palmer, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. P.M. Dyte, and answered the usual questions. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and he was inducted into the chair of King Solomon. On the admission of the brethren, the salutations were given, and the officers invested as follow:—Bros. E. M. Haigh S.W., J. Lee J.W., Dyte P.M. Treas., J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, W. S. Daniels (the first Initiate of the Lodge) S.D., James J. Chapman J.D., Larchin I.G., Kensington D.C., and Rowland Steward. Bro. Speight was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bro. King gave the addresses, in a very effective manner. Communications were read from two members of the Lodge, whose engagements prevented their regular attendance; each requested to be transferred from the list of full members to that of country members. On this being put to the brethren, it received the sanction of the Lodge, and the Secretary was requested to communicate the result. Several propositions, both for joining and initiation, were handed in. Bro. Palmer, the new W.M., then rose, and in a speech, brief and well to the point, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. George Kelly King, with an elegant Past Master's jewel. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet, served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. Bro. Palmer presided, and gave the regular toasts, Loyal and Masonic. As there were no Grand Officers present, the name of Bro. Brown, S.G.W. of Monmouthshire, was associated with the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Brown, in the course of his reply, said it was with no empty form of words he wished to thank them for the reception he had met with. Provincial Grand Officers were always proud at being called upon to respond to this toast, at the same time they were perfectly content to sit at the feet of those who were so competent to teach; he, individually, felt utterly unable to rise to the occasion. He spoke of the high popularity the Alexandra Palace Lodge had already obtained, and referred to their first Worshipful Master Bro. J. C. Parkinson's connection with South Wales. He concluded his remarks by again thanking the brethren for the kindness they had exhibited. Bro. King proposed the health of the W.M., who, he stated, had always been a very popular man; this the present gathering amply testified. He was, indeed, to him a very old friend, and one whom he respected, not only as a man but as a Mason. It afforded him the greatest gratification to see him in his present exalted position; he was calculated in every way to advance the interests of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, and he thought all would agree with him (Bro. King) that they had got the right man in the right place, and that Bro. Palmer was one who would not act too much on the impulse of the moment, but would devote ample thought to all matters brought before him. Bro. Palmer, who on rising was enthusiastically received, said that he was almost at a loss for words to express his thanks for the exceedingly kind and earnest manner in which he had been received that evening. The brethren had taken him somewhat upon trust, but he sincerely hoped they would not find they had made a bad bargain. If a firm desire on his part to gain their good opinion would avail, he was sure to succeed. He might describe this as one of his bad days; he found he wanted to say a great deal, but somehow he did not get on. However, he was not one to make many promises, and he would prefer to be judged by them this time twelve months. The other toasts comprised

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mention. After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren adjourned to the grounds, where an interesting display of fireworks took place.

Council of Red Cross Knights, No. 73, met in St. Marks Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 19th June. D. Gilchrist President, J. Balfour S.G., J. O. Park J.G., G. W. Wheeler Scribe, J. Bannerman T., Wm. Howden 1st Capt., W. Pitt 2nd Capt., when Comps. G. Fisher, R. MacPherson, R. McLeod, J. Tannahill, and M. Jamison, of Chapter 112, Wm. McGregor, Angus Nicholson, and W. Pitt, of 73, and McMurer, of Chapter 83, were introduced and created Knights of the same, and thereafter Knights of the East and West, and then Princes of Jerusalem, the whole of the degrees were ably worked.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—The annual Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at Brightlingsea, Essex, on Monday last, by the brethren of Lodge of Hope, No. 433, when there was a full attendance of members and visitors. The only business upon the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect; but, previous to the retiring W.M. quitting the chair, a ceremony of an equally interesting character took place. The Vicar of the Parish, who sat in the chair of J.W., stepped forward, and, in the name of the members, begged the retiring W.M., Bro. Clarey, to accept a handsome P.M.'s jewel and a beautifully illuminated vellum, as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by them all. In the course of a few pertinent remarks, Bro. the Rev. A. Pertwee alluded to the kindly and efficient way in which Bro. Clarey had carried out the duties of the chair, and laid special stress upon the fact that, for the twenty-fourth time he had been elected to the post of Treasurer to the Lodge. That, in itself, clearly showed the respect in which he was held, but the brethren had determined that they would give some more tangible proof of this than mere words, and he therefore begged to place the jewel upon Bro. Clarey's breast, with the hope that he might live many years to wear it. (Applause). Bro. Clarey, in responding, said this presentation had come upon him so by surprise—he had not the remotest idea of it when he entered that room—and the expressions that had been made use of by Bro. Pertwee were so kindly, that he felt quite overpowered. He need hardly assure them, however, that he should value their gift most highly, not merely for its intrinsic worth, but for the feelings of good fellowship which had prompted it. He thanked them all from the bottom of his heart. The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Clarey, P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433. June 1877." The illuminated address was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Clarey, P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Brightlingsea, a P.M. Jewel, as a small token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as Treasurer of the Lodge for the past twenty-three years. Festival of St. John, June 1877." The illuminated address, which was to a similar effect, was the work of the W.M. elect, and was greatly admired, a special vote of thanks being passed to him for executing the same. Bro. A. E. Rogers, the W.M. elect, was then duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in his usual efficient manner by Bro. J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex. The officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. Clarey I.P.M., Rev. A. Pertwee S.W., W. S. Ling J.W., W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. Sec., R. C. Athile S.D., John Dean J.D., J. Skinner I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. At the close of the Lodge business, forty-one brethren sat down to a most excellently-served knife-and-fork tea, at the Swan, the catering of the hostess, Mrs. Harmer, giving great satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an hour or so of hearty social enjoyment was spent. Among those present on the occasion were—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. and W.M. of Angel Lodge No. 51, A. R. Clench P.P.S.G.W. and I.P.M. 697, Rev. E. H. Crate P.P.G. Chaplain, W.M. 697, James Nicholls P.M. and Sec. 276, Thomas Rise P.M. and Sec. 697, T. Eustace P.M. 697, C. J. Waters, E. Hennemeyer J.W. 51, F. Wright D.C. 697, C. Winterbon 697, C. Gunner Tyler 51, and the following members of No. 433, besides those already named:—P.M.'s Bros. W. Bishop, W. G. Walford, H. York, G. Riches, C. Blyth, W. Minter; Bros. J. P. Britton,— Jeffries, W. Coppin, Frank Eagle, J. Closson, A. Brasch, A. Pudney, H. Foulger, S. Lord, J. Fance, &c., &c.

Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Chesterfield.—The brethren of this Lodge will, at their next meeting, to be held in August, assemble in their new Lodge Room, which is in course of erection in Saltergate, Chesterfield, in connection with the new building of the East Derbyshire Club. The Lodge hitherto has been held in the large room at the Scarsdale Hotel, and all the inconveniences of not having a room exclusively for Masonic purposes have been experienced. In the new premises the Freemasons of Chesterfield will have a suite of rooms entirely devoted to their use, besides possessing one of the largest and most spacious Lodge-rooms in the Province of Derbyshire.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. The weekly meeting of the above took place on Tuesday, 26th June, at 7.30. Bros. Dallas W.M., E. T. Worsley S.W. and Sec., Saunders J.W., Davies S.D., Lorkin J.D., Saunders 860 I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Perrin, Webster, Hunt 1662, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. J. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hunt, of the Beaconsfield Lodge 1662,

promising young member, who has never yet taken the ch hope there will be a good attendance. A unanimous vote o was recorded to Bro. Dallas for the able manner in which worked the ceremony; this to be entered on the minutes. say we were very pleased to find Bro. Dallas correct; with a li practice, he will be all that can be desired; the Preceptor de spoke in flattering terms of him. The Lodge was then close form, and adjourned till Tuesday next, 3rd July, at 7.30. We Bro. Perrin assisted the Secretary during the time he was the office of S.W.; this assistance enables Bro. Worsley, w most enthusiastic Mason, to work in any office that may be him.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 98 members of this Lodge have recently appointed Bro. P.M. T their Preceptor, and have determined to hold meetings struction every week throughout the year. The Fifteen will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, July next, in a commodious room at the Silver Tavern, Burde Poplar, commencing at 7 o'clock precisely. The following b will take part in the proceedings, and a cordial welcome will b to those who may honour the Lodge with their company on casion. Bros. Barnes P.M. No. 933 W.M., Austin P.M. No. 9 Hallett W.M. No. 781 J.W., Turquand (Preceptor) P.M. N I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Jesse No. 1556, Harvey No. 17 I.G. No. 781, Livermore No. 554, L. Turquand No. 1556, A I.G. No. 1227, Austin P.M. No. 933. Second Lecture—Bro win J.W. No. 343, Hogg P.M. No. 1349, Berry W.M. No. 55 No. 781. Lux No. 781. Third Lecture—Bros. Hallett W.M 781, Myers P.M. No. 1445, Coben W.M. No. 205.

St. Mungo Encampment Knights Templar.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th June, at 3 p.m., for the p of receiving two aspirants from the Thetis Chapter. Comps. MacDougal P.M. of the Neptune Lodge 419, and William Bro Ceylon. The Encampment was opened by Sir Knight Rober Past Commander, G. W. Wheeler Prelate, J. A. Ferguson Tre Generalissimo, J. Tweed Marshal, J. B. Fleming 1st Capt., Jas. 2nd Capt., M. Mairer Warden, and J. Peirston Sentinel. A close of the ceremony, a Priory of Knights of Malta was opene the same two gentlemen were inducted into that degree by Sir K R. Bell, the Prior.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge.—This Lodge met a Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 19th June. Bros. J. Ba F.N. presiding, J. Parks S., J. Kay J., G. W. Wheeler Scrib Bannerman Treasurer. Applications for admission on board received from Comps. G. Fisher, R. C. McLeod, A. MacPhe James Tannahill, and M. C. Jamison, all of Chapter 112. They duly received, and fully instructed by Comp. Balfour.

FUNERAL LODGE.

THE Commercial Lodge, No. 360, having recently lost their I. Bro. Dr. A. Morton, on Wednesday, 20th inst., held a Fu Lodge to his memory. Their own hall, which was appropria draped, was filled by the members and others desirous of pa this sad tribute to departed worth. Amongst the visitors were following members of Prov. G.L., of which the deceased was J viz., J. Gilles Treas., G. Sinclair Treas. of Benevolent Fund. J. four P.G.D. of C., T. Hallett D. of M., and J. Jack J.; also Bro Peters I.P.M. 153, P.G.J.W. of Renfrewshire East, J. Kinn R.W.M. of 73, with Bros. McLeod and J. W. Kay his Wardens, Chaplain of St. Mirren 129 Paisley J. Anderson I.P.M. 370 Pai J. M. Cush R.W.M 135 Tarbolton, W. Neilson R.W.M. 413, J. M P.M. 413, and J. Ferguson I.P.M. 543. There was a very effic choir, organised by Bro. R. Brodie, the Lodge Director of Music, Bro. Pentland presided at the harmonium. On the entrance of R.W.M. the "Dead March in Saul" was played. Bro. John M R.W.M. then opened the Lodge, he was supported by J. Dawson, Allan MacKenzie and Jules Brodie. J. M. Oliver I occupied the post of S.W., R. Reid J.W., W. Keller S.D.; J. M. Du was an effective Director of the Ceremonies. The Rev. D. Corquodale Chaplain. The beautiful Funeral Service was give that impressive style which at all times distinguishes Bro. Mu work. The Chaplain afterwards gave an oration, in which he dwel the many excellent qualities that had distinguished our Bro., wh 40 years had been an eminent and honourable member of the med profession, were he had contrived to make most of his patient friends, by his kind and genial manner; this had also distinguis him in his Masonic career, where either as member of the Craft ruler, he had always acted on the square, and so as to prepare hi the Grand Lodge above. He had just recently been rewarded the office of P.G.J.W., but he believed he was now gone to greater and final reward for an active useful life. Amongst t present was the deceased's brother, W.M. of Lodge St. George No. and his nephew, who is a member of Lodge Commercial 360.

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YSIS OF THE RECENT SUB-SCRIPTION LIST.

are two or three features in connection with the t Festival of the Boys' School, which call for nment. In the first place the amount which ve been announced was the largest ever col-e of these important Festivals. In the next, the brethren who undertook the office of Steward y comparison with what it was last year, or the in behalf of this Institution. Lastly, there was smaller gathering of the Stewards and their le the magnates of Freemasonry were for the conspicuous by their absence. Under these es we cannot but feel it is our duty to offer ok part in, or in any wise contributed to, the he day's proceedings, our warmest congratula-r were no doubt animated by the healthy spirit ation to which we alluded a fortnight since. accomplishing great things, and all honour to ving done so. But to pass to the list itself. announced in the course of the evening, was , unfortunately, by a clerical error, a large n one of our most considerable Provinces, ctually been paid into the bankers, had been or it would have been the Secretary's duty to tal subscriptions and donations as £13,160 15s. have since been handed in, and the result is as furnished in these columns last week, pre-l of £13,312 2s. We are aware this is in sum we have seen announced elsewhere, and ated to us shortly before going to press last ll our items have been carefully and inde-cked, and the several columns have since been st, in order to ensure as complete accuracy as ir manipulation of the figures. Taking then stated above, at £13,312 2s, we find that ributed £6,790 18s, the Provinces £6,116 19s, abroad £73 10s, and Various £330 15s. In result there were engaged 228 Stewards. Of resented London, 110 the Provinces, one a here were seven various. We have said that he hands of its 110 Stewards, contributed Of this, £281 4s together made the lists of the Honorary and Acting Vice Presidents, rary Treasurer of the Board. Four Chapters ted, and the amount received from them, with tstanding, is in the aggregate £75 11s 6d. For r about two-fifths of our metropolitan Lodges, ted by 102 Stewards, who gave £6,634 2s 6d. f mention that sundry among these, such as 0, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 179, 256, and 657 n every list during the years 1875, 1876 and many others have been represented, eight, five times. About a dozen, perhaps, have not all, to either of our Institutions, within three so far as we are able to gather from the pub-They may, of course, have given in the course art from the Festival. It is also worthy of ss than fifteen out of the ninety-nine Lodges een in existence two years and a-half, and of ate, No. 1613, gives £200, Bayard, No. 1615, Orpheus, No. 1706, which, as far as we know, en formally consecrated, figures for £115 10s. re to which reference will be made in connec-

Constable's Stewardship. He started last autumn with a determination to present a four-figured list to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to this end he issued some thousands of shilling tickets, the purchasers of which would be entitled to participate in a ballot for Life Governorships. The number of these would necessarily depend on the amount realised by the scheme. As a matter of fact, forty-six Life Governorships and a Life Subscribership, yielding together £488 5s, were balloted for, and this formed the principal item in Bro. Constable's list, the rest, a little over £700, being obtained among his personal friends. This is the largest individual list which, as far as we can remember, has ever been announced at one of our Festivals; and as it entailed upon him a more than usually heavy amount of labour, he is, of course, entitled to a *quid pro quo* in the shape of a more than usually hearty expression of thanks.

We now come to the Provinces, which together contribute less than the Metropolis, though it is more than probable that if we take into account that Bro. Constable's tickets found their way into every part of the country, there is no appreciable difference between the two. As we have again and again stated to our readers, there are forty-one Provinces under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge of England, and three districts not presided over by a P.G.M. —Beds, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man; or, in all, forty-four groups of Lodges. Thirty-one of these were represented at last week's Festival, the thirteen absentees, being Beds., Cambridge, Worcester, and Isle of Man, which have not been represented at any Festival during the triennial period just ended. The other nine are Bristol—which, however, contributed to all three Institutions in 1875, and the Benevolent in February; Cornwall, which gave by the hands of Bro. Hughan between £400 and £500 to the Boy's School last year; Cumberland and Westmoreland, which figured in the Boys' list last year, and at the Benevolent Festival in February; Hereford, which assisted the Girls in 1876; Monmouthshire and South Wales, which did its duty admirably to the Girls in 1875, and the Benevolent this year; Norfolk, which has appeared on the list at each of the last three Festivals of the Benevolent, sent a small contribution to the Boys' last year, and loyally supported Lord Suffield, its Prov. G.M., at the Girls' Festival in May last; Northamptonshire and Hants, which has helped the R.M.B.I. twice, and the Boys' and Girls' each once in these three years; and the Channel Islands and Jersey, which gave at the Festival of the Girls last year. Turning now to the contributing Provinces, in their alphabetical order, we note that Berks and Bucks is entered for £171 18s 6d, and there is one list yet to come in. It gave a slightly larger sum to the Benevolent in February, and £114 9s to the Girls' in May. It supported the Girls' and Boys' last year, and all three Institutions the year before, so that this Province has been absent only once out of the nine occasions at which it has been possible to figure during the period we have chosen for our comparison. We should add that it has sixteen Lodges, four of which, represented by five stewards, appear in the list. Cheshire is a large Province, with thirty-nine Lodges. Its contribution, £106 18s 6d. is, therefore, comparatively a modest one; but it, too, has figured at eight out of the last nine Festivals. Moreover, it has a prosperous Masonic Educational Institute of its own, and has further purchased the right of perpetual presentation by the payment in one sum of one thousand guineas, so that Cheshire is far from being the least mindful among our Provinces of its duty to our central

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Stewards, and there is one list still outstanding. Three of the seventeen Derbyshire Lodges, with four Stewards, gave £77 14s. Last year, and the year before, however, it figured far more conspicuously as a supporter of the Boys', nor has it been wholly unmindful of the other Charities. Bro. Curteis took upon himself, at the last moment, to prevent Devon being wholly unrepresented, and the sum standing against his name is sixty guineas, but the Province liberally supported the Benevolent in February, to the extent of close on £600. It also supported the Boys' in 1875 and 1876, and has indeed been unrepresented in only one of the last nine lists. Dorset has but thirteen Lodges, but though it gave £305 to the Benevolent in February, and over £180 to the Girls in May, it mustered £80 17s on this occasion. In 1876 it helped the Benevolent to the extent of £222, and the Boys' in 1875 to the extent of over £633. Durham is a tolerably strong Province, with its twenty-four Lodges. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Crookes, sent up a list of £158 11s, though, as recently as May, a sum of £286 2s 6d was handed to the Girls', while the Boys' fared in 1876 to the extent of £275 2s, and in 1875 to the still greater extent of £372 19s 6d. Essex (16 Lodges) was represented by two of them, whose united contributions amounted to £75 16s. Last year it was down for £144 18s, while in February it gave £113 13s to the Benevolent, and a small contribution to the Girls' in May. It has been absent from only two out of the nine lists during the three years. Gloucester (14 Lodges) is not strong in point of numbers, but two of these forwarded between them £338 2s, though its contributions to the other two Charities this year amount to over £163, and though last year it supported the Boys' to the amount of £276 14s, and gave it forty guineas the year previous. As Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., who presided at this Festival, is the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, our readers will not be surprised to hear he was most loyally supported by those whom he has ruled for the last eight years so successfully. The Province has twenty-nine Lodges, of which eight—namely, the Newport, Isle of Wight (No. 151), two Portsmouth (Nos. 257 and 487), Fareham (No. 309), Lymington (No. 319), one Southampton (No. 394), one Aldershot (No. 723), and the Gosport Lodge (No. 903),—contributed the very handsome total of £624 1s,—it had already figured though, in May, for over £222 to the Girls', and in February for £171 5s to the Benevolent, while, with only a single absence, in the three years its contributions to the three charities in that period exceed in the aggregate £2,000. This is a result in the highest degree creditable to the Province and its chief. Little Herts, with its nine Lodges, was represented by three of them, but only two lists, yielding together £59 17s, have been returned, the representative of the St. Albans Lodge not having sent his in. This small province, at eight out of the last nine Festivals has given in all over £930. There are forty Lodges in Kent, which is always to the fore on these occasions, its contribution in this instance being £571 19s. In February, it gave a little short of £500 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £175 4s 6d to the Girls in May. Last year its contributions to the Benevolent, Girls, and Boys, were £465 19s, £135 2s 6d, and £659 19s 6d respectively, and in 1875, £305 2s, £142 3s, and £206 17s: so that at the nine Festivals it has paid over a total of £3160 9s 6d. East Lancashire has a Charitable Institution of its own, but nine Stewards, representing eight Lodges, of which three belong to Manchester, sent up £202 2s, and one list is still to come. The Province gave £340s 5s to the Benevolent in February, and something to the Girls at the last Festival. Indeed it has been represented at all the Festivals during the three years. This is likewise the case with West Lancashire, which is down for £185 17s, with one list outstanding. In May, it gave £310 16s to the Girls, and last year, when Lord Skelmersdale presided, over £1,500 to the Benevolent. Leicester and Rutland, one of our smallest Provinces, with only ten Lodges, contributes £400 18s 6d. In 1876 it gave over £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and in 1875 over £180 to the Boys. We congratulate this small province on so admirable a result. Lincolnshire is apparently resting on its oars this year, and contributes £53 11s only, but it gave the Girls' £543 14s, and the Boys' £245 14s in 1876, and in 1875 £573 to the this occasion. Last year it contributed to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, Girls', and Boys' £ £711 12s, and £121 5s 6d respectively, and £166 7s, £581 19s, and £400 1s respectively. I tributions to the three Institutions in the three years to over £3,570. Northumberland musters fifteen and sent up £304 15s, or a little in excess of what tributed last year, namely: £303 9s. Notts (8 L was represented by one, to the extent of £64 1s. be found in the list for the Girls' both this and last ye likewise as supporting the Boys' in 1876. N. Wales and (24 Lodges) gives £175 7s, and has regularly contribu both Schools during the year. Oxford, with 7 I gives only £40 17s 6d, but then it made a consic effort in February, when its Provincial Grand Master, Leopold, would, but for his weak health, have tak chair, and raised for the Benevolent £279 13s. Mor it has not missed a single one of the last nine Fes having regularly sent up one or more Stewards. S setshire (19 Lodges) is down for £58 16s, but th February it contributed £253 14s to the Benevolent, 1874 over £540 to the Boys. South Wales E. (10 Lodges) contributes £132 15s, and South W. Div. (9 Lodges) £168. These are about on a par their lists in the two preceding years. Stafford (21 Lodges) uniformly supports "Our Boys," not neglectful of the other Institutions. This time down for £149 2s, having already this year contrib over £300 to the other two, namely, over £160 t Girls', and £145 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent tution. Suffolk (18 Lodges) figures for £115 10s though this is a modest sum, it must be noted, to the c of the Province, that it has not—of late, at all ever allowed any Festival to pass without sending a someth The same remark applies to Surrey, with its seven Lodges. It figures now for £90 6s, having given £40 to the Girls' in May, and £111 0s 6d to the Benev in February. In 1876 it raised £210 15s 6d the Boys' School. Sussex (19 Lodges) is represented Brighton Lodge, which sends £170 18s, which, in r figures, is about as much in excess of its contribu (£233 7s 6d) to the Girls' in May, as the latter was that to the Boys' (£206 5s 6d) in 1876. Warwicks (29 Lodges) subscribes £77 14s, but last year it had eighty Stewards working for it, who made up amo them £2,000. Moreover, it gave £467 5s 6d, in Febru to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and indeed, been only once unrepresented at the last Festivals. Wilts (10 Lodges) figures for the respect sum of £142 16s, having given, this year, £122 14s to Girls', and £201 6s 6d to the Benevolent. Last year, it supported all three, and the Boys' and Benevolent in 1 North and East Yorkshire, it seems to us, might dis more energy. It has five and twenty Lodges on its but only three are represented, one Hull, one Scarboro and one York Lodge, the amount being £72 9s, with Scarborough list outstanding. This, however, is an adv on the four other sums contributed latterly. The las order of the Provinces is West Yorkshire; eleven Stew did duty for this last Festival, the result of their combi efforts being £766 10s. It will be enough if we add this, added to the former contributions in 1875, 1876, 1877, makes up a total of £4,684 1s 0d, of which £1,920 fallen to the share of the Boys', £1,420 17s to the G £1,342 10s to the Benevolent. It was unrepresented the Girls' in 1876, so that its average contribution a eight Festivals is over £585; and a very good average i We are now approaching the end of our examinati The district abroad which figures in the list is Hong Ko with Seventy Guineas as the amount of its contributi The seven various are, a Steward from a Knight Tem Conclave; Stewards from three Mark Lodges, but one only is returned; Bro J. M. P. Montagu, Steward on half of the R. and S. Masters, whose list is Eig Guineas; the Royal Order of Scotland, for whom Bro. F. Matier acted with such success as to appear for One Hundred and Three Guineas; and one unattached, figures for himself, with the very excellent contribution One Hundred Guineas.

It will suffice if we add that, allowing for the lists wh have not yet been returned, the Boys' Festival for 18 will yield, in all probability, a grand total of £18,500

d in the Report, we find it only a little over £47 ward. Such a comparison needs no comment r.

ASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 40.)

THE SCHOLAR.

"There is a fair behaviour in thee, captain;
And though that nature with a beauteous wall
Doth oft close in pollution, yet of thee
I will believe, thou hast a mind that suits
With this thy fair and outward character."

need not all of us be Lavaters in order to form a tolerably correct estimate of a man's character and There are seldom wanting little evidences by e may tell whether or not he is sincere, untrust- generous, niggardly, self-possessed, or of a nervous nent. True, there are many who assume a virtue ave it not, but it seldom happens they are entirely il in baffling the curiosity of the multitude. A f weakness overtakes them, and they betray the hat virtue they have been so ostentatiously parad- e their fellows. It may be, as Shakspeare says, n were deceivers ever," but they are not invari- essful in one form of deception they often practise. not good make-believes as to character. A man rld will tell what manner of persons they are with is brought in contact, and in ninety-nine cases hundred his judgment will hold good in all essen- s. Those, for instance, who are acquainted with ct of our present portrait have no difficulty in ng the salient features in his character. The he possesses are patent to everybody. We do o be told that he is a scholar of no mean order of 'e know that he has achieved distinction in those of learning to which he has devoted the greater is life. It is so recorded, and the position he s irrefragable evidence of the fact. But without nce, a mere glance at our brother's face will tell a man of no ordinary intelligence, while the e of a few ideas with him will show that his e has been cultivated to a very high degree. re greater difficulty in gauging his moral than capacity. Not that we have the slightest inten- ying bare to our readers what is necessarily et it suffice, however, to say that no one can ontact with him, either in connection with busi- society, without resolving to himself that our a most estimable person. He is a man of great nd of method; he is capable of dealing with the letails of a subject, while, at the same time, he adly and generally. His power of making the ise calculations is remarkable. He is a most student and a successful teacher, and is as esteemed in private as he is respected in his

is in the prime of life, having been born the ng the passage of the Reform Bill. By birth he is , though during the greater portion of his life s been in the metropolis. At the age of twelve, he Upper School in connection with the Royal reenwich, then noted as the only educational ot in the United Kingdom at which the science on was efficiently taught. It was his good e placed under such able instructors as the late ddle—author of Riddle's Navigation—and his John Riddle, both men whose names are to spected by many officers in the British navy. ory was the progress he made under these ors, that in 1849 he was one of a select few hosen for special training, in order to qualify e instructors in navigation. At this period of e highly distinguished himself as a mathema- no long time after, received special notice from v. George Fisher, F.R.S., for the interest he d the able assistance he rendered, in certain xperiments, conducted by that gentleman, in view to showing, by ocular demonstration, the ion of the earth. In 1854, his connection enwich School came to an end. Not so, how- re to perfect, as far as possible, the knowledge at the Government School of Mines, and having attended a series of scientific lectures there, and likewise at the Government School of Design, then located at Marlborough House, he was appointed by the Board of Trade to the port of Leith, for the purpose of establishing a Navigation School. He succeeded in effecting the required object, and as soon as the School was fairly started, the Board transferred him to Glasgow, for the purpose of establishing a similar institution there. So well directed were his efforts in both these appointments, that in 1860 he was recalled to London to revive the Navigation School at the Sailors' Home. Here his labours have continued to the present time, and in these sixteen years some thousands of men have come under his tuition, and by these not only is he held in the highest respect, but he is likewise looked upon almost in the light of a personal friend. In 1862, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. But this is by no means the sum of our brother's achievements. Among various papers of his, prepared at different times, on abstruse scientific points, one contributed to the *Nautical Magazine*, in 1861, on the "Equal Altitude Problem," must be mentioned. He has also, in the intervals of his leisure from tuitional engagements, prepared two valuable text books in relation to the subjects which come under his special care. One of these is a *Guide to the Board of Trade Examinations of Masters and Mates in Navigation and Nautical Astronomy*. It comprises rules for working each problem, and examples fully worked, the Astronomical definitions, examination in chart and sextant, as well as the description and use of Napier's Diagram for the deviation of the compass, with examples. A third edition, enlarged and improved, of this useful little work, was published in 1875. His other text book, entitled *Seamanship Examiner*, is a guide to the seamanship required of all who present themselves as candidates for Masters' and Mates' Certificates of competency, at the Board of Trade Examinations at different ports. It contains plates of the Commercial Code of Signals, distance, boat, and Semaphore signals, &c., and a new "Rule of the Road" Diagram. This little guide is now in its eleventh edition, a statement which alone is sufficient testimony to its merits.

We now pass to his Masonic career, which commenced in the year 1860, when he was initiated into our mysteries in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 203, now No. 174. Six years later he was chosen to fill the chair of the Lodge, and on resigning the gavel at the end of his year of office, he was appointed to the Secretaryship, a position which he has continued to hold ever since. In 1867, he was exalted in the Sincerity Chapter, and installed its first principal in 1871. He joined the Rose of Denmark Chapter in 1870, and at the present time is M.E.Z. When, last year, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, which holds its meetings at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, our esteemed brother's name was inserted as that of the first W.M. The consecration ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Terry, who received on the occasion the valuable assistance of Bros. John Hervey G.S., and H. G. Buss Ass. G. Sec. Our worthy brother was subsequently installed, and having, in due course, appointed and invested his officers, received the hearty congratulations of all who had assisted at the ceremony. The banquet which followed was so far distinguished by innovation that, on the *menu* card, appropriate Shakspearian mottoes were inscribed against each toast. Bro. Terry, to whom the toast of the new W.M. was entrusted, in addressing those present, is reported as saying: "He (the W.M.) is entitled to your respect, being a brother of the most exemplary conduct and rare discrimination, and, in whatever circle he moves, the good feeling of friends is always exhibited towards him, and you, brethren, have cause to rejoice in the selection you have made." It was said further:—

"In faith, he is a worthy gentleman;
He bears an honourable mind."

We know it is customary to pay brethren compliments on such occasions as these, but we must bear in mind that Bro. Terry spoke as having "long had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with him," and having "worked side by side in the cause of Charity." We know, too, that "A Zealous Officer" is not in the habit of paying people compliments which are not their due. We lay some stress, therefore, on the above expressions of Bro. Terry, which were reported in these columns many, many months before

portrait. They fully corroborate our own views, as well as those which prevail generally, and are valuable testimony to our brother's worth. Moreover, it is less than two years since a very handsome testimonial was presented to him by his Mother Lodge, "in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of the zeal and efficiency with which he has, for a number of years, carried out the arduous and important duties of Secretary, and also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the truly Masonic spirit always manifested by him towards his brethren of the Lodge." This testimonial consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain, and was accompanied by an address,—of which what we have quoted forms a part,—beautifully illustrated on vellum.

As regards the great Masonic Charitable Institutions, the Scholar is a Life Governor of each of them, but, in his efforts to promote the cause of charity, he has rendered infinitely more valuable service than by the mere payment of money. Our readers are well aware that, of late years, several Masonic associations have been started, with a view to enable brethren to obtain, without stress upon their purses, one or more Life Governorships to this or that Charity. It is with these associations that the Scholar's name will be principally identified. He was the Treasurer of the second which was started. He occupied the same position in connection with another which was established immediately after the first one was closed, and he is now Secretary to the City Masonic Benevolent Association. These may seem, at first sight, to be comparatively unimportant matters, but the good they effect is incalculable, and hundreds and hundreds of pounds have been raised for our different Charities through the instrumentality of these associations. Thus, the brethren who conduct, or are responsible for the conduct of such ephemeral societies, are worthy of more than a passing expression of thanks. The work is conducted very silently—indeed, but few outside the category of members are aware of their existence; but large sums are obtained, by weekly or monthly payments, and all who contribute have the opportunity of enrolling themselves as Life Governors to one or other of our Institutions. We affirm that a brother who labours hard to promote the success of these associations, who may say, without exaggeration, of three of them that he has played a principal part in their conduct, and that to him, in a great measure, their success is due, we say that such a brother is worthy the respect of his fellow Craftsmen. And we firmly believe the Scholar enjoys this respect, not only on account of these special labours, but for the uniform devotion he exhibits towards whatever relates to, or may promote the cause of Freemasonry. So far as is governed by the just demands of his calling, there is yet no time or labour too exacting but he willingly bestows it in the advancement of the Craft. He is strict in his attendance at Lodge and Chapter, a friendly adviser to the young aspirant to office, and a sage and trusty counsellor in more important business. He may, indeed, be said to have inherited his love of Masonry, for his father was a member of our Society, and, besides having been a Craft and Royal Arch Mason, had taken likewise the Knight Templar and other degrees. The certificates of these different grades are carefully preserved, and serve, no doubt, as an additional incentive to our friend to the honourable fulfilment of his duty. However, we have, we think, described his career in sufficient detail. It may be we have omitted something, but what we have written is derived from authentic sources. It is certainly a fair picture to look at, and those who stand at the threshold of their Masonic career will rarely find a better example to follow than the subject of this portrait. He, in fact, may proudly claim to say, in the words of our greatest poet—

> "Hitherto, in all the progress
> Both of my life and office, I have labour'd,
> And with no little study, that my teaching,
> And the strong course of my authority,
> Might go one way, and safely; and the end
> Was ever, to do well."

We trust he may be spared yet many years to adorn both the profession he has chosen and the Craft he loves so well. We do not seek to know if he aspires to yet higher distinction, but though in the fulness of time he may attain to higher rank, though he may multiply his honours still

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSH

THE meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, which t the Town Hall, High Wycombe, on Monday, the 25th off most satisfactorily. The arrangements made by the Gr Railway Company—whose directors always render ever they can to make our Masonic gatherings successful—brethren, not only of the Province, but also from the adjace to assemble in strong force, while the weather was ever could be wished for. The hour fixed for the opening of Grand Lodge was 1.30, but it had been arranged that a the Finance Committee should be held, and the Treasurer audited, half an hour earlier. This arrangement having b out, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the pr its Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Daniel G M.P. The first business was to call over the roll of Lo Province, viz:—Etonian 209, Union 414, Hope 574, B 591, Methven 631, Windsor Castle 771, St. John's 795, Sci Abbey 945, St. Barnabas 948, Grey Friars 1101, SS. Pete 1410, Alma Mater 1492, Wycombe 1501, Ellington 156 Street 1639. From returns sent in, it appears these Lo an aggregate of 692 members, of whom the large pro 150, or thereabouts, have passed the chair. The minu last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Reading, in May next read, and received confirmation. The Grand Treasu cial statement was then read; it showed an eminently s state of affairs. There was a considerable balance on t account, an equally satisfactory balance on the Char while the balances in hand of the Provincial Gran and its subordinate Lodges, fell little short of £1,(re-election of Provincial Grand Treasurer next took p Bro. George Chancellor P.M. 1101 acknowledged the co thanking the brethren for the confidence they continued t him. The Provincial Charity jewel was then presented t lowing brethren:—John Bance and William Knight, both c S. Cantrell P.M. 771, and H. ber Clark 945. Bro. Bradley that the Secretaries, in addition to the Worshipful Masters the Lodges, attend the Charity Committee's meetings brought forward; it was seconded by Bro. Cantrell, and duly to. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and as follows:—Bros. John Palmer P.M. 1501 S.G.W., W. P.M. 771 J.G.W., Rev. A. Robins 771 Grand Chaplain, R Honey 1101 Assistant Grand Chaplain, George Chancellor P G. Treasurer, Heber Clarke P.M. 945 G. Registrar, R. Brad 414 G. Secretary, W. H. Herbert P.M. 574 S.G. Deacon, P.M. 1410 J.G. Deacon, L. Bryett P.M. 209 G. Superinte Works, J. Fuller P.M. 1566 G. Director of Ceremonies, A. P.M. 414 Asst. G.D.C., J. T. Freeman P.M. 1101 G. Swore A. B. Weston 1501 G. Organist, G. de Fraine W.M. 591 G. Pu C. Nowell 771 Asst. G. Pursuivant, W. H. Bingham P.M. 77 G. Steward, H. D. Hume W.M. 209, M. Rest W.M. 94 Pocock W.M. 414, R. Roberts S.W. 209, and F. Manley Grand Stewards, W. Hemmings 1101 and 414 G. Tyler. The cial Grand Master then referred with regret to the retiremen Biggs from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Bi well fulfilled his duties during the nine years he had so a ducted the affairs of the Province; no doubt his successor, Br ley, would continue the admirable system of his predecesso had been found to work so well. However, he would now brethren to do something more than pass a mere complime to offer Bro. Biggs a substantial recognition of his ser vices. Sir Daniel Gooch then proposed that a sum of twe guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge,- he knew would be supplemented by the brethren and Lodges t out the Province,—for the purpose of making a presentation Biggs that would be worthy both of his acceptance and of important Province as that of Berkshire and Buckinghamshir then proposed that a committee be formed, such committe composed of the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges, t out this object; and concluded his remarks by requesting joined in the undertaking to do so heartily. On this motio seconded by Bro. Dixon, it received the unqualified assent brethren. The thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were then pa to their late Secretary, for the valuable services rendered b and also the regret felt by the brethren at his resignation. Afte congratulatory remarks from the Provincial G.M., on the pro state of the affairs of the Province, the announcement was ma the next meeting would be held at Windsor, and Provincial Lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment then took to the Red Lion Hotel, where it had been arranged that the mary banquet should be provided. The chair was taken by Sir Gooch, and justice was done to the good things of this life. removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft was given, a National Anthem was sung. In speaking to the toast of the the G.M., the Prov. Grand Master referred to the portrait Royal Highness, which had just been presented to the town of Wycombe by Lord Carington, in commemoration of the Prince's to India; all who had seen that portrait could not but admire it. next toast on the list was the M.W. the Pro Grand Master th of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M. the Lord Skelmersdale, an Grand Officers of England past and present, after which Bro. P.P.G. Secretary proposed the R.W. the Prov. Grand Maste Daniel Gooch Bart., M.P. In the course of his remarks, Bro. regretted the absence of the late Deputy Prov. G.M., to whom be been present, this toast would have been allotted. He gave trospect of the past, and contrasted their gathering of that day one held years ago at Maidenhead, when but twenty-three M

but it was satisfactory to find a Lodge of such recent
s that of the Wycombe holding such a high position as it
e Province. The Wycombe Lodge had ably supported the
and Bro. Cantrell, its present W.M., had himself presented
a to each of our three Institutions. Bro. Cantrell had also
l the various offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge to which
n appointed. Sir Daniel Gooch, in making his selection
was always regulated by the deserts of those who were
and he (Bro. Biggs) considered him fully entitled to all the
y could bestow on him. Bro. Biggs concluded his remarks
ing a hope that Sir Daniel might long be spared to rule
ovince, and that he would continue to enjoy happiness and

The Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren very
ne way in which they had received the toast. He feared
verrated his merits. It was always gratifying to hear
essions of esteem for each other. However, losses would
ne hoped they might all be mutually spared. If he talked
he could scarcely add more than this. To the health of
he Past D.P.G. Masters and Past Grand Officers of the
Bro. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. briefly replied. Bros. Brufordshire, and Morgan of Herts, responded for the
rethren from the surrounding Provinces; and with the
ras associated the name of Brother Heber Clarke, who
a been the means, assisted by others in the Province, of
Charities. He had represented the Institution for Boys,
a Benevolent Institution. It was a grand sight to look upon
ngs at our Festivals, and all who attended could feel they
ed in a good cause. He referred to the additions that had
to the Lists of Candidates, in consequence of the large
at had been subscribed during the present year, and he
d to know that the Lodges of their Province had well sup-Charities. In giving the health of the Prov. Senior and
ad Wardens, and Grand Officers appointed this day, the
stated that his object had been to reward Masonic worth
i know it to exist, in whatsoever part of his Province. Bro.
r. S.G.W. said: To be a Grand Officer of the Province was
every one present. The Prov. Grand Master had been
appy in his appointments hitherto. Those who had been
hat day could not hope to surpass those who had gone
he hoped they would be reported well of when they
then referred to the support given by the brethren of the
the cases of two of the children of a deceased P.M. of the
Lodge, and thanked them for their efforts, which had
the election of both candidates. Bro. Seward also paid a
mpliment to the brethren who had so successfully assisted
and children of their deceased brother. After a few
n Bro. Cutler, Sir Daniel Gooch gave the W.M., officers
u of the ~~Wycombe Lodge~~, No. 1301, to which Bro.
lied: The brethren of the Wycombe Lodge esteemed it a
: that they had been selected to entertain Prov. Grand
by had been established only three years, but two Lodges
ded to the Province since theirs was consecrated. How-
ed this would not be the last occasion on which they would
ion to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his
that their first P.M., one of the oldest Masons in the
d been appointed to the office of Prov. S.G.W. The next
list was the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary.
roving this, Sir Daniel Gooch adjured them to remember
ecretary, and paid a highly merited compliment
ge for the able manner in which his duties had
carried out. They were assured that Bro. Biggs'
s in every respect competent to fulfil the duties required
hey could not but regret that Bro. Biggs had resigned
had held so long. He was sure all present would join
wishing that their late Secretary would give his successor
benefit of his great experience, and thus enable him to
successfully the business of the Province. Bro. Biggs
is only reason for retiring was that he found himself
be an old man; he was reminded that, after twenty-rvice, and after the exertion of all his powers, and not
r to play a fresh move, it might be desirable he should
d make way for fresh blood. He spoke of the way in
brethren had assembled that day, and also at Reading last
ould always do all he could to advance the interests
Berks and Bucks, even to accepting the post of P. Grand
it deemed necessary. He thanked the Prov. Grand
s kind remarks, and felt he had not worked in vain when
self associated with such a man as their Prov. Grand
had always done his duty. For himself, he had through-
only recommended those for office who he felt would
and a credit to him and the Craft in general. In short,
avoured to hold the scales of justice with an equi-had always been actuated by what he considered would
mote and prosperity of the Province. He had known
and Master for twenty-five years; he had watched his
tep; Sir Daniel was a man who was worth working for.
nded the brethren that they could not all be made Senior
office was without honour, and he reprobated the prac-g brethren S.W.'s without they worked gradually up.
that his office was no bed of roses; he was supposed to
be in the Province, and to be acquainted with every cir-
however slight, that they considered entitled them to

Bro. Biggs concluded a capital speech by re-enumerat-al characteristics he had endeavoured to carry out, and
t, so long as he was able, he would continue to work for
ient of Masonry in the Province. The Prov. Grand
ave the health of the new Secretary and the Treasurer,
knowledged by Bros. Chancellor and Bradley, the latter
he great strides made by Masonry during the last few
pressing a hope that he might be assisted in his duties
s. The health of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Brownrigg

vincial Grand Stewards. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings brought to a close.

[We have received a communication as to the apppointment of P.G. Secretary. Albeit the terms in which it is couched are unobjectionable, it would be exceedingly unwise to publish it. It must be a singularly happy, indeed a unique family, in which no little accidents occur to vary the usually even tenour of its harmony, but it is always well to confine family differences to the family circle. So in Masonry, which is a family, though not a small one, it is always more judicious to keep private whatever differences of opinion may arise. Berks and Bucks we know is an extremely well-ordered Province, but Berks and Bucks Masons are men, and therefore some among them agree to differ with their fellows; but we see no reason for making public what is essentially a mere difference of opinion.—Ed. Free-mason's Chronicle.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATION, MAY 1877.

I.—MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

ADVANCED STAGE.

SECOND CLASS.—W. Parker, C. D. Green.

ELEMENTARY STAGE.

FIRST CLASS.—Booser, Bowler, J. Barrett, Haseland, Molineaux, Martin, E. T. Sage, Sawtell, Taylor, Uwins.

SECOND CLASS.—A. Bryant, Chaumette, Clemence, W. Ellis, Dancy, Grimes, Hamson, E. T. Harding, T. Harding, Heaviside, Heeley, Howard, Davenport, Pawley, Roberts, C. Sage, Sale, W. Sparkes, Stead, Warr, Watkins, Whyatt.—Total 34.

MATHEMATICS.

SECOND STAGE.

CLASS I.—C. D. Green.
CLASS II.—W. Parker.

FIRST STAGE.

CLASS I.—Bryant, Bowler, Davenport, Grimes, Heeley, Moon, Pawley, Pinson, E. T. Sage, Sale, Sawtell, Taylor, Uwins, Warr, Widdowson, Watkins, Whyatt, Molineaux.

CLASS II.—Battye, Booser, Cheetham, Dancy, Ellis, Fordham, Gates, E. F. Harding, Hazeland, Howard, Heaviside, Martin, Price, Sargant, W. Sparkes, Wellington, Williams, Edg. Wood, Fenemore. —Total 39.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

SECOND CLASS.—Booser, Bowler, Clemence, Davenport, Haseland, Heeley, W. Barrett, E. T. Sage, Watkins, Wellington.—Total 10.

CHEMISTRY.

FIRST CLASS.—C. D. Green, Parker, Watkins.
SECOND CLASS—Martin, Bowler.—Total 5.

ACOUSTICS, LIGHT AND HEAT.

SECOND CLASS.—Bowler, C. D. Green, W. Parker, Uwins.—Total 4.

THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

FIRST CLASS.—C. D. Green.
SECOND CLASS.—W. Parker.—Total 2.

ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY.

SECOND CLASS.—C. D. Green, W. R. Parker.—Total 2.

Of the many novelties which come before the public in one way and another not one-half of them live to become a year old, while fewer still see a term of two or three years' existence, and only those that are really *bond fide* live to be regarded by public support for such a period as may repay the expenses of their entrance into the commercial world. Some few years ago the readers of fashionable and other journals were somewhat surprised to see the trade mark of a new firm well set out in advertisements, which represented a gentleman walking in comfort at "five miles an hour easy." This was the trade-mark of Messrs. Wankenphast, who started business in Pall Mall, opposite the Royal College of Physicians. Five miles an hour we would, however, remind Messrs. Wankenphast, is not easy walking, particularly this warm weather, so we take it that the firm meant that the "easy" consisted in the ease given to the pedestrian by the boots he was wearing. This seems to be the solution of the trade-mark, and a very good one it has proved itself to be, for there is no greater example of success in modern times than that achieved by Messrs. Wankenphast. So great has their business become that they have had to take large premises in the Haymarket, which, for arrangement, both for ladies and gentlemen, are perfect. This firm appears to thoroughly understand the anatomy of the feet, and their boots, being made upon true principles, may well be said to give ease at any rate of walking. But while giving the wearer comfort his eye is consulted also, so that comfort and appearance go hand in hand. It is said by the ladies that the men have all the comforts provided for them, and as regards boots this was true till Messrs. Wankenphast, realizing the extent of their success with the sterner sex, determined to give the ladies the same share of their abilities; and, [illegible] the number of the fair sex we saw at their new premises [illegible]

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REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are two points in "R.S.Y.C.S.'s" letter, which seem open to objection. I do not, in the first place, think the question what jewels may or may not be worn is governed solely by the interpretation of the word "consistent" in the law quoted. The Constitutions lay it down absolutely that no jewel shall be worn "which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees," &c., &c. That is, as I take it, all jewels which, on the one hand, do not appertain to, or, on the other hand, are inconsistent with, the degrees of our Grand Lodge, are forbidden to be worn. There are, I consider, two categories of jewels which must not be worn in Craft Lodges, namely: (*a*) those which do not appertain to the recognised degrees, in which is included the Royal Arch; (*b*) those which are not consistent with such degrees. The Christian degrees may be perfectly consistent with the Craft and Arch degrees, for Christianity is not inconsistent with Freemasonry; but that is raising a false issue. The question is not whether certain degrees outside the pale of pure and ancient Freemasonry as defined by our Constitutions are, or are not, consistent with what is inside it; but whether certain jewels worn by certain Craftsmen, who have taken certain degrees, which are admittedly outside the limits of pure and ancient Freemasonry as defined by the Constitutions, shall or shall not be worn in Craft Lodges. In other words, it is the consistency of the *jewel* with the degrees of pure and ancient Masonry which has to be determined, not the consistency therewith of certain *outside* or *high degrees*. "R.S.Y.C.S." must be able to show that this or that jewel or emblem appertains to, or is 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," before he can be legally entitled to wear it in a Craft Lodge. The law is precise as to what are the recognised degrees in pure and ancient Masonry, and no jewel pertaining to, or consistent with any unrecognised degree, may legally be worn in our Grand Lodge, or any Lodge within its jurisdiction.

The other statement to which, in my humble judgment, exception may justly be taken will be found in the last paragraph of his letter, in which he suggests that if, as I have striven to show, his opinion about the jewels is wrong, then "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 legal in a Masonic Lodge." I do not recognise the justice of this remark. The law very properly is limited to defining what are the *Masonic* jewels and emblems which may legally be worn in the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge. It is wisely silent as to the rest of a brother's apparel, and the decorations he may be entitled to wear for honourable service to his country. No one in his senses could possibly mistake the insignia of one of our Orders of Knighthood for *Masonic emblems*, and no one is forbidden to wear such insignia, if he is so minded, in a Lodge of Freemasons. It is absolutely necessary a line should be drawn showing, on the one hand, what degrees are recognised as forming part and parcel of pure and ancient Masonry, and on the other, what are not so recognised; and the reason of this necessity is, that many of the unrecognised degrees claim to be part and parcel of pure and ancient Masonry, *which they are not*. But the orders of the Garter, the Bath, the Golden Fleece, the Thistle, &c. &c., have never claimed to be Masonic. But I will adopt R.S.Y.C.S.'s argument, not, as he has done, as regards part only of our law, but as regards the whole. If the law in its definition of Regalia "is intended to exclude all jewels and emblems, not only those which do not appertain to, or are not consistent with the recognised degrees of pure and ancient Masonry; but, likewise, those which are essentially non-Masonic; then, in order to do complete justice to this line of argument, I must carry it to its logical conclusion, and I have no option but to declare that the only clothing and insignia which may legally be worn in Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, is that prescribed by the Constitutions. In other words, the only apparel which a brother is permitted to wear in a Lodge is his apron, collar, and jewels. These form the "clothing and insignia" of a Mason, and *nothing else*. I have heard of the full dress aboriginal Africans and South Sea Islanders consisting variously of a plume of feathers, a few beads, perhaps a necklace and anklets. I yet cannot think that R.S.Y.C.S. contemplates our attendance in Lodge in such complete *déshabillé*, though this would be the result if the strict letter of the law, thus interpreted, were carried out. However, it will not do for me to trespass further on your valuable space. I have said my say, and submit myself,

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE COMMEMORATION LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—As an old Mason, living in the neighbourhood of Hope, where one of our thankofferings is to be placed, I am constantly asked what the Freemasons will do when the Lifeboat is launched? and I confess I always feel ashamed to have to say, "I don't know;" now can I and it does seem to me that the Freemasons of South ought to know in time what they will do, so that all warning.

The Devonshire Association (of which Bro. Archd President), will hold its annual meeting this year in the beginning of August, would not this be a good time Lifeboat? If you can give any information on this s confer a favour on many of your readers in Devonshire, on,

Yours fraternally, P

July 4th 1877.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICL

SIR,—It is very pleasing to all members of the Craf interest taken in the Institutions by new Lodges, as ment last issue, but I cannot allow it to be thought that the ne doing *all* the work, and beg to hand you the following ite been subscribed by the members of No. 12, Fortitude a berland (*limited to 40 members*):—

Bro. W. B. Kidder W.M. Steward R.M.B.I. „ R.M.I.G.	£153 11 0
Bro. Geo. Angold I.P.M. Steward R.M.I.B.	£101 17 0
	£255 8 0

Further, our Brother Clever, No. 12, collected, in No. composed mostly of members of the Lodge, £42, whi £255 8s, makes a total subscribed of £297 8s.

Yours obedie

CONSECRATION OF THE PAXTON LO No. 1686.

IT seems to us only the other day that we were invited by friend—who has since gone to his last resting place— pany him to witness the consecration of a new Lodge. as an excuse that our business duties were heavy just then his usual pertinacity, he rejoined that it was an opport should not be lost, as Lodges were not consecrated every da he added, you may never have the chance of witnessing so a ceremony again. Thus urged, we accompanied our dea and felt ourselves adequately recompensed for the time we were induced to expend. Since then times have cha scarcely a week passes but we are invited to attend the cons a new Lodge. On Saturday last we visited the Crystal Sydenham, which has been fixed upon for the head quarte Paxton, and where arrangements had been made for the ins of this Lodge, one of the latest on the muster-roll of t Lodge of England. W. Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. S been authorised by the M.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, to pe o mony of consecration, and he had secured the valuable our esteemed brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chapla assistant on the occasion. The brethren assembled at fou in the Grand Saloon Dining Room, which had been arranged for the occasion. Bro. Frances took the chair, and Bro. Magnus Ohren P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, S.W., and Foster, J.W. of No. 19, J.W. The Lodge was then opened in degrees, and Bro. Frances addressed the brethren as to t of their assembling. After prayer by the Chaplain, R Simpson, the acting Secretary, Bro. Jonathan Taylor P.M. the Petition and Warrant of the Lodge, and the brethr given their assent to the officers there enumerated, the Cou Officer called on the Chaplain to give an oration. Bro. Sim he had accepted their kind invitation to be present that d great deal of pleasure. He thanked the brethren for their in permitting him to officiate. He looked at the situati Lodge, and he saw many old friends around him. He regre he could not stay with them, but he had explained the reas W.M. designate. He did not wonder that the Lodge call name of one who was known to many who were present, himself, should be associated with the great building in w were assembled. Paxton was a self-made made, the archite own fortune, and had made his mark in the generation in lived. You, brethren, who knew him will confirm what I s I tell you he did his work with all the zeal and energy throw into what he took in hand. Honours never spoilt was the same man till his death as he was when he was gardener at Chatsworth. I shall not dilate further upon t We are all, under God, self-made men; doing a certain dut life, ere passing to another. Our beautiful system supplies illustrations in the implements with which we work. The four inch gauge teaches us our duty to God, to our neighbou ourselves. A part of our day is to be dedicated to our duties, a part to labour, and we are also taught that we are do our duty in whatsoever station of life we may be place chisel reminds us of education, which is one of the chief l man. I am induced here to record the remark of an Chancellor, one who is still living: "I think that the which my father gave me has been, under God, the means led me to this high position; and I am more thankful for if he had left me a hundred thousand pounds." I am in

bours to be undertaken in relation to our families, to our nen, to our ordinary duties of life. We must labour on the ; we must remember there is an all-seeing Eye, and we must ber we shall be called upon to give an account of our lf we act upon the golden rule,—to do unto others as we would be done by,—we shall not find ourselves without happiness, re and in the future. With the plumb rule we must also have s and uprightness; without uprightness men cannot get on, ll surely fall into poverty and ruin. The skillet indicates of rectitude we should pursue, and then, our labours being to a successful issue, we are entitled to refreshment. A d gracious God does not wish us to be morose, or mournful, True religion is the most cheerful thing in the world, and y is he who preaches any other doctrine. But we must this compass, and here again, from this little instrument, we ceive enlightenment. We must also remember we are to brother in distress; we must find time for this. Our Charities us with a means to do this; through them we have plenty of nities. There are yet other ways of assisting our brethren; t refer to mere pecuniary aid, but to the timely use of a kind useful hint. A brother who thus acts has the consciousness ring he has endeavoured to do his duty. Lastly, we have the ad the pencil; the gavel reminds us that, in addition to the of the Sacred Law, we have the light of conscience, which f the guides to lead us to the Grand Lodge above. The pen- ds what the workmen do; if we remember this, many a harsh ould be strangled upon the lips; many an act of bitterness or s would be dropped, and many thoughts excluded from the f we bear in mind that the pencil is recording that which is y to the Divine law, and, on the other hand, recording what is to Him, and storing up for us a reward which shall not fade. not this Lodge, formed under these auspices, with men who e a tone to its future, will go on and prosper—a tone of noble nt, a tone suggestive of dutiful work, and a tone of charitable ntlemanly feeling which will tend to foster the amenities of l soften our intercourse with human kind, teaching us not only live ourselves, but to set an example to others. With such a ad such a prospect before it, I doubt not that the Paxton will endure and flourish from generation to generation. emony of consecration was then proceeded with, and on its on Bro. Taylor presented Bro. Matthew John Klenck P.M. the W.M. designate. Bro. Klenck took the customary on, and a board of Installed Masters was formed. He was ly installed as the first W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. The g brethren were appointed officers:—F. W. Goddard S.W., Bonham J.W., Hamnerton Treas., H. E. Frances P.M. Sec., J. Simpson Chaplain, Sawyer S.D., Boswell J.D., Woodhams tiford Tyler. The addresses were delivered in capital style by rances, who indeed conducted the business of the day in a pressive manner. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded J.W., honorary membership of the Lodge was presented to the J. Simpson, who returned thanks for the compliment thus n. Several propositions for joining and initiation were then in, and communications read. The W.M. then formally pre- his banner to the Lodge, and expressed a hope that he might see the banners of many Masters of the Paxton Lodge arrayed

After some other matters had been discussed, the Lodge sed. An elegant banquet was then served, which reflected great n the Crystal Palace caterers. On the removal of the cloth, the f the Queen and the Craft was given; it was received with e, and followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Klenck remarked that it was a toast commended itself to the fraternity at large, who were proud ng the future King of Great Britain to preside over them ld were naturally cast down by the resignation of the Marquis ; but there is a silver lining to every cloud, and the accept- the Grand Mastership of Freemasons was the silver lining to ark cloud which hung over Freemasonry some three since. His Royal Highness is deeply interested in t concerns the welfare of the Craft, and never loses an nity of displaying that interest. The toast was followed d, Edward," which was excellently sung by Bros. Theodore Carter, Large, and Jekyll. In giving the toast of the nd Master, the W.M. spoke of his admirable working, and d his belief that English Freemasons were fortunate in a nobleman of such eminent ability to preside over them. alluded to the Deputy Grand Master, and the qualities he d in his important office, and rendered a just tribute of to the services of the Present and Past Grand Officers. e toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was associated the Bro. Magnus Ohren. Our esteemed brother said he could om personal experience of the admirable manner in which rincial Grand Masters of Surrey and Middlesex did their They, with the P.G.M. of Kent, had been invited to but, though, unfortunately, other claims upon their time erved to prevent their attendance. As regards Kent, unable to speak with equal confidence, for though been a member of a Kentish Lodge for many years, he had nded that Provincial Grand Lodge so frequently, as it was stom in that Province, so far as he knew, to issue notices d. At all events, he had never received a notice. He had t in his own mind, that nothing would have given the M.'s of Middlesex and Surrey greater pleasure than to have sent, as they would have appreciated the admirable manner the ceremonies of consecration and installation had been by Bro. H. E. Frances. Moreover, the refreshments, to he Rev. Brother Simpson remarked brethren were justly after labour, had been placed before them in good style. ames then assumed the gavel, and in a brief, but excellent proposed the health of the W.M., speaking of him in terms e justly eulogistic, and expressing his belief that he would played in the Stockwell. The toast was appropriately and feelingly acknowledged, after which Bro. Klenck proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer, and offered his tribute of thanks to Bro. Frances for his able services, and to Rev. Bro. Simpson for his admirable oration. Bro. Frances having replied, the toast of the Visitors was given, and that of the Press, to which Bros. Massey and Morgan responded. The musical arrangements, in which the brethren we have mentioned before took part, gave great satisfaction.

Kemeys Tynte Preceptory.—An emergency meeting will be held at 33 Golden-square on Wednesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m., under the banner of E. Sir Knt. Col. Chas. Wilson Randolph Preceptor, to instal the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.J., Major F. I. Ricarde-Seaver, Captain W. A. Hicks, and others. A Priory of the Order of St. John will be opened at 6 p.m., for the reception of such Knights of the Temple as may wish to take that degree, who should notify their intention to the Registrar, Captain W. Portlock Dadson, 33 Golden-square.

NEW ZEALAND.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE RODNEY, E.C., AT WARKWORTH.

THE consecration and opening of a new Lodge under the English Constitution of Freemasonry, which took place at Warkworth, Mahurangi, on the 3rd May, with the usual impressive ceremonies of the Order, excited a good deal of interest amongst the brethren of the mystic tie, and a considerable number of the Freemasons of Auckland attended. They took advantage of a special trip which the steamer Anne Millbank made, leaving Auckland on Wednesday evening at six o'clock, in order to convey the Auckland visitors. Amongst those who went down were Bros. Leers D.P.G.M. English Constitution, G. P. Pierce P.G.M. Irish Constitution, Bro. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, Rev. C. M. Nelson Chaplain Prince of Wales Lodge, Skinner, Cole, Westmoreland, Hatswell, Dyer, Saxon, Chapman, Whitson, McCulsky, Barrett, Crawford, Kay, and a number of others, and they were accompanied by Mrs. Leers and Mrs. Chapman. After a pleasant trip down, the Anne Millbank arrived at her destination at about eleven o'clock. They were received by Bro. Moat, the Master Designate of the new Lodge, and provision having been made for their accommodation at the hotel and boarding-houses, they retired for the night.

Exactly at 12 o'clock high noon on Thursday, the brethren having assembled in the new Lodge-room or hall, which is erected close to Bremner's Hotel, the Grand Lodge, under the English Constitution, was opened, with Brother Leers as Grand Master, Brother Pierce D.G.M., Brother Cole G.S.W., Brother Hatswell G.J.W., and Brother Skinner as G.J.D. and Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge having been opened, the Secretary stated the wishes of the brethren to be constituted a Lodge, also the minutes of the meeting of the brethren at which this resolution was arrived at. The petition, the warrant of dispensation, and the appointment of the Acting District Grand Master were then read, after which the Acting Grand Master and Installing Officer read the names of the officers named in the warrant, and asked whether they were accepted. This being answered in the affirmative, the Lodge was constituted according to ancient rites. Brother Chapman presided as organist during the consecration service, which then ensued. This was conducted with the customary impressive rites. The oblations of corn, wine, and oil, consecrating the Lodge to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence, were then poured out. The consecration prayer was read by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, Grand Chaplain, and responded to by the brethren. The members of the Rodney Lodge then passed in procession, and did due homage to the Grand Lodge. The Master of Ceremonies then made the usual proclamation, and a lesson having been read by the Chaplain from 1st Kings, 8th Chapter, the anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was sung. The Acting District Grand Master then officiated as Installing Master, and installed Bro. William Pollock Moat as W.M., according to ancient custom. Bro. Moat then installed Bro. the Hon. de Burgh Devereux as Senior Warden, and the other officers of the newly-constituted Lodge. It was intended to have formed in procession, and marched to church, but the religious portion of the service had to be excised, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Afterwards two new members were initiated, and four others were proposed. In the afternoon, the celebration banquet was held in the Lodge room, and a really excellent spread was provided by Host Brebner, to which about fifty sat down. Bro. Moat W.M. presided, and Bro. Devereux S.W. occupied the vice chair. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, including "The Queen and Craft," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master E.C.," "The Grand Master of the sister Constitutions and the Provincial Grand Lodges." Bro. Leers responded on behalf of the English Constitution, and Bro. Pierce for the Irish and Scotch. He also proposed "The Success and Prosperity of the Rodney Lodge." The Chairman responded, and in doing so referred in terms of gratitude to the assistance they had received from Bro. Leers and others in constituting their Lodge in Mahurangi. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Leers. The toast of Visiting Brethren was responded to by Bro. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew. The toast of Poor and Distressed Masons, and that of Masons' wives and bairns followed, and a very pleasant sociable afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

The celebration ball was held in the evening at the Warkworth Hall. There were about thirty ladies present, including some from the surrounding and adjoining settlements. Mr. Wright's band supplied the music, and dancing was kept up

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Prisons Bill was read a second time on Thursday last, at the instance of Earl Beauchamp, the Earl of Kimberley being the only other peer who addressed the house on the subject. On Friday, the House rose after a brief sitting, in the course of which a question was asked by Lord Stanley of Alderley as to Colonel Wellesley's presence with the Russian army on the Danube, and the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill was read a third time. Nothing worth recording was done on Monday, but on Tuesday the Marquis of Salisbury moved the second reading of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Lord Carlingford and the Duke of Devonshire took part in the debate which followed. The Earl of Harrowby then put a question on behalf of Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, relative to the boundary line between Turkey and Persia, to which the Earl of Derby gave a full and sufficient answer.

In the House of Commons a variety of subjects were discussed on Thursday last, among them being the Colorado Beetle and the Fuller Case, the latter being brought under the notice of the House by Mr. Lowe. Subsequently a number of the Civil Service Estimates were voted in Committee of Supply, and the House rose shortly after half-past one o'clock. On Friday, Mr. Trevelyan

chise. These were opposed by the Governmen ported by the Opposition; Mr. Goschen being a exception. On a division being taken, Mr. Tre defeated by 276 to 220. On Monday, after a questions had been asked on subjects connecte Army, the House went into Committee on the A mates. Several items were agreed to, but vote of £132,000 by the Army Reserve sioners was proposed, an amendment to repor was moved and defeated by 128 to 8. Mr. O'Do moved that the Chairman leave the chair, but by 127 to 6. This disgraceful obstruction to p ness, however, continued till a quarter past se morning, when the House was counted out. No seventeen divisions, varied occasionally with an ful attempt at a count out, took place, the seven who thus disgraced themselves being Captain N O'Donnell, Major O'Gorman, Mr. Richard Powe ford), Mr. Parnell, Mr. O'Connor Power, and Mr. It is evident that the rules of the House, wh framed for the government of a body of gentlem be altered so as to effectually prevent the repetitio scenes. No less than seven hours and a half of public time were thus wasted, and when the few r members were permitted to disperse, the Hous for over fifteen hours. On Tuesday, the debat Irish Sunday Closing Bill was resumed, and occu greater part of the morning sitting. In the eveni solution, moved by Earl Percy, on Vaccination, was at some length, and ultimately defeated by 106 t resolution of Mr. Whalley's, on the subject of the sional, emptied the House at half past twelve. C nesday, a motion to read the Union Justices (Irela was defeated by 178 to 36, but the Divine Worsh lities' Bill escaped a similar fate by 94 to 78.

The Queen has been entertaining a succession of at Windsor Castle, and has also paid a flying London, where she called on the Duchess of Cambr St. James's Palace, ~~and the Emperor and Emp~~ Brazil at Claridge's Hotel. On Saturday, the P Louise, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne a Marquis of Abergavenny, laid the foundation sto new Friendly Society's Hall at Tonbridge Wells escort consisted of a detachment of the West Ken manry Cavalry, under the command of Captain George Pratt, and there was a guard of honour of th Kent Rifle Volunteers under Captain Stanley W drawn up to receive Her Royal Highness at the where the ceremony was held.

On Thursday last General Grant paid a visit to l pool, and was entertained at a banquet in the Town The Mayor of Liverpool presided, as the host two hundred guests were present, among whom Generals Fairchild and Badeau, of the United States Lieutenant General Sir Henry de Bathe, and Mr. J. one of the members of Parliament for the town. G Grant returned to town the day following. On Tue the ex-President was the guest of the United Service The Duke of Cambridge presided, and was support his right by General Grant and Lord Hampton, and o left by the United States Minister and Lord Strathn The health of the visitor was proposed by his H Highness, and drunk with great enthusiasm. The day a deputation from the Trade Societies waited upo General, for the purpose of presenting him with an ad He thanked those present for the honour they had him, which he appreciated as highly as any he had rec during his visit.

The show of sporting and other dogs which has t place annually for several years, under the auspices of Kennel Club, has been held this year at the Agricul Hall, Islington. There were about 1,100, while the n of the exhibits was equal, if not superior to any prev show. There were no less than 122 classes, compri almost every variety of the canine species—St. Berna bloodhounds, bull-dogs, colleys, fox terriers, dachsha and Yorkshire terriers, Blenheims, King Charles's Maltese, &c. &c. The prizes distributed amounte money value to about £1,100. The show closed terday.

Of the three annual cricket-matches between gentle and players, two have already been played, and the thir in progress. The first, which was played at the O ended in a draw, the Players having made 405 and

ond came off at Lords, and terminated after a most finish in a victory for the Gentlemen, by one The Players made 192 and 148, the Gentlemen 148, with one wicket to fall. When the Gentlemen nine wickets for 97 runs, there seemed a fair of the Players winning, but Messrs. G. F. Grace erson succeeded in putting on the requisite number the former making 24, the latter 23. The match progress is being played at Prince's.

ladstone presided on Saturday at the opening of ton Memorial Exhibition, which is held in the galleries of the old Exhibition building. Mrs. e accompanied the right honourable gentleman, received by Sir Charles Reed, Mr. Blades, and ntlemen. After a short statement by Sir Charles to the nature and purpose of the Exhibition, dstone declared it open, and a royal salute was mark the event. The company then adjourned to nt *déjeûner*, at which the ex-Premier presided, the r of Brazil, during the short time he was enabled occupying a seat to the left of the chair. Lord Churchill, Lord Charles Bruce, and the Archbishop were among those present. The principal toasts se of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, and the of William Caxton, in proposing the latter of Ir. Gladstone spoke at great length and most elo-

egret to hear that the health of Mr. Ward Hunt a few days since as to cause a considerable feeling iness among his numerous circle of friends. The onourable gentleman is now at Homburg, whither ordered to proceed, and the latest reports speak of a ided improvement. We trust this may be con- and that in a short time he may be able to resume al duties at the Admiralty.

Rose Show at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday a great success, and drew together a large number ors. Some of the best known nurserymen con- to the display, which was in the highest degree , while the exhibits of the amateurs were also of the occasion. Later in the day the concourse of was largely increased by those who had come to witness the grand display of fireworks. There been an exhibition of cut roses at St. James's Hall, ler the auspices of the National Rose Society. No seven tables, affording upwards of a thousand feet , were set out, the number of blooms exhibited out 10,000.

expected, the news from the theatre of war which ed during the week is most important, but not of the character anticipated, and which a small Russian sympathisers hoped for. The passage anube is *un fait accompli*, but the Czar's army has nced far into Bulgaria. Moreover, the passage, as attempted at several places, was successfully at one only, and since then the bridge of pontoons d been thrown over the river has been broken, the say by a storm, the Turks by the fire of their . It does not matter much as to the bow, but the on—which, however, will probably be made good is a fact which nobody can deny. The Russians ncing in the Dobrudscha, which is not to be l at, as there is nobody to oppose them, but in little has been attempted, and that little turns out ilure. An attack on a body of Turkish troops ntrenched at Biela has been repulsed, once cer- not twice. The town—not the fortifications—of : and Nicopolis, have been almost entirely —of course, in the interests of humanity. The issued a proclamation, and has announced his of providing *à la Russe* for his new subjects, that ope be fool enough to let him take them, but there ed disagreement between the general tenour of rtant statement and previous imperial utterances. prepancies may be expected, and will probably be l as the war proceeds, on the assumption, of at the Turks are as well beaten as the Czar ey will be. However, the troops of the Sultan ack of their own of fighting most desparately s been goaded into war, and they are determined ll they can. In Asia the Russians have fared se. They started well, and inflicted one o. ds on the Turks, but the latter seem to have loss. The siege of Kars is said to have been raised, and the military promenade in Armenia is progressing backwards towards the Caucasus. At Batoum, also, the Turks have inflicted another defeat on their assailants, and Bayazid, it is rumoured, is closely beleaguered, if not taken. Russia, of course, is immensely powerful, and the loss of ten or twenty thousand will make no great difference to her numerically, but the loss of prestige is more serious, especially in Asia, where we may hear of the insurrection in the Caucasus assuming more serious proportions. On the whole, the news, up to the moment of writing, is certainly favourable to Turkey. Meantime, there is a talk of Servia proclaiming her independence. If she act wisely, she will not do so. As to Montenegro, the little principality has been almost overrun by the Turks (and so we hear little of Prince Nikita and his nose-slitting vagabonds). Austria has prohibited the export of horses, and the British fleet is in Besika Bay, within twenty-four hours' sail of Constantinople. These are precautionary measures, which it is just for the two countries most directly interested in the Eastern struggle to take. We hope that nothing further may be necessary.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, always solicitous for the comfort of those in their employ, this year selected the ever popular Rosherville Gardens for the Annual Excursion of their workmen, accompanied by their wives. Accordingly, on Monday last, the first contingent, numbering about 200, were conveyed in a special train from Sydenham to London, and thence on, by special boat, to Rosherville. There dinner was provided, and ample justice done to a capital repast. An adjournment afterwards took place to the grounds, where every amusement for the enjoyment of the party was to be found. The company re-assembled at 5 o'clock, for tea, after which they returned on board, and commenced the homeward journey. Mr. Charles Gandon, the Engineer, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, the Secretary, were present, and under their superintendence a most enjoyable day was spent. On Monday next, the second contingent will visit Rosherville, and we sincerely hope this party will spend as pleasant a day as that enjoyed by their fellows on Monday.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

THE half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay was held, according to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, on the 7th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla. R.W. Bro. the Hon. J. Gibbs, Dist. G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. M. Balfour, Dep. D.G.M., A. King as Sen. D.G.W., J. N. Dady J.D.G.W., Rev. Chas. Gilder D.G. Chap., H. W. Barrow D.G. Treas., Dr. I. B. Lyon D.G. Registrar, C. E. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, and several other D. Grand and P.D. Grand Officers, together with several representatives of Lodges. The D.G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes taken as read and confirmed. The Dist. G.M. delivered a long and admirable address, in which he noted the principal events of the half-year, laying particular stress on the various alterations proposed to be made in the bye-laws, which were subsequently approved. The accounts of the Treasurer and the Report of the Auditors having been presented and accepted, and the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes having been adopted, Bro. Sorabjee N. Cooper was elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Seager re-elected as D.G. Tyler. The D.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, among which were Bros. Tyrrell Leith Dep D.G.M., I. B. Lyon and W. C. Rowe D. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Sorabjee N. Cooper D.G. Treas., A. McKenzie D.G. Registrar, C. E. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, O. Tomlinson and T. Counsell D. Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, C. Tudball D.G.S. of Wks., P.M. Jeejeebhoy D.G.D. of C., H. Thorpe D.G. Sw. B., and J. E. Treasury Valia D.G. Purs. Three brethren were then appointed by the Deputy Grand Master, and three elected by the Deputy Grand Lodge, as members of the Committee of General

SPHINX CHAPTER.

THE Convocation of the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on 23rd June, when all the Officers, the Companions and Visitors assembled at 4 P.M. The M.E.Z., Dr. Bedolfe, opened the Chapter in due form, and the private affairs of the Chapter being concluded, the candidates elect, viz.: Bros. Heller, Mercer and Goldschmidt, having been entrusted by the P.S. Middlemas, took their station as postulants in open Chapter. Before closing, the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of condolence to "our dear Comp. Oliver, expressive of deep sympathy with him under the fearful injuries himself and family had sustained in the late Bath catastrophe." The Companions then adjourned to the usual friendly repast the happy arrangement of which proved the good taste possessed by the Stewards, caterers and all concerned. On the completion of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to, the I.M.P. Nairne proposed, in appropriate terms, the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Bedolfe M.D. The M.E.Z., Dr. Bedolfe, in returning thanks said, He naturally felt satisfaction in presiding in a Royal Arch Chapter. He must however apologise for any want of deftness, feeling himself a recluse, for his active life had been passed as a medical practitioner, struggling by night as well as by day with the powers of nature in a secluded district, amid emblems which had lost their significance, and much of which had changed nothing, either in scene, manners, or customs, since the Wars of the Roses, or even the Heptarchy itself, and to which Domesday Book was still an efficient guide. Whatever doubts, continued the M.E.Z., an important foreign Grand Lodge had unhappily thrown upon the Divine Symbol of Masonry, there could be none here in the Royal Arch, for ours was a symbol to which all who entered our portals must bow—the symbol even of that great Being who, before all creeds and temples, "prefers the upright heart and pure." It was the idea that Masonry embodied some such universal principle which first led his attention to it. Many years since he had met, at the house of an intimate friend, the late Rajah Rammohun Roy, the first of the great Hindoo Reformers, and there he heard him acknowledge that, in the highest and truest sense, the God of his fathers was the God of Abraham. At the late *Conversazione* of the Royal College of Physicians, he had felt deeply interested in the Assyrian tablets brought home by the late lamented Smith. The word for word translation, almost identical with our Biblical description of the deluge, showed the God of Abraham as the presiding power. Here, then, in ages so distant, in races so distinct, do we trace belief in the one great symbol. Let us never then, as Masons, allow "*free thought*" to sully our banner, and although the forms of Arch Masonry may sometimes induce weariness, yet the recollection of this symbol will ever give it freshness and delight, for Masonry, although not a religion, embraces at least the essential principle of all true philosophy. In reply to the toast of the second and third principals—Comps. Vockins and Goss—Comp. Vockins expressed the satisfaction he felt in holding the position which the Chapter had entrusted to him, and in which he assured them he earnestly desired to do his duty. He believed that Masonry, if carried out in an enlightened manner, and with a careful cultivation of those grand principles on which it was founded, was capable of producing much good. It taught them, next to trust in God, man should trust in his fellow, and such he hoped would always be the guiding principles of the Sphinx Chapter. Comp. Goss—3rd principal—thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed; whatever talents he possessed, whether in affording musical assistance, as he had hitherto done, or otherwise, as principal, they would always be heartily at the disposal of the Chapter. The next toast was, the M.E.Z. remarked, the toast of the evening, viz., that of Comps. Hiller, Mercer, and Goldschmidt, the exaltees of that day's convocation. Of Comp. Heller he need not repeat the value he placed upon him as an exaltee, for a London constituency had, in a most emphatic manner, declared him to be, as a member of the London School Board, the right man in the right place. It was indeed an honour to the Chapter he should come amongst them, and spare a portion of the small leisure his arduous public duties left him, to unbend himself in their social re-unions. We are told that at the present time there is a tendency to a divorce of the *Faith of the Age* from its *Intelligence*. In the late grand struggle he had himself been privileged to work hard for Comp. Heller (and it was quite Masonic to say it), not because he represented the *Faith of the Age* as a grand principle merely, but because he represented the principle of *Faith* united to *true Intelligence*. Now Faith was a symbol; systems might change or fail, but eternal symbols never. Of Comp. Mercer he need only say, that he had recently won his spurs as a new member of our Camberwell Municipal Parliament; and having gallantly won them, all felt sure he would wear them wisely. Of the third exaltee, Comp. Goldschmidt, they had long known him in the Lodge, and appreciated him for his gentlemanly conduct, and he felt sure he would always support amongst them the dignity he had so justly earned. Comp. Heller, in returning thanks for himself and his fellow exaltees, expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to spend a portion of his scant leisure among friends and companions he valued. In attending to his labours at the School Board, he felt animated to the discharge of his duties by the general approval which much of the work of that Board had on all sides met with. He trusted the time would come when the union of *the new with the old* would seem as natural as had lately been their *divergence*. He believed that religion and true knowledge were one and inseparable; for that knowledge, which alone enables us to appreciate duly the works of God, enlarges our views of God Himself, and for himself he felt proud to be a humble helper in the great work of education. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the officers, viz., Comps. Temple, Middlemas, and the Treasurer J. C. Reynolds. The M.E.Z. said that he had spoken of Comp. Heller as representing the symbol of *Faith* united to Intelligence, but as symbols ranked uppermost this evening, he should refer to Comp. Middlemas representing the symbol of Intelligence united to Faith. [illegible] entered, and that sectarian religion stood outside the [illegible] our great Temple of sacred repose the tear shed upon [illegible] might trickle to that of Pitt, so in the repose of our sy[illegible] pathies were with all and each of those who manfu[illegible] call of duty. Comp. Middlemas was a politician; he [illegible] called a cynic philosopher; but no man had a kinder [illegible] truer friend. Comp. Middlemas, as Steward for the [illegible] kindly taken charge of our contributions to that fund [illegible] dlemas, in replying to the toast, said he was not only w[illegible] the M.E.Z. when called upon to reply, but also to perfo[illegible] open Chapter; for, when the office was well done, [illegible] an old hand, he still found a freshness in it. As for tw[illegible] tees of the evening, he had worked for Comp. Heller f[illegible] Board, believing him to be a sound man. As to Comp. [illegible] also assisted him in his election to Camberwell Vestry, [illegible] great satisfaction in welcoming him into that p—pa[illegible] pardon for stuttering—parliament, where our new co[illegible] sure to learn good manners. He had supported them—[illegible] they were Masons, but because he approved of them [illegible] especially of their independent way of thinking. He h[illegible] was much good sense in the Chapter, and if it continued [illegible] as it was by both the Sphinx and Crichton Lodges, he [illegible] it would prosper. Comp. J. C. Reynolds, in a neat spee[illegible] Treasurer, when the gavel of the M.E.Z. summoned the [illegible] with bated breath and measured tones, closed the scene.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIO[illegible] BOYS.

STEWARDS' LISTS, 1877.

THE following amounts have been received [illegible] publication, last week, of the Subscription [illegible] recent Festival:—

List of	Bro. W. W. Baxter P.M. No. 742	-	-
Addition to List of	Bro. Geo. Angold P.M. No. 12	-	-
Do	do	Marston Bassard P.M. No. 26	-
Do	do	Geo. Gard Pye W.M. No. 51, &c.	-
Do	do	W. P. T. Phillips P.M. No. 81	-
Do	do	John Constable P.M. No. 185	-
Do	do	Charles J. Curtis P.M. No. 231	-

MARK MASONRY.

MARK Master Masons will be pleased to learn that the fi[illegible] meeting of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge of [illegible] was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston E., on [illegible] 5th July, at 8.30 p.m., when there were present—Bros. J. B. [illegible] W.M., James Lovelock S.W., J. Stokes J.W., Ernest Dietr[illegible] O. Dietrich S.O., Geo. Berrar J.O., F. Bonner S.D., C. John[illegible] F. Deniffons I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was duly op[illegible] the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed. Bye-laws [illegible] cussed, and it was arranged that the future meetings for i[illegible] should be held on the first and third Thursdays in ever[illegible] Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until the 19th inst. at

Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate.—This popular place [illegible] ment, possessing vocal, terpsichorean, and zoological at[illegible] opened on Saturday, under the proprietorship of Bros. [illegible] Sanger, who, as caterers for the public, are well known. [illegible] season, additions have been made to the zoological collection [illegible] gardens have been tastefully laid out. An artistically-design[illegible] has been erected, and during the week Miss Grace Harrigt[illegible] some charming songs, and the Kellino troupe of acrobats g[illegible] clever exhibitions, both at the day and evening performance[illegible] Arthur Reeve is again manager, Mr. Gus Foster assistant [illegible] while the band is under the direction of Mr. John Barnard, o[illegible] lane Theatre. At nine o'clock dancing began, under the dire[illegible] Mr. W. Chapman. The hall has been well attended.

The Margate Aquarium Rink and Skating Co[illegible] opened its establishment on Saturday. A crowded audien[illegible] present, both at the day and evening performances. Amon[illegible] artistes engaged are Miss Bessie Bonehill, Bro. Herbert C[illegible] and Messrs. Murray and White. The new floor has a very fi[illegible] face, and affords attraction for those who are fond of roller[illegible] dimensions of the Hall are 150 feet by 60. Mr. Knight[illegible] manager.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Gout, Rheumatism, Sciatica[illegible] maladies are always more or less connected with disorder or disor[illegible] digestive organs, hence the laxity with which they yield to th[illegible] remedies. Temporary alleviation immediately follows the proper ap[illegible] of this soothing Ointment, while the Pills, taken internally, reduce the [illegible] secretions to order and avert all inflammatory tendencies. Nervous[illegible] will derive ease and consolation from the influence of these me[illegible] which are free from mercury and all noxious ingredients. H[illegible] trated Ointment and Pills should [illegible]

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

hall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges
:hout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their
f Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those
e verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
aherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
uth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
apter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 9th JULY.

icerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
ghgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
rquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
degar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
lasonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
re and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
any, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
cerity, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
ham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
id's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
ntague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
ley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
idian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
rington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
tangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
dwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
al Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
ey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
racum, Micklegate, York.
dyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
Red Rose Conclave, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 10th JULY.

Grand Lodge, Surrey, Town Hall, Farnham.
stitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
perity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead, at 4.
natic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
lan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
ouse, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
gton, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
ley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
..ellan, 380 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
derers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
al, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
ed Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
nony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
hern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
downe of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
ort, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
rt Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
nden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
oc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 11th JULY.

, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
dence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
hant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
tington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
s, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
n, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
sbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
ohn of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
onian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
ake, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
ude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
hn and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
olence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
ing of Friendship, Sussex Hotel, Worthing.
ustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
es, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
on, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
or, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
rigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
ghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
lloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
verance, Station Hotel, Hebburn
St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 12th JULY.

ty, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
an, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
um, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
matic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
reat City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
ess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
s, 85 High-street, Cowes.
e, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
nic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
nity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
an, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
ge s, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Trodegar, Mon.
Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under Lyne.
Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
ngoch Hotel, Bala.

FRIDAY, 13th JULY.

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.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 154 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1317—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.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
34—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
M.M. 196—Croydon, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
R. A. 601—Eyton, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington.

SATURDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1456—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.

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. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
803—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1322—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.

468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1301—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

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—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—66—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. 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.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Free-masons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
" 204—St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
" 206—Garthland St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 25 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 573—St. Brydes, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—40—St. Thomas, Abbey Inn, Arbroath.
" 278—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 511—St. Vincent, 210 Dumbarton-road.
THURSDAY—109—Kilmarnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—18—Dumbarton, Freemason's Hall, Church-street, Dumbarton.
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton, at 7.
" R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—26—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—The annual Summer Festival of this old Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th June, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Kidder W.M.; D. Nicols S.W., Bateman J.W., Leopold Ruff P.M. and Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., Coombes J.D. and P.M.'s Angold I.P.M., Lilley, Lemaitre, J. Cleaver, R. W. Stewart P.G.D. A sumptuous banquet *a la Russe* and dessert was provided by the manager, Bro. T. T. Pycroft P.M., that gave great satisfaction, the wines and viands being of excellent quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.M. the Queen, who lived in the hearts of her faithful subjects; long may she continue to reign over us. He would couple with the toast the Craft. The National Anthem was sung. The W.M., amidst prolonged cheers, proposed the toast of H.R.H. [illegible]

Dinner of the Prince of Wales's own Norfolk Regiment of Militia. He is one who is beloved by all, but by none more than by the Masonic fraternity. The toast always was, and he was sure always would be received right royally. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was then given, coupled with the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.M. P.G.D., who returned thanks. Bro. L. Ruff P.M. Treas. then rose. He had a pleasing duty to perform, to propose the health of the W.M. He was one who to know was to esteem; he possessed the regard of every one in the Lodge, from the initiate to the oldest Past Master. He was also entitled to their regard for the interest he takes in the Masonic Charities; he was Steward at the last Festival for the Girls' School, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' School. That alone is sufficient to show his ideas of Freemasonry. In his capacity of W.M. we wish him health and prosperity. The Lodge was proud of him, and he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it deserved. (Cheers). The W.M said, I have to thank my esteemed friend, Bro. Ruff, for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they have received the toast. I hope, when I vacate the chair, I shall have the pleasure of hearing the same sentiments expressed, and that I shall feel I have discharged my duties to your satisfaction. When I was installed I resolved to do the work, and to instal my successor, and I feel honoured at being the W.M. of a Lodge that has been in existence over 150 years; a Lodge that had always done its duty to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Woods, No. 7, thanked them for their hospitality, and congratulated the Lodge on having a W.M. who not only does his duty in the Lodge, but also presides over them in a courteous and genial manner. Bro. R. W. Stewart then proposed the toast of Bro. E. E. B. Kidder, a son of the W.M., who he was pleased to see among them, in renewed health, he having just recovered from a serious illness. The toast having been replied to, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M. and Sec., and Bro. Dudley Rolls. This was followed by the health of the Treasurer, Bro. Leopold Ruff, who had worthily held office for 14 years; during that period he had gained the esteem of every brother. The success of to-day's proceedings was attributable to him. He was the Father of the Lodge, and the W.M. hoped that he might be re-invested for many years. Bro. Ruff said his heart and soul were with the Lodge, and he hoped to be spared to render any assistance the Lodge required of him. Bro. Nicols responded for the Wardens. Some excellent harmony was rendered by Miss Bateman, Bros. Rudderforth, Beddell, Meen, Kidder jun., &c. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on leaving the hotel was loudly cheered, but none gave a heartier or more cordial one than the brethren of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, who then returned to town, after enjoying a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Bro. W. G. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street. Present—Bros. Upward W.M., Deudy S.W., Dalvallé J.W., Christian acting Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, F. Hallows S.D., Claridge J.D., W. G. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Brown, Bell, Oldroyd, Hogg 1598. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. Minutes of the Lodge meeting of the 28th ult. were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Oldroyd acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hogg, of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, was elected a member of this Lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, it being the first time of his acting in that capacity. Bro. Deudy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, upon which occasion Bro. P.M. Pinder will work the installation ceremony. Lodge was then closed, with solemn prayer.

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, 5th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Grammer S.W. and Sec., Hollands J.W., Webb Preceptor, Richards J.D., Powell I.G., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Grammer was elected W.M. for next Thursday. The Lodge was then closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction.—Rodney's Head, 12 Old street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 25th ult. Present—Bros. Harvey W.M., Pearcy S.W., Millward J.W., Isaac S.D., Stock J.D., Hunter I.G., Christopher Tyler, Tolmie Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Beckett Preceptor, Gibbs, Killick, Cook, Goode, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Goode acting as candidate. Bro. Gibbs answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs acting as candidate. Bro Killick answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M. who also gave the traditional history, Bro. Killick candidate. Lodge closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Pearcy was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. Bro. Beckett having tendered his resignation as Preceptor of the Lodge, the same was accepted. Bro. Tolmie was unanimously elected Preceptor in his stead. We congratulate the Lodge upon this accession of strength; we know Bro. Tolmie has devoted much time to Freemasonry, and is an excellent exponent of its precepts. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his excellent working, this being the first time of his occupying the chair in this Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting ad-

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Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73, Glasgow.—held its regular meeting in St. Mark's Hall, on the 3rd Kinnaird R.W.M. in the chair, who informed the Lodg the last meeting death had removed from their midst B an old Secretary, to whose memory he paid a high Bro. G. W. Wheeler then moved, "That the members having heard with regret of the death of Past Master McAdam, who for many years also filled the office of I tary, hereby record their deep sense of the value of rendered to the Lodge by our late brother in various cap for a lengthened period, and desire to express their he pathy with his widow and family under their present b by the loss of so good a husband and parent, a loss that the more keenly felt as it was so sudden. But from wh of our brother, whose upright intentions, square conduc steps always kept his actions within the compass of strict we trust that in his case sudden death was sudden glory, has only been removed from this sublunary sphere to t into the Grand Lodge above. The knowledge that he wa spected by the brethren of his Mother Lodge, while it ca the loss of his sorrowing relatives, may yet help to assuage ness of their grief, and we therefore instruct our Secreta this expression of our feeling on the minutes of the Lodg a copy of the same to his bereaved widow.

Commercial Chapter, No. 79.—Held an emerg ing at 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 2nd inst. Lamb presiding, who opened a Mark Lodge, with Bros. J. R. Reid J.W., when three brethren were duly advanced by A Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, when Co Wheeler conferred that degree on four brethren, after Chapter was opened, with Comps. Lamb Z., J. Munro H., J., J. Pitt as S.E., Rev. T. R. Trayner 87 as 1st S., Capt. D D. Balrel 3rd S. At the request of the 1st Principal, Co Wheeler Z. of 73, exalted the same four brethren.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held weekly meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at Bro. Fy Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. J W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., Killick ford Treas., Bedwell S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Gibbs I.G Preceptor. The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Powell candid Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Powell Bro. H. P. Isaac was elected W.M. for the next meeting. T then adjourned until Saturday, the 1st of September.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—T held its weekly meeting on Thursday the 28th of June, at Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 P.M. Pres Cornelissen W.M., J. H. Watts S.W., J. Docker J.W., J. W. S.D., D. M. Belirage J.D., J. Woods I.G., Bro. T. Cull Acting Preceptor, F. J. Wray, R. J. Taylor, J. Iriuth, A. W. J. Collins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened and last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. then rehearsed mony of Initiation, Bro. Taylor as candidate. Bro. Watts the first, and Bro. Cull the second sections of the lecture. Br S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeti A. Pouchet, of Lodge No. 1507, was elected a member. H. Watts rose to propose that the cordial thanks of the bre accorded to the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. J. Mander, and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Cull, for their untiring devot interests of the Lodge, and that the same be recorded on the this was seconded by Bro. Wray, and carried unanimous Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday in October. Brethren will please note this. The of the Benevolent Association can, in the interim, forwa subscriptions to the Secretary, Bro. Cull.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. On Wednesday last, the Fifteen Sections were worked in thi of Instruction, under the able presidency of Brother Past Barnes. Bros. P.M. Austin and Hallet W.M. of the Mothe acting as S.W. and J.W. respectively. Upwards of fifty breth in attendance. The following brethren assisted the W.M. in the sections. 1st Lecture—Bros. Jesse, Berry, Ould, Livermo quand jun., Andrews and Rudderforth. 2nd Lecture—Bros. M Myers, Berry, Ives and Scox. 3rd Lecture—Bros. Hallett, My Cohen. The services of the brethren in contributing to the su the evening, were acknowledged by votes of thanks; to Bro. for his kindness in undertaking the duties of the chair; to Bro for his valued services as S.W., and to the brethren who had ally rendered their assistance. From the large attendance at ings are now favoured with, it is evident that the working of the Sections is gaining in popularity among the Craft, and this fa gratifying to all who rejoice in the prosperity of the Among those present were Bros. Bredon Sec., P.M.'s Renne and Rowe. This Lodge of Instruction meets at the Silver dardett-road, every Wednesday evening, at 7.30.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., residency of the W.M., Bro. J. Weeks P.M., the following b eing in attendance:—J. Clay S.W., T. P. Hall J.W., C. H. D. P.M.'s Bros. Hilhouse Sec., H. R. Trigg, H. Martin, . Good, T. Francis, J. Harrison, J. Lentall I.P.M.; and Bro Harris, H. Kember, Rev. T. W. Johnstone. J. Dart,

inutes of the last Lodge having been confirmed, the E.A. ined, and having proved his efficiency, was entrusted and The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. a was duly passed by the W.M., after which the chair of occupied by Bro. H. Martin P. Prov. Grand Purs., for the f installing Bro. J. Clay S.W. the W.M. elect. The cere- m so ably performed. The following visitors were present: k E. Frost Prov. G. Treasurer, J. Lind P.M. 248, H. J. Guy . H. Woodward 1428, W. D. Parkhouse, E. Smith 342. Dent W. Bolton 127. The W.M. invested the following as officers ear:—Bros. T. P. Hall S.W., C. H. Liddell J.W., Weeks easurer, T. Francis Secretary, J. N. Hillman P.M. D.C., V. Johnstone Chaplain, O. C. Harries S.D., W. Dart J.D., r I.G., J. Clarke Steward, Blackmore Tyler. Three gentle- osed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed. The then adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where an excellent vas prepared by Bro. Purnell P.M.

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usie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The eeting of the above Lodge, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Hackney, on Tuesday evening, 3rd July, was well attended. ies W.M., Lorkin S.W., Worsley J.W., Saunders 860 S.D., ., Weigs I.G., Barker acting Secretary, P.M. Wallington ; also Bros. Lovelock, Haines, Christian 860, Hewlett, Dallas, Allen, Aspinall, &c. The Lodge was opened with nd the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of ini- as rehearsed, Bro. Allen acting as candidate. Bro. Smith he 2nd section of the lecture, Bro. Worsley the 3rd, and wlett the 4th, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Aspinall, olish National Lodge, No. 534, was unanimously elected r. Bro. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week; n rotation. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. r the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremony st time; the same to be recorded on the minutes. The as closed in due form, and adjourned till next Tuesday at 7.30 precisely.

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n Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Met at Brother King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 29th June. -Bros. Cave jun. W.M., Austin S.W., Pearcy J.W., Simpson nch J.D., Lane I.G., Hewlett Preceptor, and Bros. Cave sen., Kent, Cleverley, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initia- rehearsed, Bro. Ashcroft as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. as duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote s was given to the W.M. for the very correct manner in had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. This being his apt, we feel a pleasure in recording this; knowing that Bro. , who is a Lewis, is but a young Mason, and has but recently ed. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting l until Friday next, at 8 p.m.

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as Lodge, No. 1255.—The W.M. elect, Bro. John as duly installed W.M. of this Lodge, at the Huyshe Temple, , on the 18th inst. The ceremony was ably rendered by the ., S. J. Hearle, assisted by a board of installed and Past consisting of Bros. Charles Godtschalk G.J.D. of the Pro- st Master of Nos. 1255 and 70, Bros. W. H. Triplet P.M. l. Harvey P.M. 1255, W. Bell P.M. 1255, J. Pengelly W.M. wose W.M. 105, J. G. Avery W.M. 156, L. D. West- 70, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., John B. Gover P.M. 70 and S.A.D.C. The W. Bro. John Pearce being placed in the K.S. in strict accordance with ancient custom, the W. Bro. tschalk G.J.D. delivered the address to the W.M., followed Triplet and Harvey, with the respective addresses to the nd brethren. The W.M. Bro. John Pearce then invested s for the year as follow:—Bros. S. J. Hearle I.P.M., W. H. .M. S.W., T. G. Smith J.W., W. Crimp and E. J. Willis d Junior Deacons, G. R. Barratt D.C., with W. Cann as H. Dawe I.G., T. Smith T., Wm. Bell P.M. Treasurer, ey P.M. Secretary. The Lodge was then called from efreshment; it adjourned to Bro. J. Watt's, Globe Hotel, tallation banquet, and was there joined by Bros. Tucker , H. S. Hill J.W. 223, Daw 1247, and the following 1255: Bros. Hammond, Duggua, Fry, Keen. The ban- served in the customary style of the "Globe," this is ing Bro. J. Watt's liberality is only in keeping with his d taste, and that the dinner in every respect was a success. and customary toasts having been proposed and responded the Prov. G.M. Rev. J. Huyshe, L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., and d Lodge, met with a hearty response. Bro. Chas. Godts- called upon to respond, he said, It appeared etiquette for a ov. Grand Officer to speak to the toast in preference to a l Officer. The duty, to his regret, fell on him, he being ficer of the year present. That this should be so, he very gretted, and he did so from the fact that this was the first recollection that we had not amongst us, at the installa- et of the Dundas Lodge, either the M.W. the Prov. G.M. or he D.P.G.M., or both. Upon this occasion we had neither, h case it was well known the absence was caused by ill- , therefore, was the sincere cause of his regret, for if the eminent brethren had been present, the toast would have had ample justice done to it, coupled, the great pleasure to us of their being amongst us on tion. I mention the name of our P.G.M. Bro. John Huyshe ps of veneration and deep regard. All know his kindliness, ness of heart. It will be a dire and sorrowful day for a name with more sound, an honoured name, even with a title, may fill his place in the Province, as Prov. G.M.; but it will be difficult, nay, it will be impossible, to fill the hearts of the Masons of Devon with a name that shall equal that of plain John Huyshe. Quite apart from his genial and benevolent nature, he has been a thoroughly hard-working and practical Mason, both in and out of Lodge and Chapter, during a long and blameless life. He was initiated, when a young man, in that acme of temples, the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. Brethren, let us then hope, with all our hearts, that the blessing of health may be restored to both our Prov. G.M. and to our D.P.G.M. Dr. L. P. Metham, who is a worthy Mason, ever forward in the cause of charity, ever forward in inculcating the true principles of Masonry, and the chief exponent of its morality in this our Province. Let us hope that both may again be seen and heard at a future installation banquet of Dundas Lodge. Brethren, for Prov. Grand Lodge and myself, you have my heartfelt thanks. The W.M. of 1255 was then proposed. Bro. John Pearce, who responded, stated that having thus been honoured by being placed in the chair of his Mother Lodge, it would be the height of his ambition to fulfil its duties to the satisfaction of all; that, with the assistance of his Wardens and assistant officers, he would humbly endeavour to imitate his predecessor, the I.P.M., who had so ably filled the chair during the past year. The Worshipful Past Masters, the Treasurer, and Secretary of 1255, were then proposed and responded to. In doing so, allusion was made to the able manner the I.P.M. had filled the chair during his year of office; and that if Bro. S. J. Hearle had not shown great brilliancy up to the time of going into the Master's chair, he had done the work of his year with honour to the Lodge and reputation to himself, and crowned that year's work by the admirable way in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Charles Godtschalk, at the request of the W.M., proposed the next toast, "The Senior and Junior Wardens of 1255." He said, I am allowed to propose this toast. The doing so gives me the opportunity to offer a few words on the present formation of the Lodge, or, in other words, on our present officers. At first blush, it might seem somewhat anomalous to place the collar, and to appoint a well-tried and respected Past Master in the S.W.'s chair; more especially when I tell the brethren of the Lodge that Bro. P.M. Triplet holds the office against his inclination, and had it not been the earnest wish of the Past Masters of 1255, and the after conclusions formed in his own mind, that his holding the office of S.W. would be for the future welfare of 1255, he would not be now in that position. I now address a few words to the J.W. of 1255, and through him to the Assistant Officers. They will, I feel sure, if not at this moment, afterwards thank me for plain speaking. To my brother the J.W. then I say, that he, being an old member of Dundas, the Past Masters of the Lodge wish to see him in the Master's Chair. That hitherto, making all due allowance for certain drawbacks, he has not given that attention to the duties of the Lodge which this Lodge looks for from those who aspire to the Master's Chair. By his appointment this day, as J.W., the Lodge gives him the chance, by fair attention to his duties, to show he appreciates the honour of the Master's Chair. That our Bro. P.M. Triplet, now in the S.W.'s chair, is no bar to his attaining the Mastership at the very next change of officers. Let our brother the J.W. only show diligence, attention, and aptitude, the S.W. gladly steps aside; but, at the same time, he very clearly knows on what conditions he holds office, but without attention to his duties, he goes no further, and in that case our respected Bro. P.M. Triplet, the S.W. of 1255, bars the way against Masonic pretenders. And our brethren, the Assistant Officers, will know that when seniority and merit go together, that seniority will take the lead. That, in the change of officers in this Lodge merit will have a prior claim over mere seniority in office. That Lodge Dundas, in the future as in the past, intends, if possible, to have brethren to fill the chair who not only can do the work, but who also can rule their Lodge. I therefore propose the health of the Senior and Junior Wardens of 1255, and thereto I add a wish:—it is, that at the next change of officers, the S.W. will go out of office, and that our brother the Junior Warden, by his ability and attention shown this year, will take two steps, which means his going into the Master's chair. Our Sister Lodges in the Province was then acknowledged by Bro. P.M. John B. Gover, who reminded all present that he remembered well the formation of this Lodge, with a Sister Lodge, holding its meetings in the same Temple, that both Lodges had been consecrated at the same time, that at that time and after, if he might use the term, there had been a *race* with these two Lodges for Masonic *excellence*, that now, after the lapse of years, speaking with a fair and impartial knowledge, he was bound to admit that Dundas 1255 had borne the palm away. This he attributed to the bright and good example of the Past Masters of 1255. Take the selection of the Officers in 1255 to-day as an instance. In this arrangement of the offices it is palpable and clear the Past Masters have studied the coming welfare of their Lodge; by this wise and thoughtful arrangement every Bro. who held office in the Lodge last year has this day had his step in advance. With some new blood and talent brought into the Lodge, the Lodge finding itself, from circumstances fully explained, without a Bro. to fill the S.W.'s chair, have placed therein a worthy P.M.; unless this had been done, a junior member of the Lodge must have passed over the heads of others, his equal in ability, standing and social status. Thus failing a Bro. of sufficient stability, they have undoubtedly acted wisely and well in asking a P.M. to accept the office of S.W., that, if next year a brother of ability does not turn up, they must ask the Lodge to elect Bro. W. H. Triplet to the chair he once before has filled so well. But, as expressed by Bro. Charles Godtschalk, he hoped the J.W. would, by attention and ability, show he was fully competent to occupy the Master's chair, and also rule his Lodge. A clever parrot might be trained to repeat certain routine matters, but his estimate of a W.M. was—One capable of forming sound judgment; that he be capable of imparting that judgment to his brethren; in fact, he should sway and rule his Lodge; if with kindness, all the better, but it is essential that he rule it. Brethren, the four officers

the Sister Lodges of the Province. The final toast of our Poor and Distressed Brethren was given by the W.M., who, in his remarks alluded to one of the Commemorative Life Boats being placed on a new station on the coast of Devon, at Hope Cove. As this was in the neighbourhood of Plymouth, he hoped the Craft would, at the launching of this boat, join with the brethren of Kingsbridge in getting up a demonstration in honour of the event. Bro. Charles Godtschalk congratulated Devon upon the fact of having her iron-bound coast selected for the station of one of the Commemorative Life Boats, so nobly voted by the Craft of England. This was one source of aid to our poor and distressed brethren, and to our fellow creatures in distress; but when the sentiment of our poor and distressed brethren was given, we should always remember we have Charities closely allied to the Craft; so closely were they attached to the Craft that they could not exist without its liberal aid. With respect to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Devon had done nobly for this Institution at the last Festival, when it sent up, through myself and Bro. J. E. Curtois, G.S.W. of the Province, the largest amount of any Province in England—viz., £600. Yes; Devon did this for the noble Institution which supports our poor and distressed brothers and widows of brethren; that is the silver lining to a dark cloud; the obverse is, that Devon draws largely from the funds of the same Institution; that although Devon sent up £600 to the last Festival, she has considerably more than that sum back in twelve months from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Therefore, brethren, when an appeal is made for our Charities—for our poor, either men, women, boys, or girls—give, and give freely. In conclusion, I will say, for the information of those who may not know that the funds voted for the two life boats—£4000—that not one penny comes from our Charities. The funds devoted to the life boats come out of the profits of Masonry made by the Grand Lodge of England. The dramatic talent of Bro. R. Twose, combined with the vocal abilities of Bros. J. Y. Avery, W. H. Triplet, and S. B. Harvey completed a most enjoyable day.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 29th of June, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, N. Present—Bros. Rowe W.M., Chant S.W., Hollis J.W., Powell S.D., Hall J.D., Passingham I.G., T. Cull Preceptor; also Bros. Yeomans, Sparrow, Dickinson, Hunter, Shackle, Cook, Smith, and Granelli. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Yeomans acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sparrow as candidate. The Lodge having resumed to the 1st degree, Bro. Chant S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Yeomans then, in pursuance of notice of motion given the preceding Friday, proposed that the Lodge, at its rising, adjourn till the first Friday in September, at 8 o'clock, this being seconded by Bro. Shackle, was put, and carried unanimously. Nothing more offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Friday, 7th September next.

Wharncliffe Lodge, No. 1462.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone. Present—Bros. W. Thompson Beanland W.M., John Bustard S.W., John Wade J.W., John E. Wordsworth Secretary, R. Senior Treasurer, J. W. Wordsworth S.D., Rev. J. S. Lawson Chaplain, C. G. Cowlishaw and A. Woodhead Stewards, Wm. Dickinson I.G., Jesse Moore Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hesketh and Hinchliffe. Visitors—Bro. S. B. Ellis W.M. Wentworth Lodge No. 1239, and Bro. John Clark Secretary 1239, Sheffield. Business—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. A. Wilson, who was elected, and afterwards admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The ballot was taken for Bro. Sykes W.M. of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, as an honorary member, and he was duly elected. Hearty good wishes were presented from the Wentworth Lodge No. 1239. The W.M. called upon Bro. Cowlishaw to explain what arrangements he had been able to make in regard to the Annual Pic-nic of the Lodge, when Bro. Cowlishaw stated that he had succeeded in arranging with the Railway Company to run a special saloon train to Worksop for the accommodation of the brethren, on the 26th July, and also for carriages, &c., to take them, through the kindness of the Duke, to Clumber and Earl Manvers's Mansions. He also stated that luncheon would be provided under the "Major Oak," and dinner at the Lion Hotel, Worksop.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The regular meeting of this well-established and prosperous Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Mason (who was out of town), the Lodge was opened and presided over by Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex. The work, done in an agreeable and pleasant manner, was the raising of Bros. Mayer, Ricardo, and Harrison. The entire ceremony was given, including the Traditional History and the lecture on the Tracing Board. On the completion of the work the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, was heard to observe "that out of hundreds he had initiated into Freemasonry, no one had excelled Bro. Sabine, either in the work, or in the support given to the Masonic Charities. He had ever felt proud of having initiated him." Every one was pleased to be present, and witness such good working. This being the anniversary of the Boys' School Festival, caused a thinner attendance than usual. But as this Lodge had subscribed so well to the Charities during its short existence, it was not surprising that some of its officers should have attended at the Festival. Several names were given in to the Secretary for initiation

n.m. Although no banquet was announced, the bretl a good supper. The usual Loyal toasts were given an There were present Bros. Kemp J.W., C. W. Hudson I.D., C. Graham W.S., A. J. Hawkes I.G., &c. Amongst of visitors we noticed Bros. Louis Reck W.M. desig R. W. Williams P.G. Organist Middlesex W.M. elec Mitchell Organist 1328, and some others whose names to ascertain.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—This l emergency meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at Ealing. Present—Bros. A. Beasley W.M., T. Kinne S.W., Hy. Kasner J.W., J. Chambers Roe W.M. 780 Brown P.M. 780 Treasurer, A. J. Barr S.D., H. E. T Wm. Seward jun., the first initiate of the Lodge, as Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Collinson 862, and W. T. Business—The Lodge was opened at a quarter past 3, an and Fernee having shown their proficiency as F.C.'s w the degree of M.M. Bro. T. C. Jenkin having answe questions, was passed to the second degree. At this pa ceedings the Lodge was called off for light refreshmen resumption of labour, Messrs. Alexr. Jones (already h Henry Septimus Maling, James John Clarke, and Victor E were severally introduced, and admitted to the privilege Freemasonry. Before the Lodge was closed, the W.M. s not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking the the very kind letter he had received from Bro. Roe, on b Lodge. If there was one thing more than another that c alleviate the sufferings that we are all subject to in this v the kind sympathy of one's friends in the hour of trouble say that his friends had rallied round him in his illness, only called to inquire after him, but had done many acts which he would not enumerate. It was one of the great of pleasure to him to know that his brother Masons were foremost to wish him a speedy relief from his sufferings. that Bros. Kingston and Roe assisted in performing the the W.M. being still very weak, from the effects of his l The Lodge was then closed in due form.

NEW ZEALAND.

PROJECTED GRAND LODGE FOR THE ISLAND (S.C.)

ON the 27th April, a meeting of Masters and Past M Lodges under the Scotrish Constitution, was held at B office, in connection with the arrangements for the constit Grand Lodge for the North Island of New Zealand. The were present:—Bros. Rev. J. Hill P.M. Sir W. Scott Lodge, P.M. Sir W. Scott Lodge, W. C. Walker R.W.M. St. Andre A. Dewar P.M. Sir Walter Scott, A. K. Tyler P.M. Thistle, T. Macfarlane P.M. St. Andrew, T. L. Murray R.W.M. Sir L. J. Bagnall P.M. Lodge of Light, I.C., T. Rawdon Tyle Scott. Bro. Tyler was called on to preside.

The Rev. J. Hill made a statement of the proceedings w been taken for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for t Island of New Zealand in connection with Scottish Mason subject had been mooted many years ago, and Bro. Beveri nominated for the office, but on account of the death of tha man, the movement was interrupted and nothing was done, still, however, considered desirable that a Prov. G. Lodge sl established; but a difficulty was felt as to the brother who sl called on to fill the office of G.M. The brethren at the Thar waited upon Sir Donald McLean to get his consent, but were as he had just agreed to take the same post under the English C tion. A meeting was at length held in Auckland, and those were unanimously of opinion as to the desirability of estal such a Lodge, and it was said that Brother Whitaker was a person for the office of Master. It was understood that th masons of Auckland were to do something to forward the mat nothing was done by them. After some time it became known brethren at the Thames that a movement had been commer Wellington to start a Provincial Grand Lodge for Wellington, Auckland to come in or not, as they thought fit. It was foun the brethren in Wellington were about to recommend that Dr. ston should be Master, when Bro. T. L. Murray telegraphed, them to agree to the nomination of Brother Whitaker for the Island. After some communications had passed, an intimatic received, stating that the brethren at Wellington would agree nomination of Brother Whitaker if the Thames brethren would s the nomination of Dr. Johnston as Deputy Grand Master. Bro. taker was affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Lodge. Bro. Hay, of Auckland, who had gone home, was written t asked to get the consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; telegram was also sent to Bro. Hislop, of Otago, asking him operate with them, which he had agreed to do. By last mail l had been received from Bro. Hay, and from the Secretary to Grand Lodge, intimating that the nomination had received approval of the Grand Lodge, that they could proceed at on make arrangements for the installation, and that Bro. Hay bringing out the Warrant. It was thought that the ceremony s take place before the Session of Assembly, but on Bro. Whi being communicated with, he had stated that he would prefer it should be postponed till after the Session.

After some conversation, a resolution was unanimously agree that circulars should be sent to all the Lodges under the Sc Constitution in the North Island, requesting them to send delega either in person or by proxy, to a meeting, to be held at Auckl on the 31st of May, for the purpose of making the necessary arra

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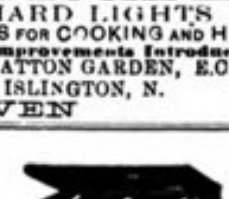
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ND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was ld in Lancaster City, on the 29th, 30th and 31st ie hospitalities of the said city being liberally d by the Sir Knights of the Lancaster Comman- . 13; while the place itself was in full gala costume, nty of flags, bunting, and Templar emblems. Re- its were provided for all at the Roberts Hall, the arters of the Lancaster Commandery. Grand Com- assembled at the Fulton Hall, on Tuesday even- 29th May. R.E. Sir Kt. Andrew J. Kauffman G.C. Grand officers being present. Frat. Kauffman nt that when, eleven years since, the Annual Con- s held in Lancaster, there were only twenty Com- s, whereas now a warrant for a new Commandery, ould rank as No. 57 on the list, had been applied ch, indeed, has been the steady increase in the at there are now over 6,000 Knights in Pennsyl- On Wednesday morning the election of Grand ook place, and resulted as follow:—Sir Knights gle R.E.G. Commander, Samuel B. Dick V.E. Commander, Jno. P. S. Gobin G. Generalissimo, D. arrol G. Capt. General, Rev. Dan. Washburn D.D. relate, George W. Kendrick G. Sen. Warden, Breneman G. Jun. Warden, M. Richards Mucklé Treasurer, Charles E. Myer Grand Recorder. resolved to issue Tactics and Drill to be the subordinate Commanderies, and Altona en selected as the place of meeting in May 1873, Knight A. J. Kauffmann having been recognised ntative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, near d Commandery of Pennsylvania, Grand Com- was closed at seven a.m. In the afternoon several eries from Philadelphia, and other sections of the ved, and were formally received and conducted spective head quarters by the Lancaster Com- Hutchinson, No. 32, of Norristown, were the arrive, after which, about five p.m., a special ie, bearing Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, No. 4, Kadosh No. 29, Mary No. 39, St. Alban nd Corinthian Chasseur No. 53, each of these at one hundred and fifty strong. In the evening a levée at Fulton, and what with the gay uni- ie knights, and the splendid toilettes of the ladies, liant scene was presented. At Robert Hall, which decorated, lunch for 200 guests at a time was ng the whole of the Conclave. On the morning st, several other Commanderies arrived from Harrisburg, Altoona, York, and other parts. At . the parade was formed, under the principal f Sir Knights P.S. Gobin and E. Welchans, g present no less than sixteen Commanderies e Grand Commandery, nearly each of which ded by a band of music, while Corinthian Commandery, No. 53, was mounted. After along the prescribed route, amid the applause e mass of spectators, the Sir Knights were y the Grand Officers, and then dismissed. At 3 n Hall was again crowded with knights, ladies, nen, to witness the installation of the newly- l Officers. Sir Knight W. H. Egle was installed mander for the ensuing year, by the retiring invest the other Grand Officers, the ceremonies being rendered additionally interesting by the fine vocal and instrumental music, to which the Lancaster Choral Society chiefly contributed. Later in the afternoon, after disposing of the remaining business of the meeting, the Conclave was closed, the Lancaster Sir Knights being unremitting, even up to the moment of departure, in their efforts to entertain the visiting Commanderies. Past Grand Commander Kauffman was presented, by the Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, Columbia, of which he is a member, with a magnificent Templar and fatigue uniform, in token of their fraternal regard for him. Among the distinguished Knights present were His Excellency Sir Knight John F. Hartranft, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and Sir Knights Chas. G. Blumenthal, P.G. Comm., now residing at New York, W. Wallace Goodwin P.G. Comm. New Jersey, and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Chas. M. Howell, Grant Weidman, J. Vallercham, C. F. Knapp, and Chas. H. Kingston, all P.G. Commanders of Pennsylvania.

We are indebted for the above particulars to the *Keystone*, and we offer our fraternal greetings to all concerned in what must have been a most magnificent display. We in England are not given to this kind of public exhibition, but in America such gatherings are very popular, and as it pleases our transatlantic brethren, it would be churlish in us to withhold our congratulations, because the customs of the fraternity differ in the two countries.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 41.)

OUR NOBLE CRITIC.

"Of fertile genius, him they nurtured well,
In every science, and in every art,
By which mankind the thoughtless brutes excel,
That can or use, or joy, or grace impart,
Disclosing all the powers of head and heart:
Ne'er were the goodly exercises spared,
That brace the nerves, or make the limbs alert."

"Sometimes, with early morn, he mounted, gay,
The hunter-steed, exulting o'er the dale,"

"At other times he pried through Nature's store,"

"But more he searched the mind, and roused from sleep
Those moral seeds whence we heroic actions reap."

IT is not given to every one who, born of patrician rank, is placed in a position of great responsibility, to be able to discharge the functions of his office with marked ability. Many there are who are indebted for whatever consideration may be shown them to the accident of their birth, to the respect due to the station they hold, or it may be, to these two circumstances combined; but not to any personal merit, not to any business habits, not to any interest they take in the welfare of their fellow subjects of inferior rank. They have been born great, and they have had further greatness thrust upon them, but that is the sum and substance of what can be said in their favour. Fortunately, our men of patrician rank, taking them for all in all, are an admirable exception to the rule. They are taught from their earliest childhood that high rank has its duties and responsibilities, and it rarely happens they discredit their order, and still more rarely that they disgrace it. The

or in the government of the province with which they are associated by birth or the ties of residence. "Our Noble Critic," for example, was born in the purple, as the saying is, and from his earliest days exhibited a warm interest in all matters relating to his county. He has taken no prominent part in matters political—we presume, his tastes have not been in that direction. Or knowing, perchance, with how little wisdom the greatest affairs of State are conducted, he may possibly have directed most of his energies to promoting the welfare of his immediate neighbourhood, where he felt it would be of service, and knew it would be appreciated, in preference to playing an active part in legislation, where his opportunities of doing good might be fewer. Thus we find him doing more than his just share of work in the county of his birth, connected with the local auxiliary forces, assisting in the promotion of county enterprises, toiling with other magnates in the unthankful duties of the magistracy, and, to crown all, receiving at the hands of his most gracious Sovereign, the highest county honour it is in her power to bestow. A post of this eminence is only conferred on one who, in addition to the personal influence he may be able to exercise, has certain qualities of heart and great business powers, such as will render his government acceptable to men of all shades of political opinion. We may, indeed, be tolerably certain that a man who is appointed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in any county is, in the majority of cases, a popular man, and that he owes his popularity far more to his qualifications as a man of business habits, and the active share he has taken in all that relates to local interests than even to the greatness of his name and station. Such a man as this is fortunate, by reason of the good he is enabled to do; and by the happiness he thus confers on others, he is himself most happy. Mere rank and wealth and pleasure do not constitute the sum of human happiness, without, as a poet has sung,

> "The mind;
> Where judgment sits clear-sighted, and surveys
> The chain of reason with unerring gaze;
> Where fancy lives, and to the brightening eyes,
> Bids fairer scenes, and bolder figures rise;
> Where social love exerts her soft command,
> And lays the passions with a tender hand;
> Whence every virtue flows, in rival strife,
> And all the moral harmony of life."

But let us quit this portion of his career, in order to consider the still greater claims "Our Noble Critic" possesses on the esteem and respect of our readers. It is necessarily the Masonic portion of his life which most interests and delights us, and he whom we have chosen as the subject of this portrait, has taken an active part in the concerns of our Craft for more than a quarter of a century; while it is possible that no other brother, be he never so eminent, has received so many and such well deserved tokens of the respect in which he is held among Freemasons. The other day, we were turning over the pages of a Masonic journal,—whose span of life is now run—when, by a very fortunate chance, we lighted upon sundry particulars of our brother's early career. It is, indeed, to this now defunct journal we are chiefly indebted for the Masonic details of this portrait. It seems that "Our Noble Critic" first saw the light in a Birmingham Lodge, appropriately named the Lodge of "Light," No. 475. In due time, he was elected Worshipful Master, and, on retiring from the chair, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in token of the valuable services he had rendered during his term of office. He was one of the founders of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, in those days No. 1027, Kenilworth, and was chosen to be its first Master, 1857-8. Not long after, and chiefly through his instrumentality, a sixth was added to the list of Lodges in Birmingham, the new one being consecrated as the Temperance Lodge, now No. 739; and in 1859, under his auspices, the Bard of Avon Lodge, now No. 778, and transferred to the Province of Middlesex, was consecrated at Stratford-on-Avon. We are, however, somewhat anticipating matters, and stepping from the strict chronological order of events. In August 1852, he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and it must be in the highest degree gratifying, not only to him, but likewise to all who have at heart the welfare of Freemasonry, to know that of the twenty-nine Lodges now on the roll of this Province, no less than

wickshire has been most successful, his efforts i
with Freemasonry have not been limited to
duty. Whenever a favourable opportunity h
itself, and some building of public utility has
to be erected, he has invariably permitted the
stone to be laid with Masonic ceremonial. T
are the occasions on which he himself has pres
a ceremony, namely, on the 12th April 1859, w
stone was laid of the Leamington Hall Schoo
when the first stone was laid of the Coventry an
shire Hospital; while the third occasion fell as
the 23rd of April last, when he laid the first
Shakspeare Memorial, at Stratford-on-Avon
ceremony, the gavel used in performing the ce
made of a piece of oak taken from Shaksp
house. One or two other matters, more immed
ciated with the government of his province, s
this portion of his Masonic career. It was at a
Grand Lodge, held at Rugby, on the 23rd Septe
under his presidency, that a resolution to form
Masonic Benevolent Fund was started. In the
he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintend

Thus far we have confined our observatio
entirely to what concerns him in common
Masonry, and the events which have marked hi
head of a great Province. Let us now turn to o
in his career which marks most clearly the est
which he is held. When certain negotiations
Craft Grand Lodge, with a view to the Mark deg
recognised as part and parcel of pure and ancient
came to an end, it was resolved by a number
Lodges to establish a Grand Lodge of their ow
was accordingly done, and on looking around
brother of eminence to preside as Grand Mark
England and Wales, &c., &c., the Lodges made
of "Our Noble Critic," being governed in their
we are told in the brief history which is prefix
Laws and Constitutions of Mark Masonry, by t
his being a sound Constitutional Mason. This
tion he filled from 1856 to 1860, with the greatest
himself and infinite credit to the body over
presided. We consider we are in nowise derogat
the valuable services of those who succeeded hi
when we say that the present flourishing condition
Masonry is primarily due, in the first place, to t
selection made of the first Grand Mark Master Ma
secondarily, to the tact and ability he displaye
fulfilment of his duties.

Let us now view him in connection with ou
Charitable Institutions, and we may venture to aff
directly and indirectly, he has done at least as muc
other Craftsman in contributing to their welfare
a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution
He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Instit
Girls, and one of the Trustees, and he holds simi
among the supporters of the Royal Masonic Be
Institution, and was only a short time since appo
be a trustee of the Male Fund, in succession to
Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. But this represe
the lesser half of his services to these splendid C
We need not dwell again on the important service
the President of one of our Festival gatherings re
the Charity in whose behalf he exhibits this sign
of his interest. Suffice it to say that, in the year
presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Be
Institution. He rendered a similar service to the
Masonic Benevolent Institution the year following,
for a domestic misfortune would have presided at the
of the Boys' School in 1862. In 1869 he again
before the Masonic public, as Chairman of the Girls'
and last year, when his Province most handsome
ported him to the extent of £2,000, he took the
the annual gathering in aid of "Our Boys." It
difficult to find a worthier record of service tha
Indeed, so entirely worthy is it in our judgment t
are content to leave it as it stands, without
comment.

Before bringing this portrait to a completion, it
as well, perhaps, to say why we have described our
as "Our Noble Critic." Strictly speaking, we ou
follow the sage counsels attributed to a certain judg
was quite content to take the verdict of a jury, but

d nothing as to his critical ability. Well, our ıay remember that, last year, on a certain memorable nt the Alexandra Palace our noble brother may be ıave earned for himself the title of 'Our Noble a title we have playfully bestowed upon him. He ed to question the justice of certain comments we some time previously on the Province over which long and with such conspicuous ability presided. lves, we do not believe that had he been given oppor- the full exercise of his judgment he would have the opinion he gave expression to. As public s, we expect, nay, we may go further and say, criticism. All we ask is, that we may not l with reasons which never occurred to us, or ments we never made. It was, perhaps, a little te that, on the occasion of his first appearance as a Masonic journal, he should have made choice 'ensive article—inoffensive both in statement and —on which to try his critical powers. However, id, was done in the fulfilment of what he believed luty. His impression was we had attacked the n his Province, but the impression—so far as it he merits of his criticism—was a wrong one. nore serious followed than a simple rejoinder t, and we presume this rejoinder was received ne fraternal spirit in which it was made. If en too sanguine in this respect, it may be this ite of respect we have felt such pleasure in paying ıe brightest Lights of Freemasonry, momentarily s "Our Noble Critic," will not be misinterpreted. e the record is true. We know the opinion him to which we have given utterance is as it is just.

MASONIC SONGS.*

NG on a former occasion the poetical lucubrations of the we drew attention to the very inadequate presentation rinciples and aspirations which was to be found in the literature of our Lodges, to the execrable rhyme and grammar of most of the effusions which had come down ld times. We are therefore agreeably surprised to new edition (which has been issued by Messrs. Spencer e little manual called the "Masonic Minstrel," a marked our former criticisms. Though based on the old which we were familiar, it has undergone a thorough quantity of the old rigmaroles being left out and a ıe more correct and appropriate of its contents being by numerous modern pieces, many of which have erit.

ıs which remain, we hail our old acquaintance—

ıre's a health to each one,
ıon the king on his throne,
To him that is meanest of station,
he can contend
have lawfully gain'd
The name of an accepted Mason."

ıle science yields a thousand gems
To dignify the mind,
us that noble art pursue
Which elevates mankind."

d friend—

Masonry, from pole to pole,
ler sacred laws expand,
as the mighty waters roll
o wash remotest land:
t virtue has not left mankind
ler social maxims prove,
stamp'd upon the Mason's mind
re Unity and Love!"

well illustrated in Song LXX.—

help the poor in time of need,
naked clothe, the hungry feed,
n our foundation stone;
ouild upon the noblest plan,
Masonry knits man to man,
ıd makes us all as one."

ıns pleasantly—

n Friendship, Love, and Truth abound
nong a band of Brothers,
cup of joy goes gaily round,
ch shares the bliss of others.

Sweet roses grace the thorny way
Along this vale of sorrow;
The flowers that shed their leaves to-day
Shall bloom again to-morrow!"

Bro. Dunckerley's anthem appears again—

"Hail, universal Lord!
By Heaven and Earth ador'd.
All hail, great God!
Before Thy throne we bend,
To us thy grace extend,
And to our prayer attend.
All hail, great God."

The Rev. G. A. Brown's fine ode is appropriately reinserted—

"Blest Masonry! 'tis thine to show
How much to Wisdom's gifts we owe,
How Truth expands the mind!
For rivetted and twin'd with thee,
Each tender sympathy we see
That gladdens human kind."

Among modern additions, the "No Singer's Song" will be found of use occasionally; "Three times three," by Bro. Carpenter, has a healthy ring about it—

"Three times three shall the token be
Of Friendship, Obedience, Fidelity—" &c.

Then "The Crafts of Olden Time," to the tune of the "Fine Old English Gentleman;" the "Lodge of Saint John," and "A Lilt for every Lodge," by Bro. Stevens, are lively and in good metre. Song XLV., by Bro. Douglas Jerrold (well remembered in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263), is as sound as might be expected from the talented author of "Clovernook." "The Royal Science," "The Mason leads a happy life" (to the air of "The Pope," &c.), are both worth considering. "What might be done," "The Five Points," "The Level and the Square," "The Aged Brother," "The final Toast," and others similarly emblematic, will be welcome. The Songs for the Royal Arch, Ark Mariners, Mark Masters, Most Excellent Masters, Red Cross, K.H.S., and Rose Croix, will doubtless be useful to the Orders in question; whilst those for the Order of the Temple, include the "Raising of the Beauséant," by Professor Aytoun, and the "Temple Knell," which concludes:

"Aye! future monarchs shall be proud
To fill your Master's place:
And the Red Cross shall deck the last
Of Scotland's royal race!"

The very poetical "Ode on the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master," by Bro. Walter Spencer, here finds a place; and the grand bard of Scotland's noble chant—

"Hail to the mystic band
Join'd here with heart and hand
In love to all.
Long may their watchword be
Freedom and Charity,
Bright links of Masonry,
That ne'er can fall.
Not temples tow'ring high,
Whose domes may touch the sky,
Alone they prize:
But in a nobler sphere,
To love, to virtue dear;
They stay the falling tear
From weeping eyes!"

Ode XVII. to "Brotherly Love," speaks of aspirations broad and high for humanity; Eliza Cook's poetical "Address to Freemasons" reminds us of "Moore's Paradise and the Peri," and "The Perfect Mason" is a most beautiful adaptation of imagery to the grand aim of Masonic life, disclosing in a vein of exalted sweetness, seldom surpassed in verse, the monumental "angel within."

Humorous pieces are not wanting for the use of brethren facetiously inclined, among them "The New-made Mason" and the rare old ditty of "Old Kynge Colle, that regal olde sowle" . . . . . who so "much wished to knowe what benefitt coulde flowe, Fro a knowledge of Masonrie;" though we are not at once prepared to accept the statement that our ancient brethren intended under this name to parody King Charles II.

Instead of the fanciful and not first-rate oratorio of "King Solomon's Temple," which appeared in the former edition, the editor has substituted the truly magnificent poem under that title, by Bro. Duganne, of New York, from which we cannot refrain from some quotations.

"The house of the past hath it's tongues of stone,
Yea, its voices of marble and brass—
From the sands of the desolate desert upthrown,
And the mould of the wilderness grass!
Tho' the myth of their awful meanings
Too often we idly pass!
Where the Nile flows down by its pyramid tombs;
Where the ruins of Tadmor lie;
Where the Petrean cities, from cavernous glooms,
Like sepulchres, startle the eye—
Oh! the voices of granite and marble
To our souls make audible cry!

"Thro' the twilight of oaks and of mistletoe bowers,
The hymns of the Druids I hear;
And the Faerie-Queene, thro' lab'rinths of flowers,
Lures me with her melodies clear;
From the echoes of 'woodie Morgan'

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And I hear the old Norsemen chanting their tunes
Under arches of boreal fires,
And the Troubadours singing, thro' long rich Junes,
To their soft Provençal lyres."

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"That mountain of God, in the realms of my love,
Hath a marvellous glory and worth;
And the Temple that rose its high places above,
Covers more than Jerusalem's girth;
For its aisles are the highways of ages,
And its courts are the zones of earth.
O'er its mythical meanings and parabled sense,
I have pondered, in childlike mind,
Until back, thro' the ages, with yearnings intense
My unsatisfied heart hath inclined—
Longing still for the Word of the Master—
The Word that no mortal may find!

In the dreams and the visions of fervent desire,
I have mingled with Levite and Priest;
With the widow's son Hiram, and Hiram of Tyre,
Sitting down at Meridian feast,
With mine ancient brethren in Masonry's Craft—
When my soul the lambskin wore,
I have stood by the mystical corner-shaft
And knelt on the tesselate floor."

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"By the glow of the *greater and lesser Light*,
And the power of the *Master's word*—
By the *plummet* of Truth, and the *level* of Right,
And the *square* that hath never erred—
Thro' the work of a *Master Mason*
King Solomon's prayer was heard."

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"My heart, thro' the veil of those mysteries vast
The voice of King Solomon hears,
Asking me with the sign of a Master
Why my soul no Temple rears?"

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"Yet our years, when they moulder to ashes,
Behold us but wrecks sublime!
For the house that we build in a lifetime's length
From the midst of our wordly din,
Hath no *Jachin and Boaz*, established in strength,
And no Holy of Holies within."

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"While the day hath light, let the light be used,
For no man shall the night control!
'Ere ever the silver chord be loos'd,
Or broken the golden bowl,
May we build *King Solomon's Temple*
In the true Masonic soul!"

The list of Toasts, in the order usually observed after the banquet, which appears at the end of the volume, was a much needed compilation.

Old Warrants.

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No. 74.

No. 264, "Ancients;" No. 235 at the Union (1814), No. 234 A.D. 1832, and No. 198 from A.D. 1863.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAMES AGAR, D.G.M.

WATKIN LEWIS, S.G.W. JOHN BUNN, 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 Right Noble and Puissant Prince Randell William, Marquis and Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce and Baron Antrim, Knight Companion of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Agar, Esq^re., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Sir Watkin Lewis, Knight, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful John Bunn, 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 Joseph Sadler one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Henry Norman his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Brunswick his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Sun, in Devonrex Court Temple, on the third Tuesday in every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons 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 authorize

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members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and
cessors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant,
with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons,
Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse,
Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to b
every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of th
Provided the above named brethren, and all their S
pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand
this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand
this fifth day of January, in the year of Our Lo
Seven hundred and Ninety-one, and in the year
thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-one.

ROBERT LESLIE,
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NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Percy Lodge, N
hall-street, London.

P.S.—This Transcript is a compilation from var
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**No. 93, "Ancients;" No. 116 A.D. 1814 (at the Unio
1832, and No. 79 from A.D. 1863.**

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W. JEREMIAH CRAN

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Hono
nity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old
granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York,
Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of
thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample For
viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince
Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tull
of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Gle
Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable
of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl
Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester,
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Tho
Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipfu
Herron, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the
No. 93 shipful Jeremiah Cranfield Junior Grand Ward
approbation and consent of the Warranted
within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster)
authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Br
The Worshipful Brother John Stow one of our Master
Worshipful Samuel Packwood his Senior Warden, and the
John Satterly his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lo
and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Mitre Tavern in
or elsewhere in the County of Kent, upon the first and th
in every Month (being first duly registered pursuant to t
and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: And
Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Fr
according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of
Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known w
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Well-beloved Brethren, John Stow, Samuel Packwood,
Satterly (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge
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this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and D
Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like ma
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installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY,
continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the abo
Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respe
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant t
Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge i
this eighteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord One
Eight hundred and Thirteen, and in the year of Mas
thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen.

ROB^T. LESLIE,
Grand Sec

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3, Letters C. and E. 27th October 1761.
Ent^d. Edw^d. Harper, D.G. Sec.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Pythagorean Lodge,
Greenwich.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A certain remedy for diseas
skin. Ringworm, scurvy, scrofula, or king's evil, sore heads, and t
inveterate skin diseases to which the human race is subject, cannot b
which there is safer and speedy remedy than Holloway's Ointment a
which act so peculiarly on the constitution, and so purify the blood t
diseases are eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure is obtained
are efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular a

OVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

From the "WESTERN MORNING NEWS."

nual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication
he Freemasons of the province of Cornwall was held on
fth inst. The place of meeting was Launceston, or Dun-
Llanstephadon, as that ancient corporate township is
scorded in its early history. Launceston stands on the
h road through the centre of Cornwall, but from one of
hanges effected in railway times by the innovations of the
now difficult of access from the greater part of Cornwall.
ading that inconvenience there was, however, a large
of the officers of the province at Thursday's meeting,
om having slept at Plymouth or Tavistock the previous
r 400 were present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was
the Western Subscription Rooms, at 10.30 a.m., by the
P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe,
y the acting officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of
llowing were in their places:—R. W. Bro. E. T. Carlyon
.M. *pro tem*, W. Bros. the Rev. G. L. Church, E. Dixon
he Rev. J. B. Jones M.A., W. Tweedy, W. Jenkins, R.
rdew, T. White, J. W. Chegwidden, T. Gill, J. Vivian, R.
T. Grant, W. Rooks, T. Webber, C. G. Archer, G. Barnes,
ns, J. Burgess, W. Tonkin, T. C. Stephens, and W. Rusden
d Tyler. The room was tastefully fitted up with
of the Order, the usual Masonic insignia, national colours
s of foliage. Among the additional officers present were
owing:—W. Bros. W. J. Hughan, Col. Peard, J. George
. Hext, T. Geach, I. Latimer, H. G. Colvill, the Rev. G.
W. S. Sloane Evans, Rev. H. A. Noel, Rev. W. H. Blox-
Holmes, W. Lake, C. T. Pearce, W. H. Bickford, H.
. Holloway, D. H. W. Horlock, W. N. Glencross, W. D.
Uitken Davies, Jno. Du Pre, J. M. Hiffey, N. B. Bullen, W.
Dymond, E. A. Courtney, J. H. Tonkin, S. Willoughby, C.
, &c.

ites of the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, held at Fal-
June 1876, were read by W. Bro. R. John, and confirmed.
eeting it was resolved—"That the brethren of the Prov.
lesire to record their gratitude to the Great Architect of
e for the safe return of their Most Worshipful Brother
Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England,
" and the Secretary was directed to communicate that
His Royal Highness.

read the following letter in reply from Sir William
Marlborough House, Pall-Mall, S.W., 8th July 1876:—
Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank the
the Free and Accepted Masons of the province of Corn-
address of welcome and for their congratulations on his
rom India. It is a source of great thankfulness to his
ess that he has been enabled, by a visit to one of the most
ossessions of the British Crown, to acquire a personal
its characteristic features, its interests and institutions,
te, by intercourse with all classes of its inhabitants, the
gs which it is so essential should subsist between the
ry and every part of her vast empire. To the Earl of
umbe." The reply was received with warm appreciation,
given to record it on the minutes.

statement of the P.G. Treasurer was read by the
Bro. W. Tweedy). It showed on receipts for the year
last account, £58 6s 10d; collected in church after
dmouth, £15 8s 4d; fees, £17 6s 6d; dues from Lodges,
ispensations, £2 5s; Total, £246 15s 2d. Expenditure
160 6s 4d. Balance in hand, £86 8s 10d.

ohn read the following Secretary's report:—
Cornwall.—Number of Lodges in the Province, 27.
876—Number of initiations, 155; joining members, 40;
ers, 1272; total, 1467. 1875—Number of initiations
members, 64; previous members, 1272; total, 1433.
76 as against 1875, 12 initiations; ditto decrease
rs, 24, increase of membership to carry on 70;
during the past year, 34. I must congratulate
on the fact that the returns for the past year
increase in our ranks, and from what I have
lect from those returns I should certainly gather that
ir Provincial Grand Master has had its effect, and that
ons during the last year are, taken altogether, an
ment. I much wish that in each year every Master
f his Lodge, on leaving office, would be good enough
once all papers and returns to their successors, so that
respondence and delay may be saved.—E. T. Carlyon
reports were unanimously received and adopted.

Crews, the assistant-secretary of the "Cornwall
y and Benevolent Fund," read the report of the
he fund. It stated receipts—Balance from last
7s 6d; donations and subscriptions for the year from
brethren, £154 14s, a decrease of £4 2s 6d from the
like source in the previous year; vote of P.G.L., £25,
at church, £6 3s 4d; interest on Cornwall Railway
; Great Western ditto, £9 17s 6d; Russian Bonds
17s 6d; Debenture Trust Fund, £7 8s 2d; Pennsyl-
Bonds, £5 18s 6d; total, £239 3s 5d. Result of sale
ds, £4456 19s 0d; total, £819 19s 11d; expenditure
base of £600 of the West Hartlepool Rail 4 per cent.
d; balance on account of the trustees at the Cornish
2d; total, £819 19s 11d. Two vacancies for annui-
clared, and there were two candidates for election,
ve and Honour Lodge, Falmouth, the other from the

and the alterations suggested by them had been forwarded to each Lodge, and would be submitted for the approval of the G. Lodge. The report was adopted, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and H. G. Colvill appointed scrutineers of the votes at the election for the annuitants. The result was that both candidates were elected, one by 507, the other by 506 votes.

A communication was received from Bro. Reginald Rogers D.P.G. Master, stating his inability, from severe illness, to fulfil the duties of Treasurer to the Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and requesting the acceptance of his resignation. He thanked the brethren for the previous kind confidence they had placed in him for so many years, but stated his belief that his labours for Masonry were over, and that he did not believe he should meet them in the Lodge again. The resignation was accepted, but great regret expressed at the declining health of Bro. R. Rogers, and a vote passed to that effect, which was desired to be communicated to him. The P.G.M. undertaking that fraternal office.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was elected Treasurer to the Fund. The Secretary, Bro. T. Chirgwin, whose absence was apologised for by Bro. Hughan, was re-elected, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and H. G. Colvill elected the auditors.

The whole of the proposed alterations in the rules of the Annuity and Benevolent Fund recommended by the committee were unanimously adopted, without discussion.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy read the report of the committee of relief, which stated that during the past year two brethren had been relieved. Petitions had been received from two brethren of 450 and 699 Lodges, and two widows of 977 and 450 Lodges, and finding that the bye-laws had been complied with in each case, and that in the opinion of the committee the cases were very deserving, it was recommended that gratuities of £8, £10, £5 and £10 be respectively granted. The committee would hope in future that applicants for relief being widows would not look on that as the only fund, but would make application to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund also.—Adopted.

W. Bro. Hughan read his report on the management of the votes of Cornwall for the great Masonic Charities of London. He begged to thank the P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge for their kindly placing the sum of twenty guineas in his name on the list of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (for which he was acting as Steward) in lieu of payment of his out-of-pocket expenses, which he declined. It increased his list as Steward in a very pleasant manner, and raised the total to over £450, which was the largest single list in England for 1876. They had no candidates for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls or Boys at the October and April elections for 1876-7, so the votes for those Charities were utilised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and secured the election of the brother who was a candidate for that Charity. They had now four of those annuitants, and from that fund they were receiving £152 per annum. They had also a girl in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was glad, also, to state that at present the Province owed no votes to any one. They had votes to receive from the P.G.L. of Devon in April 1878, having assisted that province to the utmost in obtaining the election of their candidates, and whenever the province of Cornwall wanted to borrow a thousand votes its credit was sufficiently good to be able to get them. (Hear). That report was received and adopted. The P.G.M. said it was a most satisfactory report, and did great credit to Bro. Hughan for the assiduity, zeal and success he exhibited in the matter. The Committee of Relief was appointed as follows:—Bros. Anderton, Truscott, and Holloway—with the Prov. G. Treasurer, and Prov. G. Secretary; Bros. Rogers and Hughan having resigned.

W. Bro. Hughan then proposed that the fees to Prov. G. Lodge be increased to 5s instead of 3s on the initiation of a candidate. The former, he said, was the general fee paid in other provinces, and although a trifle to each Lodge it would amount in the aggregate to a sum worth obtaining. Cornwall had been very successful with the Charities, but to keep up that prosperity it was necessary to maintain its character for contributions to those, and this money would become useful in increasing them. The proposed increase fee on a brother joining a Lodge, he said, he must withdraw, as it was found to clash with the present rule of G. Lodge. The propositions were seconded and unanimously adopted. On the question of the grants to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund and the great Masonic Charities, £25 was voted to the Cornwall Fund, and Bro. Hughan renewed his advocacy of the great Masonic Charities being liberally supported by Cornwall, on account of the amount that province was receiving from them.

The P.G.M. said perhaps it was advisable that he should take a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and stated his intention of so doing. £50 was voted to the Charity, and Bro. Hughan hoped that the P.G.M. would be so well supported in his Stewardship that his list on the occasion would be one second to none in England. This concluding a large portion of the business, the Lodge proceeded in procession, in full regalia, with banners and emblems displayed, and headed by the Launceston Volunteer Band, to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Jones to a crowded congregation, on the text 1st Epistle of Peter, Chapter ii, verse 17. An offertory was made, the proceeds of which was appropriated in accordance with former custom—two-fifths to a local charity, the Rowe Dispensary; two-fifths to the Benevolent Fund; and one-fifth to the clergyman, for charitable distribution. The brethren then returned in procession to the Subscription Room. Redruth was selected as the next place of meeting, and the following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—R. W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M., W. Bros. D. H. W. Horlock P.G.S.W. 789, T. C. Stephens P.G.J.W. 1151, the Rev. J. B Jones P.G.S. Chap. 1272, the Rev. F. Wintle P.G.J. Chap. 893, W. Tweedy who had been re-elected P.G.T. 331, J. P. Childs P.G. Reg. 510, E. T. Carlyon P.G. Sec. 331, T. Webber P.S.D. 76, J. Hawkins P.J.D. 789, J. Burgess P.G.S. Wks. 1006, J. H.

P.G.S.B. 1528, J. M. Thomas P.G.O. 967, George Barnes P.G. Purs. 1164, W. Rookes P.G. Assist. Purs. 331; Stewards:—T Hawken 1529, J. Orang 330, P. F. Sincoe 789, W. Foxwell 1071, J. C. R. Crews 131, N. Henwood 1164, T. Wise Tyler.

From the Subscription Rooms the P.G. Lodge then proceeded in procession to the Dunheved new Masonic Hall, where the P.G.M. consecrated that building in due form to the purposes of Masonry. The Hall is a handsome and substantial building, erected by the Dunheved Lodge, in the environs of Launceston, on the Plymouth-road. Bro. Hine, of Plymouth, who is a member of the Lodge, was the architect. The new Lodge room was very handsomely fitted up, and is provided with a convenient alcove in the south-east angle as an organ chamber. W. Bro. W. W. Dymond P.P.G.O., with the assistance of W. Bros. J. Rendall, T. Goodall, and G. Firks rendered the musical parts of the consecration. At the close of the consecration the P.G. Lodge was closed in the New Hall. A large party of the brethren then adjourned to dine at the Central Subscription Rooms, where the P.G.M. presided.

A bazaar was held during the afternoon and evening in the grounds of the Castle in aid of the building fund of the new Masonic Hall, and was continued the next day.

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THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—"Photophilus" may rest perfectly assured that the members of "Duncombe Lodge" will perform their part properly with respect to the Lifeboat to be launched at Hope.

"Photophilus" should never be ashamed to acknowledge the truth; if "he doesn't know," why be ashamed to say so?

"Photophilus," who has been informed that the Lifeboat Institution is preparing for the occasion, will perhaps enlighten the public and let us know what preparations have been made.

"Photophilus," living in the neighbourhood of Hope Cove as he does, may perhaps inform us if the boat house to hold the boat is ready yet; or even begun, for if no arrangement is yet made for building, more than settling on the site, it is, to say the least, ridiculous to suppose the house can be built in three weeks, by which time the Devonshire Association will be visiting the town.

"Photophilus," should he ever visit Duncombe Lodge, will hear what arrangements are making, but in the meantime he may rest assured the W.M. of the Lodge and all the brethren will not be forgetful of their responsibility in making such an event a noteworthy day amongst the Masons of the district.

"Photophilus," if he loves light, would do well to come to Duncombe Lodge for enlightenment, and render the Lodge the benefit of his suggestions and assistance.

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M. 1486, Duncombe Lodge.

10th July 1877.

RITUAL OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A letter, under the above heading, by Bro. Gottheil, appeared in your paper of 19th May, wherein he states, "There have been, and still are, brethren—my humble self amongst 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 beautiful rituals. But of what avail are the solemn protests, unless the authorities can be induced to examine these matters, and either, by legislation or otherwise, bring about the desired amendment," and he wound up with "perhaps some of your learned and very able correspondents may be induced to offer suggestions.

With all due respect to Bro. Gottheil, I think that instead of appealing to the learned for suggestions, he ought long ago to have petitioned the Grand Chapter to remove the incongruities from the ritual. As to the *learned*, I have great respect for them, providing, however, they combine a love of truth with sound common sense. England once owned "the most learned fool in Christendom," and I am sorry to say that a majority of our Masonic luminaries are evidently defective either of common sense, or of the desired love of truth. From these, as a class, Bro. Gottheil will get no suggestions that are worth anything, and should our brother petition the Grand Chapter, he would expect to encounter the opposition of these learned pundits, who will endeavour to demonstrate that the R.A. ritual is precisely the same as it was two thousand or more years ago; that it is perfect, and always was so, and that any attempt to improve it, by addition or omission, especially the latter, would most assuredly destroy the whole Masonic fabric, &c.

Now to overcome these seemingly overwhelming arguments, other learned authorities must be adduced to rebut their assertions. I therefore take the liberty of calling attention [illegible] Tucker, Prov. Grand Master of Dorsetshire, and Inspector General of the 33rd degree, who said:—

"The Royal Arch degree, as used by the Grand so often altered and amended (the last time in 18 arranged by the Rev. Adam Brown, Chaplain to Duke of Sussex, in the elegant language we now almost impossible to recognise the degree first Dunckerley and others in 1772, when it was firs moderns."

On page 677 of the same volume, may be seen editor signed + 18°, or possessor of the 18th degre will enhance his authority in the estimation of s better still, I have not the least doubt that the Oliver was the writer of that letter; and now here i

"The Royal Arch, as now practised, was the com Christian degrees under the rite of the thirty-third of the Duke of Sussex in the year 1835, who, bei smattering of Hebrew (which by the way he does n correctly), got up this scenic degree, containing con of the Trinity, and which in the present day is free who object to Christianity in Masonry."

I confess, however, that I entertain no very exalt veracity or judgment of the late Dr. Oliver, and I it may tend to bring down upon me the wrath of t I have very little faith in statements made by high and high degree *recruiting sergeants*; for, in that c learned authorities above quoted appeared in the M not even understand how a degree in which Zerub Nehemiah figure as principal personages, could hav out of Christian degrees. However, all things ar Masonic degree mongers; it is certainly highly Christianity was lugged somehow into the R.A. e century. But one thing is certain, viz., the interveni 1835 and 1853 was only twenty-three years, and it is that Dr. Oliver would have made such a glaring mis so many brethren were living who could have contra may, therefore, take for granted that the Royal Arch went some very important tinkering in 1835.

Armed, therefore, with the above authorities, I hop Bro. Gottheil and his friends will now muster sufficie petition the Grand Chapter, that it should, either by tion, exclude disbelievers in the Trinity from the order a revision of the ritual, and conform it to th Masonic universality.

Respectfully and fraternally

JA

Boston, U.S., 29th June 1877.

MASONIC BOYS' ORPHAN SCHOOL,

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRON

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to lay before you the list of subscribers to the above excellent Charity, may all be stimulated to give it a more hearty support heretofore done, for certainly there ought to be a larg subscribers than an average of 3·7 for each Lodge.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

P.G.C. YE

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Ditto S. ...	5	10	—	1	2
Derry	22	9	1	4	4
Down	46	10	1	1	1
Dublin	84	76	29	121	275
Meath	10	7	—	3	3
Midland... ...	10	5	—	1	7
Munster... ...	15	28	3	13	74
Ditto N. ...	9	22	2	6	29
S. Eastern ...	7	15	1	4	59
Tyrone	18	16	—	5	8
Wicklow ...	7	9	1	4	35
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POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF A M

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICL

SIR,—I am sorry that I should have run foul of your C "Comus," and have excited his alarm lest I should "to a jelly" when he may, by your courtesy, want to question, for I assume I may consider him and W.M. one and the same. But he has completely ignored in evils to which I referred, which would be the natural W.M. relegating his duties to other brethren. Do we that the W.M. should be (of course, irrespective of or even of all the P.M.'s "rolled into one") man in the Lodge, the brother most fitted for ruling the Lodge,—for preferment we profess is, merit and ability. Hence I assume the W.M. having for his ability, is the fittest man to work the ceremonies, and he seeks to be relieved therefrom on [illegible]

ition, that there shall not be the slightest deviation from
t landmarks, that not one jot or title of ritual or practice
tered, but, alas! there is too much change and in all
) much of the "acting in accordance with the spirit—if not
tter,"—though letter and spirit are essential. Therefore,
that the W.M. should not, by any means, have his work done
iates, nor should the specious argument, that it will
m for their duties have any weight,—else what good are
Instruction? If we virtually turn our Lodges into Lodges
tion, the work will be done in a slip-shod way, and I think
o much of that sort of thing already. Let each workman
oper part in the work we have in hand, let each portion of
e done effectively by the brother whose allotted task it is,
remember that tuition is for Lodges of Instruction, and
the knowledge therein gained for ordinary Lodges.

s this wise counsel which my "Comus" gives?
'his counsel of his mind! Let me examine it.
seek to touch it—yet it is not tangible.
have it not—and yet I see it still.
cannot grasp it. It is but
mirage of his brain, a false creation,
'roceeding from the indolence of body
'hat seeks that others should perform his task.
vaunt! Get out! This counsel is so dubious,
'hat, verily, I can make nor head nor tail on't.

Yours fraternally,

PRIMUS (AND SOLUS.)

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onations are asked to enable this old pupil of the Royal nstitution for Boys to complete his University course, and hankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain P. Dadson, -square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The f the Fund are Bros. W. Paas and B. Head.

JAMAICA.

xtraordinary Convocation of the Glenlyon Lodge, under tish Constitution, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on 20th June, there were present—Wor. Bros. M. B. Dias P. J. Fenoe Glenlyon and Phœnix, C. H. Davis Royal, A. E. lyon and Royal, R. Langley Royal and Phœnix, and several f the sister Lodges. This extraordinary Lodge was called tance of Wor. D. M. Berwick, who was elected in October of the Caledonia Lodge, Port Maria, Jamaica (S.C.), and as not a sufficient number of Past Masters present, the Con-stalled Masters could not be proceeded with, and this was why this extraordinary meeting had been called. After the ons had retired, a board of installed Masters was formed, D. M. Berwick was duly installed Master under Scottish n.

l Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica Thursday, 21st June, presided over by the Right Wor. J. W. Whitebourne, Deputy District Grand Master, and The object of this meeting is for the purpose of hearing ges preferred against the Sussex Lodge in this island. ns under the English Constitution in the Island of Jamaica hear that their worthy chief, the Right Worshipful Hon. n, District Grand Master for Jamaica, intends shortly to to the island. Masonry is at a standstill, and on the worthy an officer it is sure things will commence to o officers for the Grand Lodge for this year have been nd for many months a Grand Lodge meeting has not been fficers for the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons ppointed, and no Grand Chapter has been held for a long oped that Masonry will revive shortly, and that regular District Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will be held, the Lodges by the Grand Officers will commence. Every being made to have two Irish Lodges in this island, one , and one at Port Royal, but it is doubtful that they will there are in Kingston three Lodges working under the stitution (Royal, Sussex, and Friendly); one under Scotch and one under English at Port Royal (the Phœnix), which gh for the Navy and Army.

ation of the Glenlyon Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Kingston, s held on the 2nd ult. Present—Most Excellent P. J. , A. E. Burke P.H., B. M. Dias P.J. Several brethren talted. The election of officers took place, when the fol. appointed:—Most Excellent A. E. Burke P.Z., Most Ex- Dias P.H., Most Excellent S. H. Watson P.J., Comps. J. J. Hayes S.N., Spicer Treas., B. Wolfe P. Sojourner, Janitor. This Chapter has only been resuscitated the months, and is the only Chapter under Scottish Constitu- done well. The retiring P.Z. in the Grand Master for

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons, presided, supported by the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. W. Hickman, Bros. M. E. Frost, Captain Best, G. Rake, Lamb, H. M. Emanuel, Loveland, P.P.G. Wardens, R. Eve, Thoyts P.G. Chaplain, W. C. Redward P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, J. Harrison, H. R. Trigg, A. Cudlipp, G. F. Sherman, R. Osborne, and numerous other brethren, many of whom were subsequently appointed to office, and their names are therefore given below. The formal business of the meeting having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

Bro. W. Hickman Deputy Past Grand Master.
" R. Eve No. 54 Senior Grand Warden.
" E. Groves No. 17 Junior Grand Warden.
" J. Lillywhite No. 2 G.M.O.
" F. Court No. 2 G.S.O.
" S. R. Ellis No. 2 G.J.O.
" Rev. C. Nepean No. 63 } Chaplains.
" G. R. Johnson No. 17 }
" W. C. Redward No. 2 Treasurer.
" Le Feuvre No. 63 Secretary.
" Parsons No. 39 Registrar of Marks.
" H. J. Guy No. 2 Grand Senior Deacon.
" G. Bond No. 17 Grand Junior Deacon.
" J. Clark No. 62 Grand Inspector of Works.
" Sowden Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" A. Riddell No. 2 Grand Asst. Director of Ceremonies.
" W. Payne No. 2 Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. E. Ivimey No. 17 Grand Inner Guard.

About forty brethren were present at the banquet, which took place subsequently, and was served in his usually satisfactory style by Bro. G. Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.—*Portsmouth Times.*

THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

IT is rumoured that the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is likely to shoot the Flete Estates, near Modbury and Kingsbridge, during the coming season. The estates have lately come back, by purchase, into the hands of the family who originally owned them, and it is believed the Prince will visit Mr. Mildmay. The opportunity of utilising the presence of the Prince to give *eclat* to the launching of the Commemorative Lifeboat has been engaging the attention of all parties; and Dancombe Lodge, Kingsbridge, which has been established but three or four years, has taken the initiative, and is seeking to perfect arrangements for such end. It is hoped that a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Kingsbridge, so that the boat may be launched with Masonic honours. Every effort will be made to induce the Grand Master to honour with his presence and patronage the gift of Grand Lodge, in devout gratitude for his safe return from India. It is feared, however, that the local delays may hinder the completion of the work until the spring of next year; if so, the opportunity will have passed away.

THE DRAMA.

Madame Chaumont at the Gaiety.

THE charming Madame Chaumont is once more delighting her admirers, at the Gaiety, and all who can relish true comedy acting should seize the present opportunity of witnessing this talented lady in one of her inimitable impersonations. The smartly written *Madame, Attend Monsieur*, and the more farcical *La Bonne pour Tout faire*, are the pieces in which she has principally appeared during her present engagement, and both supply ample scope for the display of her exquisite art. We know not whether most to praise her marvellous powers of facial expression, her wonderful vivacity and *abandon*, the sweet sympathetic ring of her voice, or the grace and elegance of her every movement. Suffice it to say that, in her line, she stands unrivalled. A flattering testimony to her excellence is afforded by the fact that so many of our English actors and actresses have been to witness her performance. We may add that her singing is no less remarkable than her acting. With a voice by no means powerful, she produces effects which can only be compared, for beauty or difficulty, with the exquisite *tours de force* of a skilful violinist or flautist. To hear Madame Chaumont sing, is to hear something that one can never forget, and need never expect to hear to better effect.

An unknown correspondent has been in the habit of forwarding, from time to time, newspapers, which have invariably been highly perfumed. We gathered, from the items of intelligence thus brought under our notice, that our correspondent was an enthusiastic Mason, and one who desired to disseminate the knowledge that came specially under his ken. We, however, felt some curiosity in the matter, as we could hardly recognise the connection between Masonry and scent. A few days since we received a handsome bottle of Rastrick's Masonic Bouquet, and in its fragrance we immediately recognised the perfume that had so gratified our olfactory nerves on so many previous occasions. We can highly recommend this "Bouquet," as any article of dress, papers, &c., with which it may be brought in contact will retain an agreeable odour for many months. Bro. Rastrick informs us that he has received many testimonials as to its enduring qualities. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his return from India, presented a bottle to Her Majesty the Queen. It is also in use in the household of the Duke of Edinburgh

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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 16th day of July 1877, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. To consider, and if approved, to confirm the recommendation of the General Committee, that Nine Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 15th of October next, from an approved list of 66 candidates. To consider the following notices of motion as the recommendation of the General Committee, in each case proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

1. That a testimonial in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton be presented from this Institution.

2. That in acknowledgment of the zeal and energy so successfully exerted by Bro. John Constable, P.M. No. 185, Vice-President of the Institution, in connection with the recent Festival—the result being an addition to the funds of £1230—he be enrolled as an Hon. Vice-Patron, with the full privileges of that rank.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock at noon precisely.

By order, FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

7th July 1877.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE chief business of the week in the House of Lords has been in connection with the Prisons Bill, which passed through Committee on Friday last, and was read a third time on Monday. On the latter day a motion, by the Duke of Buccleuch, relating to the [illegible] after amendment in accordance with a sug Lord Chancellor, was agreed to. On the r Fortescue, certain returns respecting Educat ments were ordered to be made. On Tu minutes sufficed for the despatch of business.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, af cellor of the Exchequer had declared he was further time for the consideration of the Irish S Bill, he stated, in reply to another quest Government hoped to be able by next Session proposals for the better conduct of public bu this the House went into Committee on the S of Judicature (Ireland) Bill. A long discussion amendment by Mr. Parnell to reduce the Judge of the Court of Appeal, but ultimate ment was withdrawn, and progress reported. a question respecting the despatch of the Br Besika Bay was asked and answered. On th going into Committee of Supply on the Na Mr. Brassey drew attention to the course of Naval University at Greenwich. Mr. E. J drew attention to the proceedings of the court-martial. A long and animated debate Monday, the second reading of the South Afr moved by Mr. Lowther, and carried on a divi 19. The Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asy Consuls in Turkey, the Writ and Seal Offic and Colonel Wellesley were severally disc which the House adjourned. At the morning Tuesday, Lord Sandon brought on the Edu mates. An amendment to the motion for going mittee on the same was proposed by Mr. San rejected by 121 to 78. After further discussio went into Committee, and the Estimates *en bloc*. On the House resuming at nine o'clock, drew attention to the East India Tariff, and e the duties on cotton manufactures. His motic addition proposed by Lord George Hamilton, w The rising of Mr. Whalley, to propose a resolutio endowments of the Church of England, result House being counted out, at twenty-five minut On Wednesday, the motion for the second read Church Rates Abolition (Scotland) Bill was p Mr. M'Laren, but after a long debate, in which Advocate opposed it strenuously, it was rejected 143. The second reading of the Irish Peerag proposed by Mr. D. Plunket, but was interrupt rules of the House.

By command of Her Majesty, a State Concert at Buckingham Palace, on Friday last. The P Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Chr Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Pr demar of Denmark, Prince Leopold, the Duke bridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the C Comtesse de Paris, and many other distinguish were present. On Wednesday there was a Sta Buckingham Palace, most of the above were pres the invitations being very numerous, there wa attendance of the fashionable world. On Monday, th accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Prince drove over from Windsor for the purpose of havin view of a portion of the Aldershot Army Corps, mo encamped at Chobham. These troops were on th by easy stages to be reviewed in Windsor Gre The men had not long arrived, and were busily themselves down when Her Majesty was seen appr in a pony carriage, with the Princess Beatrice bes Prince Leopold following in a second carriage. Major Wardlaw in command received her, the men simply "attention," and then the Queen drove off as quiet had come. On Tuesday the army corps, one part o as just stated, had bivouacked at Chobham, and th on Ascot Heath, marched to Windsor Great Park. evening the Queen, accompanied by the Princess and the Duchess of Teck, with the Duke of Cambri horseback by the side of her carriage, and escorte detachment of the Royal Horse Guards Blue, drov the ground, and was received with the customary Having driven along the lines, Her Majesty passed saluting point, and the march past began. The mustered to the extent of between 15,000 and 16,0 were under the command of Lieut-General Sir T. As there were many young soldiers with the Infant arm of the Service was not so steady as usual, and th

didly. The troops went through different formations, of which were very effective. On resuming their al position they advanced, and gave the Royal salute, which the Queen drove off the ground, and the force ied off in two divisions to their quarters. On Wednesbey returned to Aldershot.

Wednesday, Prince Leopold laid the first stone of w Infirmary of the Asylum for Idiots at Earlswood, y. His Royal Highness travelled by special train on ondon, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. At the n he received an address from the Mayor and ration of Reigate, to which a suitable reply was . Accompanied by a guard of honour of the 8th y Rifles, His Royal Highness drove to the Asylum, aving received an address from the managing body, aid the stone, the silver trowel with which the deed one being presented by the Bishop of Guildford. A er followed, at which the Prince presided, and in me proposed the toast of Prosperity to the Earlswood m. This was drunk with enthusiasm, after which oyal Highness's health was drunk, amid the heartiest stations of loyalty. The Prince afterwards went gh the asylum for the purpose of inspecting the ements, and then returned to town. The band of ldstream Guards was in attendance.

annual gathering of the Volunteers, at Wimbledon on Saturday last, when large numbers of them asd and took up their quarters in camp. Sunday was very brilliant day for our citizen soldiers, but the r has been satisfactory, though as regards the light, is of such importance for accurate shooting, it has omewhat variable. The business of the meeting nced at an early hour on Monday, and has been on steadily ever since. Most of the time has been d with the contest in the first stage for the Queen's nd the Gold Medal of the Association, but one or her prizes have been shot for, among them the *Telegraph* and the *Pavilion Prizes*. For the former, M'Kenzie of the Honorable Artillery Company 4 out of a possible 35 points, and secured the cup; in er, Sergeant Gilder, 18th Middlesex, made 35 points. good scores have been made, but it is considered ter making allowances for the reduced size of the yes this year, the shooting is not quite equal to that year. Next week will be a busy and very attractive The second stage Queen's will be shot off. There the Lords and Commons, Public Schools, Interity and other contests, as well as the matches for o Challenge Shield, the Canada Challenge Trophy, gian Trophy, &c., &c.

bird and last match between the Gentlemen and was brought to a close on Saturday at Prince's in favour of the former by nine wickets. Thus the en have scored two victories out of the three, while rst match at the Oval, we may regard the draw as favour, as they had only 99 runs to make, and an nings to do it in. Of other important matches, ween Notts and Middlesex ended in the defeat of r by nine wickets, while Derbyshire has had to to Yorkshire, the latter likewise winning by nine

ere somewhat hasty, it seems, in congratulating "Time," on his becoming a member of the Court of n. For, at a special meeting of that body on , two petitions were presented against his return, John Bennett was informed that their consideration adjourned till the next Court, copies in the meang furnished to him. A meeting was subsequently [redacted] Guildhall Tavern, when it was resolved to the matter to an issue. Sir John's friends were usiastic over the matter.

tal accidents have occurred since our last issue. rday morning, part of a new bridge, which was ected, close to Finsbury Park Station, over the sters' Road, fell suddenly, and crushed one unfor., who was passing, to death. Another, who was ng at the time, received serious injuries, and is at ported to be in a precarious state. Had the large iron fallen only a few minutes earlier, the loss of l have been terrible, as a number of children in vans had only just passed through when the ll. The other accident was due to a fire, which t on Monday evening, on premises situated in floor, and escaped with but slight injuries, but of the family of a Mr. Halstead, who lived on the third floor, Mrs. Halstead and her two children, together with a young woman, name unknown, were burnt to death. Repeated gallant attempts to rescue the unfortunate inmates were made by Couzens, the fire-escape man, but the roof at length fell in, and his endeavours were thus frustrated.

The war news which has arrived during the week has made little alteration in the position of the two combatant powers. It is estimated that about 100,000 men have crossed the Danube, and are now ravaging Bulgaria. The cavalry have advanced far into the interior, and Tirnova, the ancient capital of the Province, has been occupied by them. It is owing to this, we presume, that the Turks, who had twice previously repulsed the efforts of the Russians to capture Biela, determined upon evacuating it. In doing so they fell back in excellent order. The town of Rustchuk has been battered to pieces, and the inhabitants have lost their all. Many women, old men, and infant children are reported to have been slain by the fire of the Russians, while the different Consulates, the Churches, and the Hospitals have been totally destroyed. Fresh Turkish troops are being hurried up to the front, but the battle which will have anything like a decisive effect on the war has yet to be fought. In Asia, if we are to accept the different telegrams which reach us, the Turks have succeeded in driving back the invader in all directions. Mukhtar Pasha is now in direct communication with Kars, though the siege of that important fortress has not been completely raised. Bayazid is very hard pressed, and the surrender of the Russian garrison is said to be a mere question of time. At Batoum, the position has not altered materially, and the same may be said of Soukoum Kaleh. There are rumours of the extension of the revolt in the Caucasus, but these do not appear to be worthy of acceptance, though the retreat of the Russians in Armenia may very possibly have been hastened by such rumours, whether well or ill-founded. As to Montenegro, the Turkish forces which have been operating in that principality must be now *en route* for the scene of war on the Danube. Their arrival will, of course, morally, as well as materially, strengthen the Turkish armies there, for the force is numerous, and they come with all the prestige of victory. Meanwhile, there are somewhat disquieting political rumours. The mere fact that our fleet has not only been ordered back to Besika Bay, but is being reinforced by such tremendous ironclads as the Achilles, 9,000 tons, 16 guns, and the Agincourt, 10,627 tons, 17 guns, is enough to show that the situation is full of gravity. Then it is said that Servia, in spite of the assurances she has given of her neutrality, is making preparations for war. This, necessarily, affects Austro-Hungary, and consequently we hear of the likelihood of her intervention. News, but how far trustworthy appears not, has also reached us that a Russian army of observation, 200,000 strong, will be mobilised on the Austrian frontier. All these reports may be utterly valueless, but they point to the possibility, if not probability, that the area of the war may be extended. Let us hope it may not be so.

At this season of the year most of the Railway Companies issue a prospectus of their tourist arrangements. We have to acknowledge receipt of the Great Western Railway's programme, and we can recommend it to the notice of those among our readers who have not as yet committed themselves to any special tour or visit. Every facility is offered. Tickets, available for two months, are issued at the Company's offices at Paddington, at various stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways, and at Cook's Excursion and Tourist Offices. A special tariff of prices has been drawn up both for direct journeys out and home to the Dorsetshire, Somersetshire, Devonshire, and Cornwall coasts, to North and South Wales, to the Lake district, the Isle of Man, and Ireland; while by another tariff intending tourists may make their selection from a number of "Circular Tours." Instructions are given, as well of the conditions on which these tickets are issued, as of the direction of each route, and all needful information added as to where supplementary particulars may be obtained in provincial cities and towns. The charges are as moderate as the facilities are great. Cheap tickets are also issued to Lynmouth or Ilfracombe, Great Malvern or Malvern Link, as well as for picnic or pleasure

meeting, as far as possible, the wishes of all classes of travellers, and we trust the public will show its appreciation of the Directors' efforts by availing itself of the facilities offered.

The R. W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has accepted an invitation to attend the Hengist Lodge, Bournemouth, on Friday, the 20th inst., on the occasion of the dedication of the new Lodge building there.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held, under the banner of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, in the National School Rooms, Wood-street, Barnet, on Friday, the 27th inst. The Prov. Grand Master the Rt. Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., will open Prov. Grand Lodge at 2.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Winchester on Tuesday, the 7th August.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Western Division, will be held at Pembroke Dock (under the Banner of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378), on Thursday, 26th instant, at high noon. It is intended to present a P.P.G.T.'s jewel to Bro. Capt. Henry Williams, for many years' faithful service.

We learn that the Mark Masons of South Wales have got up a most influentially signed requisition to Charles Bath, Esq., J.P. of Fynone House, Swansea, with the object of inducing him to accept the position of Provincial Grand Master. If Brother Bath can be persuaded to take upon himself the duties of the office, he would meet with the most loyal and affectionate support from the brethren; and give an amount of satisfaction which would go far to compensate for the feelings of irritation and annoyance which now pervade the Province.

Our readers will remember that, a little time since, we announced that a requisition, signed by the majority of the past and present Provincial Grand Officers of the Eastern Division South Wales was sent to Sir George Elliott, praying him to call a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, in order that the grave omission of all reference to the loss the Province had sustained in the death of its late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, should be rectified. Sir George, in acknowledgment of the requisition, has appointed the Lodge of Emergency to be holden at Cardiff, on Saturday, 21st inst., when we have no doubt fitting expression of the feelings of the brethren will have utterance.

In an able article on the "Exclusion of the Hebrews," the *Masonic Record* of Cincinnati, advises the American Grand Lodge to take part in obtaining a wider liberty, especially from certain Prussian Grand Lodges, for the members of the Jewish persuasion who may desire admission into the Masonic brotherhood.

The French provincial papers announce the closing of several Masonic Lodges, for the alleged reason that the members have been busying themselves with politics.

NEW MASONIC LODGE, REMUERA.

THE ceremony of consecrating Masonic Lodge Remuera, under the English Constitution, was performed on 11th April, at the New Market Hotel, Newmarket, with all the impressive rites suitable to the occasion. A meeting of the newly constituted Lodge was subsequently held, and Brother William Lodder was installed as Worshipful Master. At nine o'clock the brethren present sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared in Host Cunningham's best style. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were proposed, responded to, and drunk in bumpers. The remainder of the evening, or rather night, was given to conviviality. It is expected that the new Lodge will be one of the strongest in the Auckland district, inasmuch as there is a large number of our business men, who live at Remuera, Epsom, and Newmarket. The Lodge will [illegible]

Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604.—Met on T[hu]rsday, at Bro. Lyons' Hall. This Lodge is composed principally of [Volunteers] who mustered strongly, there being between [30] present. The W.M. Bro. W. J. Parish occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Brookson S.W., Wray J.W., Mer[edith] Scott Sec., Bolton S.D., Fuller J.D., Ross I.G., [Tyler] blower Stewards, Rev. R. C. Halpin Chaplain, Go[ldsmith] D.C.'s. After the formal opening of the Lodge [and] tion of the minutes, the Report of the Commit[tee] relative to the revision of the bye-laws, in accor[dance] notice of motion of the W.M., was received and [adopted] C. H. W. Harley, late Staff Sergeant Royal Engineers [and] 736 (British), was elected a joining member. [Bros.] H. Andrews, B. Collins, W. J. Burgess, and C. F. [Hall] passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts. Bros. H. [Lyons] Searle, E. W. Cottle, W. Maxwell, and W. G. Max[well] to the sublime degree. These ceremonies were perfo[rmed] the W.M., who gave the traditional history impressive[ly] to the solemnity. Strict silence prevailed, and th[e] visitors experienced pleasure in witnessing such p[erfect] Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. [Lyons] G. S. Beechin, J. Hart, E. Bennett, and W. Ma[rsh] unanimously accepted, and duly initiated into the Ord[er] dates were proposed for initiation at next meeting, and [the] The brethren then adjourned to the Crown room, wh[ere] cold collation was provided by Bro. E. Dawkins. Gr[ace] said, by Bro. Rev. C. Halpin, Chaplain of the Lodg[e] posed Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, rema[rking] Majesty was then reviewing 15,000 troops that w[ere] equalled in the world. He then proposed the toast [of] Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., whom all were pleased t[o] he might be present. The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M[.] of the Grand Officers was then given, and received. Bro. Meredith P.M. then rose, he had to propose t[he] W.M., whose heart and soul was in the Lodge; he [was] out of Lodge, and all who know him appreciate his w[orth] every Brother would drink the toast in bumpers. [The W.M.] thanked Bro. P.M. Meredith for his kind expressions; the Lodge were always in his thoughts, night and da[y] year of office his only aim was to please the brethren, and this he hoped he had done. The W.M. then pro[posed] of the Initiates, who on this occasion were only four; they would feel that their entrance into Freemasonry event never to be forgotten. Bro. Beechin respond[ed] then proposed the Visitors, and Bros. Kempster, G[ilbert] Herts, and C. Barmeister returned thanks. The W. posed the health of the Treas. and I.P.M. Bro. Mer[edith] Sec., Bro. Scott. Bro. Meredith returned thanks; [he] was required of him, as Treasurer, or of Bro. Scott, [but] they would gladly do, so long as it tended to the pro[sperity] Lodge. The Lodge had only been 15 months in existence, and free from debt; this was due to the W.M. Many brethren are this day at the Review at Windsor, their absence [was] gretted. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Office[rs] were his right hand supporters; they enabled him to [perform] duties in a most satisfactory manner. Bros. Brookson severally returned thanks; they had a bright example [set] in the W.M., and that would be an incentive to them [to] occupy the proud position he enjoyed. The W.M. said brethren separated, he had to propose the toast of the M[aster] All looked forward with great interest for a record [of] ceedings. THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had given a fa[ir] of their previous meeting; he would call on Bro. H. M[ann] 188 to respond. Bro. Levy paid a just compliment to [the] his admirable working of the three degrees; to the offic[ers] able assistance, which so materally conduced to the su[ccess] Lodge. It was not only a duty, but a pleasure to him, to [give] of what took place; the brethren might thus, in times to [come] to what had transpired at their meetings. The Tyler's [toast] then given. During the evening several brethren of the [Lodge] tributed to the harmony.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held [the] weekly meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Nort[on] on Friday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., C[ox] Powell J.W., Cave jun. S.D., Kent J.D., Lane I.G., Simp[son] Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form, the minu[tes] last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony o[f] was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. [Cox] worked the 1st section of the lecture, the W.M. the 2[nd] assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was unanimously W.M. for the ensuing week; all business being ended, [the] closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday the 13[th] 8 P.M.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1[0] nual weekly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Port[cullis] Fleet-street, on Friday, 6th July, Bro. Creak, S.W. of th[is] Lodge, occupying the chair of W.M. Bros. Gush S.W., De[ans] Larchin S.D., Hallam J.D., Webb I.G. The ceremony of [Installed] was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dickens acting as [candidate] Several sections of the first lecture were worked by the [W.M.] Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. J. R. Stacey, assisted by vari[ous] ren. Bro. Creak is well known as a steady worker in the [Craft] he must be congratulated for the careful and impressiv[e] which he rehearsed the ceremony. A vote of thanks [to] Creak was then unanimously directed to be placed on the m[inutes] the Lodge, for the able manner in which he had, for the [past] presided over the brethren. After the closing of the Lodge [the] monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association took place, [and] members of the Association were made life subscriber[s]

REVIEWS.

Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

Cottage Hospital. Its Origin, Progress, Management and Work. With an Alphabetical List of every Cottage Hospital at present opened, and a Chapter on Hospitalism in Cottage Hospital Practice. By Henry C. Burdett, Sanitary Commissioner to the Sanitary Record, Secretary to the Seamen's Hospital Society (late Dreadnought), Greenwich, late General Superintendent the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and Registrar to the Medical Board. London: J. and A. Churchill, New Burlington-street. 1877.

Few men are better qualified than Mr. Burdett to write on a subject of this character. He has had a lengthened experience as resident superintendent in a general hospital in London or the provinces. He has carefully studied this particular class of hospital, and has done his best to make himself as fully acquainted as possible with as many of the Cottage Hospitals now open as he could, and has likewise visited and personally inspected many. His conclusions, therefore, as to the capabilities and requirements of a model Cottage Hospital, are calculated to command the respectful consideration of hospital practitioners generally, as well as of all interested in the farther development of this useful class of institutions in particular. And in order to put before the public all the information it would be likely to need, he has consulted those best qualified to contribute to the general stock of knowledge, the result being a treatise, which, if not complete in all essentials,—for the difficulty of gathering accurate information was great, and Mr. Burdett fears that some of these details may have been omitted,—is, nevertheless, clear and precise in its details, and trustworthy in all matters, both of theory and practice, so far as it has been possible to lay down the one or examine the other. We cannot, indeed, speak too highly of the general plan of the work, of the manner in which the subject has been treated, or of the matter which has been collected together for the purpose of illustrating it in detail. But our readers, no doubt, will be better able to form an idea of Mr. Burdett's work, if we note, briefly, the main points of each chapter.

Chapter I. treats of Cottage Hospitals generally, of their establishment and the causes of their success or failure, the financial aspect of the question, expenditure, both *per se* and as compared with the expenditure in General Hospitals, and the different sources of income from which the authorities of a Cottage Hospital must look, in order to meet the necessary outlay. Thus, we are told, there are only five counties in England in which there is not at least one of these institutions, the five being Cumberland, Hants, Leicester, Monmouth, and Rutland, and Mr. Burdett attributes this absence, in the case of the two smaller counties, to the indifference of the inhabitants to the benefits of General Hospitals, so that it would be unreasonable to suppose they should take a livelier interest in the humbler Cottage Hospital. In the case of Cumberland and Leicestershire he attributes the want of Cottage Hospital accommodation to the overshadowing influence of the County Infirmary. On the other hand, this class of hospital is spreading rapidly, and bids fair, in time, to bring Cottage Hospital accommodation up to the required standard, of one bed for every 1000 inhabitants, in rural districts. As to the number of these institutions, it seems there are probably some 200 of them in the United Kingdom, but "our utmost endeavours have only brought to light a little more than 160," and this number is still further reduced by excluding those which have outgrown the limits originally contemplated by the scheme of Mr. Napper,—the author of the first work on the subject, and the founder of the first hospital,—as well as those which, for various reasons, have been discontinued as failures. This latter class comprises only ten cases, the reasons being given where obtainable. Thus, in the case of East Radham, it was closed, not from any want of funds, but because the poor imagined the medical officer, whose services were gratuitous, derived some unknown benefit from it. At Southam, there were not patients enough to warrant its maintenance, and it is believed to have been since converted into a convalescent hospital. The cause of failure at East Grinstead is more lamentable, and deserves to be recorded in the words of the medical officer himself, who states his reasons for closing the hospital [illegible] to have been as follow:—

"In this district there are many very wealthy resident and landed proprietors, but scarcely any volunteered to help me. I got what money I required for furnishing it by writing direct appeals to individuals, and afterwards to meet the current expenditure, and I may say I could have done so up to the present year, but, after a time, I became weary of making these appeals to people who seemed to consider that, by contributing to the support of the hospital, they were conferring a favour upon me. This was especially irksome, as I was not only giving my daily professional services, but was also the greatest pecuniary contributor. In addition to this, there were frequent attempts on the part of wealthy people to get their servants or dependents into the hospital, so as to avoid paying for their support. At length, after having experienced for some time the meanness of the rich, and too often the ingratitude of the poor, I closed the hospital, and by the sale of the furniture, raised a sufficient sum to pay off the outstanding debts, without any further appeal to the charitable feelings of my wealthy neighbours. I allowed the furniture and fittings to remain in my cottage for a period of several months, after I closed it for a hospital, and then, as no one seemed willing to do anything to resuscitate it, I sent for an auctioneer. Some time after, a few persons, who had occasionally contributed to the hospital, met together and passed a vote of censure on me—the founder and chief supporter of the hospital—for having closed it without their consent."

The medical officer—a Dr. Rogers—laid himself open to censure. Contributors expect to have a voice in the management of the institution they help, no matter in how small a degree, to support. It was an error of judgment on his part to act as he did; at the same time, while enduring the censure passed upon him with indifference, we would rather not have been in the same boat with the mean, though wealthy proprietors, who allowed Dr. Rogers to bear the heat and burden of the day.

As to the progress of the Cottage Hospital movement, started in 1855, by Mr. Napper, at Cranleigh, in Kent, only seventeen appear to have been opened in the decennial period to 1865. In 1866, thirteen were opened, and the interest "went on increasing until 1870, when it reached its climax, and twenty-two new hospitals were started." The average annual number open during the ten years 1866-75, both inclusive, is from thirteen to fourteen, the actual number established being, Mr. Burdett believes, 135. The number fluctuated from year to year, and whereas twenty-two were started in 1870, only five date from 1874, and six from 1875, so that Mr. Burdett thinks the publication of this work may serve to revive the interest in these hospitals, just as the publication of other works by different authors may probably account for the increase from two in 1865 to thirteen the year following, and the action of Dr. Swete in 1869 may have had something to do with the marvellous increase in 1870. As to the expenditure, taking it on an average of 100 hospitals, with an average number of eight beds, and in thirty-four of which the average number occupied was six, it amounts to £340 10s, which gives a cost per bed of £42 10s on the whole number, or of £57 per bed occupied. Comparing this with the average cost per bed in the London Hospital (£54 in 1875, or £59 per bed occupied), or at the Charing Cross, where it was £68 and £91 respectively, or at the Middlesex, where it was £59 and £72 respectively, it is evident that, as regards economy, the Cottage Hospital has much in its favour. As to the income, the average of these hospitals is £350, or about £10 per annum in excess of expenditure. The sources of income are five—annual subscriptions, donations, Hospital Sunday, patients' payments, and interest on funded property, and the proportion per cent. of each source of income, in the order as given, is 48, 18, 16, 13, and 5. This Mr. Burdett, speaking with his knowledge of hospital management, considers an excellent result.

Chapter II. deals with the Medical Department, the staff, the advantages these hospitals offer to the medical profession, rules, mortality, statistical tables of diseases, dietaries, &c., &c. Chapter III. goes very elaborately into the important question of construction and sanitary arrangements, while in Chapter IV. the nursing arrangements, domestic supervision, and general management are referred to in detail. Chapter V. should be read in connection with Chapter III., as it contains, in minute detail, particulars of certain Cottage Hospitals, with plans of buildings, &c., &c., while Chapter VI. is a kind of companion to Chapter IV., as in it are noted "Peculiarities and Special Features in the Working of Cottage Hospitals." The last two chapters are devoted, the one to the interior fittings and appliances, and the other to the advisability or otherwise of treating midwifery cases in a Cottage Hospital. The Appendix contains a paper specially written, on the subject of Hospitalism in connection with these Hospitals, and an index completes the volume. We have thus glanced through the whole contents. We have dwelt at length on the opening chapter, because it touched on matters which all our readers could understand. We have contented ourselves with a brief sketch of the rest of the volume, because only a few among us are competent to pass an opinion on the bulk of the questions dealt with. But though we abstain from offering remarks on the managerial and medical portions of the work, what we have read convinces us of the utility of establishing such institutions, wherever there is a lack of hospital accommodation. Statistics of the character which Mr. Burdett has collected speak for themselves, while his experience and the evident ability he has displayed in his treatment and arrangement of the work are a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. We may even go so far as to say that, considering it is a book which must chiefly interest medical practitioners and the managers of hospitals, it is even interesting to the general reader in many parts. At all events Mr. Burdett has done well what he undertook, and we thank him for enabling us to glance at the results of his labours.

Fortitude Lodge of Instruction.—At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Thursday, the 28th day of June 1877, it was unanimously resolved that, in appreciation of his extraordinary services on behalf of the great Masonic Charities,

The W. Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE P.M. 185, &c.

be elected the first Honorary Member, as *the Prince of Masonic Stewards.*

Signed WM. JAS. HUGHAN P.S.G.D. *Preceptor,*
WM. MIDDLETON P. Prov. S.G.D. *Secretary,*
J. C. FURNESS *Assist. Secretary.*

New Concord Lodge.—The Summer Banquet will take place on Thursday, the 26th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of Bro. T. J. Cusworth W.M., when ladies and non-masons will be present. In addition to the attractions of the Palace, a banquet will be provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The staff of Stewards comprises Bros. E. B. Harper S.W., W. Stead J.W., J. Emmens P.G.P. P.M., John Bertram P.M., J. T. Wilson P.M., H. J. Gabb P.M., T. Barton P.M., J. R. Gallant I.P.M., G. Sinclair jun., S. George S.D., W. Gabb jun. J.D., J. Taylor I.G., J. Thomas D.C., F. Dunn S., and W. H. Main P.M. Hon. Sec. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. J. W. Walesby Org.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 16th JULY.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
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.)
1626—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.
349—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
902—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 17th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-treet, E.C. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
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.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
349—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.0.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
1424—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.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1363—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 6.30.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
635—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
669—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 20th JULY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
807—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, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1290—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, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 21st JULY.

Audit Committee. Boys' School

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffie

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
600—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. 331—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hudder
R. A. 337—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

306—Prince George, Station House, 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-stre
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitut
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCO'

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings i All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
TUESDAY—437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow
WEDNESDAY—Consecration of Chap. 177, St. Mark's Hall, Buchs
" R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettlest
" K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 167—Free Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Biggar.
FRIDAY—12—Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 81—St. Mary Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 331—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 471—St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 553—St. Vincent, 221 Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 7.
" 305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Bellshill,
" 513—Thorntree, School-room, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Tuesday 10th July. Prese Rudderforth W.M., Maidwell S.W., Harris J.W., West S.D., I.G., Hollands, Souton, Campbell, Aarons. The Lodge wa in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Souton answered the questions leading to th degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in th degree, and Bro. Souton passed. The Lodge was closed in th degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were w Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Campbell, of t Lodge, No. 413, was elected a member. Bro. Maidwell was W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Maidwell responded, urgin tuality on the part of the brethren, who he trusted would rall him. It was mentioned by the Secretary that he had recei receipt for the 15 guineas sent from this Lodge of Instructio Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—Met at 25 Rol street, on Tuesday, 10th July, Comp. T. M. Campbell presiding John Terris, James Mitchell, and W. J. Pinkerton, all of Union 334, were duly admitted, and received the degrees of Excelle super-Excellent Master, after which the Chapter was opened Comps. T. M. Campbell Z., J. B. McNair H., and J. O. Park P.Z. J., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting at First Sojourner, J. Melnnes S Sojourner, and J. M. Gard Third Sojourner, when the same thre tlemen were exalted in the careful manner that distinguish Comp. Campbell's work. Thanks were voted to Comp. Park f assistance, and the Z. announced his intention to deliver three lec on the Arch degree, which announcement was hailed by the C present with great satisfaction.

Royal Arch Chapter, No, 87.—Met in their Hall, 12 gate, Glasgow, on Wednesday, Comp. George Muir Z. presi well assisted by his officers. There were four candidates for exalta which ceremony was very ably performed by Comps. Muir Trayner.

Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.—This Lodge will this have a Summer Banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Br S. Ward, when ladies and non-masons will be present, at Ros ville Hotel, Gravesend, on Thursday, July 19th. The Stew appointed are Bros. G. Hooklay P.M.

Unity Lodge, No. 132.—The centenary meeting was held at ...gwood, on Tuesday, 26th June. An interesting feature of the ...'s proceedings was the reading of a history of the Lodge, com... ...d from the minute-books, by the W.M. Bro. H. G. Dyer. He said ... in 1764, the Lodge was held at Lymington, and up till 27th ...ember 1777, when it was removed to Ringwood. In 1798, a Bro. ...es Neare was initiated, and passed and raised on the same night ... week afterwards. In 1800 the Lodge does not seem to have ... in very affluent circumstances, for it was resolved that they ...d not afford more than one shilling to any travelling brother in ...ess. The Masonic School is first mentioned in 1806, to which ...itution the Lodge subscribed £1 1s, and every newly joining ...ber 5s. In 1814, three brethren were initiated, passed and raised ...e same night; on 22nd December, in the same year, there was ...ated a Brother at the age of 25 (Bro. Call,) who has but just ...ed away from us, in his 88th year. On 27th April 1820, was ...ted the greatest Masonic light he supposed Ringwood had ... seen—Bro. William Jones. In 1824, a circumstance ...ened which never has occurred in this Lodge since, ...he hoped never would—a candidate balloted for and rejected ... times. On 11th June 1838, the Lodge was opened at ...ner's house at Harbridge—a hamlet four miles from here—for the ...se of assisting at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone ... church there, a church with which Ringwood makes the living ...gwood and Harbridge. On the 26th June 1839, Grand Lodge ...eld at Ringwood for the first time, under the presidency of ...y Prov. Grand Master Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis. The foun... ...n stone of the Ringwood Almshouses was laid with great form and ...nic ceremony on 16th May 1843 by Bro. Jones, the W.M., in the ...nce of a great number of people. Provincial Grand Lodge was ... held here on 26th September 1848; the R.W.Prov. ... Master, Sir Lucius Curtis, again was present, and on ...ccasion laid the foundation stone of our National Schools. ...850 the foundation stone of our Infant School was ...by Brother Jones P.P.S.G.W., with Masonic ceremony, ...ensation having been obtained for the brethren to appear in ...g. On 16th June 1853, Lodge Unity and Bro. Jones per... ...d alike their last public ceremony—that of laying the founda... ...one at the restoration of our Parish Church. For some years ...dge was virtually in abeyance, but revived in 1870, through ...ertions of Bros. Major-General Michell and Broancker. The ...sections were worked for the first time in 1871, since which ... it has been prosperous in every way—in numbers, work, and ... At the close of the Lodge business the brethren sat down to ...net in the Corn Exchange, provided by Bro. E. Low P.M. 132. ...air was taken by the W.M., Bro. H. G. Dyer, who was sup... ... by Bro. Hickman D.P.G.M., Bro. Abraham (Mayor of ...mpton) P.G.S.W., Bro. M. E. Frost P.G.T., and several other ...cial Officers, the Past Masters of the Lodge, and the Wardens. ...om was very nicely decorated for the occasion, and on the ... of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. ... *mouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

John's Lodge, No. 167.—This Lodge held its regular ... on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Holly Bush Tavern, ...ead. Present—Bros. John Eldridge W.M., J. T. Rowe S.W., ...ans J.W., J. R. Thomson Secretary, H. Cornick Treasurer, ...uller S.D., William Keil J.D., F. Adlard D.C., G. Davies I.G., ...dman Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. T. M. Jackson, T. A. Adams, Geo. ...d and E. Barge. Visitors—Bros. Frederick Keeble 1426, ...on P.M., S. Beattie 1507, E. M. Haigh 29, P.G. Steward, S.W. ... W. Morgan jun. 1385. The business of the evening, which ...ed the raising of Bro. C. M. Robinson, the passing of Bro. F. ...nd the initiation of Mr. Gustave Charpentier, was carried out ...nner which reflected great credit on the W.M., who worked ...e of the three ceremonies in good style. Bro. J. J. Gawith, ...etland Lodge, No. 511, was balloted for as a joining member, ... elected. The work having been completed, the Lodge was ... closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was ...l served. We would mention that, should any of our London ... be thinking of changing their quarters, they should, ...eciding, pay a visit to Hampstead, where they will find ...nice Lodge and dining-rooms, and we feel sure would ...fied with the catering of the host, Mr. H. Baker. ...quet having been disposed of, the W.M. rose and pro... ...e toast of the Queen and the Craft. As there were other ...hat evening to engage their attention, he would not trouble ...n a long speech, but merely call upon them to drink the ...n enthusiasm. This was followed by the toasts of H.R.H. the ... Wales M.W.G.M.; the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and all Past ...nt Grand Officers. With the latter, he had the pleasure of ...the name of Bro. P.M. T. Adams, who in reply thanked the ... on behalf of the Grand Officers, for the very kind ...n which they had received the toast, he wished some others ...present to witness the working of the Lodge. It must be ...ifying to the Master to know that he was well supported ...cers, all of whom had carried out their duties with satisfac... ...ad been a member of the Lodge for a quarter of a century, and ...w it in a more prosperous condition than at the present ... was always ready to be of assistance to the St. John's ...Bro. T. M. Jackson, the I.P.M., being now entrusted with ... proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, they all ...n as the right man in the right place; the longer you know ...more you will like him. The toast having been honoured, ...hanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they ...ded; he wished to give every satisfaction, and hoped to do ... to their wishes. He then proposed the toast of the ... was sure it was a great pleasure to add to the strength ...John's Lodge, which still carries the good name it has ... much pleased with the proceedings of the evening, and much obliged to the brethren for the way in which they had received him. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, it was very gratifying to the members to have visitors among them, and he was pleased to say they were seldom without. On the present occasion they had more than usual, he gave them a hearty welcome, and concluded by calling on the brethren to drink their health. Bro. Paxon replied, he said he considered himself quite at home in the St. John's Lodge, of which he had long been a Past Master; it was now upwards of half a century since he had become a member of the Lodge. He was extremely pleased to be present that evening, as he had witnessed the re-appearance of an old Lodge Tracing board (which we may remark is a very fine painting, and in splendid preservation), this he believed had not been seen for close on 25 years; it had lately been found, and he hoped would now be constantly used. The next duty the W.M. had to perform was, he said, a most pleasing one, being the presentation to the I.P.M. of a richly deserved Past Master's jewel. Bro. Jackson had worked in all the offices, and he presented the jewel with the greatest pleasure; he hoped their I.P.M. might live to be among them for many years, and have good health. Bro. Jackson returned his sincere thanks for the honour conferred on him; he prized it the more, feeling that what he had done for the Lodge was not done as he ought to have done it, although he could assure them if he had not shown ability, he had always entered on the work with all his heart. He could not devote much time to Masonry, but what he had attempted he had done to the best of his ability, and he considered he had worked a wonder if he had merited their satisfaction. He had seen the duties performed much better than he had ever been able to do, and felt sure that as he had not pleased himself he could not have pleased the Lodge. The presentation was an honour he had never expected to obtain, nor, when he entered their Lodge, had he the slightest idea of ever becoming one of its Past Masters. He should prize the jewel they had presented to him so long as he lived, not merely for its intrinsic value, but more for the pleasant memories it would ever bring. The W.M. said he had now a most awkward, though pleasing duty to perform, which was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, a testimonial to their worthy Bro. F. Adlard, who had for so many years served the office of Director of Ceremonies. In that position all had received from his hands great kindness; he had always studied to make them happy and comfortable. The comfort of their visitors had ever been specially looked after by Bro. Adlard. He was sure all would join with him in heartily drinking his health, and wishing him prosperity. The testimonial took the form of a silver sugar basin and cream jug,* and a life-like medallion portrait, executed by Lawrence Hale, from a photo by Bro. Haigh. Bro. Adlard rose to return thanks for the testimonial. He considered it no easy task to acknowledge the very kind way in which the W.M. had made the presentation. He had occupied the position of D. of C. for the past twenty years, and during that time it had ever been his greatest study to assist the W.M. He had always found a place for the visitors, many of whom liked to sit with their friends, but in every instance he hoped he had satisfied them all. He had now had some little experience of the office—he having occupied the post for 17 years in Lodge No. 7; he was also assistant Director of Ceremonies for the province of Essex, and he felt the greatest satisfaction in knowing that these services were appreciated. He had been connected with Masonry 45 years, and therefore could not hope to be with them as long again. The present was, he was pleased to say the fourth—and a most imposing testimonial—it had been his good fortune to have presented to him. He thanked the W.M. most sincerely for what he had done in connection with the testimonial; also Bros. Cornick and Pritchard, for what they had done in the matter. During his long connection with the Lodge he had experienced nothing but the warmest affection. Bro. Pritchard now rose and stated that there was one thing the W.M. had forgotten; this was the cause that had induced the members to make the presentation. This he was pleased to say was Bro. Adlard's self-denial; he had been content to see all kinds of people pass him to the chair, and if anything was said in reference to it, he always stated that he had a seat at Grand Lodge, and did not want more. He would have been in the chair of the St. John's Lodge many years since, had it not been that he always allowed some Bro. to step over him. If he received the present with half the pleasure they experienced in giving it, they would be satisfied. In proposing the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer, the W.M. stated that no Lodge could boast of better officers than the St. John's, he considered it the duty of the members to drink their health, and thank them for the way in which they conducted the business of the Lodge. The Treasurer stated he was only too pleased to be able to say a few words. He was in a position to give them the usual report, as to the flourishing condition of the Lodge, and considered it ever his duty to study its interests. He was pleased to be able to refer to the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; such funds, although not usual in Lodges, were being more generally formed; theirs, he was glad to say, amounted to something like £150, all of which had been subscribed, by the members. It was a source of great delight; more especially when we find a brother down in the world; then it is good to be in a position to hold out a helping hand. He was one of the founders of the fund, and considered it a great credit to Lodges to have such a fund; he hoped that many others would at once start them. The Secretary felt bound to thank the members most cordially for their general good feeling. He was pleased to see that the testimonial to Bro. Adlard, which had been spoken of for 4 or 5 years, had at last been presented. He was glad to welcome their late Master, Bro. Jackson, among them as a Past Master. The toast of the Past

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* The inscriptions on the sugar basin and cream jug were as under:—

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Masters was next given. The W.M. said the Lodge had much to thank its P.M.'s for. They had one and all added to the foundation of the Lodge, so successfully laid more than a century since. He considered they could not do less, considering what they had done, than drink their very good health. Bro. Pritchard replied. It being 14 or 15 years since he passed the chair, he considered himself one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge, and, on behalf of himself and them, returned his sincere thanks for the kind reception they always met with. The toast of the Officers was next given. The W.M. said they could boast of a very good set, which fact augured well for the future of the Lodge. The Wardens severally acknowledged the toast, after which the gavel was entrusted to the Tyler, who gave the finishing touch to a very agreeable evening.

St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622.—At the usual monthly meeting on Monday, 2nd July, the R.W.P.G. Master of Dorset, Bro. Montague J. Guest, paid his first visit in that capacity, and the brethren of his Mother Lodge took advantage of the occasion to present to him the following address:—

To Montague John Guest, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Dorset.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Lodge St. Cuthberga, No. 622, desire to offer you our sincere and fraternal congratulations on your appointment as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Dorset. We feel a peculiar gratification that your installation into the high office conferred upon you by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, should have taken place on the holy ground of your Mother Lodge. The lustre of the high position you now hold in the Province sheds a reflected light upon the Lodge in which you were initiated, passed, and raised, and over which you presided as Worshipful Master with a care, zeal, and capacity which fully justified the confidence of the brethren in presenting you with the gavel of the Master's chair. We recognise in your past connection with our Lodge a sure guarantee that you will support with honour and dignity the more extended Masonic rule with which you have been entrusted. While, however, acknowledging the fraternal ties which have united you with us in Masonic brotherhood within the Lodge, it is pleasing to us to call to mind how the energetic efforts you have made, as a liberal supporter of Masonic charities, prove that the head of our Province has not been unmindful of the ruling characteristics of a Mason's heart—benevolence and charity. The manner in which you upheld the name of your family and the credit of the Craft by the magnificent reception accorded to the brethren of the Province at your installation, will ever remain fixed in their grateful memories, and calls for special expression of our heartfelt recognition. We beg you, therefore, to accept our congratulations and hearty good wishes, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may prosper you in your work, endue you with wisdom, to comprehend, strength to define, and ability to carry out the genuine tenets of our Order, and that the bond of mutual esteem and fraternal union which we are proud to think has hitherto existed between yourself and Lodge St. Cuthberga, may to the end continue firm and unimpaired. Wimborne, 2nd July A. L. 5877; A.D. 1877."

This was proposed by W. Bro. E. T. Budden, seconded by W. Bro. H. C. Burt, and carried unanimously.

The presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. Hammond, with a few very appropriate remarks, and was cordially and feelingly acknowledged by the Prov. Grand Master, whom it had evidently taken by surprise. There were about 30 of the brethren of the Lodge present, besides a few visitors from the neighbourhood, and two raisings and one initiation also having to be performed, the evening was a busy one, and very pleasantly occupied. The Prov. Grand Master complimented the W. Master on the working of himself and the Lodge Officers and the evident good feeling and earnestness of the members in aiding the efficiency and prosperity of the Lodge.—*Salisbury and Winchester Journal.*

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—During the last month, many of our Lodges of Instruction have adjourned their meetings for the summer season, others again have expressed their intention to hold their gatherings as usual, despite the counter attractions offered by the splendid weather we are now enjoying, and the not to be questioned luxury of having a stroll in the cool of the evening. We are especially fond of walking, albeit not at present quite up to our old form, and we are not unmindful that the *locale* of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction is especially favoured, if we desire to exercise our muscular or pedestrian powers. What more pleasant than a pull over the waters of the river Lea, or to take a stroll through the Marshes, or a peep at the beautiful shrubs and flowers in Victoria Park? Either of these pleasures can be experienced by any brother who can spare an hour or two before the time fixed for commencement of business at this popular Lodge of Instruction. On Tuesday last there were present, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Worsley S.W. and Secretary, Weige J.W., Allen S.D., Lorkin J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; Bros. Lovelock, Dallas, Christian, Brown, Morgan, Lee, Preston, Locking, &c. The Lodge opened at 7.30 with solemn prayer, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Christian having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was advanced to the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Allen worked the 1st section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down to the 1st. Bro. Worsley worked the 3rd, and Bro. Allen the 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Elias Legg and George W. Preston, of Finsbury Lodge 861, were unanimously elected members.

Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107.—This Lod dispensation of the R.W.P.G.M. Viscount Holmesdale, day, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Erith, in lieu meeting, which should have been held on the day of meeting. Bro. J. J. Michael W.M. in the chair, T. Legg J.W., J. Storey P.M. Treas., Henderson P.M. Se Kent, F. Searle J.D., Simmonds I.G., and P.M.'s B I.P.M., P.A.G.D.C., T. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C., Dr. Sp Kent; Bros. Poole, Cleverley, H. Pusey, W. Mean Phillips, Williams, G. Tedder, &c. The Lodge was op minutes were confirmed; letters of apology were read fr Lord Holmesdale, the P.G.M., and many others. A boa Masters was formed and Bro. Pusey S.W. and W.M. e sented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair b W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael perfectly and impressiv re-admission of the brethren, the customary sal given, and the W.M. invested his officers:—J. J. M E. Legg S.W., Meanwell J.W., J. Storey P.M. P.P. Treas., Henderson P.M. Sec., Simmonds S.D., Cleverley I.G., Barnett Tyler. Bro. Reuter I.P.M. then propos Knight seconded, that a vote of thanks, to be reoc minutes, be given to Bro. J. J. Michael for the able man he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. was unanimously appointed representative at the Chari he was also elected to present the testimonial to the R P.G.C. of Kent; a sum of five guineas being voted to that also carried that the future meetings of the Lodge be months of February, May, June, July, September, and The W.M. had now a pleasing duty to perform—that wa to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael, a testimonial we The brethren had seen how perfectly he had conducted the chair. He had also ably installed him (the W.M.) int and in placing the jewel on his breast he was sure that h the sentiments of every one present, that he might live lon The jewel, of solid gold, and artistic design, embellishe arms of the Marquis of Cornwallis, it is set with precious bears a suitable inscription on the obverse. Bro. Michae memory of this day would never be effaced from his memo the presentation of the valuable jewel, but the kind would be regarded by him as one of his most pleasing re He hoped he had given them satisfaction, this had alwa aim from the moment he entered the Lodge. The Lodg closed, and the brethren, sixty in number, adjourned to Bull Hotel, Dartford, where a very sumptuous banquet a was provided by Bro. Bray, that gave great satisfaction. was tastefully decorated with flowers. Grace having bee W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; health of the Prov. G.M., the R.W. Viscount Holmesdale. T the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers given; he coupled with it the name of Bro. Dr. Sperre Kent, who returned thanks. Bro. J. J. Michael I.P.M. the had to propose the toast of the W.M. He was pleased to sa position of W.M. of their Lodge was one of which any one migh He was sure they would unite with him in wishing their life. The W.M. thanked Bro. Michael for his kind remarks. occupied the chair, he hoped to do so to the satisfaction of Masters and the brethren, and when he vacated it, he ho would say he had acquitted himself equal to his predecessa W.M. proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Mic had, during his year of office, done the duties of the chair satisfaction, and on leaving that chair had performed the of installation. That in itself was sufficient to ask them to d to the toast. (Cheers.) Bro. Michael, in reply, gave an speech. He spoke of his interest in the prosperity of the the Charities, and Freemasonry in general. He had atta height of his ambition when he received the jewel presente Mother Lodge; he would wear it with pride and The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. P.M. responded. He was the first Master of the Lodge, and i years and one month that day since he was installed. He wa to see how the Lodge had flourished. Bro. Michael was one they were proud. He, as well as every P.M., would render th and the Lodge every assistance. The W.M. then gave the the Visitors, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded. T of the Officers followed. Many of them had held offices i Lodges, there was, therefore, no necessity to enumerate their q Bro. Storey P.M. and Treasurer replied. During the evenin was some capital singing, by Bros. Milward and Royal. The toast was given, and the brethren separated.

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)F PROPOSING CANDIDATES.

CT constitutional Masons are oftentimes perturbed the spirit by the laxity with which many of our observed. The letter of the law may be broken but seldom, but undoubtedly the spirit is frequently aught. Early this year an appeal was made to Lodge as to the powers and privileges of a Master, Grand Registrar, in his ruling as to the merits of took occasion to exhort the brethren not to insist strictly literal interpretation of the law, but rather n accordance with its spirit. In the case we are argue, we fear both the letter and the spirit of the tions are violated, and this not occasionally, but ly; not wilfully perhaps, yet deliberately, either careless interpretation or ignorance of what the tion provides.

aw as to proposing candidates for initiation into onry is so clearly stated that, to use a familiar e who runs may read. It is thus worded: "No hall be made a mason without a regular proposi- one lodge, and a ballot at the next regular lodge; all not take place unless his name, addition or pro- nd place of abode, shall have been sent to all the in the summons." Equally clear is the provision one exceptional class of cases. We read, in the h immediately following the one we have just "In cases of emergency, the following alteration d. Any two members of a lodge may transmit in o the master the name, &c., of any candidate they to propose, and the circumstances which cause gency: and the master, if it be proper, shall notify to every member of his lodge; either in the for the next regular meeting, or in a summons lge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less n days from the issuing of the summons for the f balloting for the candidate; and if the candidate pproved, he may be initiated into the first degree. er shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause osition, and emergency, to be recorded in the ook of the lodge." Clearly the object of the these laws is to secure that unworthy candidates be "rushed" into Freemasonry. For this reason down that every one desirous of being made a all be duly proposed and seconded at one regular f the lodge and balloted for at the next regular By this arrangement a full month is allowed for r inquiries to be made into a candidate's fitness or and this preliminary requirement having been he candidate may then be balloted for and, if initiated into the first degree. The object of the is to meet emergent cases. It rests entirely with r to determine the merits of the emergency as sub- him, but assuming that he accepts the reason or ll he has to do is to notify the same to every f his lodge, either in the summons for the next re- ting or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, s at least elapsing between the issue of the sum- the meeting of the lodge, in order to allow of ary inquiries being made. The candidate is then r, and, if approved, initiated into the first degree; us to the ballot, the master must cause the pro- id the emergency to be entered in the minute

"whether, in the event of a complaint to the Board of General Purposes, that body would not discountenance the innovation by a censure on the Master, who ought not to allow any such measure, except under the pressure of necessity." But passing from what is mere matter of opinion or conjecture to matters of fact. We ask our readers whether it is not within their knowledge, that, setting aside the exception as by law provided, the law as to the proposition and election or rejection of candidates is not continually violated? We feel sure they will endorse our statement that cases are constantly happening in which a candidate is proposed and balloted for at one and the same general meeting, the only notice being that which is contained in the summons issued seven days previously. Our readers must be well aware that our invitations, which, in the majority of cases, take the form of an ordinary Lodge summons, to be present at the meetings of different Lodges, are very numerous—indeed, we oftentimes find it impossible to accept the courtesies extended to us. We are, therefore, not speaking without chapter and verse when we say that the law as to the proposal of and ballot for candidates at pp. 83-84 of the Constitutions is openly and continually broken—not, we feel convinced, from any *malice prepense*, any sense of indiscipline in the Lodges thus acting, or any wanton disregard of the ordinances of our Society; but from a lax administration of the law, a sense of carelessness, perhaps, as to the duty of being particular, or, perchance, from a feeling of necessity against the admission of unworthy members. We were present, some weeks since, at a chance gathering of members of different Lodges, when this law and the laxity with which it is administered was discussed at some length. It was distinctly stated that it was the regular practice in many Lodges for the names of candidates for initiation to be first made known to members in the usual summons to attend at the next meeting. They were then formally proposed and balloted for, and, if approved, initiated. One or two who were present even went the length of defending the practice, though they were forced to admit that the law as laid down was violated by its adoption. A question was asked, in the course of the argument, as to why a candidate should be kept waiting a whole month? or, as it might happen, for close on two months or even longer? It was admitted, of course, that in exceptional instances there might be a certain amount of hardship, but unless a real case of emergency can be made out, this hardship is unavoidable. The law is clear and emphatic on the point—"no person *shall* be made a Mason without a regular proposition at one Lodge, and a ballot at the *next regular* Lodge"—and any other mode of proposing and balloting for a candidate must be in direct violation, both of the letter and spirit of the law. Now that Freemasonry is so popular with all classes of the community, it is more than ever necessary that our Constitutions should be observed. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes reported that a brother had been raised at an interval of twenty-five days from the date of his having been passed, and that the Lodge in which this occurred had been fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future. The report was adopted. Now, in this instance, the letter of the law had been violated, for we read at p. 86, §7, "Nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous

progress in Freemasonry as will justify the Lodge in conferring upon him a higher degree, and no one will be so mad as to affirm that a brother could not make that further progress in the science as well in twenty-five as in twenty-eight days. If, however, the Board of General Purposes, in order to vindicate the majesty of the law, considered it incumbent on them to impose a penalty and administer an admonition, for so trivial an error as raising a brother after a twenty-five instead of a twenty-eight days' interval, *à fortiori* and in strict justice, ought a commensurate penalty and admonition to follow in cases where a candidate is proposed, balloted for, and initiated at one meeting, when the members have had only seven days' notice of his candidature. Of course, the Board of General Purposes cannot be expected to deal with any question until it is formally brought under their notice, nor have we any desire that a Lodge in which the practice we have stated has prevailed, or does prevail, should be fined and admonished. We firmly believe the Masters who allow this practice to prevail do so conscientiously, and in accordance with what they find to be the custom, and believe to be the law as prescribed. But when there is a flagrant inconsistency between the law as prescribed and the law as administered, it is time, we think, that some steps should be taken either to vindicate or modify our Constitutions. It may be said that seven days are as sufficient for all purposes of inquiry as twenty-eight, or for the matter of that, as seventy. This may or may not be so, if the inquiries can be made. But the law requires a reasonable interval to elapse between the proposition and the ballot, and a seven days' notice is unreasonably short. Some members may be absent from home when their notices arrive, or their engagements may prevent them attending the duties of the Lodge; and among those who are thus circumstanced may be some who have good grounds for opposing the candidature. There is, then, in Lodges where so short an interval is allowed, no slight danger of objectionable candidates being, as we have said, "rushed" into Freemasonry, and it is certainly our duty to prevent, this if possible. We close our remarks for the present, but we should like to have the opinions of our readers on the subject.

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Blest be those feasts, with simple plenty crown'd,
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Or press the bashful stranger to his food,
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not publicly proclaim them. On the co
acting in the true spirit of Freemasonry w
consistent with justice, we make the most
and are silent as to his weaknesses. W
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will not mistake that for flattery which is,
more nor less than a just tribute of praise.

There are few brethren who enjoy a hig
for ability, energy, and zeal in the cause of
than the subject of our present sketch, few
enlighten and please in the social circle, f
business of life, have more faithfully, or
charged the trust reposed in them. It is
surprising that, as the years roll on, a man
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to follow, or that his employers should reposc
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and conscientiously in the various importan
has held. He has spared no pains or labo
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which characterises honourable men. This is
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But, while we are thus enabled to dispose of
avocations in a few sentences, how shall we fin
to convey to our readers an adequate idea
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in this or in that branch of Freemasonry, but
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Scotch Constitution, and was one of the warmest p
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one of those most deeply versed in all its mysteries,
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tion as possible. In the Order of the Temple in Scot
holds the rank of a Knight Commander. In the Mas
Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Re
of Constantine, he is an Intendant General of
unattached. He is a past Chief Adept of a Rosi
College, and has taken all the degrees in the Ancie
Accepted Rite, to the thirtieth. He is a Past Maste
Order of St. Lawrence, and in the Royal Order of S
is Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Lancash
Cheshire. In Scotland he has seven years fulfil
duties of Steward, is a Past G.S. Warden of

d Rite. He has likewise had conferred upon him the rary rank of a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge ecce. There is, indeed, hardly a Masonic Order, be re and ancient Craft Masonry, Royal Arch, Mark, or ther, with which he is not connected, and in which s not had conferred upon him one or more honours ten of his skill and ability. We all know it is far being a light matter to work the three degrees in Masonry, and to interpret them skilfully as well as ately. But here we have a brother who is proficient in igh all the degrees of Freemasonry, with what branch they may be connected. He can not only do with hatever is required of the Master of a Craft Lodge, n initiation, a passing, a raising, or an installation, n instal a Mark Master, or consecrate a Mark . He is ready at any moment to work, and at home in working, almost every other known ic ceremony, be it the consecration of a Pro- l College of the Rosicrucian Society and the instal- of the Chief Adept, the consecration of a new Council al and Select Masters, or the Installation of a Wor- l Master of the Order of St. Lawrence. By reason firmness, suavity, and knowledge of the Ritual, he is mirable President of a Lodge, Chapter, Conclave, il, or other body. He is, in short, one of those few rs of the Masonic Society to whom we may rightly te the very highest degree of culture. He is not a officer of marked ability, but he is likewise a learned ic jurisconsult, and one deeply versed in all the ies of symbolic Masonry. He is indebted for much knowledge he possesses to his great natural ability, e advantages of a sound classical training, but these alone. A singularly retentive memory, ower to grasp at once, and, as it were, by n, the inner and occult significance of an nt ceremony, and, superadded to these, the to follow closely and consistently even the most e argument—to these he is still more indebted than his early and admirable scholastic training. A few ince, he frequently took part in the discussion in lumns of the Masonic Journal of the day of the struse and subtle questions. We frequently, in over the pages of former Craft Journals, light me essay of his, or some minor contribution in the f a letter, written for the purpose of elucidating fficult point, and we readily admit there is nothing read of his which has not materially increased the ur knowledge. Thus he has earned for himself a putation, not only within the precincts of the ut also outside them, as an able expositor of our l mysteries,—so far as these latter may properly sed in the Masonic press.

s claims to the love and respect of our readers do not his foundation alone, magnificent as it undoubtedly s been, throughout his connection with our Society, ger student, and one of the most brilliant exponents stem; but this is far from representing the whole hievements. As a supporter of our Charitable ns, he has laboured hard and successfully in their He is more than a Life Governor of both the Boys' ' Schools, and has served the office of Steward for ier of them—but more frequently for the former— or six times. He is, likewise, at the present time l for the Festival next year of the Royal Masonic it Institution. That the heavy claims upon his time llowed him to act more frequently is most probable; s never lost the opportunity of actively supporting ing their cause is beyond all possibility of question. the other day, indeed, when, in the absence of the Grand Master, it became his duty to occupy the ie meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Pro- and Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, that on himself to make a most earnest appeal to ent to support our magnificent Institutions, and was not in vain. More recently still he has l excogitating some plan by which the benefits by our several Institutions might be supple- id extended, through the aid of other Masonic ns. It is, in fact, a duty, in the fulfilment of akes the utmost pride, to bring on the carpet at ble times the claims of these Charities to our sing support. The duty is always well and performed, and his appeal is seldom unattended nore promises, more or less satisfactory.

the trusty and capable minister of one of our firms of merchant princes, as well as fully, yet insufficiently, in his Masonic capacity. It remains for us to say a few words more, and our portrait is finished. Let us for once in the way depart from that excellent custom we have so steadfastly observed from the very beginning of these series of sketches. Let us present him to our readers such as we find him at the festive board, in quiet, homely converse, or at those informal weekly gatherings, when the hours pass all too quickly in abstruse definitions, in merry jests, or playful narratives. On these occasions is it we learn to appreciate him most fully.

> "A merrier man,
> Within the limit of becoming mirth,
> I never spent an hour's talk withal:
> His eye begets occasion for his wit;
> For every object that the one doth catch,
> The other turns to a mirth-moving jest:
> Which his fair tongue (conceit's expositor)
> Delivers in such apt and gracious words,
> That aged ears play truant at his tales,
> And younger hearings are quite ravished;
> So sweet and voluble is his discourse."

Where shall be found a more admirable chairman to preside at any board, but especially where there is, in greatest abundance, "the feast of reason and the flow of soul?" Where is there a more genial companion, a kindlier neighbour, a trustier or more unselfish counsellor, a truer or more faithful friend? We may travel the country through, for many a day's march, and not find one so diligent in fulfilling the stern duties of life, and yet so ready, like a very Counsellor Pleydell, to play high jinks, and enjoy himself, the while he is the cause of enjoyment in others; or one in whom the higher qualities of the mind are more conspicuous by their presence than are the faults and failings of the heart by their absence. Such a one as this has troops of friends, and each of them, we dare venture to affirm, will proclaim our brother, in the words of Shakspeare, as

> "The dearest friend to me, the kindest man,
> The best-condition'd and unweary'd spirit
> In doing courtesies."

And, saying this, we wish him God speed in all his undertakings.

SELF-SUPPORTING HOSPITALS FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.

IT is a mere truism to say that what interests the community at large must of necessity interest the Masonic and any other section of it. All classes of society are so mutually dependent the one on the other, that what affects any among them, be it prosperously or adversely, must affect all the others. Thus, if we take the medical, which is one of the noblest and most beneficent of the professions, we find they have no separate interests of their own to subserve. They do their duty according to their ability, and they prosper or are unprosperous according as the rest of the commonwealth is able or unable to remunerate their services justly. But when we find members of this particular profession devoting a considerable portion of their time and skill to benefit certain classes who can, but do not, compensate them for their trouble, it is high time, we consider, the matter should be brought prominently under the notice of the public. The truth is, the system of gratuitous medical and surgical aid is more grossly abused than ever, and notably by those who have no reasonable apology to offer for the abuse of which they are guilty. Working men, in the receipt of excellent wages, never for one moment hesitate, in a case of illness, to consult the house physician or surgeon of the nearest hospital. It never occurs to them, in return for the advice they receive, to offer anything in the shape of a money equivalent. When they and their families are hungry and thirsty, they betake themselves to the provision dealer and buy their meat and drink, that is, they part with some of their earnings in order to procure the wherewith to sustain life; but it never occurs to them it is equally their duty to pay for the means whereby they and their families may escape death. The medical practitioner's capital is his ability to cure disease, and this ability is only acquired after the expenditure of a

years to a severe and long course of study. This capital is like the algebraic symbol x, which stands for an unknown quantity, whereas the capital of a grocer or haberdasher is represented by a known quantity, that is, by the market value of the commodities in which he deals. It is, perhaps, for this reason that, whereas a working man would never expect to receive a loaf of bread or a pint of beer without payment, he does expect to receive gratuitously the benefit of a medical practitioner's skill. We are glad, however, to find that a determined stand against such monstrous injustice is about to be made. We have before us a scheme for establishing a "self-supporting Eye Hospital for the Working Classes," the main principle of which will be that all who seek relief from it shall contribute according to their means, so that the able medical staff who may give their services shall not go unremunerated. A leader in this admirable movement is one who is known to, and respected by, all our readers, a man of eminence in his profession, who for seven and twenty years has given his services to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and in the whole of that lengthened period has never received even so much as a vote of thanks, much less any emolument, for his services. The surgeon we allude to is none other than Bro. Jabez Hogg, and we sincerely hope he may find sufficient spirit among the public, and especially among the affluent working men, to ensure the success of his efforts. We cannot, for the life of us, understand why a medical man should give his services gratuitously to those who can afford to pay for them. We have it, on the authority of the Earl of Shaftesbury, that the wage-earning classes in this country make, in the aggregate, the sum of £400,000,000 per annum. Why, then, we ask, should these classes deliberately withhold payment of medical fees, especially when they are never at a loss for money to gratify their pleasure? There is not a physician or surgeon in the whole of the United Kingdom who is not willing to make any sacrifice in his power to relieve the deserving poor; but it is exacting too much of them when men who are able to pay look to receive the benefit of their services without payment. "The labourer," even though he be a medical man of ability and experience, "is worthy of his hire."

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE Annual meeting was held at the New Town Hall, Twickenham, on Friday the 13th July 1877.

The New Town Hall is a most handsome elegant and spacious building, and was kindly lent for the purpose by C. J. Freake Esq., who with great liberality placed the building at the service of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and must have put himself to much trouble and expense in completing the building for that day.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181, was opened, and the ceremony of advancement was duly rehearsed.

At three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The officers present were—The R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master Bro. F. Davison, E. Simpson Pakie P.G.M.O., Col. W. Wigginton P.G.S.O., Chas. Pulman P.G.J.O., C. Hammerton Treas., W. G. Brighton Sec., J. M. Klench Registrar, E. B. Bright Supt. Works, J. B. Shackleton D.C., H. Court Sword Bearer, W. Taylor Standard Bearer, R. P. Spice and R. Davies Stewards; while among the numerous brethren present were Lieut.-General J. O. Brownrigg P.G.W. and W.M. of the New Mark Lodge, the Studholme, No. 197, Sir Chas. T. Bright (7), Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Chaplain No. 7, Rev. Thos. Cochrane J.D. No. 7, E. Passawer M.O. (5), A. W. Hume J.W. (5), J. Kirke S.O. (13), Thos. J. Pulley J.W. (51) Prov. G.S.B. Hampshire, Alfred Clark W.M. (7), Geo. Yaxley W.M. (198), Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.W. and J. Tomlinson W.M., with officers and brethren of the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, in March last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary W. G. Brighton, whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the returns being now regularly made by each Lodge (with one exception only), the number of members being further increased, and three new Lodges having been consecrated in the Province within the past year, viz., the Studholme No. 197, the Croydon No. 198, and the Duke of Connaught No. 199.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then called off to Divine service at the parish church, where evening service was kindly conducted by the Vicar the Rev. — Limpus, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, who took for his text Ezekiel xliv. 5: "And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well." On returning Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed, and the warrant of re-appointment of the Provincial Grand Master was duly read, upon which the brethren saluted Bro. Col. Burdett in due form. The P.G.M.M., and the brethren accordingly saluted h form, after which the Prov. G.M.M. then appointe officers as follow:—Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright P Ritchie P.G.J.W., Revs. Ambrose W. Hall and T Chaplains, John Kirke P.G.M.O., J. Tomlinson Court P.G.J.O., W. Taylor P.G.S.D., R. P. Spic Tebb P.G. Supt. Works, J. B. Shackleton P.G.D son P.G.A.D.C., R. Davies P.G. Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Louis Beck P.G. Organist, H. A. Bros. H. Wing Charrington, A. W. Hume, Bern Clarke, and J. T. Gibson Prov. Grand Stewards, P.G. Tyler for the ensuing year. The accounts of t were then presented, received, and ordered to be pr Wigginton, after speaking in terms of high prais from Bro. Hall, now the P.G. Chaplain, proposed Thrupp seconded, that the sermon be printed, pu culat d, which proposition was carried unanimou appointment of auditors for the ensuing year, Pr Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned t large hall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic t honoured.

KEMEYS TYNTE PRECEPT

AN Emergency Meeting of this Preceptory was held 18th instant, at five p.m., at the Masonic H square W. The members present included V.E. Sir Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.E.P. P.P. Prior Sir Knight Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G. Great Sir Knight Captain N. G. Philips P. Prior of Suffolk E. Sir Knight Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson R.B.G. I Commander of Kent, Sir Knights J. Lewis Thomas stable, the Rev. P. M. Holden Marshal, Peter Laird Gibson, Captain C. F. Compton, S. Graham Bake, Ca Andrews, Captain Adolphus Nichols P.E.P., E. M. Kempster M.D., &c.; and as Visitors Sir Knights the W. Hall M.A., J. B. Purchas M.D. R.N., Major George J. Denison Macartney M.P., W. Hyde Pullen, Wilfred and the Rev. F. Kill Harford M.A. Sir Knight Colone sided, in the absence, from ill-health, of the Eminent Pre Charles Wilson Randolph, Grenadier Guards, and a regret at the cause of his absence was recorded. Let at inability to attend were read from V.E. Sir Knight Clerk F.R.S. P.P. Prior of Kent, and Sir Knights Tulloh C.B. R.A., Sir Thomas Dyer Bart., Hugh D. S Prior of Bengal, James Forrester P.E.P., Major J. R. Kenneth R. Murchison, Captain M. Studholme Bro Light Infantry, Captain Leeson, A. A. Czarocki, J. San E. R. Tymms E.P. of the Diamond of the Desert Pr Dr. R. J. Nunn, of Georgia, U.S. America; also from Co Right Hon. Lord Henniker and Sir T. Douglas Forsyth C who were prevented from being present to take the degr

A ballot was taken for the election of E. Sir Knt. Ri Giddy, P.E.P. of the Diamond of the Desert Preceptory, as member, and for Companions Lieut.-Colonel N. G. P. Bo Major the Hon. William Le Poer Trench R.E., Major R Maxwell, 80th regt., and James Walter Waldron, ca installation.

Companions Major Francis Ignatio Ricarde-Seaver, Capt Arthur Hicks, Major the Hon. W. Le Poer Trench, and M J. Maxwell were duly installed and proclaimed Knights o of the Temple.

Comp. John Aird C.E. was proposed as a candidate for b next meeting in November.

A resolution having been passed at the last meeting to testimonial to E. Sir Knt. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson recognition of his services to the Preceptory, as Treasur E.P. stated that the Audit Committee (Major-General C Colonel Randolph, and Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney) h on its form, and he then presented Captain Portlock Dad name of the Preceptory, with a very handsome drawing-room branches for lights, for which Captain Dadson returned th

A Priory of the Order of Malta was then opened, V.E. Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G. presiding as Prior, and be the degree on Sir Knts. Major Ricarde-Seaver, E. M. Lo H. Hodgkin, Thomas B. Purchas M.D. R.N., and Deputy S. Graham Bake.

The Annual Dinner took place afterwards, at the Café Regent-street, W., the immediate Past Preceptor, Colonel S Burney, presiding.

Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.—The in meeting of the above was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at th House Hotel, Southwark. The Lodge was opened and the were confirmed. Bro. Dr. J. Baxter Langley W.M. ope Lodge, and Bro. H. E. Levander P.M. perfectly and impr installed Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, who appointed his officers T. Horton S.W., W. Hammond J.W., H. A. Dubois P.M. F. Walters P.M. Sec., J. Johnson M.O., A. P. Loos S.O. Shackleton J.O., R. P. Tebb S.D., J. H. Dodson J.D., B. Mey W. Y. Laing Tyler. Bros. A. Masers 871, and E. Woelke 1 advanced. A P.M.'s jewel, of the value of five guineas, was p to the retiring W.M., Dr. J. Baxter Langley P.P.G.J.W. diesex and Surrey. The Lodge was then closed until 12th October. A very excellent banquet was provided by

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YAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Office: 6 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
18th July 1877.

R SIR AND BROTHER,—At the final meeting of the Board of rds for the Festival as above, held this afternoon, I had the ation to announce that the result of the kind efforts of 225 ds was the addition to our funds of £13,535 12s 6d. Two t received.

With grateful appreciation,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

AMPSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

-Your analysis of the recent subscription list is calculated to a wrong impression, which I have no doubt you will ly correct. Among the "eight" Lodges contributing from ire you include "one Southampton (394)." The Deputy al Grand Master being a member of the "Southampton" may have recorded himself as representing that Lodge, among other reasons, it at once identified the town with the But the mother Lodge in that town of the Worshipful of which he is a P.M. and a subscribing member (the Gloucester"), contributed 25 guineas to his list, its members ng about 80; the "Peace and Harmony," comprising nearly sbers, contributed also 25 guineas; and the Southampton, ut 50 members, 10 guineas. Thanking you by anticipation orrection,

I am, fraternally yours,

A SOUTHAMPTON MASON.

REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret that a press of engagements ented my replying earlier to the letter of "Q." in your issue ly. First, let me thank him for his able reply—perhaps the could be made under the circumstances. I still think that point turns on the interpretation of the word "consistent;" e why was that word inserted at all in the laws of Regalia? g to the argument of "Q.," the word "appertain" would sufficient and explicit. Neither do I think that "Q." can entitled to transpose the words of the law as he does thus. nstitutions say:—

wel, &c., shall be worn, &c., which shall not appertain to, sistent with, those degrees which are recognised, &c."

ays that this must be interpreted:—

ewel pertaining to, or consistent with any unrecognised ay legally be worn, &c."

it that the two readings are mightily different:

last part of his letter "Q." is amusing, but scarcely logical, clares, since according to his own showing the word " is used in a technical sense, as referring to sashes and st as "jewel" must be understood to mean a medal or

r, it is in the second of the laws regarding Regalia that the at issue is to be found, and in the meaning to be attributed d "consistent."

Yours fraternally,

R.S.Y.C.S.

ERS AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

IR AND BROTHER,—"Primus (and Solus)," if he will pardon perty in saying so, is a genial fellow, who enters heartily irit of a little friendly banter, and I trust he will allow me, it, if not literally, to shake him by the hand. I trust at he will permit me, with all respect for his usually nion, to point out that "W.M. Regispons" and I are in nd the same person than are "Primus (and Solus)" and He may be an acquaintance of mine, and so may for aught I know to the contrary, as I know very many but until his true name is revealed, I am as much in the the personality of "W.M. Regispons" as "Primus" is of the Man in the Moon—if there be such an individual. e point at issue between "W.M. Regispons" and myself on nd, and "Primus (and Solus)" on the other, I fancy it is brother to fulfil his duties for him. I considered he was pleased with the ruling of the Grand Registrar, because it gave a W.M. the opportunity of allowing other than P.M.'s, who already know the work, to discharge those functions of the chair which they may reasonably look forward to discharging at some future time. I pictured to myself the case of a W.M. who was well enough to attend the Lodge and occupy the chair, yet not well enough to do all the business of the evening. Such being the case, I thought it would be a good thing that the W.M., if so minded, should give one of his Wardens the chance of working one of the ceremonies. I feel that I am taking somewhat of a liberty when I interpret "W.M. Regispons's" letter in my own fashion, but this was the kind of idea it seemed to me he had in his mind when I read it. If I understand him rightly, "Primus (and Solus)" objection is to a W.M. regularly having his work done by deputy, and so is well founded; but the whole thing, from beginning to end, is exceptional. If, says the Grand Registrar, a W.M. momentarily feels himself unequal to the task of fulfilling his duties, then e may invite any qualified brother to speak the words for him. If this ruling is correct, says 'W.M. Regispons," so much the better, for a Warden or other brother who hopes some day or other to fill the chair may thus obtain a practical knowledge of its duties. And this is the view of your humble servant and brother.

I fully recognise the wisdom of the suggestion that a W.M. should do his own work, but in the case I have already suggested, or in that of his having to perform the same ceremony more than two or three times the same evening, I do not think he would be "shirking his duty" if he allowed some one else the opportunity of gaining a little practical insight into the work. I am afraid I have trespassed on your valuable space, and, therefore, without further comment, subscribe myself,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

COMUS.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY AND THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I find in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, page 219, 1739, the following interesting news from Rome:—

"There was lately burnt here, with great solemnity, by order of the Inquisition, a piece in French, written by Chevalier Ramsay (author of the Travels of Cyrus), an apologetical and historical relation of the secrets of Freemasons, printed at Dublin, by Patrick Odonoko. This was published at Paris, in answer to a pretended catechism printed there by order of the Lieutenant *de Police*."

I called attention to above paragraph in the November number of the *Canadian News*, 1876. I have also written to Bro. Hughan, to endeavour to hunt up the Dublin pamphlet, and to Bro. Findel, at Leipsic, to try and find the French edition, but so far they have met with no success. A few days since, I found in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, 1851, in a note to the Revelations of a Square, by Dr. Oliver, as follows:—

"An apology for the Free and Accepted Masons, occasioned by their persecution in the Canton of Berne, with the present state of Masonry in Germany, Italy, France, Flanders, and Holland. By J.G.D. M.F.M. Patrick Odoroko, Dublin, 1739."

The name of the Dublin printer is evidently misspelt in one of the above paragraphs, but in other respects there is no antagonism between them; the correspondent from Rome described the French edition of the pamphlet, and Dr. Oliver transcribed the title page of the Dublin edition, and did not evidently know that Ramsay was its author, and that a French edition was burned in Rome in 1739, &c. Now, Dr. Oliver must either have owned a copy of that pamphlet, or he transcribed its title page from a copy in the Museum, or from one in possession of the late Bro. Spencer; anyhow, there must still be a copy in existence, and I should much like to know some more about its contents; for, in the first place, it may throw new light on the Masonic history of that period; and, second, it may enlighten us about the movements of Ramsay in those days, which may in its turn throw some light on the origin of the Royal Arch Degree.

Dr. Oliver informs us, first, that Ramsay lived in England from 1740 to 1741. Second, that the first mention or allusion to the Royal Arch occurred in 1740. And third, that Ramsay first offered to sell his R.A. Degree to the Grand Lodge of England; but, as the Grand Lodge would have nothing to do with it, he sold or gave it to the Ancients. Now, these statements may be true: but as our Doctor gave no authority whence he derived that information, *they may be untrue*. One thing is certain, viz., that the R.A. Degree was worked in Dublin in 1744; for this information we are indebted to Bro. Hughan's discovery of the pamphlet by Fifield Dassigni, Dublin, 1744. Now, if the Dublin pamphlet of 1739, by Odoroko, or Odonoko, was really written by Ramsay, it would support the theory that Ramsay visited Ireland in 1739, and he may also have visited England in 1740, as stated by Bro. Oliver, and I may further suggest that if Ramsay did visit any part of England or Ireland about that time, it was not for the purpose of disposing of his Masonic bantling, but for political purposes; his main object must have been to confer with the partizans of the Pretender, and in that case, he may have visited Ireland before England, and while he was in Dublin he probably published the pamphlet, ending with six mysterious letters, and he may have left there his new Royal Arch Degree at the same time. Hence, a knowledge of the contents of the 1739 pamphlet may help to solve that puzzle.

But, anyhow, a publication of that early Masonic period must be of some interest to Masonic inquirers, and if a copy of it is still preserved, it should be either reprinted in pamphlet form or in a Masonic periodical. I hope and trust therefore that the above hints will not be in vain. Perhaps Bro. W. Spencer knows something about it.

OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL IN SHEFFIELD.

FROM THE SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT.

THE old Masonic Hall in Surrey-street, which was formerly the Savings Bank, having become quite inadequate to the wants of the Freemasons of Sheffield, a new and handsome Hall has been built on the old site, and the work has just been completed. The Hall which is in the classical style of architecture, contains on the ground floor a banqueting room, 51 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 15 feet high, and is lighted by double windows of plate glass, the inner ones being embossed and ornamented with Masonic emblems. This is entered from premises lately occupied by Mr. Sherwin, by a convenient approach. A serving window is in direct communication with the kitchens. The entire site of the new Hall has been cellared, and arrangements have been made by which all the furniture from the banqueting room can be lowered thereto, thus leaving the room a clear floor in cases of need. The Lodge-room, which is over the banqueting-room, is 51 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 24 feet high, having an arched roof, springing from a cornice running round the room, ornamented with moulded ribs and panels, and carved bosses. The walls are relieved with columns, which have foliated capitals springing from ornamental corbels, from which the ribs in the roof form one continuous line. The whole of the fittings are of pitch pine, slightly stained and varnished, which produce a very pleasing effect. The east end is occupied by a raised dais of three steps, and along the north and south sides runs a raised platform, so that a double row of chairs can be placed, and the brethren occupying the back seats be enabled to both see and hear with comfort. At the west end, provision has been made to receive an organ, which has been erected by the eminent makers, Messrs. Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield, and of this instrument several professional brethren speak very highly. Both rooms are lighted by very chaste chandeliers, and are warmed by hot water, on the most improved principles, and ventilated on Tobin's system. In addition to these two rooms, there are on the ground floor a club-room, commodious kitchens, lavatory, &c. On the first floor, one good sized room (which has, during the erection of the new Hall, been used as a temporary Lodge-room), a convenient cloak-room, and a wide passage with a broad flight of stairs leading to the Lodge-room. On the second floor are several rooms, affording accommodation for a resident Tyler. The Hall has been built by the Masonic Hall Company Limited, whose capital is £10,000, and it is the intention of the Company to make it, internally at least, one of the most handsome and complete buildings of its kind in the Provinces.

The Hall was formally opened on Wednesday by Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Provincial Grand Lodge being held in the Hall. There were present—the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, T. W. Tew, J.P., Dr. Cox (London), Dr. Bartolomé, Bro. Gill (Mayor of Wakefield), the Rev. F. W. Bagshawe, several distinguished brethren from neighbouring provinces and a company numbering nearly 260. Mr. Tallis Trimnell presided at the organ, and Bro. T. Collinson was the Director of Ceremonies. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in usual form.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., said: Brethren, in addressing this brilliant assembly of the members of the Craft in West Yorkshire, the first part of my agreeable duty to-day is to acknowledge in the most cordial manner your hearty reception of your Provincial Grand Master. I am again reminded of the welcome this Prov. Grand Lodge met with in October A.D. 1875, from the Wentworth Lodge. To that admirable and select Lodge I expressed my obligations and those of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the use of a building accorded to that gathering of Freemasons, but which was not a Masonic edifice. I ventured to remark that I trusted that the Lodges in Sheffield might at no distant time be able to hold their meetings, as well as their invitations to Provincial Grand Lodge, in commodious premises of their own, dedicated solely to Freemasonry, and befitting the status and increasing influence of the Craft in this busy town of mechanical industry. Allow me, as the next part of my duty, to thank the Britannia Lodge, the second oldest in the Province, under whose banner we labour to-day, for their invitation to inaugurate the completion of an important work, and for the excellent preparations the brethren here have made for the reception of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Our meeting to-day is the completion of the hope expressed in the Wentworth Lodge in 1875, the construction of a Masonic Hall well worthy of the Craft in Sheffield, and we congratulate the united Lodges on their energy, their wealth, and their skill, which, in two years, have produced this magnificent temple, fraught as I believe such a work must be in advantages and benefits identified with the future of this district. It would border on ingratitude and negation if I did not embrace this opportunity of personally offering my tribute of praise that the aspirations of 1875 have become practical realities in 1877. The auspicious occasion which has brought us together within these new walls would be incomplete without some brief mention of the circumstances which have led to their reconstruction, and the history of Freemasonry in Sheffield, the statistics for which have been kindly supplied me by my worthy deputy and other members of the Craft in Sheffield. Sheffield has a Masonic history, of which the members of the three Lodges may feel proud. The history is not of yesterday. It extends over a series of past years; and this history is associated not only with Masonic events and transactions, but of Imperial significance. The brethren of Hallamshire have for many generations, by the magnitude of important mechanical industries, earned enduring honour by building up England's greatness. Your mighty appliances for heavy works have excited the admiration of foreign critics, and your machinery and adaptable architecture have equally gratified the visitor, whatever may have been his tastes, fancies, or proclivities. The Masonic bodies i- of three Craft Lodges, Nos. 139, 296, and 1239, num brethren, including 35 Past Masters. There are b Arch Chapters and a Rose Croix, a Mark Mason's Lo of Knights Templar, a Conclave of Knights of Red C Constantine, and a Sanctuary of Knights of the Ho St. John the Evangelist, together with a Priory of There are two remarkable coincidences of similari with the meeting places of the two oldest Lodges in one which, in July 1738, met at the Crown and Ro "The Britannia," under whose banner we meet to-da April 1765, was first unfurled at the Rose and Crow it was called "The Rose and Crown," but chang "Britannia" on 8th April 1795. With the exceptio years the minutes of this Lodge are perfect. In 18 itself in a Hall devoted exclusively to Freemasonry, a foundations the present magnificent edifice has been Masonic Hall of the United Lodges. The Royal B was constituted in due form 28th July 1794. The ce cation concluded with a liberal subscription to the Poo School. On the 4th October 1798, the Britannia other brethren from all the Lodges dedicated in solemn form, in the presence of Lor and Galway and a distinguished company, Infirmary here, a lasting monument of benevolent identification with this noble Institution I must menti Bro. Dr. Bartolomé. In the minute book of Britann February 1775, is the consideration of a proposal fo ment of a Lodge at Rotherham. On the 10th March, petitioners were informed that, "as they have irreg make a Mason without formal powers, they are unworth ance of Britannia Lodge." I am proud to inform the in 1808 a Lodge was opened, and in 1860 or 1861 Bro. re-consecrated, at Rotherham, the Phœnix Lodge, No now not the least prosperous or least loyal amongst th this Province, and I hope on some future occasion for to pay my personal respects to its excellent W.M., and and his brethren. In 1797, Mr. Scott proposed to room suitable for the Britannia Lodge. In June 17 wick preached a sermon before the brethren in St. for this purpose, and it was resolved that every br except being sick, should incur a pecuniary penalty. brethren marked their loyalty and patriotism in s Government of the day against a foreign country by which amounted to a considerable sum. In 1838, the L assembled at the Spread Eagle, and in 1839 Dr. Bart stalled Worshipful Master; and it must be gratifying to brethren to see this old and esteemed Past Master prese cial Grand Lodge on this auspicious occasion. In 1841 testimonial was presented to Bro. Bartolomé, who was ag Worshipful Master. In this year of Britannia 33 m present. In the last month of this year the consecration took place at the Music Hall. Thus, after moving about as pillar to post, the members of the Craft in Sheffield at permanent habitation; and until 1861, the most perfe prevailed amongst the brethren. In this year the Free chased the Old Savings Bank premises in Surrey-street, the present Masonic Hall, and adapted it to the present the Craft in Sheffield, raising the money in shares of £5 property was vested in trustees for the benefit of the trust deed was drawn up setting out clearly the object fo purchase was made, and that the building should ultima the property of the Britannia Lodge. These shares w taken up until 1867. From this time, in accordance wi deed, Britannia began to purchase and to gradually absor of the various brethren. The three Lodges in Sheffield, riencing much inconvenience for many years from the accommodation afforded by the existing buildings, formed a limited company, and erecting the present hall, which will meet the requirements of the Craft in Sheffield generations. After much grave consideration, it was final to pull down the old building, the property purchased fro standing for a time, and to build on the old ground a ne Hall. Bros. Scargill and Clark were entrusted with the the work was commenced in 1876. I must express my s to all parties concerned on the success of the wor adaptability for the purposes of Freemasonry, this Hall is a memorial of your skill and ability in and this Masonic Hall Company Limited was regi the 24th November 1874. It is divided into 2,000 shares o having a nominal capital of £10,000. Of these shares have been issued for allotment, and, with the exception of have been generously taken up. As each of the Lod warrants ornament its walls have shown, at some peri history, their value of the principles of Freemasonry as th of charity and benevolence, so, I understand, it is the in the Craft to mark with significance their completion of th and superb edifice to co-operate in the work of restorati ancient Church of St. Peter, now called Trinity. I must to to mention the munificent contribution of £10,000 by a lady proved herself on several occasions a faithful friend to t masons of Sheffield, and neither must I forget that other supplements this work of restoration by a gift of £3,000. the Craft here will restore their portion of the fabric as w Freemasons of Durham their part of this Cathedral of St. dy Deputy hoped to have the honour of uniting the lat ons church into Freemasonry, recently translated to the d Sodor and Man, a noble imitator of the virtues of a previ the Reverend James Wilkinson, who for half a century unaffected piety, unbending integrity, and unwearied zeal in t ervice, obtained and deserved the endearing appellation father of the town of Sheffield. Time would fail me w

years, to the London Charities, or how such brethren as Harrison, and Tindall are supported by the brethren of the ...ges in this noble cause of Charity; suffice it to say this ...e the contributions of the three Lodges amount to nearly ...ndred guineas. I must, however, record one act of ...nity on the part of the Sheffield Lodges. At the Charity ...e meeting in March, Mary Ellen White, a daughter of one of ...t of Sheffield Masons, was a candidate for the Girls' School. ...It was the last chance of Ada Hartley Healey, 264, Batley, ...rously gave way to allow this girl to be the nominee of our Committee. It afforded me the highest satisfaction to learn the election, on 14th April, through the exertions of the Committee, both these West Yorkshire girls were elected. ...bers of the various Lodges, I believe, vie with each other ...efforts to do good. The remarks of my deputy to the Went...edge are still singularly applicable to this occasion. The Freemasonry here is the spirit of sublimity, of a depth, ..., and lovable beauty equal to all the mind of Plato ever ...d. And I doubt not the inauguration of this new Hall will ...de into perpetuity this harmony amongst the brethren he ...oetically expressed in 1875. In conclusion, I congratulate the ...the re-building of this noble Hall, and in the language of his ...ghness the Duke of Sussex, at York, in 1841, "I exhort you, ..., never collectively or individually to suffer a breach of the ...ions of the Craft. And when assembled in Lodge to leave ...ous prejudices and political feelings outside the portal of ...d temple, to strictly uphold the honour and dignity of the ...ever vindicating the laws and regulations, which being ...hours of cool reflection, after long and serious deliberation, ...a remedy for the correction of every abuse, and to defend ...ses its rights and privileges by a close adherence to the ...ed usages and customs of the Order." Thus may the prin... Freemasonry be supported as heretofore by old Masons and ...asons, and the Craft prosper in this Hall, where order, peace, ...mony shall reign until every stone now built one upon ...shall, through time, crumble into dust.

...siness of Grand Lodge being concluded, the brethren ad...to the Cutlers' Hall, where they dined together, under the ...y of Sir Henry Edwards, and the gathering was characterised ...good feeling and harmony which always prevails among ... Amongst the toasts proposed was the health of Bro. Jervis, ...hipful Master of the Britannia Lodge, under whose banner ...ucial Grand Lodge was held. The toast was proposed by ...ry Edwards, and was received very cordially by all the ...present.

Old Warrants.

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No. 76.

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...d every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We,

...E AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH, (DUKE OF SUSSEX).

...nverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

...st Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

...ETING.

...s, Warrants of Constitution, under the hands of the Grand ...r the time being, and the Seal of Masonry, bearing date ...y the 15th March 1811 and the 13th March 1812, authoriz...powering certain Brethren therein named, and their Suc...form and hold Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, and ...rrants are respectively registered and numbered in the ...our Grand Lodge, Nos. 52 and 632. And Whereas the ...composing the said Lodges have agreed and resolved to ...henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose ...ed to us for our sanction and authority so to do. Now ...hat we, having taken the subject into consideration, and ...ng to accede to the wishes of the Brethren, upon their ...nd in consideration of the surrender of the said recites ...o be Cancelled, Do Hereby Grant this our

...WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSOLIDATION

...ight Trusty and Well-Beloved Brothers (Jacob Newman, ...urey jun., Stephen Farrenden, John Humphrey sen., ...harles Fogden, William Combes and Wm. Raper) authoriz...ng and empowering them and their Successors to assemble ...nd hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the ..., in the City of Chichester, under the title or denomina...

THE LODGE OF UNION,

...rsday previous to the Full Moon in every month, and a... there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons, according to Antient Custom in all Ages and Nations throughout the whole World, and the said United Lodge is to be registered in the Books of our Grand Lodge, and in the List of Lodges, No. 52. And Further, at the Petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said Jacob Newman to be Master, the said John Humphrey jun. to be Senior Warden, and the said Stephen Farrenden to be Junior Warden, for holding 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 Antient form and according to the Laws of our Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Powers and Dignities of his Office. And We do require you the said Jacob Newman, 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 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 designation of all Masons initiated therein, and Brothers 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 . . . . 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 Jacob Newman, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, this 31st day of May, A.L. 5828, A.D. 1828.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday of last week, a few minutes sufficed for the transaction of business in the House of Lords. On Friday, the House went into Committee on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Up to Clause 14 clause, Earl Granville moved a very import to clerical fellowships and headships. A which the Marquis of Salisbury and oth took part, followed. On a division, Earl defeated by 103 to 69. The remaining claus discussed and agreed to, the House resu business was disposed of, and their lordsh On Monday, Lord Oranmore and Browne br ject of Undetected Crime in Ireland under the House, after which several public bills w at one or other of their several stages. On report of the amendments to the Universi agreed to, the Inclosure Bill passed throug and the Select Committee on the Earldom appointed.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, tions having been discussed, the Home Secreta the authorities of Christ's Hospital had plac unreservedly in his hands in relation to the re suicide by one of the pupils. Other question them two relating to Russian "atrocities" Bulgaria, were asked of Ministers. A complain Government in connection with the Jewish Su Bill was made by Mr. Sullivan. The Chancell chequer defended them, and the Marquis of Ha W. Lawson, and Sir P. O'Brien offered some re subject. The House then went into Committe and made some further progress with the Estimates. At the morning sitting on Friday, Convict Prisons was brought forward by Mr. after a statement by Mr. Cross, was withdra House in Committee resumed the considerat Estimates. Mr. Cross then announced the n gentlemen comprising the Committee of Inqui Government of Christ's Hospital, and the suspended. There being no quorum when resumed at nine o'clock, a count-out took Monday, after the disposal of sundry questions, moved an amendment on the motion for going mittee of Supply, condemning the appointmen Office clerk, a Mr. Pigott, to be the Controll Majesty's Stationery Office. An animated deba and ultimately the Government sustained a de to 152, the result being greeted with cheers by t tion. Mr. Chamberlain drew attention to the grants for the promotion of Science and Art, a Harcourt to that of the Detention of Untried when the House went into Committee of Supp Civil Service Estimates. On Tuesday Supply wa order of the day at the morning sitting, and in th there was another count-out, as forty members present. The whole of Wednesday afternoon wa with the consideration of Intoxicating Liquor B second reading of one of these measures was negat out a division. In the course of the debate Major made a very amusing speech, which was interr roars of laughter. A second bill was withdrawn, a third was disposed of, being thrown out on the reading by 133 to 85. Having dealt with the re business, the House adjourned at six o'clock.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Bea Prince Leopold, left Windsor Castle for Lou Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of being pre garden party given by their Royal Highnesses th and Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House. number of guests were present. The following af Mdlle. Etelka Gerster had the honour of singin Her Majesty and the Royal family at Windsor. Th and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise and the of Lorne, the Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leop present, together with the members of the Court in ance. On Saturday afternoon, the Prince and Pri Wales paid a visit to the little Berkshire town of W for the purpose of unveiling the statue recently er the memory of Alfred the Great. The Royal part received, on arriving at the station, by Colonel a Hon. Mrs. Loyd-Lindsay, and drove immediately town, escorted by a detachment of the Berks Ye Cavalry. There was a very large gathering fro country all round, and the welcome extended to their Highnesses was of the heartiest character, the scene greatly enlivened by the presence of the band Grenadier Guards. After the usual address by the man of the Reception Committee, to which the

p a deputation of school children, who presented a ificent bouquet to the Princess. The children then "God Bless the Prince of Wales," their Royal High- planted memorial trees, and the statue was then lly unveiled, amid the cheers of the multitude, the playing a few bars of the National Anthem by way ute. The Royal party then left the ground, and drove ckinge, Colonel Loyd-Lindsay's seat, where they re- d as guests till Monday, when they returned to borough House. On Wednesday, the Prince and ess of Wales dined with the Duke of Cambridge at ester House. Their Royal Highnesses' eldest son, e Albert Victor of Wales, is, unfortunately, laid up arlborough House with an attack of fever, but the cannot be very severe, or they would not be going siting. Indeed, the latest accounts report the little s progressing satisfactorily.

er accounts from Wimbledon give evidence that the ng of our volunteers, so far from being inferior to it was last year, has considerably improved. As the ng will be concluded this week, most of the impor- ontests are already over. The winner of the first in the Queen's Prize turned up in the person of ral Betts, of the 1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, with leadid score of 93. The gallant fellow thus takes the medal of the Association and £60. On Tuesday, the who had made the highest scores in the first stage, ted for the Association Gold Medal and the Queen's of £250. The ranges in this competition are 800, nd 1,000 yards. Private G. Jamieson, by birth a man, by adoption a Lancashire man, secured the rs of victory by a single point, his score comprising nts at 800 yards, 23 at 900 yards, and 25 at 1,000 or, in the aggregate 70, Sergeant W. Jolliffe of the e of Wight and two Scotchmen following close upon els with 69. Of the other contests we note that Sergeant Hyslop, 8th Ayrshire, carried off the St. 's Challenge Vase, with the Dragon Cup, Gold and £25 for himself, his score of 35 points being the t possible. Private Cameron, 3rd Lanarkshire, was with 34, and thus secured £25 and a silver jewel, e Angus Cameron being 3rd with 33 points, and the bronze jewel and £20. Lieut. Dank won the dra Prize with a score of 62. England has won the al Challenge Trophy with an aggregate score of against the only other competitor, namely, Ireland, made only 1,238. Norfolk has carried off the China he 1st Notts (the Robin Hoods), the Belgian Cup, Humphrey, a former Queen's Prize winner, secured cretary of State for War's Prize, Captain Pixley of torias, another Champion shot, the first of the Henry Sergeant Paton the Great Aggregate Prize, and the eers have defeated the Army for the Donegal Chal- Cup.

Eton and Harrow match at Lords, ended unsatis- y in a draw, owing to the abominable weather, on ay. The day previous had been very brilliant, and equence, some 15,000 people were present to witness nual event. Eton headed its rival on the first by six runs, the scores being, Harrow 157, and 63. Harrow went to the wickets again, and had o wickets for 93 runs. On Saturday play was d, and in spite of the rain there was a large gather- spectators. Several interruptions occurred, and ens only gave in to the elements when the ground e a swamp. Harrow added 100 to its over-night's f 93, making a total of 193, of which Rowe contri- 2. When the game was discontinued, Eton had 78 for the loss of one wicket. This left them 110 to n the other principal matches Notts beat Surrey by runs, and Lancashire defeated Yorkshire by nine . The match between the counties of Gloucester rk and England ended in a draw. Mr. W. G. Grace he two excellent scores of 52 and 110, the latter is second best performance this year, and Mr. A. N. , for England, scored 105 and 33 (not out).

Monday afternoon, by permission of the Lord Mayor, sided, a meeting was held at the Mansion House, in aid oyal Dramatic College. The remarks of his Lordship ry much to the point. Mr. Ray, to whose action ege is indebted for the present movement in sup- de an earnest appeal to those present. Mrs. Mellon also addressed the meeting, and was fol- y Mr. S. Emery. Mr. B. Webster, seconded by

Mayor, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged by his Lordship. Among the donations promised were one of ten guineas from the Lord Mayor, and twenty-five guineas, with an annual subscription of ten guineas, from Mr. Willing.

The news from the seat of war is growing more exciting every day, the Russians having gained more than one important success in Europe. In the first place, they have captured Nicopolis, the possession of which will enable them to establish another bridge over the Danube. Whether this place was taken after a desperate contest, as is stated in one report, or whether the Turks evacuated the place and retired without sustaining any loss, as stated in another, is not clear as yet. However, the city has been taken, beyond all question. Then a detachment of the Russians has effected the passage of the Balkans, but subsequent news is to the effect that the Turks, after some desperate fighting, succeeded in forcing their opponents back. In spite of these rumours, it is evident that the Russians have contrived to force—to what extent is unknown—the second line of Turkish defence, and the news of this achievement has caused a great scare in Constantinople, and a tremendous excitement in all the other European capitals. Reinforcements are being hurriedly sent to the front, and every preparation is being made to meet the forces under the Grand Duke Nicholas, and give immediate battle. Adrianople is being strengthened as to its defences, and, indeed, everywhere measures are being taken to fight it out to the very last. A report was spread abroad that the Russians, under the Grand Duke himself, had been defeated on the Plevna-Monastir line, and lost 12,000 men, but this has not been confirmed. The worst news that reaches us is of the slaughter by the Cossacks of non-combatants, including women and children, and this is said to have taken place both in Europe and in Asia. We trust, for the honour of Christianity, that these reports will turn out to be false. We are already sick of the continued announcements of "atrocities." In Asia, the Russians are still retiring, and Kars has been entered by Moukhtar Pasha. The bombardment appears to have inflicted no serious amount of harm to the defences, and only a few lives were lost. The Turks, indeed, seem bent on attacking the Russians, and operating on the offensive along the whole line. Whether they will be successful under these altered conditions of the war remains to be seen. As to Montenegro, now that the Turkish forces have been withdrawn, the Black Mountaineers have resumed the offensive, and have captured some half dozen villages. The events in the European theatre of war have caused profound agitation in Hungary, and there is a general cry that Austro-Hungary should immediately declare itself in favour of Turkey. It is even said that the question of the passage of the Dardanelles by the British Fleet has been raised. Be this as it may, events are moving rapidly, and there is no knowing one day what new complication the next may bring forth.

The Quarterly Court of the Girls' School was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday. The chair was taken at noon by Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, and the minutes of the previous Court having been read and confirmed, it was announced that there would be ten vacancies for new pupils to be ballotted for at the October election, while the number of approved candidates was fifty. It was thereupon moved by Bro. R. B. Webster, and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, that twenty-five additional girls be admitted in October. This resolution was accepted unanimously, so that thirty-five instead of ten candidates will be chosen by ballot from the list of fifty. The usual complimentary vote of thanks to the chairman, who cordially acknowledged it, brought the proceedings to an end.

The Quarterly Court, Boys' School, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, at the hour of noon. The minutes of the previous court having been read and confirmed, it was announced that there would be nine vacancies to be balloted for at the October election, while the number of candidates already approved is sixty-three. On the motion of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, seconded by Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, it was resolved that a testimonial, in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton, should be presented by the Institution;

Creaton, Captain Wordsworth, and Bro. Benjamin Head, was appointed, with a view to giving effect to this resolution, and also for the purpose of conferring with any sub-committee that might be appointed by the Girls' School. The motion that Bro. John Constable be elected an honorary vice-patron, in acknowledgment of his valuable services in bringing up a list of £1226 at the recent Festival, was agreed to, after which the proceedings closed, with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman. There were present Bros. John Symonds (chairman), Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, W. Roebuck, C. F. Matier, Captain Wordsworth, and others.

Whatever may happen in the future, the year 1877 will be memorable in the annals of the Boys' School, as being the year in which for the first time the sum of £13,500 has been reached and exceeded. At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards, on Wednesday, the sum announced as the result of the recent Festival was £13,535 12s 6d, truly a splendid achievement, and one of which the Board of Stewards has every reason to be proud. The other business transacted at this same Court was in its way of an equally satisfactory character. As regards the receipts and expenses in respect of the Festival, the sum actually received to date was £547 1s, and the outstanding assets, consisting of Stewards' fees unremitted and dinner tickets unpaid for, were estimated to yield a further sum of £117 10s, making a total on the Dr. side of the account of £664 11s. The expenses, of which Bros. Bertram and Roberts's bill for the dinner, of £452, was necessarily the most considerable item, and vouchers for which were submitted, reached a total of £635 7s 8d, so that there was left a surplus of £29 3s 4d. On the motion of Bro. Thos. Meggy, who spoke in the most eulogistic terms of Bro. Binckes's services to the Institution, seconded by Bro. W. Mann, who added his testimony as to the worthy Secretary's merits, it was resolved that the surplus should be handed over to Bro. Binckes, as a slight recognition of his labours in connection with this particular Festival. It is needless to say the motion was most warmly received, and Bros. J. M. P. Montagu and C. F. Matier very felicitously endorsed the statements of Bros. Meggy and Mann. Bro. Binckes having acknowledged the compliment, Bros. Matier and Meggy severally proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. S. Barton Wilson, for his services as honorary Treasurer, and when this had been acknowledged, on the proposal of Bros. Constable and Wilson, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Meggy for his services in the chair, and as acting Vice-President of the Board. Bro. Meggy having expressed his sense of the compliment, the brethren separated. Among those present were Bros. Thos. Meggy, who occupied the chair, Mann, Matier, J. M. P. Montagu, J. L. Thomas, J. Pringle, S. B. Wilson, J. Constable, F. Binckes Hon. Secretary, and others.

In our analysis of the Subscription List at the recent Festival of the Boys' School, we inadvertently mentioned "Monmouthshire and South Wales" as among the absentee provinces, when it should have been only "Monmouthshire." Both the Eastern and Western Divisions of South Wales were among the provinces which contributed.

The consecration of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, will take place at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 4 o'clock. Bro. Louis Beck is the W.M. designate, Frank Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Deputy Grand Master for Middlesex, will be the Consecrating Officer, and he will be assisted by the Rev. P. M. Holden. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Louis Beck.

Many of our readers are aware that Bro. George King jun., of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was advised to take a sea voyage for the benefit of his health. We, yesterday, received intelligence that he has reached Port Natal safely, and that he has much benefitted by the voyage. We trust this improvement will be continuous, and that our worthy

NEW ZEALAND.

THE third anniversary of the "Forest Lodge," 148 Province of Nelson, New Zealand, was George's Day, 23rd April, when a number of th present Lodge, "Southern Star," 735 E.C., went from Nelson to assist on the occasion. Lodge installation of Bro. Peter Curtis Gowland was Richard Chattock, P.M. Forest Lodge, ably assiste Sealey, Southern Star Lodge. Bros W. M. Stanto of the Southern Star Lodge, Nelson, filling the for the occasion. Bros. R M. Smith and R. invested as S.W. and J.W., and at the close of the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, prov of the Forest Inn, when much good humour and hap the only *contretemps* being that the *special tr* stupidity of the officials, started too soon from the to understood arrangements, leaving the Nelson behind, or, as some of them preferred, to walk into t twenty miles, after ten o'clock. At the first meeting the year, Bro. Chattock was presented with a Past in recognition of his services as second W.M. of t and in testimony of the esteem and affection in wh the brethren. Long may he live to wear it, with h and to his Lodge.

DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC ONEHUNGA.

THE dedication of the new hall erected at Onehung Temple, took place on 15th May, under the Lodge Manukan, No. 586, S.C. The hall is a neat li completed, or nearly so. It is complete internally, a a most creditable manner. The whole building is 7 by 34 feet in width. There are two ante-rooms and stage which is 15 feet in depth. The building is, in adapted, not only to the purposes of Masonic meeti suitable for theatrical entertainments, concerts, &c. doubt, in future, be the public hall of Onehunga.

The consecration of this hall has, for some time pa forward to as an event of some interest by the Mason Auckland and their friends, and, accordingly, conside went to Onehunga to be present at the ceremo number went by train, but, in addition to these, two c large four-in-hand 'bus, left Queen-street shortly after brethren of the mystic tie, representing the various Co Masonic Lodges of Auckland. Amongst the visitors Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.D.G.M. of the Irish Constitutio acting District D.G.M. English Constitution, Hayward P.M., Hyde P.M., W. R. Robinson P.M., Clayton W Wales Lodge, Brock P.M. United Service, Burns P.M. U and V.W.M. Mark Lodge E.C., Cole P.M., Carlew P.M., P.M., Rev. C. M. Nelson, Hatswell, Westmoreland, Car Dr. Purchas, Barrett, and Donald McKenzie, who, we the oldest Mason in New Zealand, having been "made 1819. He is a Waterloo veteran, and is now a member Manukan. Bro. M. Nicoll, P.M. and R.W.M. of the Lod officiated as Master on the occasion, and there were pr the following officers of Lodge Manukan:—Bros. W. Dun J. R. Hendry J.W. and Director of Ceremonies, George surer, J. W. Waller Secretary, R. Schofield S.D., J. J. Bro. Walker R.W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, officiated as De and Bro. Hardington as Substitute Master. Bro. Hem kept him from occupying his position in the Lodge as J. was occupied by Bro. Burns P.M. The Lodge having in form, with upwards of 80 brethren present, it was third degree by the Presiding Master, and called off, wh sion was formed, the Lodge Manukan leading, and the G in the rear. They marched to St. Peter's Church, when, right and left, the officers marched through the centre, a they all entered the church. The evening service was the Rev. Dr. Purchas, the appropriate lessons by the Re linson (incumbent of the parish), and the sermon was Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson. Miss Wayland presided at the and the choir of the church rendered the musical port service very efficiently. Bro. Nelson, having opened his the service with an appropriate Masonic prayer, preached sermon from the text—"Be kindly affectionate one with brotherly love; in honour preferring one anothe xii. 10.

At the conclusion of the service, during which the crowded, a collection was taken up in aid of the Onehu ruient Society, the amount of which we have not secur it will prove a very good addition to the funds of that The procession was then re-formed, and marched back where the business of the consecration was resumed. "Master Supreme, accept our praise," was sung by the ed by the organist of the Lodge. Bro. Waller, as Deput having expressed the desire of the Lodge to have the secrated, and the architect, Mr. Waller, having entered the R.W.M. expressed his willingness to dedicate the ha Grand Chaplain having offered a prayer, the members of formed a procession round the room. During this proce brethren present joined in singing to the tune of Ou side, "Grand Architect of Heaven, descend." Then followed the co corn, wine, and oil, dedicating the Lodge in the name of J Freemasonry, in the name of St. John to Virtue, and in th of the brethren to universal benevolence. The Grand

e ceremonies of consecration. The representatives of Lodges emata, Prince of Wales, Ara, United Service, Rodney, and Walter Scott (Thames) offered their congratulations to the rs and brethren of Lodge Manukau, after which the Lodge was ed, closed, and called off for refreshment. A dinner was pro- at Bro. Tregoning's hotel, not at the cost of the Lodge, but e expense of the individual; and the only discontent evinced g the whole proceedings was in reference to the excessive e made for the spread.

eight o'clock the brethren and their friends assembled in all to hear the concert which had been arranged for. This n of the proceedings showed that the hall possessed acoustic rties such as are rarely possessed by more pretentious ngs. The Onehunga Glee Club sang "Glorious Apollo" ood style, and this was followed by a song, in which Harding, one of our most popular amateurs, gained fresh . It was "Ye gallants of England." A glee was sung rs. Henderson, Bartley, Skinner, and Howden, which was ed by the gem of the evening's entertainment—Miss Leaf's of "Jessie's Dream." This was enthusiastically applauded, but gh demands for an encore were frequent and loud, compliance he desire of the audience was persistently refused. The trio, ie-wove Scarf," by Mr. Brett, Mr. Harding, and Miss Leaf, was very finished performance, Mr. Brett's fine baritone voice ing very effectively throughout. Amongst the best selections second portion of the entertainment must be reckoned Mr. g's song, "Here upon my Vessel's Deck," and Mr. Reid's orous Scottish Sketches." Both were encored vociferously. conclusion of the concert the hall was cleared for a ball, for a very large number remained. The programme included r dances, and the Terpsichorean entertainment was kept up with until an early hour in the morning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, S.C.

ETING of delegates representing the Lodges under the Scottish tution of Masonry in the North Island of New Zealand was held it May, in the St. Andrew's Lodge-room, Star Hotel, to take pe necessary for the inauguration of a Provincial Grand Lodge. were present: St. Andrew's Lodge (Auckland), represented by 'alker R.W.M., and Bro. Ellison S.W.; Lodge Sir Walter Scott es), represented by Bro. Murray R.W.M., and Bro. Tyler .M.; Waterloo Lodge (Wellington), represented by Bro. the . Hill R.W.P.M., and Bro. Brodie R.W.P.M.; Patea Kilwinning repres nted by Bro. Dewar R.W.P.M., and Bro. Wilkinson Lodge Sir Walter Scott); Lodge Manukau (Onehunga), repre- by Bro. Nicool R.W.M. (and R.W.P.M. Lodge St. Andrew), o. Henry Junior Warden.

delegates having produced their credentials, on the motion of e Rev. J. Hill, Bro. Tyler was called to the chair. He read utes of the meeting held recently at his office, also copies of ondence which had passed between the several Lodges relative ppointment of delegates, &c., and said they were now met for rpose of taking steps for constituting the Provincial Grand He pointed out that the appointment of Grand Lodge Offi- sted with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, and they could only ond their appointment.

Hill said Bro. Whitaker had stated to him that he would en- e appointment made by them as members of the Lodge.

ollowing nominations were made:—Bros. Dr. Johnson P.M. lington) G.W.D.M., Nicool P.M. (Auckland) G.S.M., Brodie hames) G.S.W., Hay P.M. G.J.W., Tyler P.M. G. Secretary, Wellington) G.D. Secretary, Rev. J. Hill G. Chaplain, Rev. Bruce G. Registrar, Rev. — Harvey (Wellington) G.D. Chap- rray R.W.M. (Thames) G. Treasurer, Powles P.M. (Welling- S.D., Ellison (Auckland) G.J.D., Anderson P.M. G. Architect, G. Bible Bearer, Dewar P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Capt. (Thames) Sword Bearer, H. Brett Director of Music, Dale and Wilkinson (Thames) Grand Marshals, J. E. Henry gs) President of Stewards, (T. Rawden Thames) Grand On the motion of Bro. Brodie P.M., it was agreed that the ion should take place at the Choral Hall, Auckland, at a time ed by a committee to be appointed. On the question of ways ns for procuring regalia, &c., it was agreed that the lodges ted should become responsible for £100, and that the y (Bro. Tyler) be instructed to write by the outgoing mail ecessary jewels and regalia, the amount for which the Lodges responsible to be made a first charge on the funds of the dge.

Nicool, Brodie, Tyler, Hay, Hill, Brett and Dewar were d a committee, and empowered to make all arrangements for guration of the Grand Lodge.

ks for the installation of the Hon. F. Whitaker as Provincial aster of the North Island of New Zealand, under the Scotch ion of Freemasonry, has not yet been fixed, but it will no e until after the close of the ensuing Parliamentary session. ime the regalia and jewels for the Grand Lodge, for which will be sent home by the outgoing mail, will have arrived. r Lodges will, in the meantime, be communicated with by mittee appointed for carrying out the arrangements, and the ion and installation will be carried out in the most impres- ner. It has been suggested that Bro. Lazar, of the W.s no officiated at the installation of the late Bro. Sir Dunca as P.G.M. of the English Constitution, might be induced to Auckland and officiate in the same capacity on opening of Grand Lodge and the installation of its officers.

CARVING.—For sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen, stand of inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights a... ...ed, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can b...

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ONE of those pleasant re-unions which, thanks to the untiring exertions of the Secretaries of our Institutions, have become a recognised feature in connection with the Charities, took place on Wednesday last, when several brethren and ladies paid a visit to the Benevolent Institution at Croydon. On the arrival of the party, some time was spent in looking over the building and grounds, the latter now tastefully laid out with the flowers so kindly presented by Dr. Strong, the Hon. Surgeon to the Institution. Tea was then served to the visitors, in the hall, after which the most important part of the evening's proceedings—viz., the entertainment of the old people, was proceeded with, and most successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. Terry. Bro. Seymour Smith opened the proceedings with a piano solo, and this was followed by a series of songs, &c., rendered by Madame Thaddeus Wells, Mrs. Strong, Miss Terry, Miss Constable, the Misses Reefe, Bros. Seymour Smith, George Weige, T. Lawler jun., John Constable, James Stevens, J. J. Berry and C. J. Perceval. During the intervals between the songs, wine, cake, and fruit were handed round, and everything done to make the old people, as well as the visitors, as happy as possible. At the close of the entertainment Dr. Strong proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly entertained them that evening; more especially were they indebted to their professional friends, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bros. Seymour Smith, George Weige, and T. Lawler jun., who had so kindly come down that day, and given their services for their amusement. They also must not forget their amateur friends, who, although perhaps not so proficient, were none the less earnest in their endeavours to entertain. Bro. Seymour Smith replied. He was glad their efforts to please had been successful. On his part, he was ever ready to repeat the dose whenever Dr. Strong or Bro. Terry thought it would prove for the good of the old people. He had pleasure in being able to propose thanks to their Secretary, Bro. Terry, who, as the originator of these periodical entertainments at the Benevolent Institution, was specially entitled to their thanks. This being cordially received, Brother Terry briefly acknowledged the compliment. He assured them that if any one was gratified it was he. He was very pleased to see, that day, several prominent brethren who had never visited the Institution before, as they would now be able to refer to it from personal knowledge. He concluded by thanking those who had exerted themselves so successfully. During the evening Bro. Terry had the pleasure to distribute to each of the annuitants a small present, consisting, in the case of the women, of a packet of tea, and in that of the men, of a packet of tobacco. These, we understand, were the gift of the Supreme Council, whose kindly consideration for our "old folks," as well as our Schools, is so conspicuous. Among those present were:—Bro., Mrs. and Miss Terry, Bro., Mrs. and Miss Constable, Dr. and Mrs. Stock, Bro., Mrs. and the Misses Reefe, Bro. and Mrs. Lacey, Bro. and Mrs. Pearcy, Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Legge, Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. and Mrs. Halford, Bro. and Mrs. Berry; Bros. Webb, T. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, J. Stevens, W. W. Morgan jun., H. Massey, G. Knill, &c.

CONSECRATION OF BOTHWELL CHAPTER, No. 170.

On Wednesday, 18th inst., Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Lanarkshire, held a Provincial Grand Chapter in St. Mark's Hall, Uddingstone, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of consecrating a new Chapter, and installing its officers. The Chapter was opened by Comp. Barrow Z., assisted by Comps. J. Mitchel P.G.H., D. Ranald Z. 67 as P.G.J., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. M. Campbell 1st P.G. Soj., G. McDonald 2nd P.G. Soj., G. Muir Z. 87 as 3rd P.G. Soj., James Duthie P.G.S. of W. There was a good attendance of members of the various Chapters in Glasgow, and after a suitable address from the P.G. Superintendent, he proceeded to instal the officers of the new Chapter, as follow:—Comps. J. Short Z., James Patrick H., Robert Minto J., W. C. Ross Scribe E., J. Bryden Scribe N., H. J. Shield 33° Treasurer, W. Micklejohn 1st Soj., Robert McNeil 2nd Soj., A. Paisley 3rd Soj. Comp. Short Z. of 170 then returned thanks on behalf of the newly installed officers, and also thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance. The P.G.Z. again expressed his pleasure at the progress that Royal Arch Masonry is making in the Province.

From a private letter we learn, that Masonry in New Zealand is very flourishing. At the Southern Star Lodge, on Tuesday, 29th May, four desirable candidates were elected, and at the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter, which met a few days afterwards, there were five candidates for exaltation.

We have pleasure in announcing that the M.W.G.M has consented to form the Province of Auckland, the North of New Zealand, into a separate Masonic District, under the Mastership of George Samuel Graham, Esq., J.P., of

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 JULY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 23rd JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1305—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.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 8.

45—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
559—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1189—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1495—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1504—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
M. M. 149—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 24th JULY,

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—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, Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1475—Hemley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 309 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle. (Inst.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
213—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
1308—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1834—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.)

681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
906—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.

THURSDAY, 26th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge South Wales (Western Division,) Pembroke Dock.
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.)
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
905—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1236—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 424—De Burgh, Freemason's Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

FRIDAY, 27th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Herts, Wood-street, Barnet.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
982—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.)
1306—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-street, N.
1643—K. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SATURDAY, 28th JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Saturday.

808—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.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
405—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 627—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Tuesday.

Wednesday.

358—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
390—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St George-street, Leeds.
340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
347—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1285—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

Thursday.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
944—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, Upperthong.

Friday.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1108—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

Saturday.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
1483—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 439 High
" R. A. 49—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Mu
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

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During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetin
All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise sta
MONDAY—581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
TUESDAY—187—St. John Carluke, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Mus
" 137—St. John's, Queen's Hotel, Blairgowrie.
" 308—Burns' St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hu
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" 532—Rothes, Town Hall, Leslie, at 7 o'clock.
" R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan
THURSDAY—Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Quarterly
213 Buchanan-street.
" 253—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Thornhill, at
" 313—Bruce and Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Ban
" 334—St. John's, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Cogan-street, Pollokshaw, at 7 o
" 196—St. John's, Lennox Arms, Campsie, at 6 o'clock
" 344—Union, Black Bull, Stonehouse.
" 347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcar
" 399—Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

NOTICES OF MEETING

Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshi
This Provincial Grand Lodge held its usual quarterly
Masonic Hall, Motherwell, on Tuesday last. Bro. J. C. F
elect, presiding, C. Spalding S.W., R. Kelso J.W., &c.
sequence of part of the business of the meeting b
arrangements for the installation of Bro. Forrest, as Pro
Master, there was a good attendance of members.
intimated that he intended to appoint by commission
office-bearers:—Bros. A. G. Simpson of No. 31
James Mackie of No. 7 as S.P.G.W., C. Spalding of N
C. Johnstone of No. 166 J.W., Dickson of No. 471 Chap.,
of No. 305 as Sec., which announcement was received
siasm by the brethren. A committee, consisting of the
of the 19 Lodges in the Province, was appointed to c
arrangements for the installation. Bro. H. Inglis D.G.
to instal.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Met
the 19th July, at Bro. Hallow's, the Chequers, Marsh-stre
stow. Present—Bros. Claridge W.M., Hunt S.W., F.
J.W., Saunders Sec., Pinder Preceptor Treas., Groome S
J.D., Burr I.G.; also Bros. Christian, Brown, W.
Gripps, Alloway. Business—The Lodge was opened in d
solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last Lodge meetin
and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed,
acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st,
sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro.
Ley Spring Lodge, and Bro. Gripps of Guelph Lodge
members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hunt
W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—
held its weekly meeting at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenha
Thursday evening last, 19th July, at 7.30. Present—Bro
W.M., Ellis S.W., Hewlett J.W., Grammer S.D. and
Frazer I.G., Barnes P.M., &c. The ceremony of the third
rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. H
the Traditional History. The first and third sections of
were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—Held its usual monthly meeting Thursday, 12th inst., Comp. W. Bell Z. presided, and opened in the 1st Degree, with Comps. Brownlie as S.W., and A. Mercer as J.W. Apologies for the absence of both the Scribes who were on the ...inent for their holiday, and Comp. J. M. Oliver P.J. and Scribe E. ..., kindly consented to act as Scribe E. Comp. G. Muir, Z. of ...ter 87, asked permission to have a candidate exalted, as he ...d be leaving Scotland prior to the meeting of 87; this was ...ily granted, and that degree was conferred on Bro. John F. ...rson. Comp. Muir the Z. having to leave, Comp. Duthie, Past Z. ..., took the chair, and opened a most excellent Lodge, when Bro. ...rson received that degree. The Chapter was then opened by Comp. Geo. Muir Z. of 87 as Z., G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73 as H., T. ...nlie P.Z. of 50 as J., A. Mercer 1st S. of 87 as 1st S. A ...ner 2nd, and D. Hodge 3rd, when the same brother was duly ...ed by Comp. Muir, who, at the close of the ceremony, thanked members of Chapter 50 for allowing him the privilege, and Comp. Wheeler of 73, Oliver of 79, and Brownlie of 50, for the ...ance they had rendered him. Comp. Brownlie, as senior officer ... present, replied, expressing the pleasure they felt in obliging a ... Chapter.

Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.—This Lodge held ...ird meeting of the year, on Tuesday, the 17th of July, at the ...board, Croydon. Present—Bros. A. T. Jeffery W.M., Magnus ... P.M. Sec. as S.W., Charles H. Edmands J.W., James Robins ... Treasurer, Charles Pawley S.D., Edwin E. Sagg J.D., J. W. ... P.M. D.C., George Robins and J. F. T. W. Rogers Stewards, ...rick A. Manning I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. D. W. ..., Wm. George Hunter, Astranax Brattle, D. R. Wise and E. T. ...h. Visitor—Bro. Arthur C. Moore, Harmonic 216, P.M. Busi... of the day comprised the raising of Bros. Hunter and Brattle; ...assing of Bro. D. R. Wise. The sum of £5 5s. voted to the ...ncial Grand Secretary's Testimonial Fund, was confirmed. The ...tary reported the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at Farn... on 10th inst., and that the R.W. the Prov. G.M. had done their ... the honour of selecting one of its members for Grand office, ...y. Bro. J. W. Sagg P.M. as S.D., and that Bro. F. A. Manning ...ppointed Grand Steward. The Treasurer reported balance in ... to that day, as £77 10s 5d. with no liabilities. The meeting ...hen adjourned to the third Tuesday in August, which will be ...st meeting of the season.

East Surrey of Concord Chapter, No. 463.—This Chapter ...eld at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 18th inst. Comp. C. H. ...ward P.Z. presiding as M.E.Z. There were also present Comps. ...bridge, D. B. Woodward, Gale, Dickin, Owens, and several ...ompanions. Bro. J. L. Cooper, Addiscombe Lodge, having ...troduced, was exalted in a very able manner by C. H. Wood... P. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned ...quet, which was presided over by the M.E.Z., and served in ...udden's usual good style.

Egmure Lodge, No. 723.—The monthly meeting of this ... was held at the Wellington Hotel, on 10th inst., at seven ... Business—Four initiations, three passings and one raising, ...rking of which, in the absence of the W.M., was ably performed ... P.M. Gold.

St John's Lodge, No. 795.—The regular meeting was held ...dnesday, 18th inst., at the Bay Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. ... to the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Company, a ...carriage had been provided for the brethren who came from ... On the assembling of the Lodge the chair was taken by Bro. ...Leite W.M., W. Sharp J.W. and Treasurer, H. H. Hodges ...W. Berks and Bucks Secretary, G. Bubb P.M., W. J. Blake ...ell J.D., O. Fitz George I.G., and Bros. Blake, Coronie and ... The minutes having been confirmed, Messrs. John Rogers, ... Pooley, and Dr. Robert Webb, for whom ballots had previously ...ken, were, by the courtesy of the W.M., duly initiated into ...er by Bro. G. Bubb P.M. 140, perfectly and impressively. A ... was provided by Bro. Deacon, that gave great satisfaction. ...ual Loyal toasts were given. Bro. Hodges responded for the ...rov. G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch, and Bro. Herbert M. Sydney, ...7, in a capital speech, replied for the Visitors. A very de... and agreeable day was passed, and the brethren returned to

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Clarence Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its ...meeting on Tuesday, the 17th of July, at the Royal Edward, ..., Hackney. Present—Bros. E. T. Worsley Sec. W.M., G. ...W., G. Johnson J.W., W. J. Smith S.D., Lorkin J.D., J. ...I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Webster, Brown, ..., Sanders, Barker, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn ... the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising ...earsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked ...section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Walling... the traditional history. Bro. May 1091 was elected a ... Bro. Weiss was unanimously appointed W.M. for the en... ...ek, and advanced officers in rotation.

Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, ...d Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 13th inst. Present—...drows W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Cave J.W., Hewlett S.D., ...

2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual excellent manner, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in 2nd degree. Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday, the 20th inst.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th July, at the Masonic Rooms, ...-street, Regent-street. Bro. Perry Godfrey W.M., Longley S.W., Wolfsky as J.W., J. Lewis S.D., Emlin J.D., Vyse as I.G. The Lodge was opened and Bro. Abud was raised, and Bros. Cox and Palmer were passed, in a careful and impressive manner. Bro. Payne, Organist to the Lodge, by his playing, added solemnity to the ceremonies. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to St. James's Hall, where a very excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Grieve. This being an emergency meeting, the W.M. ruled that no toasts should be given, but an enjoyable evening was passed, and before leaving the W.M. was complimented by the brethren and visitors for his excellent working. Among the latter were Bros. H. Muggeridge P.M., Cross P.M., Wilkin, Walter Vyse, &c.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Comps. W. Hammond Z., H. A. Dubois H., E. Hopwood J., W. Smeed P.Z., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., E. Gilbert S.N., J. B. Shackleton D.C., B. Meyer, H. Meyer, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. installed Comps. H. A. Dubois Z., E. Hopwood H., E. Gilbert J., S. Wickens P.Z. Treas., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., J. Hammond S.N., Rev. P. M. Holden P.S., W. Mitchell 1st Assist., J. B. Shackleton 2nd Assist., J. Gilbert Janitor. A very elegant P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, subscribed from the Chapter funds, was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. Hammond, for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The Chapter was then closed, and a capital banquet followed. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. and T. Price 946.

Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on 12th instant, at six o'clock, Bro. Smith W.M. Business—Three initiations, two passings, and one raising, which working was performed by the W.M.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.—The regular Convocation was held at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Comps. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S. Middlesex as Z., E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. H., P. Walters P.P.G. 1st Assistant S.E., H. A. Dubois P.Z. Treasurer, T. C. Watts 1st Assistant, J. Faulkner 2nd Assistant, J. W. Baldwin W.S. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were successfully taken for the admission of Bros. T. G. Targ 1429, T. W. Ockenden 1512, and J. Austine 1569, and the ceremony was beautifully and impressively rendered. The By-laws of the Chapter were discussed, and the Chapter was closed until the 8th September. An excellent banquet was provided, and the usual toasts given. Bro. W. Smeed P.Z. 946 was present as a visitor.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Friday evening, when there was a very large attendance of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, upwards of 150 being present during the evening. The installation was conducted by Bro. Mark E. Frost W.M. 1069, and Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. F. Pineo Prov. Junior Grand Warden, and E. G. Holbrook Prov. G. Registrar. Bro. H. W. Townsend, the W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. Lind P.M., and the impressive ritual of the ceremony was rendered by Bro. Frost, in his usual able manner. Among the P.M.'s and W.M.'s present were Bros. Tuohy and Lind P.M.'s 1428, J. Lillywhite P.P.G.R., G. H. DeFraine P.P.G.D., W. H. Rastrick P.P.G.D., G. Rake P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. Maltby P.P.G.S.B., A. Cudlipp P.P.G.D.C., F. Court W.M. 257, S. R. Ellis P.M. 342, H. T. Guy W.M. 342, G. Bond W.M. 457, J. Clay W.M. 804, J. Cole W.M. 928, C. B. Whitcomb, R. V. Brown, and A. L. Emanuel. The other visitors included Bros. G. F. Sherman P.G. Steward, J. H. Ivimey J.W. 1069, Payne S.W. 342, Palgrave I.G. 457, C. E. Kelway, C. Townsend, &c. The W.M. having been duly installed, was saluted by the Installed Masters, and subsequently by the whole of the brethren. At close of the installation the W.M. appointed his officers. Bros. S. G. T. Bourke I.P.M., Leggett S.W., Williams J.W., G. N. Godwin Chaplain, Woodward Secretary, J. Mares Treasurer, Johns S.D., Strick J.D., Lind P.M. D.C., Wilton Organist, May I.G., Nelder and Walton Stewards, Haynes and Vinnicombe Tylers. The various charges of the installation ceremony were given by Bro. Frost, those to the Wardens being delivered by Bro. Tuohy. At 7 p.m. the Lodge closed, and a most *recherché* banquet was served in the hall, about 140 being present. The Worshipful Master presided, supported by the majority of the brethren who attended the Lodge. The catering gave unqualified satisfaction, and the tables were profusely decorated with flowers and plants, from Messrs. Crippe and Sons, of Queen-street, Pursuses, who also supplied the choice dessert. One of the most suc-

standing votes amounting to nearly £100 in aid of charity during the past year, including £10 10s to the Thunderer Relief Fund, and £50 to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—This flourishing Lodge, which has yet been scarcely three years in existence, held it third Summer Festival, at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. T. Williams, who was assisted by the following Stewards:—Bros. J. J. Michael, R. T. Kingham, J. Douglass, J. Willing jun., W. M. Stiles, C. J. Scales, W. Side, G. Colls, H. Stiles, G. Clark, J. S. Raney, R. Tuck, &c. The day being a very fine one, several of the party came down by road. On arriving at Windsor, the majority went to Virginia Water, and then adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous and *recherché* dinner and dessert was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Fleck, whose catering received the well-merited approbation of the brethren and visitors. Bro. Williams ably occupied the chair; he was supported by the S.W. of the Lodge, Bro. Kingham, while the J.W.'s chair was filled by Bro. Douglass. Grace having been said, the W.M. proceed the toasts. He spoke of the pleasure they derived from their visit to the royal borough, where the Queen was then staying. He referred to the grant of Grand Lodge for two lifeboats to commemorate the return of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. He hoped these boats would be the means of saving many valuable lives. He was sure the mere mention of the name of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales would cause every heart to beat with gratitude. That noble lady, whose sympathy with all classes had endeared her to us, was beloved by the whole nation. Bro. J. J. Michael proposed the toast of the W.M. of the Lodge. He would say: Give honour to whom honour is due. Honour was due to the W.M., and all must compliment him for the manner he had performed the duties of the chair. Bro. Williams was a credit to the Lodge, an honour to the Craft, and he had given satisfaction to them all. We have with us to-day ladies and non-Masons; he was sure that every lady and gentleman present would drink health, long life, and prosperity to their W.M., his wife, and family. (Cheers.) Bro. Williams thanked Bro. Michael and all present for their kind expressions; he was pleased to hear that his efforts to do all he could for them in the Lodge had met with the approbation of the brethren. He would call their attention to the claims of the aged, the girls, and the boys. Though at a large cost, all were cared for, and they were well supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren. He should always consider his presidency of that day as a great honour. He was pleased to see so many ladies and brethren present, and he hoped to see even a more numerous assembly when his successor should be in the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, they were but two, yet we have had valuable assistance from them; they are ready and willing at all times to do all they can for the interests of the Lodge. Bro. James Willing jun. returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors, whom they were all pleased to see. They had indeed been honoured by the presence of the ladies; he would call on Mr. Low to respond. This gentleman said, he was not a Freemason, yet he hoped to become a member of the Order shortly. He was greatly pleased with the remarks of the chairman in reference to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers. The S.W. had been obliged to leave, yet he was pleased to see among them Bro. J. Douglass, the J.W. They were all that could be desired. As for the Stewards, he need not say they had done their duty in every respect, and he hoped all present would drink the toast heartily. Bro. J. Douglass said he had hoped Bro. Stiles would have returned thanks. He owed him a debt of gratitude for the able manner in which he had looked after the interests of the Lodge, and he had to thank him for his kind attention. Bro. W. H. Stiles was only too pleased to look after their very modest requirements. The gathering of to-day had been a great success; he was pleased at this; it was not only a pleasure, but a duty, to do all they possibly could for the welfare of the brethren. The toast of the Ladies was next given, and responded to by Bro. Stiles. This was followed by the Press, to which Bro. H. M. Levy replied. The W.M. said, before the brethren separated, he had a toast to propose, that he was sure would meet with their approbation; that was the health of their worthy host, Bro. Fleck, who had catered to their great satisfaction; he hoped it would not be for the last time. Every attention had been paid to the brethren and visitors, who all expressed their gratification; nothing more could be desired. Bro. Fleck thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. No effort should be wanting on his part, at any time, so long as he received the praise of those who honoured him. He was pleased that his efforts had given satisfaction. Tea and coffee was then served, and the ladies and brethren returned to town, with the hope of meeting at many future gatherings.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

As regards the present issue of the *New Quarterly*, we have seen few numbers more to our taste. The contents are sufficiently varied in character; the quality of the writing is excellent, and the matter is light and agreeable, without in the slightest degree approaching the frivolous. Mr. John Latouche heads the list of contributions with a continuation of those pleasant sketches of Portuguese life, as it presents itself to the eyes of the tourist; to which he has given the title of "The Tourist in Portugal." Each sketch is complete

guidance of some travellers in a month. And the style of the narrative makes it all so thoroughl Peak in Darien: the Riddle in Death," by Fr contains sundry illustrations of a certain class of de each case the vision which the dying person sees there is nothing painful in the paper, nor are the rons. Fiction has, as usual, two representatives, they play their parts. The first is "The Countes the Three Lovers"; the other "The Case of Gene Camper." The materials are very slight in both these slight bases both Mr. R. Hengist Horne in th Mr. George Meredith in the latter, have succeed two very readable tales. Mr. R. Jefferies contribut "The Future of Country Society." It may be re *de résistance* of the number. Mr. Jefferies treats h length, passing under review the tone and feeling rural from urban society, and in doing so he c changes that have taken place, while pointing to t not be doubted are likely to come, or, perhaps we s to be inevitable. It is a most successful performa and we thank you for your very sensible essay. Literary Aspects of Schopenhauer's Work," and " complete the table of contents.

We have received No. XI. of *The Countries of t* commences the second volume of this excellent publ still in the North Pacific region of the United State illustrations are those of "A Mining Camp on a North River," "Mining 'Cement' by the Hydraulic Proces Street, San Francisco," and "Stage Coach starting Station in Western America." The narrative gives ular account of life in California and the country ro especially interesting as regards the mode of living the mining population. As we advance into other S tories, no doubt we shall find much that will prove at but we doubt if it will prove more attractive than Californian life with which Dr. Brown has favoured the preceding number.

The commencement of a new serial story and a se ture Stories for Midsummer Reading" constitute t *Cassell's Family Magazine*. The title of the former i and Wooden Streets," and though it were unwise opinion thus early, the style in which the opening written warrants our forming "great expectations" o to follow. The Midsummer Stories are pleasant readin Oxenford contributes one of the best things in th account of "A Voyage on the Thames"—a water trip fr to Oxford. Very pleasantly does he describe the scene he passes on his way up the river. His concluding sen giving. "Fresh air, fresh scenes, and fresh water ar "three great things in life, and all of them are to be me dance in a voyage on the Thames." We may add that can describe as well as appreciate the second of these, enjoys the other two. Among the other contents, we w readers' attention to "A Family Doctor's" directions, teration of Food, How to Detect," to a very sensible "Physical Education of Women," and to the review by of Lieut.-Col. Jas. Baker's *Turkey in Europe*, under the Anglo-Turkish Gentleman Farmer." Mr. Henry pleasantly of "A Walk in the Lake District," and th Watkins discourses as learnedly as he does genially ab Catch a Trout." Mr. James Mason contributes "Japanese Fans," and Mr. G. Manville Fenn is the auth entitled "Workers by Night." Mr. Fenn writes we strike out a line of his own.

The *Leisure Hour* is distinguished by the commencem serial story, with the title of "His Only Enemy." We passing any judgment on it as yet, save to the extent o that "His Only Enemy" makes a very good start, and well of his future career. The papers on "Dr. Schlie Antiquities" will prove among the most attractive part programme. In addition, we have a well-told story, "T Will Out," dating back to the days when stealing wa matter, an article describing the various kinds of "Mili Martial," the first of a number of what will doubtless pro able series of sketches of "Yorkshire Abbeys," some "C dotes connected with Hats," and the continuation of M Bird's "Australia Felix, Impressions of Victoria," and o on "New Helps for Hospitals." In this latter instance pensaries" come under notice. "London on Wheels," Dorsetshire Squire," "Farming in Palestine," and "The Family" are well worth reading.

In the *Sunday at Home* Mrs. Prosser's excellent story Twenty-Nine" is continued; so are the "Pictures fr Life," by J. Alexander; the late Rev. R. Deman's pape English Bible," and "Welsh Peasant Sketches." These, w part of Professor Porter's account of "A Recent Journey Jordan," and "A Cornish Legend," are the principal fe very good number. The illustrations—and notably the col tispiece, entitled "Summer Shade"—are capitally drawn.

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THE BALLOT.

E are somewhat loath to touch upon a subject which has been dealt with *ad nauseam*, but it occurs to indeed, it is beyond all question—that the majority of differences which cause so much ill feeling in our es have their origin in the abuse of the ballot-box. secrecy of the ballot affords an ill-disposed brother a enient opportunity for exercising his malice without of discovery. He has received, or thinks he has ved, some injury from a fellow Craftsman, and forth- he vents his spite, not on the man who caused him nnoyance or inflicted the injury, real or imaginary, as ase may be, but on the unlucky nominee of his oppo- a person of whom he knows no harm, and whom, in majority of cases, he has never seen or heard of. lly a year since, we published in these columns the ess of a well-known brother, high in office in one of argest provinces. In the course of his remarks, he the case of an old Past Master, who deliberately, and wordy violence, spitefully declared his intention to ball every candidate, even the Grand Master himself, might seek admission into the Lodge of which he a member, for the sole purpose of annoying the then er. The case which was recently brought on for trial e Mr. Justice Field, and ordered to stand over by that ent judge, pending reference to the Grand Master, had rigin, we believe, in a determination on the part of members to avenge their defeat at the last election Master of the Lodge, by black balling all candidates osed by their successful opponents. Other instances been brought under our notice, in which the same, or ilar resolution, has been adopted by sundry discon- d brethren, on the same or similar grounds, and we ot too strongly deprecate so objectionable a mode of dure. If it is in the order of things that dissensions d occur even in the best regulated Lodges, let these nsions be conducted in an honest fashion. We do not lo inquire too narrowly into the motives which actuate ren, but our readers will agree with us that no one is led in black balling a candidate, who is known to be ntable person, and as such admissible into the ranks eemasonry, merely because he unfortunately happens the nominee of one who, justly or unjustly, has red a certain amount of odium. The question which ber about to vote for, or against, a candidate, is not— or am I not, on friendly terms with the proposer and der of the latter? but—Is he, or is he not, a fit and person to be enrolled a member of this or any other of Freemasons? We clearly see that one candidate lot be acceptable on personal grounds, although his character may be in the highest degree commendable. xample, he may be a cantankerous person, and as would certainly not be likely to promote the harmony Lodge. Questions of this kind are difficult to deal They require the most delicate treatment, and all that done under the circumstances is to leave them to the ion and gentlemanly feeling of members. But this is kind of case we have in view at this moment. We concerning ourselves about ordinary, but extraor- cases. No one would be mad enough to condemn llot because certain members, in the fulness of their ent, exercised their undoubted right and rejected, on al or private grounds, this or that candidate. We because they are unworthy, not because they are believed to be somewhat irritable or cantankerous, but maliciously, and because those who have proposed them are personally objectionable to certain members. It is impossible to conceive of a kind of revenge which is more contemptible, we may say, without fear of contradiction, which is more disgraceful or more dishonourable than this. Members who descend to such odious conduct are unfit to associate with reputable people. The injury they inflict falls, not on him or them they dislike—with or without reason—but on a third person, who is probably unknown to them, who is innocent of all offence towards them and others, and whose chief ambition it is to live in peace and harmony with all his fellows. We say the conduct of brethren, who black ball in order to gratify some private pique, is disgraceful, not only for the reasons we have just enumerated, but likewise because those whom they reject necessarily incur a certain amount of personal discomfort—to put it in the mildest form. It very soon becomes known in the circle in which the rejected candidate moves that he has been black balled, and his acquaintances jump hastily to the conclusion that he is not so worthy of respect as they have considered him to be. Thus, the malice of an unworthy Mason deprives Freemasonry of a reputable disciple, and tends to lower a good fellow in public estimation.

Of course it is useless to tell brethren who deliberately act in the manner we have described, that this conduct is unmasonic; they have no respect for the true principles of Freemasonry. It is useless to urge upon them that this kind of behaviour is not honourable; they are without all sense of honour. It were trifling with time and words to suggest that people who do as they have done, are not gentlemen; they are ignorant of what constitutes a gentleman. There is, indeed, no way that occurs to us by which it is possible to prevent an evil-minded brother from bringing discredit upon his Lodge, in fact, on Freemasonry. The ballot is the means provided by our laws for the election or rejection of candidates. It is impossible to set aside a negative vote, which is known to have been given maliciously, for the ballot is presumably secret, and it were *ultra vires* to question the motives of an adverse voter or voters. All that can be done is, in the first place, to exercise the most extreme caution in admitting new members, and in the next, wherever one of these discreditable cases of black balling becomes known, to stigmatise publicly the conduct of the evil-doers. We wish if possible to believe, without fear of contradiction, that all who become Masons are actuated by the feelings of gentlemen, but our readers know, as well as we do, that all are not. It is trifling with common sense and universal experience to expect that people who have no gentlemanly feeling will be forced into behaving properly. Our only alternative is to make it clear to them that discreditable conduct will recoil on themselves. We must shame them into behaving Masonically.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 13th ult. Bro. P. Lowell Everett, M.W.G.M. presided, and there was present a considerable number of

of Bro. C. Jarvis Danforth, who was appointed and invested as Junior Grand Warden at the last annual Communication. Bro. Danforth had been initiated into Freemasonry in Columbian Lodge, Boston, on 6th January 1859. He had rendered valuable service in the course of his career, and had held the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Third District for four years. He had "held the first office in Chapter and Council," and had recently received the orders of Masonic knighthood. As an evidence of the zeal he habitually displayed, it was stated that he had compiled a most elaborate index of the complete set of Bro. Charles W. Moore's Masonic Magazine for Grand Lodge Library. Resolutions of regret at his decease, and of respect for his memory were passed, and copies thereof were directed to be sent to his widow. A successor was then elected and installed, in the person of Bro. E. Avery, and Bro. Z. L. Bicknell was appointed Grand Standard Bearer *vice* Bro. Avery. Five hundred dollars were appropriated for charitable purposes, to be administered by the Committee on Charity. A report was then submitted, suggesting that a person deemed to be a clandestine Mason who shall have received the degrees solely by the fault or mistake of the Lodge conferring the same may be healed by order of the Grand Master, without petition to Grand Lodge. A report declining to recognise a so-styled Grand Lodge of Cuba was submitted and accepted. Other reports were submitted, among them being one to the effect that the petition for healing W. E. Whitehead, whose petition to Ancient York Lodge had some four years previously been rejected, but who in 1875 and 1876 had received the degrees in the Stamford and Warrington Lodge, No. 1408, Stalybridge, England, should be referred to the Grand Master. The Committee on Bye-Laws recommended that in balloting for degrees or membership, a W.M. "may allow three ballotings, at his discretion; but when the balloting has been commenced it must be concluded, and the candidate declared accepted or rejected, without the intervention of any other business whatever." The result of a trial for unmasonic conduct, on the part of a brother of the John T. Heard Lodge, for revealing to a profane "the action taken by the Lodge upon the application for the degrees by the latter and others, was that the respondent was found not guilty. An amendment to the form of application Art. III. Sec. I. of Part IV. of the Constitutions, in which a candidate declares that he has never before applied for initiation, or that he has done so, as the case may be, in a certain Lodge, was referred to a Committee. The Past Master's Diploma of Past Grand Master the Hon. Timothy Bigelow was presented to Grand Lodge by his grandson, and an engraved portrait of Thomas Smith Webb by Bro. William Sutton, the said portrait having come into Bro. Sutton's possession under peculiar circumstances. Bro. Wilder likewise promised to present to Grand Lodge copy of an address, on the death of General Washington, delivered in 1800 by the late Bro. Bigelow, in the Old South Church, Boston. Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

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The brother whose portrait we are about t our readers belongs to this class of energetic dc not placed in the exalted class of jurists an though he ranks not with the leaders of science facture, yet, in his particular sphere, he has ma in the world. He is a man of many avoc thorough master of them all. His career laborious one, and in the whole course of it he the esteem and respect of all with whom he has b in contact. At the age of twenty-five he was ap the official position he still holds, and may look holding for many years to come. It is no believed that the tenant of a public office ever h gies seriously overtaxed; but this we know to b fallacy. Public officials, and especially thos brought directly into contact with the public, a envied on the score of the lightness of their d happen, indeed, to know from experience that th far from being the least exacting of masters. have their strict dues, and are apt, John to grumble if their wants are not satisfied on t Moreover, as in this instance, there are many pub who not only have heavy duties to fulfil, but like serious responsibilities to bear. Yet they do and is required of them cheerfully, and they have th in the almost unlimited satisfaction they give. esteemed brother is a very Hercules in the lab prepared to undertake. Most people are content one calling, but not so the subject of our port besides fulfilling satisfactorily the duties we have has a large and increasing business as an estate a accountant, and in the latter of these capacities it his duty to act as secretary to several commerc panies. In every case his labours have been crow success. Our readers are well aware that, in co and working a company, very much depends on th and ability of the secretary. A good managing may be able to effect much good, but he has to co whims and caprices of his co-directors. A secretar experience and skill as an accountant stamps once as the right man in the right place, is fa situated. He is in contact with all the men the directorate. He is very soon able to with tolerable accuracy the extent of their capacity, and at a very early stage he is able to the chief voice in the conduct of affairs, without see have any real authority. The secretary who unit great powers of application a large amount of tact, discernment enough to see instantly what measu necessary, rarely has to lament a failure. Our bro all events, has always enjoyed a high reputation possessor of those qualities we have indicated; and have already announced, the result, in every case, secretarial labours has been a great financial success.

Of course, with such an array as this of duties to pe we should naturally expect he would pass what moments might fall to his lot, in absolute and well-n repose. But your man of energy is wretched if th nothing to occupy his mind, and our hero's well-earn sure has been devoted to the study of Freemasonry.

ıich the to him memorable event took place being the 15th nuary 1846. In 1848 he filled the office of Senior arden, and in 1849 that of Master, while in the latter ar he was appointed one of the Grand Stewards of the ovince of East Lancashire, and holds the rank of st Prov. G.S.D. He has held the important post of retary for no less than eleven years, and has ved the office of Treasurer, which he occupies at the sent time, for nearly as long. So highly indeed have members of his Mother Lodge appreciated the im- ıse services he has rendered, that, in 1863, they pre- ted to him a valuable gilt time-piece, together with a nond ring for his wife, as a slight token of the regard felt for him. Nor is this the sum of their kindness, in 1871, they voted him a solid gold Past Master's el, for the further service he had rendered. In 1870, he ed the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and has acted or as Treasurer or Secretary ever since. He holds, ed, the former office now, and is momentarily fulfilling duties of the latter. He was exalted in St. John's pter, No. 221, in 1847, has been twice Z., and Treasurer about twenty years. He has since joined the pter of Concord, No. 37, and is now occupying, for the ıd time, the First Principal's chair, having likewise ıd the offices of Treasurer and Scribe E. These ces to capitular Masonry were duly recognised in -3, when our gallant companion was adjudged worthy e appointment of Provincial Grand Treasurer. In Masonry, he has achieved even higher distinction. ras advanced in 1846, and continued to work the e at intervals till the year 1856. But, as our readers ery well aware, our Craft Grand Lodge has never nised the Mark degree as an integral part of pure ıcient Masonry, and therefore it was resolved to apply Grand Chapter of Scotland for a Warrant. The appli- was granted, and our brother was appointed the first the Lodge over which he presided being denominated . John's Lodge and ranking No. 2 on the Scottish Roll. distinguished brethren have since been advanced in odge, not the least distinguished among them being e Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Deputy Prov. ster (Craft) of Lancashire East, and Prov. G. Master cashire (Mark). From this Lodge, the date of whose is 4th March 1847, sprang many others, and in a ime the degree became so popular that it was resolved blish a Provincial Grand Lodge, and our brother ppointed Provincial Senior G. Warden. When, determined, on the part of the Mark Lodges under the Scottish Grand Chapter, to effect a union ı the two jurisdictions, so that all the Mark Lodges land and Wales might be under one Grand Lodge, ived the Honorary rank of P.G.J. Warden of Eng- ıd at the same time was invested with the Charity of this Degree. In order to commemorate this ıus conjunction of the two bodies, our worthy took steps to found the Rose and Thistle He was installed its first Master, and on the chair at the end of his term of office, was pro- rith a Past Master's jewel. It is worth while men- that having some years taken the degree of "Ark, ıd Link," he, in due time, took part in founding the iner's Lodge, of which he was the first N. In the nd Select Masters he is founder and first Master of the St. John's Council. He is Past Deputy Master and Grand Recorder of the Order of St. e. In the Order of the Temple, in which he was close on twenty years since, he has been an E. der, for three years Prov. G. Chancellor, Lanca- Grand Captain of England, and is now Treasurer receptory. He received the 18° (Rose Croix) in Palatine Chapter, Manchester, and has since had upon him both the 30° and 31°. Moreover, he was f St. Peter's Chapter, Bolton, and on retirement office of M.W.S. was presented with a jewel nition of his services. He also belongs to of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, r of the St. George's Conclave, No. 42, and an General unattached. In the Royal Order of he is a Past S.G.W. of the Province of Lancashire ıhire, and has ably discharged the duties of . He ranks as 7° in the Rosicrucian and is celebrant of the Manchester Colleg-

enumerated them all—indeed, a friend jokingly warned us that if we contemplated so formidable an undertaking, it would be necessary for us to enlarge the CHRONICLE. But worthy as are these numerous distinctions, evidence as they are of the illimitable energy and desire for knowledge of our brother, they are, in our humble opinion, a far less valuable testimony to the sterling character of the man than the services he has rendered on behalf of our Institutions. These will certainly occupy less time to describe, and their appearance is less formidable, but they are as the kernel to the shell. That so enthusiastic a Mason should practise the duties of Charity will not be wondered at, and our readers will hear with pleasure, but without any feeling of surprise, that he is a Vice President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and has nearly won the same rank in connection with the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is also a Life Governor of both the West and East Lancashire Masonic Educational Institutions, and is a member of the board of management in the case of the latter. He has, further, served no less than sixteen stewardships to our principal Charities, and in his Mother Lodge has been the direct means whereby twelve Charity Jewels have been presented to as many of his fellow members. So fair a record of services in the cause of Benevolence will rarely be found throughout the whole of Masonry. Indeed, it is invidious at any time to institute comparisons in such a matter. It is sufficient that he has done his duty admirably, and more than that can be said of no one.

But the portrait is now complete. We are sensible there are many deficiencies in the work, but these have arisen from the excess rather than, as too frequently happens, from any defect of material. However, we trust our readers, as well as the hero of our story, will graciously accord us pardon for our many shortcomings. We have endeavoured to present him in his true character. We know that, as a man, and in the immediate circle of his friends, he is beloved and esteemed of all. We have shown that, in his business avocations, he is one of those giant workers whom no amount or variety of labour terrifies. On the contrary, his spirit rises with each fresh accession of toil; while, as a Craftsman, he has worked unremittingly. He has filled the highest as well as the most onerous offices in Lodge and Chapter, in Conclave and Preceptory. He has had many and well-merited distinctions conferred upon him in every branch of Masonry with which he has been connected. And, as in the past, so in the future. He will, we feel assured, be ever the same—assiduous in his duties, of what nature soever they may be, earnest in the promotion of what is good, and kind and considerate towards all men. His is no changeful nature, and we are not erring in excess of praise in putting into his mouth the words of an illustrious poet—

"No! Time, thou shalt not boast that I do change:
Thy pyramids built up with newer might
To me are nothing novel, nothing strange;
They are but dressings of a former sight.
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"Thy registers and thee I both defy,
Not wondering at the present, nor the past;
For thy records and what we see do lie,
Made more or less by thy continual haste;
This I do vow, and this shall ever be,
I will be true, despite thy scythe and thee."

We learn from *Le Monde Maçonnique* that, according to the recently published Calendar of the Grand Orient of France for the current year, there are 307 bodies which owe allegiance to the Grand Orient, namely—238 Lodges, 33 Chapters, 14 Councils, 1 Consistory, and 1 Grand Lodge of Rites. These are distributed in manner following:—In Paris, 46 Lodges, 5 Chapters, 2 Councils, and the Grand College of Rites: in the Department of the Seine, 8 Lodges; in the other Departments, 164 Lodges, 16 Chapters, 7 Councils; in Algeria, 10 Lodges, 2 Chapters, 1 Council; in the French Colonies, 8 Lodges, 3 Chapters, 1 Council; in foreign countries, 22 Lodges, 7 Chapters, 3 Councils, and 1 Consistory. These differ but slightly from the returns issued in 1875.

We gather from the same journal that the recent lottery organised by the Lodge *La Parfaite Amitié*, and held at Albi in aid of the Lyons workmen out of employ-

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THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the walls of the metropolis, and in the advertising columns of our newspapers, may, at this moment, be read the following announcement, viz. :—"To be sold by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees, the well built and very important Public Building known as the 'Surrey Masonic Hall.'"

Can this be read by any of the numerous members of our Craft in the South Metropolitan district without a twinge of conscience for non-assistance to a body of men who have *done their best* in the interests of Freemasonry, and have worked heartily and thoroughly against adverse circumstances to carry out an undertaking which it is admitted on all sides was not only a need, but of the greatest importance in promoting the *morale* of the Order by disassociating the practice of its ritual from the influence of tavern accommodation? I cannot now stay to compute the number of brethren within the district, but feel assured that it is sufficiently large to warrant the assertion that a contribution averaging amongst them the value of our smallest golden coin would have sufficed to prevent so deplorable a circumstance as the offer to public competition of the handsome building the promoters have erected.

In the report of the ceremony of laying the foundation, or, as it was termed, the memorial stone, in May 1874, I find the statement that, for so long a period as ten years previously, strenuous endeavours had been made to secure such a building. The first association formed for that purpose, under the style of "The Masonic Hall Company," was registered under the Joint Stock Company's Acts 1856-7 by twenty-four brethren, the capital being stated at £5,000, in shares of £1 each, and I well remember that its early expectations were bright, although at that time the number of South Metropolitan Freemasons bore no adequate proportion to the present number, and the anticipations of the later company. The enthusiasm it evoked, however, soon died out, and subsequent attempts proved also fruitless. Not daunted, although probably disheartened, several of the "twenty-four" still kept the project afloat, and waited the better opportunity which came at last, and in 1872 the two remaining of the original promoters obtained the adhesion of other brethren, and with their assistance the present company was formed. The capital was fixed at £3,000 only, in 600 shares of £5 each; and it was, I think, not unreasonably assumed that from amongst the many members of the Order surrounding the locality chosen for the Hall, so small a share list would be speedily filled. The directors laboured assiduously to interest both Lodges and individual brethren, and their project met with universal approval and promises of support in all directions; but the failure of former attempts had great influence in causing that support to be withheld until assurance in the shape of "bricks and mortar" was given. *Then* there would be no hesitation. *Then* shares should be taken and cheerful assistance given! So by the munificent aid afforded by two or three of the Directors, the site was selected, a portion of the building erected, and the memorial stone laid by the Prov. Grand Master, on the 29th May 1874, with great *eclat*, and still further approval and *promises*. And then began a time of trial for the Directors. Having committed themselves to the building of the Hall they must needs go on, and the usual result of monetary complications ensued. Differences of opinion arose amongst the Directors as to this, that, and the other, plan of carrying out the project to completion in the face of difficulties occasioned by the non-fulfilment of the promises so apparently earnestly made. Again the liberality of individual members of the board, the architect, and the builder himself, prevented the "Surrey Masonic Hall" remaining a carcase to this day, and at last the "*substantially built Public Building of handsome elevation*" was completed. But where were all the promised shareholders? Where the assurance of support? It was never intended or announced that the Company should be a purely commercial speculation, or pay its shareholders more than a merely nominal dividend. It was built, more than principally, for the uses of Freemasonry, and the income from such use was to have covered cost and annual expenditure. It will be a standing disgrace to the fraternity if the Hall ever becomes anything but a *Masonic* Hall. "*It is there!*" is the consolatory reflection of many who have spent time and money in the endeavour to raise it, and now it should be for others to keep it devoted to its original purpose. It has been a hard task for those who have connected themselves with this and former attempts, and they have seen their associations gradually dissolved by death, removal, and other circumstances, until now the directory of the Company does not contain the name of any one of the originators of the building. And it is in my personal knowledge that those who now form the Company have been equally unselfish in respect of both time and money as were their predecessors. Surely the "Craft," or that portion most nearly interested in the maintenance of such useful premises, should now take their part in the work, and save the building for its original purposes. How that can be done at this critical moment, I must confess myself unable to suggest; but, nevertheless, something [illegible] and although perhaps no good may come of it, [illegible] might lead to? This will be read, I hope, by many [illegible] 28th inst. The auction is fixed for Tuesday, the 3[illegible] *the 30th, at six in the evening*, let all those who [illegible] consultation might not be altogether unproductive [illegible] itself and see the outcome. It is a very *improm*[illegible] Freemasons will be there to meet Freemasons, and [illegible] but right that the general body should know ho[illegible] individuals have acted in the general interest, an[illegible] no present connection with them, I can "a tale unf[illegible] to the Directors of the Company, that in common [illegible] be heard. And if they can be supported, and the [illegible] the purpose for which it was dedicated, there are [illegible] who will rejoice equally with,

Yours very truly and fra[illegible]

Clapham, 23rd July 1877.

THE ABUSE OF HOSPITAL RE[illegible]

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHR[illegible]

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me, *à propos* of y[illegible] subject of "Self-supporting Hospitals for the Wor[illegible] draw the attention of your readers to a very import[illegible] current number of the *Edinburgh Review* on "Metr[illegible] Relief." The writer very strongly and very proper[illegible] indiscriminate administration of medical relief now[illegible] London and our large towns, and strenuously ad[illegible] increase in the number of self-supporting Hospitals a[illegible] In the course of his remarks he points out that, after[illegible] able allowance for those who may seek relief at more th[illegible] as well as for the fact that some applicants at the sa[illegible] seek assistance more than once, and may therefore b[illegible] again, there are still about a million persons in Lon[illegible] upon charitable aid in times of sickness, and who make[illegible] their own medical necessities." Further on is given [illegible] inquiry instituted in October 1874, "into the Social[illegible] Out-Patients at the Royal Free Hospital." A fair[illegible] applicants, to the number of 641, was selected, and[illegible] the classification of these:—(1) Number who could[illegible] a private practitioner, 12; (2) ditto, who could afford[illegible] a provident dispensary, 231; (3) proper applicants,[illegible] cases, 57; (5) numbers who gave false addresses, 10[illegible] about whom sufficient information was not[illegible] Excluding the 172 in classes five and six, we have 2[illegible] dered as able to pay for private practitioners, and 4[illegible] provident dispensaries, 12 per cent. for parish assista[illegible] 36 per cent. are classed as "proper applicants." The[illegible] pool, with a population estimated at 521,544, is also cit[illegible] it appears that, exclusive of 15,882 sick paupers wh[illegible] by the Poor-Law medical officers, there were no less[illegible] out-patients attended at the various hospitals and dis[illegible] town in the year 1876. This, after deducting the p[illegible] given, amounts to over one-third of the whole popul[illegible] sufficiently strong evidence of the abuse of the present[illegible] system, and needs no comment whatever. Let me, h[illegible] your readers, who may be interested in the question, to [illegible] for themselves.

I will only add that I trust Bro. Jabez Hogg may [illegible] scheme.

Fraternally yours,

UBIQUITY.

OF PROPOSING CANDIDATES[illegible]

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONIC[illegible]

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read, with the utm[illegible] your article on this subject, and I regret to say I can [illegible] your statement that the law as to proposing candidates [illegible] tically and continually violated, especially in London Lo[illegible] from my own experience, it is rare indeed to hear th[illegible] gentleman proposed for initiation in open Lodge. Th[illegible] few days before the circulars calling the meeting [illegible] should be issued, simply sends to the Secretary the nam[illegible] &c. of the candidate, which is inserted in the summo[illegible] forwarded to the subscribing members of the Lod[illegible] receive their first notice of the intended addition to the[illegible] the Lodge night, if the ballot be favourable, the candida[illegible] a rule, in attendance, is initiated in due form, although m[illegible] the tongue of good report has observed the Masonic vir[illegible] in his favour. Here are three distinct violations of the[illegible] first place, without emergency, the candidate is not pro[illegible] Lodge and balloted for at the next regular Lodge. Secon[illegible] the emergent nature of the case, the proposition is not[illegible] Master, signed by two brethren, giving full particula[illegible] circumstances which cause the emergency," thus all[illegible] judge "if it be proper." I am afraid that in most ca[illegible] intimation the W.M. has is the announcement in the Lod[illegible] "To ballot for, and if elected, to initiate Mr. Blank Bla[illegible] posed by Bro. Chose P.M." Thirdly, before the ballot b[illegible] the imperative duty of the Master of the Lodge to "re[illegible]

r up. I remember once, in Bolton, being shown the minutes of the Lodges there. It was stated that Mr. "Smith" was ed by letter to the W.M. *according to the Book of Constitutions*, at previous to the ballot being taken, the W.M. ordered the ary to record that the emergent nature of the proposition was l by the desire of the candidate to be present at the Festival of hn, which was to be celebrated that night. This was accepted alid excuse, and the candidate duly admitted. Now, in this case, gh we may look on the reason as paltry, a bad excuse is better one, and the laws of the Craft were strictly obeyed. When mpare the West Yorkshire custom with that prevailing in n we find another departure from the letter of the law, but strict accordance with the spirit which strives to prevent the sion of objectionable candidates. It is usual (in Sheffield, for ple) that on the regular Lodge night in (say) January, a r having a candidate to propose, rises and says: "It is my in- n at our next regular meeting to propose Mr. So-and-So as a late for initiation." Previous to the meeting in February, this ion, or notice of motion, is placed on every Lodge summons, nt to the Provincial Grand Secretary, as well as to every er. The candidate, should no objection be made, is regularly ed, and his name placed on the summonses calling the meeting ch, in the usual form. Should the ballot be favourable, the ate, who is *not* awaiting the result in the ante-room, is asked nd the regular Lodge in April, when he is admitted to our it and Honourable Order, after every possible care has been to test and prove his eligibility. If these extraordinary pre- ns are necessary in Sheffield, where the Craft numbers 800 rs and three Lodges, how much more careful should we be in reat city," where the Lodges are numbered by hundreds, and me of the brethren is Legion, that no unworthy aspirant should itted to our mysteries?

uld any of the London Lodges think the law as to proposing ates a hard one, they are at liberty to endeavour to alter it by of Grand Lodge. Until this is done, and I trust it never will, r must be obeyed; it is perfectly clear and emphatic, and s no explanation.

should ever remember the words of our M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the of Sussex,—"I exhort you, brethren, never, collectively or ually, to suffer a breach of the Constitutions of the Craft . . . indicating the laws and regulations, which being made in f cool reflection, after long and serious deliberation, provide a for the correction of every abuse."

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER, P.M.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY'S APOLOGY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—A copy of the *Relation Apologique*, by er Ramsay, the French Edition, 1738, described by Bro. Jacob was sold in my father's collection at Sotheby's auction in ot 3, by whom purchased I do not know. It is extremely A notice of it appears in No. 26 of your paper.

of the "mysterious letters" probably signify *Maitre* Franc- To the best of my recollection, the work throws no light rigin of the R.A. degree.

ve there must be a copy in the library at the Masonic Hall, en-square.

Yours faithfully,

reat Queen-street, WALTER SPENCER.
1 July 1877.

REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me, while thanking "R.S.Y.C.S." complimentary expressions towards myself, to point out that, mble judgment, he has lost sight of the real point of my I argue that it is not the consistency of certain degrees with ognised by Craft Masonry, to which the Constitutions point ns and regulations relating to Regalia, but the consistency n jewels with those degrees. The wording of the law is ugh: "No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn hich shall not appertain to or be consistent with those . . . ." There are but three degrees, including the R.A., Masonry, and, therefore, jewels or emblems appertaining to, stent with, other than those degrees so defined are forbidden to be worn. The law does not go the length of ng the "high" and "side" degrees as inconsistent with the f Craft Masonry. It says nothing whatever about them, mple reason, as I imagine, that to do so would be, in a nse, to acknowledge them, and that officially. The object o strictly what jewels or emblems a brother may, and may not wear, in a Craft Lodge. The law does not say there er than the Craft degrees including the R.A. On the con- clause is so worded as, to my mind, deliberately to sanction nce that there *are* degrees which are *not* "recognised and ac- ed by, and are" not "under the control of the Grand Lodge, pure and antient masonry." If this argument holds good, lows that all jewels or emblems appertaining to, or con- h, such other unrecognised degrees are distinctly forbidden n Craft Lodges. The very first regulation of all declares e Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more," it goes on to name them. If we read the regulations as to ith this clear and precise definition of "pure Antient all other degrees, be they consistent or inconsistent with pure and antient Masonry, have absolutely no part or parcel in it whatever. *Ergo*, the jewels or emblems appertaining to or consistent with these outside degrees must not be worn in Craft Lodges.

With all due respect to "R.S.Y.C.S.," I do not see how I was straining my argument, when I interpreted the law as I did, or that there is any material difference between a law which says, "No jewel shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, certain recognised degrees," and "No jewel appertaining to or inconsistent with any unrecognised degrees shall be worn." There may, perhaps, be a distinction without a difference, in so far as this; that, in the former case, we have it laid down, in effect, though not in words, what jewels shall be worn; while in the latter case, we have it defined what shall not be worn. It seems to me, however, these propositions are properly interchangeable, as virtually determining one and the same point. Or, possibly, I shall explain my meaning more clearly, if I say that the law, as laid down in the Constitutions, declares absolutely that only the jewels or emblems which appertain to, or are consistent with, certain recognised degrees, shall be worn in Craft Lodges, while, as I phrased it, the law declares quite as absolutely, that the jewels or emblems of unrecognised degrees shall not be worn.

In the second paragraph of my letter, I simply endeavoured to show what the effect might be if "R.S.Y.C.S.'s" objection to wearing the insignia of the Bath or Garter in a Craft Lodge were carried to its logical conclusion. If, I suggested, all but Masonic Regalia are illegal, then all but Masonic clothing must be illegal likewise; for the law is distinct as to what "clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft," there being no mention whatever of coats, shirts, waistcoats, inexpressibles, and the other portions of a man's apparel.

As to the word "consistent," let us take it in its every day sense, and I fancy we shall not be grievously in error.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN MASONRY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I HAVE been the innocent cause of stirring up a difference of opinion between Boston and Philadelphia. A few years ago, Bro. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, asserted, in an article, that Boston was the mother of American Masonry. In my criticism thereon I called his attention to a newspaper of 1732, and to Franklin's letter of 1734. Bro. MacCalla took the hint, but he has been running since then to the other extreme, claiming Philadelphia to be the *legitimate* mother. I have more than once combated his notion. I have shown that no evidence exists that Pennsylvania had had a legally constituted Lodge before Dermott sent his Deputation there in 1764, establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge. Recent unearthings by Bro. Hughan furnish, however, fresh material for the controversy. I shall, therefore, state clearly, one by one, the Philadelphia evidence, and will follow each with my own remarks.

1st. An article by Franklin, in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* 1730, states, "As there are several Freemasons' Lodges in this province," &c., which proves the existence of Lodges there in 1730.

Remarks.—The article referred to was a burlesque or satire on Masonry. Franklin, therefore, could not have been a Mason in 1730, and he could not have known whether they were Masonic Lodges or secret societies of some other kind.

2nd. The *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 26th June 1732, contains an account of a Grand Lodge, held on the 24th previous, when William Allen was chosen G.M. and Benj. Franklin Junior Warden, &c.

Remarks.—There is no evidence that the said Grand Lodge was legally constituted.

3rd. Daniel Cox was appointed Provincial G.M., by the Duke of Norfolk, over New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; the appointment was for two years, from 24th June 1730. Philadelphia then must have derived its Masonic authority from Cox's Deputation. Accordingly, at the expiration of Cox's appointment, in 1732, Bro. Allen was chosen as his successor.

Remarks.—Cox's Deputation enjoined him, or his Deputy, his successors, or their Deputies, to communicate annually to the G.M. of England, or to his Deputy, the number of Lodges constituted in the Province, with the names of the members of each Lodge, &c. But neither Cox, Allen, Franklin, or any other so-called G.M. of Pennsylvania, had ever made the required communication, nor is there a particle of evidence that Cox ever established, anywhere in America, a solitary Lodge. The Cox theory must, therefore, be pronounced *not proven*.

4th.—28th November 1734, B. Franklin, as Grand Master, petitioned Henry Price and the G.L. in Boston, as follows:—

"We have seen in the Boston prints an article of news from London, importing that, at a G.L. held there in August last, Mr. Price's Deputation and power was extended over all America. * * * Giving credit thereto, we think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province (which seems to want the sanction of some authority from home, to give the proceedings and determinations of our Lodge their due weight), to wit, a Deputation or Charter granted by the R.W. Mr. Price, by virtue of his commission from Britain, confirming the Brethren in Pennsylvania in the privileges they now enjoy of holding annually their G.L., choosing the G.M. and Wardens," &c.

In a letter attached to the above petition, Franklin stated, "I beg

tinct Lodge, in opposition to the old and true Brethren here, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch." The two documents were alike signed "B. Franklin G.M.," and Price granted the required Deputation to Franklin accordingly.

Remarks.—Had Franklin's Grand Lodge derived its authority in the first place from Cox's Deputation, and had Franklin obeyed the injunction to keep up an annual communication with the Grand Master of England, he would not have needed *the sanction of some authority from home*, or from Mr. Price, to prove the legality of his Grand Lodge. Nor did Franklin in these documents refer to Cox, or give the least hint about Cox. But, on the contrary, the whole tenour of the above petition implies a consciousness on the part of Franklin that his Grand Lodge had never received any kind of "sanction from home." And, on the other hand, Henry Price claimed that he sent a Charter for the *first* Lodge at Philadelphia, and that "it was the beginning of Masonry there," which certainly shows that, up to 1734, the Philadelphia organisation was *bogus*.

Had we, however, been sure of Price's claim of an extension of his authority in 1734, and of his sending a Charter to Philadelphia, &c., legal Masonry would then have dated in Philadelphia from 1734, but, unfortunately, no Grand Lodge was held in London in August 1734; Price never received such an extension of power, and he never sent a Deputation to Philadelphia; the Henry Price theory is therefore untenable.

5th. Bro. MacCalla, of the *Keystone*, furnished the names of nine Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, who succeeded each other between 1732 and 1741.

Remarks.—For three of the nine Grand Masters, Bro. MacCalla proved, from newspaper extracts, that they were so designated, but for the remaining six he furnished no proof whatever. But, supposing it was so, the question still remains: Were they *legal* Grand Masters?

Furthermore, Cox was appointed for two years, from 24th June 1730, and his deputation ordained that his successors "are hereby empowered every other year, on the Feast of the Baptist, to elect a Provincial G.M." Now, what does "every other year" in the above quotation mean? Without letting out any reason why or wherefore, I questioned the Rev. Bro. Titus, G. Secretary of Massachusetts, about its meaning, and he replied "it means *biennial* elections." Cox was to hold the office for two years, and his successors were commanded to hold their election "every other year," meaning every alternate year. If this is the true definition, which I think it is, the Philadelphians who elected their Grand Masters, from 1732 *annually*, could not have derived their authority from Cox's Deputation.

6th.—From a letter dated 17th November 1754, from Henry Bell, *said to be* still in existence, the following quotation was produced:—

"As you know, I was one of the originators of the 1st Masonic Lodge of Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Sun Tavern, in Water-street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before we received it, we heard that Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial G.M. for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; we therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."

Remarks.—Who was Henry Bell? when was the charter granted? how did that letter come to light? and where is it? The only authority for the existence of that letter is, that an orator said so. But the time has passed for Masons to give credence to American Masonic orators, editors, encyclopædists, and book makers. No one in Boston believes in the existence of such a letter, and even the well known Bro. Leon Hyneman, formerly editor of the *Mirror* and *Keystone* at Philadelphia, disbelieves in its genuineness; and, until that letter is produced, this kind of evidence cannot be taken into consideration.

7th.—Bro. Hughan, unearthed, in 1875, a Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735, which contains a mixed-up list of Irish and English Lodges, and to what should have been numbered in the English list as 79 is annexed—that it met at the Hoop in Philadelphia; therefore, say the Philadelphians, that Lodge, No. 79, must have been chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

Remarks.—In the *Pocket Companion*, printed in London in 1735 and in 1736, No. 79, in both editions, was left blank, implying that the Lodge was extinct. Bro. Hughan thinks that the London publication of 1735 was a reprint of the Dublin one of the same year. I think, that most likely it was the reverse. But be that as it may, the discovery must only add to the confusion of statements, thus:—Franklin's Grand Lodge, in 1732, met at the Sun Tavern, Water-street; Bell has it that his Lodge met in 1730, at the Tun Tavern; while our Dublin authority has it neither Sun nor Tun, but *Hoop*, in Water-street. Now whether the printer confounded Sun with Tun is immaterial, but what has the Hoop to do with it?

I shall soon exhibit two Lodge lists, viz., of 1733 and 1734, in which lists No. 79, and 79 *only*, is blank. Now, whether the Dublin copy of 1735 was a reprint from the London edition, or whether the Dublin editor copied his English Lodge list from some other source, I have good reason to assume that the English list from which he copied had its No. 79 blank, the same as the above named lists were. It is therefore probable that some recent returned Dublin Pennsylvanian, perhaps a sea Captain, informed the Dublin editor that he had visited a Lodge at the Hoop in Philadelphia, but knew nothing about its Number. Then a lucky thought must have struck our Hibernian brother, and I can almost imagine hearing him exclaim—"Aha! sure enough! There is a Lodge without a number, and here is a No. 79 without a Lodge. Shure! here must be there, and there must be here;" and so he put this and that together, and made it read that "79, the Hoop, in Water-street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday," while in reality the Hoop Lodge may have been the very Lodge that set itself up in opposition to the older Lodge, and "made Masons for a bowl of punch."

Suppose, however, that the London Pocket Companion w... editor saw the blunder annexed to No. 79 in the consequently omitted it from his own list.

The Lodge lists unearthed by Bro. Hughan are, 1734, containing 128 Lodges, with dates of const places of meeting attached to most of them. Th the list is thus given, "128, Duke of Marlborough White Chapell, Third Fry d. Novem. ye 5th 1734 last-named date, and the previous December 27th inserted without dates of their Charters. No. 12 "Boston, New England." The discovery of the Bo 1734 list confirmed an opinion I had formerly that Price brought with him a Charter for a Lodge in but it was not to be registered until the Grand Secr received the news that the Lodge was actually c news must have reached London in July, or early and the Grand Secretary must have acknowledged th Boston letter in the month of August, and I think bable that the story magnified by Price in the I having received an extension of his powers from held there (in London) in August last, was simply s receipt of the said letter.

The 2nd list I found in the *Freemasons' Magazine* p. 84; the finding of this list set me to work anew the subject. I, however, soon found out that Bro. H nizant of the existence of that list. The said list w Dr. Rawlinson, LL.D. and F.R.S., in 1733. The MS. the Bodleian Library at Oxford. This list enumerate with places where each held its meeting, but with constituted. But as Pine's list gives the date of N March and July 1733, it must have been compiled in a curious fact that in both of the above describe *is blank*. Here then I have shown lists of 1733, 1 1736, and all bear testimony that No. 79 was a *dead* that period. And furthermore, in no English list Philadelphia Lodge be found. And if Philadelphia charter from England up to 1736, where did it get one

In conclusion, I must confess that the Colonial Bos Grand Masters were faithless to the Grand Lodge of were otherwise unreliable in their statements and pro the record they boast of having chartered about forty L the Colonial period: but up to 1768 no other Lodge London but the Boston 1733 Lodge; in that year, 1768, England for four more Lodges, but for the rest they shilling. Now the truth is, they did not constitute mor thirty to thirty-five Lodges; so about fifty guineas are ye Boston Masons to the Grand Lodge of England. Nor d Bro. Price's Grand Mastership and some other things. be denied that No. 126 was the first legally constitut America. While, therefore, in a *limited sense*, on acc Lodges that existed in Philadelphia in 1730 and 1731, may claim American Masonic Mothership, yet, as there ticle of proof that those Lodges were legitimate and re there is now no doubt that the 1733 Boston Lodge wa from a legal standpoint, therefore, Boston is entitled t "the Mother of American Masonry."

Boston, U.S., 13th July 1877.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC AT BOURNEMOUTH.

AN interesting ceremony in connection with the Hen No. 195, took place at Bournemouth on Friday, 20th the handsome new Hall lately erected in St. Michael' dedicated according to the ancient custom of the Craft. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P. had consented t the ceremony, and he was accompanied by the following Officers:—Bros. Captain Best P.P.G.W. as Deputy Pr Master, H. Abraham S.G.W., F. Pince J.G.W., M. E. Fro Treas., J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. G. Sec., E. G. Holbrook Pro J. Puntis Prov. G.D.C., S. S. Pearce Prov. G.S.D., J. B Prov. G.J.D., C. A. Dyer P.G.S.B., G. F. Sherman and Ne Stewards, and the following Past Provincial Officers:—I Lancaster P.P.G.W., J. B. Thomas P.P.G.D., &c. Th numerous attendance of members of the Lodge and Vi cluding Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary of Englan Pearse late D.P.G.M. of Dorset, C. W. Wyndham P.P.S.G.W Sir H. Drummond Wolff M.P., H. D. Cartwright (Grand India), W. B. Rogers, E. W. Rebbeck, J. B. Goddard, J. M D. Sydenham, P. Tuck, and A. Briant, P.M.'s of the Hengi and the following Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. J. Druitt j W. Merson S.W., W. J. Worth J.W., J. N. Frye S.D., A. I Sec., Rowland Hill Chaplain.

The Hengist Lodge, which is one of the eldest in the was formerly held at Christchurch, and has seen many vici but of late years has made very rapid progress, and it was de by the members to have a building of their own in which their meetings. Accordingly a site was selected, and in t part of the year the foundation stone of the new Lodge was the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Beach, who now attended to the work. The new building contains on the ground floor a by 21 ft. 6 in., which will afford accommodation for more t brethren. On this floor are also a retiring-room and ot veniences. In the basement are a refreshment-room and The front of the building is faced with white brick and Bere f and is after the Tuscan order of architecture. The contract ...ding, amounting to £896, was carried out by Mr. J. Mc

he somewhat limited space at his disposal, has done his utmost to ince a successful structure.

he Lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Druitt, R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Beach, and his officers were admitted and con- ed to the dais with the usual ceremonies. An anthem, "Behold good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in y," was then sung. An exordium on Masonry having been ared by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Pearse, P.P.D.G.M. of Dorset, rchitect, Bro. T. Stevens, with suitable words, delivered up the uments entrusted to his care on the laying of the foundation , and presented the Prov. Grand Master with the silver trowel on that occasion. The P.G.M. having replied, an ode, composed he occasion, was sung. Bro. Le Feuvre, the P.G.S., then in- ed the P.G.M. of the object of the assembly, and the ceremony e act of dedication having been performed, the Prov. Grand er declared the building dedicated to pure Masonry, virtue, and ersal benevolence. The Rev. Rowland Hill (for the Prov. Grand lain, who was unable to attend), then delivered an appropriate on, which was followed by the anthem, "Glory to God in the est." A congratulatory address to the Lodge was given by the P.G.M., on the completion of the building and the success of proceedings; this was followed by a vote of thanks, which was ed by acclamation, to Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary of and, Bro. Beach remarking that he deserved the warmest thanks ry member of the Craft for the very excellent and courteous er in which he performed the many and arduous duties devolv- pon him in his most important office. Bro. Hervey having nded, and expressed his gratification at being present, the ency of the Lodge was resumed by the W.M. of the Lodge. ial vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M. and his officers having given with acclamation, the Lodge was closed. An hour later, 100 of the brethren assembled at the High Cliffe Mansions where an excellent banquet was served, in first-class style, by Kilner, in a marquee in the grounds of the hotel. The Prov. Master presided, supported by the W.M. (Bro. Druitt), and all the brethren who attended the Lodge. The usual loyal asonic toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. Sir H. D. M.P., proposed, "The Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," eulogising his many nt qualities in his various spheres. The toast was received reat enthusiasm, and acknowledged by Bro. Beach. Bro. E. obeck proposed, "The D.P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, ie Prov. Grand Officers," thanking them, on behalf of the t Lodge, for their attendance that day. Bro. H. Abraham, Grand Warden (the Mayor of Southampton), responded. E. Le Feuvre Prov. Grand Sec., Sheriff of Southampton, gave Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset," and Bro. C. W. Wyndham ied. Various other toasts were honoured during the evening. .M. left shortly before eleven o'clock, when the chair was y the W.M. for a short time. The brethren from Portsmouth nable to return the same night, accommodation at the hotel ry kindly provided for them by the host, Bro. Kilner.—*uth Times and Naval Gazette.*

RICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

ARTERLY Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, ngoon, on Tuesday, the 13th March. Bro. H. Krauss presided as D.G.M., and was numerously supported by the ers, together with representatives of Lodges Star of Burmah, Victoria in Burmah, No. 832; and Rangoon, No. 1268. Bros. H. B. Davidson, and G. L. Shunker, both of No. 832. Lodge having been opened, the proceedings of the previous cation, which had been printed and circulated, were taken nd confirmed. Letters of apology from several brethren bsence having been read, the District Grand Secretary read t of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand mmittee, held at his office on the 6th March. At this he District Grand Treasurer's account since the last audit submitted and found correct, and presented the following In respect of D.G. Lodge fund, receipts, including balance vious quarter of over 20 rupees, and contributions of 5 rupees, amounting to between 237 and 238 rupees; e 123 rupees, leaving a balance in hand of over 114 rupees. of the D.G.L. Benevolent Fund, receipts, composed of om previous quarter of 489 rupees, and contributions from 1 rupees, and amounting to 660 rupees; expenditure, donation to widow of a late brother of Lodge No. 832 of amounting to 229 rupees, leaving a balance in hand of The D.G. Secretary, having reported receipt of returns om seven out of the eight Lodges in the district, submitted I received two appeals of an un-Masonic character from thren of the Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, against of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks as W.M. for the ensuing it) year, and that the D.G.M. had declared such election ar. The D.G. Treasurer announced that a sum of 47 rupees alised towards payment of the balance due for erecting to the late Bro. A. G. Greenlaw, the first Grand Master ct. The rest of this report having been read, the D.G.M. proposed, and the D.G. Purs. seconded, a motion that d, and this, after the defeat of an amendment in respect se, was carried. The D.G.M. in the chair then r he had received from Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. T. Duncan, and Master, who some time previously had announced ... to the effect that he forwarded the collar and would present the same to the D.G. Lodge for the use of the D.G.M. for the time being. As a vote of thanks to Bro. Duncan had already been passed by the D.G. Lodge, the acting D.G.M. directed that the receipt of the regalia be duly recorded. This concluded the business of the Communication, and D.G. Lodge was therefore closed in form, at 7.30 p.m.

Old Warrants.

No. 77.

No. 294, "Ancients;" No. 374 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 258 A.D. 1832, and No. 213 from A.D. 1863.

CARNARVON, PRO G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren, We, His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS it appears, by the Records of the Athol Grand Lodge, or Old Institutions, that a Warrant of Constitution, bearing date the 24th day of December 1795, was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at The Turkey Cock, St. Simonds, in the city of Norwich, and which Lodge was then registered in the Books of the said Athol Grand Lodge, No. 294. And whereas, by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th day of December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 374. By the general alteration of the numbers in the year 1832, it became No. 258, and by the closing up of the numbers in the year 1863, it became, and is now, registered in the Grand Lodge Books, No. 213, meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Norwich, in the county of Norfolk, under the title or denomination of "The Lodge of Perseverance." And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their memorial, represented to us that their Warrant has been removed from the Lodge Room, and it is believed to have been 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, and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren, do hereby grant this, OUR WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION, unto our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, James Sharpen Offord, Orlando Dennis Ray, Joshua Augustus Gooch, George Walter Plumstead, John William Reynolds, Charles Fendick, John Barnard Coates, William Anthony Crisp, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their Successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Norwich aforesaid, on the third Tuesday of every Month, or at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their By-Laws, in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft, under the title or denomination of

No. 213 THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE,

and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons, 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 James Sharpen Offord to be Master, the said Orlando Dennis Ray to be the Senior Warden, and the said George Walter Plumstead 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, and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted 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. And we do require you, the said James Sharpen Offord, 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 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, 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 a 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 our 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, or Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this, Our Warrant of Confirmation, shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said James Sharpen Offord are required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 8th February, A.L. 5876, A.D. 1876.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET

THE speech of the Earl of Beaconsfield in t Lords, on Thursday, in defence of his of Mr. Pigott to be Controller of H.M.'s Stati was in his happiest vein. He fully explained stances which had induced him to appoint that and pointed out that the statement of its ha political job was entirely fabulous. He did not Mr. Pigott by sight, and that gentleman's fi from having been one of the noble Earl's sup left the county of Bucks some thirty years ago. that Mr. Pigott, immediately after the vote of of Commons, censuring the appointment, had resignation in his (the noble Earl's) hands, but circumstances, he had not thought proper to After a few remarks from Earl Granville, Lords Northbrook, and Cardwell, bore willing testim abilities of Mr. Pigott, their statements and the speech being greeted with loud cheers. After th ties of Oxford and Cambridge and the Enclosur been read a third time, and other measures stage, a debate, induced by Lord Stratheden a bell, on the war between Russia and Turkey, en Friday, the Kirwee Booty and Coolie Emigration cussed. On Monday, the Earl of Derby explaine cumstances which had induced the gover strengthen our Mediterranean garrisons at thi On Tuesday, the Telegraphs' Money Bill was rea time.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, the C of the Exchequer explained what course minis prepared to pursue with reference to those mea undisposed of, which they had introduced, after House went into Committee on the Irish Judic On Friday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved a resolution bearing on a recent vote of t respecting the appointment of Mr. Pigott, and t quent explanation of that appointment by th Minister, but, at the instance of sundry member sented to postpone it till Monday. The House sumed the consideration, in Committee, of t Judicature Bill. At the evening sitting, Mr. Power's motion for the release of the prisoners was discussed. The Government it. Mr. Gladstone spoke favourably of it, he declined to support it by his vote. M pointed out that they were merely following in steps of their predecessors, and the Marquis of H strenuously supported the Government on a divis motion was defeated by 235 to 77. An attempt unsuccessfully made to complete the considerati Irish Judicature Bill, and the House adjourned at past two o'clock. There was accordingly a mornin on Saturday, for the purpose of disposing of the in Committee, but the Irish members, who have for themselves the title of "Obstructionist their best to impede the progress of the meas it was only after a long and most unseemly wra the Bill emerged from Committee. On Monday, Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained the re the Government in dispatching reinforcements to t terranean, another long wrangle occurred over a n the same Minister, respecting the further conduct business. The motion of Sir Stafford Northcote that ment orders of the day should have precedence of orders of business on Tuesdays and Wednesdays dr remainder of the Session was ultimately carried, an ment being first of all disposed of by 385 to 15, motion itself carried by 321 to 13. Sir W. Bartlett lution on Mr. Pigott's appointment was then disc

on. A motion of Mr. Meldon's, on the Remuneration rish Schoolmasters, was defeated by 110 to 73. On day, on the motion of Mr. Lowther, that the House ld go into Committee on the South Africa Bill, Sir G. pbell proposed an amendment, but was defeated by 221 . In the course of the debate Mr. O'Donnell made a and irrelevant speech of about two hours, during h several attempts were made to count-out the House, at length the patience of the Speaker was exhausted, e declined to count. After this, the House was again o the trouble of dividing, on the question that the ker leave the chair, the numbers for and against being nd 5 respectively. The House then went into Com-e, and progress was immediately reported. On Wed-y, the House witnessed the most disgraceful scene has ever taken place. The whole of the afternoon taken up in wrangling, and at length Sir Stafford ncote, finding that nothing would induce the obstruc-ts to allow public business to proceed, moved a reso-that certain words spoken be taken down and ted to the Speaker. He then announced his intention ving certain resolutions on the subject on Friday, and meantime proposed that the attendance of Mr. Par-ll then be dispensed with. It seemed, however, to be inion of the House that so important a step should e taken too hastily, and the matter was postponed till , Mr. Parnell, who had been ordered to withdraw, therefore at liberty to return till the question was d.

condition of the young Prince Albert Victor of Wales to be steadily improving. We trust that next week ll be in a position to report his entire convalescence. rince of Wales visited the ex-Empress of the French leburst, on Monday. Early on Tuesday morning the of Cambridge went down to Woolwich, for the pur-f inspecting the 3rd battalion of the Rifle Brigade, is under orders to proceed to the Mediterranean. ttalion mustered 900 strong, and was put through a of evolutions. The same afternoon His Royal ess presented the prizes and commissions to the of the Royal Academy, Woolwich. The first eight successful list were appointed to the Royal Engi-and the remaining thirty-one to the Royal Artillery. ednesday, the Duke reviewed four battalions of the s in Hyde Park. Several hours were occupied in the ivres, after which the troops returned to barracks. Volunteer meeting closed on Saturday, with a grand y athletic meeting, and the usual distribution of by Lady Wharncliffe. The competitions which ncluded after our last week's Budget was written, mong the most important events of the meeting. cho Challenge Shield was carried off by the Irish ith the splendid score of 1,568 out of a possible England being second with 1,464, and Scotland last 439. Thus the Elcho Shield will cross the Irish for the third time, and remain in the custody of d Mayor of Dublin for the current year. In the otween the Lords and Commons, the former were us by 29 points, the totals at the two ranges of ds and 500 yards respectively being—Lords 404, ns 375. Oxford beat Cambridge for the Chan-Plate by 4 points only, the numbers being Oxford Cambridge 533. In the Public Schools' Competi-the Ashburton Shield, nine contested, and after the closest struggles on record Cheltenham was winner by a single point over Eton, Harrow being th one point less. The numbers were Cheltenham n 392, and Harrow 391. For the Spencer Cup, awarded to the best champion shot of each team, sentative of Cheltenham came first by 5 points, being 31. The only other contest which deserves oticed was that for the Loyd-Lindsay Cup, for even mounted squads of yeomanry competed. The o was taken by the Warwickshire squad, the y the Dorsetshire, thus reversing the positions of , and the third by the 1st Bucks squad. There vel display in connection with this trial. A squad .A.C. infantry men obtained permission to try their ver the course, but, of course without being allowed for the prizes. The four did the distance (three of a mile), giving their 5 shots each at the two 200 yards and 400 yards) and vaulting the hurdles

The order for the dispatch of reinforcements to our Mediterranean garrisons has caused a large amount of excitement, not only among the public, but likewise at our naval and military ports, and at Aldershot. Two of our huge transports employed in the conveyance of troops to India were ordered early this week to be got ready, and by the time these lines are before our readers, some three thousand men will be already on their way to Malta. Other regiments have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness, and three other transports are being made ready to convey them to the same destination, in order that Great Britain may be in a better position, in the event of any necessity arising for her intervention. It is said the garrison of Malta is to be raised immediately to 10,000 men, and if events move in the direction they have been doing of late, and as rapidly, it is very possible the government may feel it to be its duty to dispatch a more considerable force still. There are rumours that we may so far depart from our present attitude of passive neutrality as to occupy the old lines of Gallipoli, which the French and English engineers threw up at the time of the last war, but which, owing to the repulse of the Russians before Silistria, it was not found necessary to hold for any length of time. As these lines run across the narrowest part of the isthmus, they can be held easily by a comparatively small force, while the position would enable the occupying army to check any serious attempt on Constantinople, especially considering the strength of our Mediterranean fleet, which is likewise being reinforced.

The Russians have been pressing forward their troops in Bulgaria and Roumelia in considerable numbers, with great rapidity, and, it may be added, with astonishing audacity. There are those, indeed, who think that the present disposition of their forces may turn out disastrously, especially as the Turks appear to be thoroughly aroused from their apathy, and are fighting with the most desperate resolution, if not in all cases with success. The most important news is the dismissal of the Turkish Generalissimo, Abdul Kerim Pacha, and the War Minister, Redif Pacha. Both these have been ordered back to Constantinople, where, it is said, they will be tried by Court-Martial. The new Commander-in-Chief is Mehemet Ali Pacha, while Suleiman Pacha has gone to the front with his troops fresh from their long course of victories in Montenegro. Osman Pacha has defeated the Russians at Plevna, after a tremendous engagement, in which the latter themselves acknowledge the loss of close on 2,000 men, while the Turkish loss is set down at 1,200. An attack is also reported to have been made by the Russian army from the Dobrudscha on some of the outlying defences of Silistria, but the Turks declare they repulsed it without difficulty. The celebrated Chipka Pass is now occupied by the Russians, and as this route is available for the passage of artillery, the Russian forces south of the Balkans will now soon be in sufficient strength to imperil the Turkish positions at Adrianople and Philippopolis, the latter being, it is said, the next object of attack. As regards the former, there was a great scare at first when it was known that the Russians were in strong force south of the Balkans, but fresh troops are being continually sent forward from Constantinople, and the immediate danger of the City of Adrian is now supposed to be passed. But Rumour is so fond of telling fibs that the news of to-day may be directly contradicted by the news of to-morrow. As for other operations in the same quarter, Shumla, Widdin, and Rustchuk are all said to be threatened by the Russians in force, and the last has been subjected to a terrific bombardment, with what result is not yet known. In Asia there has been a certain amount of fighting, but nothing of any moment. The Turks under Moukhtar Pacha still occupy their advanced position close to the Russian frontier, and the Russians are said to be preparing for a fresh campaign. But the most terrible news of all relates to the "atrocities" said to have been committed by the Cossacks and Bulgarians on the fugitive women and children from Mahometan villages. Not a day passes but fresh massacres are reported. That horrible cruelties have been committed on the unfortunate Mussulmans is beyond all question, for there is the combined testimony to that effect of no less than twenty newspaper correspondents of different nationalities; but to what extent the Russian Generals are responsible for it remains to be seen. In the meantime, it seems as though

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

WE publish in another column a letter from our well known correspondent "P.M., P.Z.," in which he offers a few pertinent well-intentioned remarks on the fate which awaits this Hall. We trust with him that it is not too late to take some sufficient steps to prevent this building from passing to other than Masonic uses. It is little more than three years since the foundation-stone was laid. Two years and a fortnight ago, to the very day, the Hall was solemnly consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry, by no less a personage than Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England. According to the Official Calendar, there are ten Lodges and two Chapters which meet there, and doubtless other Masonic bodies make it their head-quarters. That Masonry is very popular in the immediate vicinity is evidenced by the one fact that seven of the ten Lodges we have mentioned have been constituted within the last four years, while others no doubt have been established which meet at other places. Thus, with the building inaugurated by one of our highest dignitaries, with a number of bodies meeting in it, whose payments for rent must together make a respectable income, and the Masonic element very strongly represented in the neighbourhood, we should naturally imagine that everything would go on prosperously, and that however matters might fare in other directions, here at least there would be no financial difficulties to contend with. Alas! that all these reasonable anticipations of good fortune should be so vain and illusory. On Tuesday next, this building will be publicly sold by auction, and it may well happen that what is now a comfortable and respectable home for the South London Freemasons to meet at, will, in a short time, pass into non-Mason hands, and be used for non-Masonic purposes. We trust the suggestion of "P.M., P.Z." will be acted upon. Albeit he has no particular plan to offer, he proposes that the brethren who live in the vicinity of the Hall, should drop in and have a quiet confabulation over the matter. Some scheme, he thinks, might suggest itself, even at the eleventh hour, and prevent the impending misfortune from actually befalling the South London Craft. "P.M., P.Z." expresses his belief that if each individual Craftsman in that particular district had contributed one of our smallest gold coins, the sum thus raised would have sufficed to prevent the disgrace which must fall upon Masonry by the public sale of one of its Temples. It is not the promoters of the scheme who are to blame, for having proposed the erection of a building where Craftsmen could find a more suitable home than in the nearest hotel or tavern. It is not the directors of the limited company, who set to work and built in the, as it happens, deluded belief that the needful amount of shares would be taken as promised; or the Masonic bodies who use the Hall, and contribute their annual rentals towards its support—it is not these who are to blame for the impending calamity. It is the South London Masonic brethren, who thoughtlessly made promises, and have not kept them; it is the Masonic public, in the same district, who can find money for banquets and jewels, but have not the heart to raise amongst them a modest sum; it is these whom we have to condemn for allowing so much odium to fall on Freemasonry. It is almost certain there are six hundred Masons in the south of London, who, any day in the year, would think nothing of expending £5, if by so doing they could wear additional tinsel; yet the purchase of a £5 share in a Masonic Hall Company, started for the express purpose of providing Freemasonry with a respectable home, is not to be thought of—it is beyond their means. It is bad enough to have the announcement of the sale of the Hall posted all over London: and the least we think that our South London brethren should do is to buy the building, and so preserve it for the purposes to which it has been devoted, and to satisfy which it was erected.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

WE have pleasure to record the revival in the Order of the Temple of one of the most ancient Preceptories in England, bearing the name of the "Bosbury," or as it was formerly written "Bosemburie."

"Bosberie," according to Leland's Itinerary, "is ten miles north-east from Hereford at the head of the Leadon riveret, and thereby is a place belonging to St. John's of London, called "Upleadon." The remains of the old "Temple Court," are still to be seen, about half a mile distant from this curious old place, and in the old Norman church are several long tombstones, marked with Templar crosses and emblems.

The Consecration of the Bosbury Preceptory took place on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, at three o'clock. The following Knights being present:—V. H. and E. Sir Knight Major Shadwell H. Clerke acting Great Prior for England and Wales, V.E. Sir Knight General Clerk P. Prov. Prior for Kent, V.E. Sir Knight Capt. N. G. [illegible] tenary, Sir Knight the Right Hon. Lord de Clifford Hon. and Rev. F. E. C. Byng, Sir Knight Major Cha

The Warrant of formation having been read, the was consecrated, according to due and ancient form Great Prior, assisted by the other Knights.

The E.P. Nominate Sir Knight the Rev. F. K. I inducted into the Preceptor's seat, and the following subsequently admitted and installed as members Comps. Colonel Nassau Lees, Major Woodall, Charles Chapman Grigg M.D.

After a vote of thanks, accorded by acclamation to Prior for his services on this occasion, the E.P. ment of some illustrious Royal Arch Companions who loc joining the Preceptory, and of some of the fou E. Sir Knight the Rev. John Robbins D.D., Sir K Major Le Poer Trench, &c., who were unable to be consecration.

The following officers were then appointed:—Sir Adair Constable, Sir Knight Lord de Clifford Marshal Hon. and Rev. F. E. C. Byng Chaplain, V.E. Sir Kn Hon. Sir Seymour Fitzgerald G.C.S.I. Sub-Marsh Colonel Nassau Lees Captain of the Guard, V.E. Sir Portlock Dadson Registrar, Sir Knight Major Charter Sir Knight Major Woodall Standard Bearers, and Chapman Grigg Herald.

Sir Knight Sir W. Wyllie G.C.B. was proposed, an elected an honorary member, it being further sug should be invited to hold office as Honorary Steward.

Sir Knight Charles Drummond was elected to be Tr year, and the following distinguished Knights were el members:—Sir Knight Major Shadwell Clerke Asst. G Knight General Clerk, Sir Knight Captain Philips, Michael Costa, and Sir Knight General J. Studholme B

After a few words from the E.P., who remarked th small number of the Preceptory was hardly to be re dering how often great things sprang out of small be were collected, and the Preceptory duly closed.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addre Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbi

Meetings and Greetings.—The Salutations, Obeisances, a of Nations; with Notes on Titles, Dignities, &c. C Arranged by William Tegg, F.R.H.S., Editor of "The "The Last Act," "Home's Trials," "Wills of their London: William Tegg and Co., Pancras-lane, Cheapsi

MR. WILLIAM TEGG is most indefatigable in his compila resting books. It is only a few weeks since we noticed Tied," and another; and now we have before us a thir parts, is most entertaining, while one excerpt from the di Master of Ceremonies, who flourished at the British Cou centuries ago, is very curious, and shows how much imp attached in those days to Court ceremonial. We are formal now-a-days—we will not say this change is accompa improvement in English manners and customs—but at other, Courts it is absolutely necessary that forms of some be observed, and observed most rigidly. These pa accounts of all such forms and ceremonies, or, at all ev many of them as will serve to convey to the reader a idea of their character. In addition, are accounts of p monials and receptions on certain important occasions, reader will find brought together accounts of various of t he has witnessed, or in which he may chance to have t But it will, perhaps, be as well if we follow the author hi treat of those we consider worthy of being singled out fo the order in which they occur.

Mr. Tegg introduces his subject ceremoniously, in a shor in which he tells us that his object has been "to describe trate the SALUTATIONS, OBEISANCES, and COURTESIES of nati tries, and people, including CEREMONIES, which latter may into four classes, *i.e.*, RELIGIOUS, STATE, SOCIAL, and INTERN The work itself is divided into five parts, in the first of given the various modes of salutation, those mentioned in Eastern, and other. In Part II. will be found descriptions religious rites and ceremonies, and a very full account of magnificent of modern State ceremonies, the Coronation of G with full particulars as to the mode of presentation at the St. James's, and other similar matters. It is in this part Tegg very properly introduces the excerpt above alluded to. Diary of an Old Master of the Ceremonies, which is itself in an account written by the late Isaac D'Israeli. When the discussed the origin of Court etiquette, and suggests that it from those grave "and courtly Italians, who, in their petty courts, made the whole business of these effeminate days *in punctilios*," he goes on, in the first place, to mention how, British Ambassadors went over to France in 1624, for the p arranging for the marriage of Charles with the Henrietta Maria, they very cleverly contrived to see Richelieu, so that there was no danger of his offend ambassadors of the Emperor and the King of Sp the point of punctilio. He then mentions that the Master of the Ceremonies was created by our James I. the

King, or in settling the terms of their precedence. Thus in one ige, partly quoted and partly analysed, we read of a privy cil being hastily summoned "to inquire why the French ambas- r had a 'defluxion of rheum in his teeth, besides a fit of ague,' ugh he hoped 'to be present at the same festival next year,' or g invited to a masque declared 'his stomach would not agree cold meats;' 'thereby pointing' (shrewdly observes Sir John,) he invitation and presence of the Spanish Ambassador, or who, e masque *the Christmas before*, had appeared in the first place.'" nother occasion, when the Muscovite Ambassador would not precedence to the French nor Spanish, Sir John very adroitly ged to place him "in an obscure situation, in which the imagined he was highly honoured, as there he enjoyed a full of the King's face, though he could see nothing of the enter- ent itself," and the other ambassadors were considerate enough to take exception." On another occasion, the same Muscovite lained that at his reception at Whitehall "only one lord was in g at the stairs-head, while no one had met him in the court- Sir John, however, was equal to the occasion, and gravely d the Muscovite "it was considered a greater honour to be ed by one lord than two!" Very quaint are the difficulties the worthy Master of Ceremonies encountered in his vours to humour the caprices of the different ambassadors. t is the French Ambassador, now the Spanish, now the Vene- who stands on *punctilio*. The last of the three named must een a most terrible fellow, but the Englishman was usually a for them, though now and again he found himself in a lty. However, he was wily enough not to compromise his lord aster or himself. On one occasion—that of the marriage of rick the Count Palatine with James's daughter, the Princess eth—we read as follows:—

r John having ushered among the countesses the lady of the ambassador, he left her to the ranging of the Lord Chamber- ho ordered she should be placed at the table next beneath the uses, and above the baronesses. But, lo! 'the Viscountess am, standing to her *woman's rights*, and possessed already of per place (as she called it), would not remove lower, so *held* d of the ambassatrice, till after dinner, when the French ador, informed of the difference and opposition, called out for 's coach. With great trouble the French lady was persuaded the Countess of Kildare, and the Viscountess of Haddington, no scruple of yielding their places."

learn further that all this time the Viscountess Effingham "both her supper and her company," and, as Mr. D'Israeli s, "Mortified to be seated at the side of the Frenchwoman y, frowning and frowned on, and going supperless to bed, the wedding-day of the Palatine and Princess Elizabeth, like girl on a form." We learn also from this account that it nal in those days for the foreign ambassadors to be lodged and ined at the cost of the English Monarch, and receive presents siderable value; from 1,000 to 5,000 ounces of gilt plate; and cases than one, the meanest complaints were made by the adors about short allowances." They in turn made presents fasters of the Ceremonies, "and some so grudgingly, that Sir inett often vents his indignation, and commemorates the y."

III. of the work gives the different modes of salutation in ong different nations, and Part IV. an account of "Titles of and Courtesy" with such explanations as to their meaning in as will serve the purpose of the general reader. Part V. ted to "Illustrative Receptions and Interviews of Great " derived from various sources, among them being particulars sit of our Queen to France during the days of the Second and the reception of the Shah of Persia by the Prince of f the Princess Alexandra, now Princess of Wales, in 1863, ay to Windsor to be married, and of the Duchess of Edin- ter her marriage at St. Petersburgh. Perhaps the least ions among the modes of reception is the one quoted from Charles Dickens's *American Notes*, in which he describes a paid to the President of the United States, and the kind of e saw waiting in one of the ante-rooms to interview that We quote the following portion of it:—

e were some fifteen or twenty persons in the room. One a , muscular, old man from the west, sun burnt and swarthy, own-white hat on his knees and a giant umbrella resting his legs, who sat bolt upright on his chair, frowning steadily pet, and twitching the hard lines about his mouth, as if he up his mind 'to fix' the President on what he had to say, dn't bate a drain. Another, a Kentucky farmer, six feet ght, with his hat on and his hands under his coat tails, who ainst the wall and kicked the floor with his heel, as though me's head under his shoe, and were literally 'killing' him. an oval-faced, bilious-looking man, with sleek black hair ose, and whiskers and beard shaved down to blue dots, who head of a thick stick, and from time to time took it out of to see how it was getting on. A fourth did nothing but A fifth did nothing but spit."

re, however, sufficiently described the character of the may add that there is a Table of Contents, which comes at the form of an Index, that the book is nicely printed and that we do not doubt that those of our readers who may ards this kind of literature will derive both instruction re from a study or even a perusal of its pages.

's PILLS.—No more Nervousness.—The moment impurity enters lth is diminished, and our nerves warn us of the disagreeable fact. purities out!" says common sense, and long experience testifies y's Pills accomplish this with the utmost certainty and complete- e dyspeptic and apathetic, they give new life and fresh energy, by

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE AND OPERATIVE MASONRY.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES UNDER THE OTTOS.

THE closing year of the tenth century in Germany vindicates the claims sometimes made to at least satisfactory progress in artistic and scientific culture. It may be stated, as within the limits of careful attestation, that the whole of the liberal arts and sciences at this period were exclusively under the fostering care of monastic institutions. The Abbeys of St. Gall, Reichenau, Fulda, Hersefeld, and Corvey were especially distinguished for the assiduity with which they cultivated ancient languages, and collected manuscripts of the more celebrated historians and other writers of Rome. Although at this age the religious spirit of the monks largely induced the importation of sainted relics from Italy, for the purpose of adoration and popular worship, in one single instance an Italian by the name of Gunzo, at the instigation of Otto I., brought into Germany over one hundred splendid copies of the most illustrious of ancient classics. So eagerly, indeed, were such manuscripts sought for, that the bones of a miracle-working saint were readily exchanged for a complete copy of Cicero's Orations. The Venetians from a very early period seem to have obtained absolute control of the trade in relics, and oft-times made piratical incursions upon certain portions of the Grecian coast and in Alexandria, for the sole object of robbing a Christian church or chapel of the venerated skelestons of celebrated martyrs or saints. In the time of Charlemagne and his predecessors, the enterprising merchants of Venice regularly attended the Lombardy fairs, for the purpose of disposing of their holy plunder.

Gerbert, afterwards elevated to the pontifical throne, under the name of Sylvester II., was in the glittering galaxy of Ottonian scholars and scientists especially renowned. He has not hesitated to assert that the development of his genius was owing to the gracious influences and favouring encouragement received from these munificent patrons. Acting upon the especial invitation of Otto III., yet a youth, although enthusiastic in his ardour for learning, Gerbert, then Archbishop of Rheims, came into Saxony and to the imperial court at the Palatinate of Madgeburgh. Upon the mandate of the German Emperor, which was cheerfully obeyed, all the most illustrious scholars of the age aggregated there from the spring until the fall of the year 997. By the personal request of the imperial student the treatises and investigations of this celebrated assemblage were directed to Greek dialects, and, what is more important, in its relation to the operative Craft of builders, to the science of numbers and mathematics under the supervision of Gerbert himself, who, thirty years previous, had become profoundly versed in mathematical and arithmetical sciences among the Arabs in Spain. This learning was up to this time entirely unknown to the Christians on this side of the Pyrenees. This fact is, indeed, one of great importance in its relation to the historical progression of architectural art, which, in the next century, made such rapid advances, and so quickly culminated in the elegant structures which stood without a rival in artistic finish and wonderful mathematical proportions. Without examining into the cumbersome methods of geometric and arithmetical calculations of the age before us, it can be stated as a demonstrated truth that the science of mathematics, with its attendant problems and the entirely novel solution of its theorems, combined with the results readily obtained by the Arabic system of calculations, after the practical demonstrations of Gerbert, placed the Craft of builders in possession of a geometric key, which unlocked the total secrets of architecture. It is equally clear that through such illustrious architects and scientists as Willigis of Mayence, and Bernward of Hildsheim, and other scholars, monks and abbots, this new system of mathematical science was introduced to the operative Masons or stonecutters, who were as yet not only under the absolute domination of the Church, but actually lodged or domiciled in the monasteries and convents, under ecclesiastical discipline.—*Sunday Sun.*

Bro. Turquand will work the installation ceremony in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, on Tuesday evening, the 31st inst., at the "Green Dragon," Stepney, at 8 o'clock.

We have much pleasure in stating that Bro. E. Page P.G.S., P.M. 23, and Treas. 1381, who has been suffering from a severe attack of conjestion of the lungs, is gradually recovering.

A meeting of the Festival Stewards of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, 24th inst. Bro. Major Barlow was elected the Honorary President of the Board of Stewards, and took the chair. The usual routine business was transacted, and the Stewards Fee fixed at 42s. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings. Among those present, were Bros. Cooper Smith, Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, J. H. Spencer, and F. Binckes, Hon. Secretary. We may remind our readers the Festival will be held at the Alexandra Palace, on 1st

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 JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 30th JULY.

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. (Inst.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.

TUESDAY, 31st JULY.

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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (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.)
1807—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
210—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1558—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
968—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.)
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.
208—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
236—Motra, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
337—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.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1062—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1333—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, 2nd AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
1429—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 6.30.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—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.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.

FRIDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
705—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.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 156 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 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
996—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1064—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 4th AUGUST.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE

SATURDAY.

140—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

837—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbu
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Br

TUESDAY.

446—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, H

WEDNESDAY.

750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Clec
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-str

THURSDAY.

299—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradf
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 306—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbu
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Hu

FRIDAY.

243—St. George's, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddc
327—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1548—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT

THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-cou
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hote

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF S

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit o brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meeti All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise s

MONDAY—65—Stonehaven, Mill Inn, Stonehaven, at 7 p.m
" 103—Union and Crown, 30 Cathedral-street, Glas
" 323—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Rothesay.
" 317—Camperdown, Freemasons' Hall, Dundee.
" R. A.—123—Thetis, 25 St. James-street.
TUESDAY—No. 3, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 213
WEDNESDAY—0—Mother Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall,
" 4—Kilwinning, 341 Dumbarton-road, Glasg
" 21—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 40—St. John's, George Hotel, Inverary.
" 78—St. Davids, Royal Hotel, Dundee.
" 86—Navigation, Commercial Hotel, Troon.
" 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston
" 136—St. Lawrence, Freemasons' Hall, Lawren
" 166—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.
" 203—St. Clement, Commercial Hotel, Kilmarn
" 250—Union, Chapel-street Hotel, Dunfermline.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, Cathedral-street, Gl
" 518—St. Andrew's, New Pitfligo Commercial H
" 562—Kildalton, Reading Room, Port Ellen, Isl
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow,
" R. A. 67—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—11—St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 23—St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 120—St. Peter, Crown Hotel, Montrose.
" 149—St. Andrews, Masonic Arms Hotel, Irvine.
" 157—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Main-street, Bu
" 165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 176—St. Andrews, Oak Inn, Denny.
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-squ
" 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
" 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-ro
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.
FRIDAY—114—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cambuslang,
" 116—Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135—St. David's, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 173—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Largs.
" 175—St. John's, Old St. John's Hall, Cathcart-street,
" 217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 243—Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glas
" 335—Argyle, Drill Hall, Duncon
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 459—Kelburne, Cumbrae Hotel, Millport.
" 515—Thorntree, School-room, Thorntree Bank, at 7.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 6.
" 458—St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.
" 544—St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This L regular meeting on Thursday, the 26th inst., at the Cheq street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. J.M. Hunt W.M., S.W., Groome J.W., Claridge acting Sec., Pinder P.M T. Upward S.D., W. G. Hallows J.D., T. Franklin I.G., a Brown, Varley, Moffat, Stockwell, Rubery, &c. Business was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the mi previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Varley acting as candidate. The opened in the second degree, and the second section of worked by Bro. Pinder, assisted by the brethren. The L been resumed in the first degree, the 1st and 2nd sect lecture were worked by Bro. Pinder, assisted by the bret F. Hallows was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. H able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of this being the first time of his attempting the duties of th our brother was only initiated into the Order last March,

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—Held its regular monthly meeting on 25th July, at St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Z., Comp. J. W. Wheeler, assisted by Comps. J. Kinnaird S.W., D. Gilchrist J.W., J. Balfour Scribe E., when Comp. W. Bell, Z. of Chapter No. 50, asked Comp. Wheeler to exalt a candidate for them. This request having been acceded to, Bro. Bell introduced Bro. McLean of St. John 3 his, who with Bro. Henry Finlayson, of No. 73, was then duly advanced as Mark Master. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened with the same officers, and Comp. J. McInnis as Conductor. The Chapter was then opened by G. W. Wheeler Z., J. Kinnaird H., J. Park J., J. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman Treas., D. Gilchrist acting as S., W. Bisland, No. 707, as 2nd S., J. Pitt 3rd S., when these same two gentlemen were exalted. There were also present Bros. J. M. Campbell, Z. No. 69, and G. Muir, No. 87, with a number of other visitors.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, the 23rd July, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Wyatt W.M., Fraser S.W., W. Fraser J.W., A. Ellis Sec., Lacey P.M. Treas., Kidman S.D., Large I.G., Webb acting Preceptor (in the absence of Bro. Austin). Bros. Verry, Berry, Newton, Moore and several others. Business—The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer, and adjourned until next Monday evening, at 7 o'clock. The business of the City Masonic Benevolent Association for Promoting Life Governorships to the Royal Masonic Institutions, the meetings of which are held at this Lodge on the 4th Monday in each month, was then proceeded with. Two Life Governorships were drawn. The successful members were Bros. Hill and Kidman. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the chairman, Bro. Verry, and the proceedings terminated.

Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—The first summer banquet of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, under the able presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. W. Hobbs. The following officers were present:—Bros. Greenwood S.W., Booker J.W., Hunting P.M. Treas., H. Garrod P.M. Sec., Gardner S.D., Coltart J.D., and W. Groves I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Hester, Painter, Batty, and an assemblage of brethren and visitors, numbering altogether about 60. During the day, a testimonial was presented to Bro. H. Garrod P.M. and Secretary, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The usual attractions of the Palace, which were supplemented on this occasion by the Alexandra Palace Races, were much enjoyed by the party, who afterwards adjourned to one of the saloons, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert had been provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, which gave unqualified satisfaction. The table was beautifully decorated, and the attendance was all that could be desired. Grace having been sung, by Bros. Collins, Repstone, Kift, and Spencer, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem having been given, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., which was enthusiastically received, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. The health of the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M. followed, the W.M. remarking that we were all grateful to those brethren for devoting so much of their valuable time to the interests of Freemasonry. He was pleased to say they had a Grand Officer among them that day, Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, by whom they all respected. Bro. H. G. Buss returned thanks; he did so with a great amount of gratification. He spoke of the interest taken by the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. in the welfare of the Craft. It was 20 years since that he was at the consecration of this Lodge; since then he had had to regret the loss of many valued friends, but he saw some very old ones present, and he was pleased to be among them. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he begged to return his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been given and received. The W.M. said he had now to propose the toast of the evening, that was the health of Bro. H. Garrod P.M. Secretary. He was 19 years to-day since his appointment to office; he had well and worthily fulfilled his duties, always to their satisfaction; it was a pleasure to see how the books were kept, and while they had such a Secretary and Treasurer the Lodge must prosper. The success they had met with was due to him, and to the able way in which he had looked after their interest. It was the wish of the brethren that he should have some token of their regard and esteem; they had liberally subscribed for this purpose, and they thought that to-day was a fitting opportunity; and he in the name of the Lodge did present Bro. Garrod with a very elegant dining-room clock, which was illuminated and beautifully emblazoned testimonial, in appreciation of his great services as Secretary for the last 19 years. He trusted that in days to come he would remember the feelings with which he was regarded by every brother in the Lodge. (Loud cheers). Bro. H. Garrod, on rising to reply, was received with enthusiastic cheers. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the valuable present. He gave a very interesting account of the fluctuation in the fortunes of the Lodge; their various places of meeting; they were now comfortably located at Anderton's Hotel, where he hoped they would remain for many years. They had 86 members; there were but four of the nine who were the founders of the Lodge present that day, but he was glad to see them. In conclusion, he hoped he deserved some of the encomiums that had been passed on him. When he looked on the clock, it would remind him of the passing hours; and the illuminated address his children would look at with pride, as it would remind them how their father was respected in the Lodge. He could only say that any service required of him he would only be too pleased to render. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. Randall P.M. 194, G. Newman P.M. [illegible] Hester P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Officers, who were the best working officers any Lodge could boast of; each one was qualified to fill any office he might be appointed to, and he hoped to see them eventually in the chair. Bro. Greenwood replied. The W.M. then proposed the Musical Brethren, who had so ably contributed to the harmony. After this toast had been acknowledged, tea and coffee was served, and the brethren returned to town. The visitors were H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, S. Morley 1257, J. Badkin S.W. 1365 and W.M. elect, E. W. Creasey, G. Newman P.M. 192, Randall P.M. 194, G. Soper W.M. 1365, J. S. Furlong 1602, Collins, J. B. Graham 1567, H. Lepstone 1309, T. Tremeer 1309.

Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906.—This Lodge held its annual installation meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Lodge Rooms, Weston, near Bath. Present—Bros. W. H. Dill W.M., P. C. Young S.W., W. Williamson J.W., J. Dudfield Sec., T. B. Moutrie Treas., Dr. Hopkins acting as S.D., J. Hayward J.D., E. L. Hill D.C., H. Freeman and C. E. Davies Stewards, J. Stakey I.G., C. Pinkett Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. E. Doherty C.B. I.P.M., Hy. Leaker and W. E. Sparrow. Visitors—V.W. Bros. Else D.P.G.M., Dr. H. Hopkins P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, G. H. Bush P.M. 1478, S. J. Robinson 41, T. E. Liddiard W.M. 355, W. H. Beggs I.P.M. 1388, D. Williams P.M. 686 and 1388, M. Bridges W.M. 1669, P.M. 772 and 1216, F. J. Brown I.P.M. 41. Business—Ballot taken for Mr. J. Banks and Mr. J. Boscombe, which proved unanimous. The V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. William Williamson J.W., which ceremony was performed in his usual most efficient manner. The W.M. then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—P. C. Young S.W., L. Howes J.W., J. Dudfield Sec., T. B. Moutrie Treas., J. Hayward S.D., J. Stuckey J.D., C. E. Davies I.G., Freeman and Braham Stewards, E. L. Hill D.C., J. Dingle Organist. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at Bro. H. Leaker's, Angel Hotel, Bath, which was served in the host's first-rate style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and heartily received, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. The musical arrangements, under Bro. E. L. Hill, P.M. D.C., gave great satisfaction to the brethren. We might mention that a handsome bouquet was placed before each brother, as a compliment from the W.M.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, 21st July. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., after which the W.M., Bro. E. Gilbert, having arrived from town, he took the chair. The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed. The report of the audit committee was read; it showed, with every liability fully paid up, even to the Past Master's jewel—with over £20 paid into the Masonic Charities, and extra expenses of over £21—a good sum in the hands of the Treasurer. Considering its small annual subscription this Lodge subscribed larger amounts to the Charities than any other Lodge in the Province, when subscriptions are taken into consideration and account. By the courtesy of the P.M.'s, Bro. J. W. Baldwin was allowed to work the ceremony of installation, and for it he received a vote of thanks. He installed Bro. C. W. Fox S.W. as W.M., and he appointed as his officers Bros. R. W. Williams S.W., J. Hammond P.M. J.W., S. Wickens P.M. Treas. (re-invested sixth time), F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec. (re-invested ninth time), J. B. Shackleton S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., H. Gloster I.G., G. Shott Organist, H. Potter P.M. W.S. (re-invested ninth time), T. W. Stone D.C., J. Laurence Steward, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler, (re-invested ninth time). Bro. E. Gilbert I.P.M. by desire initiated his friend, Mr. W. J. Williams. The W.M. Bro. C.W. Fox presented to Bro. E. Gilbert I.P.M. the P.M.'s jewel voted to him. The Stewards to represent the Lodge at forthcoming Festivals of the Charities for 1878 are, for Benevolent Bro. E. Gilbert I.P.M., Bro. C. W. Fox W.M. for Boys, Bro. D. Steinhaner for Girls. Several candidates were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to August. Banquet followed. Visitors—Bros. E. Beckwith 1423, M. Clark 1423, J. Bartlett 1423, J. Hurst W.M. 1512, H. Murphy 1512, G. Cragg S.W. 1586, J. House 1206, G. Knill 1607, T. C. Walls J.W. 1381, W. Simmons J.W. 1559, T. W. Clark D.C. 1554, C. J. Hartnoll, &c. Bros. J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M., H. A. Dubois P.G.P. Middlesex P.M., and some forty other members were present.

An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th July, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. E. Gilbert, Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. opened the Lodge. He passed Bro. F. Maxwell, and initiated Mr. G. J. Whitcombe. Bro. E. Gilbert, the W.M., having arrived, took the chair, and passed Bros. W. Kay and J. Bartlett 1423. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. C. W. Fox S.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. B. Shackleton J.D., J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423 I.G., R. R. Millington

J. R. Croft, S. Page, H. Tozer, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. C. T. Murphy 1512, J. Hurst W.M. 1512, G. Phillips 1512, R. Martin 201, J. Bartlett 1423.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th July, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. W.M. Bro. J. Smith P.G.M. P.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. T. W. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., E. Mallett A.S., J. J. Howes P.M. S.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. I.G., A. Black D.C., W. Pennefather P.M. W.S., J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. E. Wyllie P.M. 186, W. H. Perryman W.M. 3, J. Flatman 376, L. Etheridge W.M. 829, J. Clark 1423, W. Harlestone 1423, J. Tovell 1489, &c. The W.M. raised Bros. H. Cebish, C. Davis, J. J. Howes, H. J. Lardner, G. H. Stephens, F. A. West, and W. Harlestone 1423 to the third degree, passed Bro. W. C. Watts to the second degree, and completed the work by initiating Messrs Edward Cornelius Van Wageenen and Seymour Craddock. The bye-laws were then read. The elections for the offices of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. T. W. Adams S.W., and for Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Smith. Bro. John Gilbert was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. H. J. Lardner, G. Stephens, and W. Malthouse were elected auditors to assist those who were provided for. A twenty guinea testimonial was unanimously voted to Bro. Joseph Smith for his great exertions on behalf of the Lodge, and the admirable manner he had presided over the Lodge during his year of office. The audit was fixed to take place at the Lodge House on the fourth Thursday in August. Several propositions were handed in to the Secretary of names for both joinings and initiations. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 21st September. An excellent banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bros. T. Butt and his son, T. M. Butt, which gave great satisfaction to all who were present.

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, 1st of August, at 7 p.m.

The business is as follows:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The 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 April 1877 to the 17th July 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	425	19	1	Purchase of £300 Consols at 94¼ and commission	282	15	0
„ Unappropriated Account	179	8	5	Disbursements during the quarter	223	19	2
Subsequent Receipts	378	17	5	Balance	295	18	10
				„ in unappropriated account	181	11	11
	£984	4	11		£984	4	11

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 Edward Letchworth as Z., Herbert Jordan Adams as H., William Holmes Postans as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield, to be called the "Enfield Chapter," and to meet at the Court House, Enfield, in the County of Middlesex.

2nd. From Companions William Wigginton as Z., Joseph Tomlinson as H., Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham, to be called the "Francis Burdett Chapter," and to meet at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in the County of Middlesex.

3rd. From Companions Joseph Edwards Carpenter M.A. as Z., Robert Henry Pearson as H., Jonathan Pearson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, London, to be called the "Urban Chapter," and to meet at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London.

4th. From Companions Edgar Bowyer as Z., John Lawrence Mather as H., Louis Augustus Leins as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, Islington, to be called the "Islington Chapter," and to meet at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, in the parish of St. Mary, Islington, Middlesex.

5th. From Companions John Dew as Z., Albert Portsmouth as H., William Parsons as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke, to be called the "Oakley Chapter, and to meet at the Black Boy Inn, Basingstoke, in the County of Hants.

6th. From Companions Benjamin Sidney Wilmot as Z., William Delves as H., William Stephens as J., and eight others for a Chapter

coat as H., Dhanjibhoy Fakirjee Camadore as J
a Chapter to be attached to the Mayo Lodge, N
to be called "The Stewart Chapter," and to
Punjab, in the East Indies.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects
recommend that the prayers thereof be respec

The Committee have also received the follow

8th. From Companions Thomas Harper M
James Parish as H., Thomas Robert McIlwh
others for a Chapter to be attached to th
No. 1604, London, to be called "The Wander
meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-str

This petition is regular in form, but inasm
which the Chapter proposed to be attached h
months in existence, the Committee cannot
prayer thereof be granted. The Committee
question of the granting of the prayer of this
sideration of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The Committee have further to report that th
application praying that the Lock Chapter, att
Mayo, No. 1413, Rawul Pindee, Punjab, may b
Lodge, and be henceforth attached to the L
Himalayas, No. 1448, Murree, Punjab, in the
application having received the sanction and ap
Superintendent of the Punjab, the Committee
transfer prayed for be granted.

The following notices of motions have been re
Quarterly Convocation:—

1.—By Companion John Mason, H. No. 78—

In order to harmonise the Regulations of Supre
with the Laws of Grand Lodge, and to acc
decision of the Grand Registrar in referen
Grand Superintendents of Districts or
Paragraph 87, page 12, of the R.A. Regula
at the words "they are also empowered"
the following regulation substituted:—

"The Grand Superintendents may summon any
panion within their District to attend them
of such District, and to produce the Charte
and Accounts of the Chapter, or the Certific
panion."

"If the summons be not complied with, nor a
given for non-compliance, a peremptory su
issued; and in case of contumacy, the Chapt
may be suspended and the proceedings notifie
Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand
shall be final unless an appeal shall be made
Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall
unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe
calendar months from the date of the de
against."

"The Grand Superintendents are also empower
several subordinate Chapters in the Province
see that the Laws and regulations of the Gra
observed."

2.—By E. Companion Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, P.
President of the General Committee:—

"That the sum of One Hundred Guineas be gra
Funds of the Grand Chapter towards the relief
by the fire of St. John, New Brunswick."

(Signed) JOHN C

LITERATURE.

It is the custom with the proprietors of some of our
issue a holiday as well as a Christmas number. And
custom it is, for people want some pleasant, light liter
them to pass the time comfortably when travelling, or to
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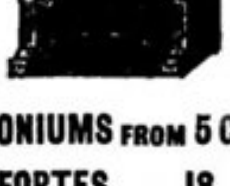
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DIBILITY OF EARLY AMERICAN MASONIC HISTORY.

: are induced to offer some remarks on this subject, in consequence of a highly interesting letter from cob Norton, which appeared in these columns last Bro. Norton is an esteemed correspondent of ours. ts of various subjects, and though his remarks are at ıclined to be somewhat more forcibly expressed than ous in matters controversial, yet we willingly accord ıce to say his say, because he invariably speaks his ankly, and oftentimes throws a ray or two of light :ers of difficulty. It is needless to say that we d frequent occasions to differ with him, sometimes nly, sometimes *in toto*, but these differences do not he personal esteem in which we hold him. Like ther people, he and we agree to differ, and we do so rit of friendliness as become Masons. In the present ere are one or more points on which we feel it our ı duty to join issue with him, and we trust, in the of the remarks we are about to offer, we shall be show that his comments are the result of casuistry han legitimate argument.

nsidering the amount of credibility which attaches few authentic *data* that exist in connection with y history of Freemasonry in America, we must approach the subject dispassionately. We must ıe merits of the case carefully, but we must not be ting in the matter of positive and direct evidence. t examine the question literally in the same manner should examine any other matter of historical

We have said we must not be too exacting on ect of direct and positive evidence, and we have ecause there is a serious danger confronting us if . Hitherto, the great defect in all Masonic histo- been the vast amount of assumption which the have indulged in. They have even gone beyond ary limit of acceptance which enthusiasts are in ; of laying down for themselves. They have not wn themselves prone to accept statements on the *data*; they have gone further, and have evolved most minute in all its details, from what is com- lled their inner consciousness. We have a history, s yet to be written, but what has hitherto passed ıs a veritable record of our doings is, for the most ed on circumstantial evidence, which is oftener an less worthless. But the spirit of inquiry is nd men like Hughan and Fort, and others on both the Atlantic, are diligent in their researches after Their efforts have been rewarded with a certain success, but it is needless to say that errors of and commission in the past are very far from rected or made good. This is essentially the case lea, where in the desire to obtain the most particulars of the rise and progress of the Craft ountry, there is very naturally an eagerness to hatever new facts may, from time to time, be o light. In the letter of Bro. Norton's, which we last week, it appears to us he is somewhat too rejecting or doubting this or that particle of

We cannot, of course, expect to obtain the same details of the early meetings of Masonic Lodges as then a distant colony of Great Britain, which

on further inquiry, it will bear the test of fair criticism. Let us, then take, so far as need be, the seven points in the Philadelphia evidence, which Bro. Norton has set forth and commented upon.

1. The article in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 3rd to 8th December 1730. "As there are several Freemasons' Lodges in this Province," &c., which proves the existence of Lodges there in 1730. On this, Bro. Norton remarks that the article "was a burlesque or satire on Masonry. Franklin, therefore, *could not have been* a Mason in 1730, and *he could not have known* whether they were Masonic Lodges or secret societies of some other kind." This, unfortunately, for Bro. Norton, is one of the most lamentable *non sequiturs* it has been our misfortune to read. Where, Bro. Norton, is your logic gone to, when you affirm without the possibility of proof, that because Franklin published in 1730 an item of Masonic news which turns out to be a "burlesque or satire on Masonry," therefore he *could not have been* in 1730 what we have it, on his own evidence, he was in the month of June 1732. We do not say that Franklin was a Mason in December 1730, because he gave publicity in the journal, of which he was the proprietor, to an item of Masonic news, followed by a "burlesque or satire on Masonry," though we confess we see no serious improbability that he was such. We do say this, however, that the statement in Franklin's newspaper, published on his responsibility, is reasonably acceptable, especially as it is a well-authenticated fact that, in June of the same year, a deputation was issued by our then Grand Master, the Duke of Norfolk, appointing Bro. Daniel Coxe to be Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for a period of two years, from St. John the Baptist's Day next ensuing. The wording of the preamble of the Deputation is clear and distinct enough. "Whereas application has been made unto us by our Right Worshipful and well-beloved brother, Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, Esq., and by several other brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania." Where there were already resident brethren, and others about to reside in a certain locality, there we may reasonably infer that Lodges would sooner or later be established. Whether Bro. Coxe took any active part in the establishment of such Lodges is immaterial to the main question; but the statement that there were "several Freemasons' Lodges" at this distant date cannot be upset, merely because the article which followed was a "burlesque or satire on Masonry." Nor is there the slightest evidence to show that Franklin could not have been a Mason, because he allowed such a burlesque to appear in the columns of his own journal.

2. As to the announcement in the same gazette of the 26th June 1732, that, at a Grand Lodge held on the 24th of the month, William Allen was chosen G.M., Benj. Franklin Junior Warden, &c., Bro. Norton is pleased to remark "there is no evidence that the said Grand Lodge was legally constituted." There is thus much to be said in opposition to Bro. Norton's remark. The election of a Provincial Grand Master on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1732, when the two years' tenure of office by Bro. Coxe had determined was in strict accordance with the letter of the deputation granted by the Duke of Norfolk on 5th June 1730. We may reasonably assume the legal constitution of the Grand Lodge, when we learn from the columns of a

gives it an air of extreme probability, if not of truth, and the fact of the announcement being made in a newspaper of which the Junior Warden himself was proprietor, sufficiently justifies this view. From the general knowledge handed down to us of Franklin's character, we are not justified in assuming that he wilfully permitted the publication of a statement which was untrue.

3. Philadelphia derived its Masonic authority from Coxe, a theory which, in Bro. Norton's opinion, must be pronounced as "*not proven.*" The basis of this opinion is simply that Bro. Coxe and the other Grand Masters of Pennsylvania did not comply with the requirements of the Deputation, and forward statements annually to the Grand Lodge of England as to the condition of their jurisdiction. But the late English Grand Secretary Clark has himself declared that such requirement was only exceptionally observed. If, then, we are to condemn the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge proceedings on this ground, we must, in justice, condemn the proceedings of all the other Provincial Grand Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. Or, if failure in one important requirement is to be allowed to vitiate the proceedings of one American Prov. Grand Lodge, to wit, that of Pennsylvania, the failure to observe other and equally important requirements in the case of another American Prov. Grand Lodge, to wit, that of Massachusetts, must likewise vitiate the proceedings of the latter body. If, then, on Bro. Norton's own showing, the Boston G. Lodge was highly irregular in its proceedings, why should we view more favourably its legality than that of the Philadelphia Grand Lodge? What is sauce for the Philadelphian goose must be sauce for the Boston gander.

4. Bro. Franklin's application to Price, in 1734, for a charter on the ground that he (Bro. Franklin) considered "the sanction of some authority from home necessary," was made, in order to give "the proceedings and determinations of our Lodge" their due weight. If, says Bro. Norton triumphantly, the Philadelphia Lodge derived its authority from Coxe's Deputation, and if Franklin had strictly fulfilled the terms of that Deputation, there would have been no need whatever for such application. But Bro. Norton overlooks the fact that such application was made on the faith of a statement, published in "the Boston prints," that Bro. Price had received an extension of his powers, and that he had been deputed as P.G.M. "over all America." It is only fair to suppose that Bro. Franklin imagined that this extension of Price's authority was, in fact, a supersession of the original deputation "granted to Bro. Cox, and that, under these circumstances, it was his duty to apply to Bro. Price for a Deputation or Charter "confirming the Brethren in Pennsylvania in the privileges *they now enjoy*" (the italics are our own) "of holding annually their grand Lodge, &c., &c., &c." It must be evident from the words we have italicised that the Philadelphia Grand Lodge already enjoyed the privilege of meeting annually and electing its Grand Master. Moreover, Franklin adds that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania will only vacate the chair "when the Grand Master of all America shall be in place," that the granting of such petition will conduce "to the welfare, the establishment, and the reputation of Masonry in these parts," and he supplements this with a request for "a copy of the R.W. Grand Master's first Deputation" (that is, to Bro. Price), "and of the instrument by which it appears to be enlarged as above mentioned." The fact that Franklin makes no mention whatever of Coxe is immaterial. It is enough that he stands out for the privileges which the Philadelphia Lodge already enjoyed at the time of his application. As there is not a tittle of evidence anywhere to the effect that any deputation, charter, or patent was granted intermediately between Coxe's in June 1730, and Price's in April 1733, and as it is in the last degree improbable that Franklin would apply to Price for confirmation of those privileges he had already derived from him, it is as nearly certain as anything can be that the privileges of which Franklin speaks, can have been derived from no other source than Coxe's Deputation. That Price granted the prayer of Franklin proves nothing, except that he was perhaps vainglorious of being regarded as the principal Masonic dignitary in North America. As we advance a few years in the history of English Masonry, which then included American Free-

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later of the two, declares that the Masons
were organized into Lodges—"*As there a*
masons' Lodges in the province."

At the time we reviewed the *Dedication*
New Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, we rema
dence which Bro. Norton is now attackin
conclusive to every mind," it was "eminentl
We repeat this statement here with this
have several times had occasion to examine
and the more we examine it, the more it find
eyes. We consider the Philadelphians ha
very strong case of circumstantial evidence
their views. Some links in the chain may
wanting; but the tenour of the whole is emi
able. If Bro. Norton, in his natural anxiet
truth, is about to appoint himself counsel for
in the case of Bostonian v. Philadelphian an
has already been for some time past befor
Masonic tribunals in America and elsewhe
necessary he should brush up his logic, for
some very knotty points to deal with. At
will do well to bear in mind the old truism th
is not argument." At present he has done
than affirm his views, and thus far, at least,
case more harm than good.

The other points in his letter we shall d
second article.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No.

A WARDEN OF THE FENS.

"The friend of man;
Who scanned his nature with a brother's eye,
His weakness prompt to shade, to raise his sir
To teach the finer movements of the mind,
And with the moral beauty charm the heart."

THE present literary tastes of the public are

is wares, as does the butcher of his meat—by weight. have read a ton, or a ton and a half, of light literature the course of a year would be a great achievement, ecially as at the end of the term, the mind of the reader ld be a complete blank, and all the better prepared, fore, to repeat the effort. We cannot wholly acquit present generation of writers of all blame in this matter; we believe that only a very little encouragement is led in order to guide the popular taste towards a higher s of literature. Where, for instance, shall we find er collection of essays on well nigh every imagina- subject than in the *Spectator*, *The Rambler*, *The Idler*, those other works written about the same time, h, even in these days, are honourably distinguished by itle of the "British Classics." They are models of nt prose writing. They describe and illustrate the es and vices of mankind. The pictures they present he men and manners of those days are admirably n, for the artists recognised the truth enunciated by :—

"The proper study of mankind is man."

nce the many portraits we find scattered about in the s of these works, will be found to be typical of diff-rent es, and there is no one who has a tolerable range of aintance but will be able to trace many and strong s of resemblance between these types of character people he is acquainted with. Let us take, for instance, ase of that fine old English knight who figures so ently in the pages of the *Spectator*. He is introduced in one of the very earliest numbers, and is described ing cheerful, gay and hearty, and a "great lover of ind." In later numbers, this outline is filled in with rous details, and we read of the love he bears towards eighbours, the respect in which he is held by his dents, and the many acts of kindness which he rs towards this and that person. There is no end to raise that is bestowed on this estimable English man, nor can there be the slightest doubt the e was taken from the life. At all events, in g the different kinds of people that live and move d us, we constantly meet with those who bear a resemblance to that worthy knight. In our own y there are many such, and one in particular who, by of his genial and jovial nature, by the splendour of hospitality, and the kindness he exhibits towards meets, may certainly be said to possess all those ntes which are ascribed to Sir Roger. Whom we in our mind's eye at the moment has no handle s name, but he represents in its best form that which wealth and personal excellence combined are to exercise. We do not say his will to benefit is greater or more conspicuous than that of other ers of the same body, but fortunately he possesses undance the means to give effect to that will. as followed through life one of those businesses, once it has been firmly established, goes on lying itself infinitely. The duties and responsi- of a carrying agent who intervenes between blic and the great railway and steamboat companies a very exacting nature; and to govern and con- e of these large establishments requires a man of han ordinary ability. He must be punctual himself e cause of punctuality in others. He must be the exercise of his controlling powers, or the whole nery will be out of gear. He must possess unusual , in short, he must exhibit business powers of the ghest order, or failure is the only result that may be tor. Well, the brother whom we are now attempting ch has for years presided over one of these agencies precedented success. He is the head of the firm, and wn all through the Midlands and in the northern s, as well as his London compeers are in the olitan. He is, moreover, respected by those who in his service, for in his relations with his subordi- e has invariably so governed himself that as n them and him the description of Sir Roger's s with the subordinate members of his household tly borne out. "A man who deserves a respect, l on his benevolence to his dependents, lives ike a prince than a master in his family; his orders ived as favours rather than duties; and the distinc- approaching him is part of the reward for executing commanded by him."

our readers will know him best in his Masonic of, in the event of his seeking initiation into our mysteries would certainly apply himself with equal energy and determination to his Masonic as to his business duties. A man who is earnestly bent on doing what is likely to be required of him, does not limit his attention to this or that undertaking. Whatsoever he means to carry out, to that he devotes himself heart and soul. He spares himself no labour to accomplish his task. He means work and will never permit himself to rest satisfied till he has achieved more than ordinary distinction. Thus we find our esteemed brother has been diligent in all that relates to Masonry; moreover, a man of his calibre would be at home in presiding over any Masonic body to which he might belong. In any assembly he would fill the chair magnificently, and he has done so, in the Chapter as well as in the Lodge, in a manner of which his brethren have every reason to be proud. But he has attained to Provincial honours as well, and he ranks at the present time as Past Grand Senior Warden of Lincolnshire. In Mark Masonry he stands pre-eminent among his brethren—it is astonishing how all the good fellows obtain distinction in this degree. About three years since, the county to which he belongs was erected into a Province under the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales and its colonies and dependencies, and our worthy brother was appointed by the Grand Master to be its first Prov. G.M. His installation was witnessed by one of the most magnificent gatherings of Mark Masons which it has been the good fortune of brethren of this degree to be present at. Some three hundred were there, and it is almost needless to say that the event was celebrated with an *éclat* befitting the occasion. Perhaps one fact in connection with this deserves mention. Our R.W. P.G.M.M.M. not only presided on the occasion; he was likewise the host of all present. Special trains were provided at his cost for the conveyance of intending guests, and the cost of the banquet was borne by him. Eleven months later, and a new Mark Lodge was consecrated in Lincolnshire. Previous to the ceremony, there was a gathering of all the Grand Officers of the Province at the P.G.M.'s residence, in order that they might be photographed in full Mark Masonic costume. Thence, in due course, they were conveyed to Grimsby, where the new Lodge, which was named in his honour, was duly consecrated by the worthy and worshipful Grand Mark Secretary. At the banquet which followed, the toast of the P.G.M.M.M. was proposed in pithy terms, as reported at the time in our columns. "What need," said the D.P.G.M.M.M., "to descant upon the good qualities of one so well known, who is here present amongst us? You know him; what could I say to increase the honour and estimation which he has won?" In December of last year, on the occasion of the second meeting after its establishment of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire, the gathering was well nigh as remarkable as on the occasion we have recorded above. Our worthy brother issued invitations to the Mark Master Masons of the Lodges in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire, and North Wales. The attendance of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers was of the fullest, and no wonder, for the meeting was to be a memorable one in the annals of Lincolnshire Mark Masonry. The Past Grand Officers of the Province had resolved that an enlarged and highly finished copy of the photograph taken the year previous should be presented to their respected chief. Were evidence needed, beyond what we have already offered, of the just popularity of this prince among Masonic Officers, it will be found in the record furnished in these columns a few days after the event. The proceedings were of the most enthusiastic character, and when, on the removal of the cloth, the period of speech-making began, not a single brother rose to address those present without referring to their P.G.M. in the most affectionate and most eulogistic terms. For example, one speaker, in addressing the chair, observed, "You are a most honoured man in this district, and if others can be found like you when your time is run out, we shall have cause to be hopeful for the future of Freemasonry." These, and similar complimentary remarks were freely uttered by every one who spoke and as freely and heartily applauded by those who heard them. Lincolnshire is one of our foremost provinces. It has numbered among its sons some of the worthiest and most respected brethren, and we are convinced that he who is now passing in review before us is one of the brightest and worthiest of its members. If to the record we have given thus far, we add that on the lamented death of Bro. W.

office of Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire and Cheshire in the Royal Order of Scotland, we shall have said enough to show that "A Warden of the Fens," is as highly respected among other Masonic bodies as he is among his brethren of the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees.

To proclaim that our brother is an active promoter of our Charitable Institutions, that whenever time and his engagements permit, he devotes himself heart and soul to the very onerous duties of a stewardship to this or that Charity, is simply to repeat what has already been recorded on several occasions in these columns, what has, indeed, long been known throughout Masonry. He is a Vice-Patron of the Boys, a Vice-President of the Girls, and a Vice-President or very nearly so of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He has served some thirteen Stewardships in all, and has shown himself on all occasions, as well in Prov. Grand Lodge as in the subordinate Lodges of which he is a member, as ready to do his utmost in furtherance of the interests of our great central charities. We hope and believe there are others like him, others who are as ready to uphold the banner of Freemasonry under no matter what difficulties or at how great personal convenience. He has worthily attained to a high position in every branch of Masonry with which he is associated. In his business he has few equals, while in the circle of his family and friends there is no one more loved, more honoured, or more respected.

"Honour and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honour lies.
Fortune in men has some small difference made,
One flaunts in rags, one flutters in brocade;
The cobbler apron'd, and the parson gown'd,
The friar hooded, and the monarch crown'd.
'What differ more (you cry) than crown and cowl?'
I'll tell you friend! a wise man and a fool.
You'll find if once the monarch acts the monk,
Or, cobbler-like, the parson will be drunk,
Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow;
The rest is all but leather or prunello."

The *Masonic Review* announces that the twenty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States will be held at the Masonic Hall, Buffalo, New York, on Tuesday, the 21st instant. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 28th instant.

We learn from the same source that the *Masonic Journal* of Louisville, Kentucky, is now incorporated with the *Review*. The arrangement was made too late for any comment in the July number. We trust the union of these two journals may prove advantageous to all concerned, both to those who labour and those who read.

We learn from the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that at a meeting of the Keystone Chapter of Western India, No. 757, Bombay, on the 13th May, Comps. H. W. Barrow, T. Counsell and C. Tudball, were severally elected Z., H., and J. for the ensuing year. At a recent meeting of the Lodge Morning Star, No. 1439, Palumpore, Bro. C. W. Calthrop M.D. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. He subsequently appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers, namely, Bros. T. Cooke I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. Peachey and W. G. Thomas S.W. and J.W. respectively, F. O. Passy Sec., C. Davies, and G. Hughes S.D. and J.D., and A. Turnball I.G. A P.M.'s Jewel had previously been voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Cooke as a slight appreciation by the Lodge of his services since its removal to Palumpore. A meeting of the Mount Zion Lodge Preceptory, and Mount Moriah Priory, was held at Bombay, on the 4th May. E. Sir Knight H. W. Barrow Preceptor, occupied the chair. E. Sir Knights John Dixon and J. L. Madden were elected as re-joining members. Mount Moriah Priory was subsequently opened, and E. Sir Knight Barrow installed as Prior. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, and Sir Knight J. Luke was installed a Knight of Malta, Sir Kt. Rowe being the officiating officer.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The exceptional weather of the season indicates a disturbed state of the atmosphere, and causes a very great tendency to the development of epidemics. It is in such seasons that diarrhœa, dysentery, cholera, cramps, and fevers so frequently appear, and all should be on their guard against them. The consumption of uncooked or ripe fruit, or food not perfectly fresh, is a common exciting cause of these complaints, and if the early symptoms are not properly treated, very serious results may ensue. Holloway's Ointment, rubbed briskly and efficiently into the stomach and

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OF the numerous events it is our duty with Freemasonry, few, if any, give chronicle than the doings at the periodical tion with the charities of our order. There the result of the efforts of those brethren w of steward, and of late these announcemen enormous amounts as to merit the approb masonic but also of the outer world. Some was established by the Mark Master Mason of members of that degree who had unf reduced circumstances. From its commence of the brethren to this fund have enabled th the wants of each applicant, at first by or so, but latterly by more substantial gran cases to as much as £50; in addition funded property, amounting to £600, to the It will therefore be seen that, since its in has been well supported; still, we consider were made by the members of the Degree, greatly increased. Considering the very gre Masonry during the past two or three years, w whose benefits are devoted entirely to the me not be more widely and generally supported. was held on Wednesday last, at the Alexandr presidency of the R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl was supported by several Past and Present Degree. The dinner, which was well served, ha a close, the Chairman rose to propose the toast doing so he briefly referred to the nature of the evening, all of which he said were important would be well received. He would not keep in introducing them, as it was certainly ranked among the members of a most which had lately arisen; he considered it more have "obstructionists" in the House of Comm presence at the banquet table, so would at ou work of the evening. The toast of Her Majes coupled success to Mark Masonry, having be was followed by the National Anthem. The c posed that of their Royal Highnesses the Pri Wales, coupled with the rest of the Royal Fami whom—Prince Leopold—deserved especial men with Mark Masonry. The toast was well followed by that of the Grand Masters. Only a fe chairman said, he had had to propose this toast brethren, and he then did so after very val the brother now sitting opposite to him (Bro. then reminded the brethren that they ha Grand Masters still among them, and he won the benefit of the ladies some other of his occasion. He considered it a very curious fact wi Mark degree that they had seven Grand Maste good health; this he considered was very good pr entailed by that office was not detrimental to healt had been pleased to associate him with the work o for the present year, and he hoped to fill his office especially referred to Lord Carnarvon, whose labo Craft, as well as Mark Masonry, were so well known referring to the other Masters, concluded by brethren to honour the toast. Bro. Baron De Ferric remarked that it was a great pleasure to be able to Brethren." The Masons of this country, he said such progress as their brethren of America with admission of ladies among their numbers. He cons Masons treated the ladies better than their At the last Festival at which he was prese that the ladies were almost as badly provided for as Parliament. He felt sure they had all enjoyed then this occasion from the fact of their partaking them, and not as at Freemasons' Hall, looking c comfortable seat in the gallery. The toast commit was the health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest Officers, and he trusted that all present would join toast a hearty welcome. He considered Mark Masonr nised as it ought to be, but he felt sure it would soon He called upon Bro. Matier to respond, who on rising the past five or six years as a rule it had been his his name coupled with this toast. He felt that t Officers had performed their duties to the best of the as far as the present ones were concerned their name selves a tower of strength, the result of their meeting t evidence that they had performed their duties in th Bro. Major Barlow rose to propose a toast which he satisfied would meet with a hearty reception; he all their Chairman. (Loud cheers). After such a recep was not necessary for him to refer to his especial quali sent was the most successful Festival they had ever h that much was due to the Chairman. The song whic the toast, "The Love that has Sailed away," was, be very appropriate one, from the fact of their always e ferent Chairman to preside on such occasions as the concluded by wishing health and prosperity to the who, he hoped, would, before long, be appointed to t Grand Master of Mark Masonry. The Earl of Donough thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him. suddenly that he was called upon to preside on the pre but, as with all sudden pleasures, he had enjoyed it th

Mark Benevolent Fund. It was naturally expected that he should a few words with reference to its history. It had been established e years, and had been the means of relieving many distressed dren and their families. It was not solely connected with the Free- sons of this country. They had also assisted Scotch and Irish dren, and they would continue to render assistance wherever a l case of want occurred. They were now in a very prosperous dition; during last year they had had three substantial grants. y must not forget those to whose exertions the prosperity of the d was mainly due. He specially referred to Bros. Meggy and ches. To them is due the great success of the fund. He was told t there was a scheme in contemplation by which the children of ased Mark Masons might also receive benefits from their fund. ile they might keep within bounds themselves, they might assist the er great Masonic Charities. He would conclude by proposing ess to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. Meggy thanked Chairman for his remarks. He felt sure that most of those dren who had been associated with him in the work and agement of the fund would feel as gratified as he did he remarks of their noble chairman. During the past nine years r had had the pleasure of relieving 24 families, and lately, with stantial amounts. It was well known that a sum of £20 down was more use to a distressed family than £5 at odd times. They had 0 invested, and this sum he hoped shortly to see materially in- ased. Bro. Binckes followed. He was proud to say that the ion with the Mark Benevolent Fund. Their Order was recognised ent was the most successful festival that had been held in con- ly all over the world. At the present time the Grand Mark Lodge England numbered on its books ten or eleven thousand members, ch number was constantly being increased. He considered that song which followed this toast was also very appropriate. They d quote its title "I fear no foe" with truth. With respect to the r Masonic Institutions to which the chairman had been pleased to , he was pleased to be able to state that Mark Masons had always among their stoutest supporters. The list of subscriptions, as ot, having been read by the Assistant G. Sec., Bro. F. Davison, d Treasurer rose and proposed the health of the Board of ards. Their fund had not been established many years, but ch of their annual gatherings they had been enabled to announce ncrease. He would call upon Bro. Boggett of Hull who had cted the largest amount to respond to the toast. Bro. Boggett much pleasure in responding as Mark Victor. When he under- the office of Steward it was with the firm intention of bringing e largest list, and he was pleased to find that his desire had gratified. Bro. Meggy proposed, what the chairman announced ally the toast of the evening,—the ladies. He firmly believed a great part of the success was due to their presence. He ed with the toast the name of Bro. Cooper-Smith, who ed the brethren for the hearty reception the ladies had ienced, and he was sure they were extremely grateful to Mark s for introducing this innovation. Among those present were llowing:—Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W., Rev. F. W. Thoyte Grand , Frederic Davison Grand Treas., F. Binckes P.G.J.W. Grand Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O., Major George Barlow P.G.M.O., rridge G.D.C., S. Rosenthal P.G.D.C., J. H. Wynne P.G.I.G., Spencer P.G.I.G., S. Funkenszteín, A. Williams P.G. Stewards, rd Boggett, R. S. Bobinson, A. Middleton, Geo. Higgins, H. R. -Smith, Baron de Ferrieres, Captain Henry Berridge, S. J. H. W. Binckes G. Assist. Sec., &c.

following is a list of the amounts collected by the various ds:—

gins	Cheshire and North Wales	29	8	0
Cooper-Smith	Carnarvon, 7	14	14	0
pencer	Southwark, 22	9	18	6
lleton	St. Andrews, 34	11	11	0
indall } son } orrot }	Britannia, 53	15	15	0
kes	Aldershot Military, 54	27	5	0
ams	Macdonald, 104	11	11	0
oore	Moore, 146	10	17	6
olevin	Dover and Cinque Ports, 152	10	10	0
ett	Humber, 182	30	15	0
oot	Simon de Montford, 194			
eorge Barlow	Studholme, 197	5	5	0
ntial		3	6	0
W. Thoyte		26	0	0
sworth		5	5	0
yndham		20	1	0
		£232	2	0

A TRIP TO CANTERBURY.

ne years past it has been the custom of one of the best ds of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, Bro. Benjamin invite the children who remain for the holidays in the School pany him on an excursion to some place, sufficiently near return the same day. Among other places thus visited ruins at Stonehenge, and the City and Cathedral of Salis-

ar, Bro. Head decided on the City of Canterbury, with its t cathedral, and its pleasant promenades, and the day was Tuesday, 31st July. Accordingly, the lads, twelve in num- Wood-green at an early hour, and were punctual at the Hol- station, where they were met by Bros. Fred. Binckes, pany had attached special reserved compartments to the fast train from Victoria, from which station the girls, who only mustered five, were taken charge of by Bros. Head, A. H. Diaper, and Miss Shepherd.

Both the parties joined forces at Herne Hill, and in due course arrived at Canterbury, where they were delighted to find a hearty welcome from Bros. Horatio Ward P.M. P. Prov. G.W. Wilts, and John Richard Hall P.M. and Secretary 31, who most kindly gave up the whole day to promote the comfort of the little party. After strolling through and admiring the beautiful gardens and the Dane John, a movement was made for the Fleur de Lys Hotel, where a substantial repast had been prepared by Bro. and Mrs. Ward, ample justice to which was done by all the party, both great and small. The chair was taken by Bro. Head, who was faced by Bro. F. Binckes. The only toasts proposed were the healths of the Queen, always a staunch supporter of our Masonic Charities, Bro. Benjamin Head, and Success to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

The entire party, which by this time had received several additions to its numbers, and really looked of formidable proportions, proceeded to the Cathedral, where seats had been provided for evening service.

By the thoughtful provision of Bro. Dr. Longhurst, the organist of the Cathedral, a special anthem, by Ebdon, was sung, "Behold, how good and how joyful a thing it is." At the conclusion of the service, the ladies and brethren were joined by Bro. Plant W.M. elect 31, who explained that, by the special permission of the Dean, he and Bro. J. R. Hall would now conduct them to a few of the numberless objects of antiquity contained in the venerable pile, and certainly no party of visitors, however illustrious, could desire to be conducted by more able guides than these two distinguished brethren, who were kindly assisted by Bro. Dr. Longhurst.

Born, brought up, and living, as these brethren do, under the very shadow of the "Cathedral of Christ Church," they seem to love every stone in the sacred edifice. Each little bit of carving, dating perhaps from the time of Lanfranc, or Stephen Langton, possesses for them a new interest every time they see it, and our Masonic party were, by their eloquence, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of antiquarian lore, and the memory of the heroes who lived in the days of Norman William and his descendants.

None of those present will ever, in after life, forget that they stood on the spot where Thomas A'Beckett was murdered, or that they lingered by the tomb of the heroic Edward the Black Prince.

Canterbury Cathedral has been often described by far abler pens than ours, and we shall not trench on the ground of the antiquarian, or the archæologist; suffice it to thank those kind brethren, once more, for bringing its hidden treasures to our notice.

On leaving the Cathedral, the party returned to tea, soon after which a start was made for the station, and preparations began for the journey home; mutual and regretful leave takings were exchanged, and anticipations and hopes of another visit at some future time. The terminus at the Great City was reached at 10.20, and the little party was broken up, each to wend their homeward way, full of thanks to Bro. Head, and joyful recollection of a day which will always be remembered, with unmitigated pleasure, as a veritable *dies albo lineate*.

The arrangements were all made by our good Brother Binckes—is it necessary to say they were perfect?

CONSECRATION OF THE ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE consecration of this Lodge, which has received from the Grand Master sanction to use one of his titles and also the arms of the Dukedom, took place on Friday, the 27th July, at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., the members being honoured by the presence of the R.W. Bro. Col. F. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex. After the consecration ceremony, which was performed by Bro. R. W. Little, assisted by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden Prov. Grand Chaplain, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec. as Director of Ceremonies, &c., a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Louis Beck, the W.M. designate, was introduced, and formally installed into the chair. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Little who was labouring under severe indisposition, received the thanks of the brethren for the way in which he had performed the work. Bro. Holden gave the addresses. The newly-installed Master having been saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. B. Swallow P.G.J.D. as P.M., F. Kirk S.W., J. Hancock J.W., Docker S.D., Crossland J.D., Outhwaite I.G., Potter Tyler. The W.M. referred with pleasure to the presence of Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R. W. Little, H. G. Buss and Rev. P. M. Holden, and proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be voted and recorded on the minutes to those brethren, and also that honorary membership should be conferred upon them. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. F. Burdett thanked the members on behalf of the brethren they had been pleased to elect as hon. members. He hoped to have the opportunity of seeing the plan on which the Lodge had been started carried out in its entirety. After a few remarks from Bro. Little, the Lodge was closed until October. The brethren, 45 in number, then adjourned to the banquet, during which an excellent band, provided by Bro. Cohen, played selections from various operas, &c.; a fantasia on Scotch airs, composed by the W.M., being deservedly encored. Grace having been sung, the toast of the Queen was given and duly acknowledged. The health of the Grand Master, who the W.M. referred to as the Duke of Rothesay, in honour of his having allowed that name to be used, was next given, followed by those of the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. The W.M. was proud to see so many

of Bros. Col. Burdett, Buss, and Cottebrune. Bro. Col. Burdett rose. Having been called upon by the W.M. to respond to the toast, which had just been so enthusiastically received; he would return his heartiest thanks. He referred to the working of the Grand Officers, and to the interest they took in all matters connected with the Order. They were honoured by having three Princes of England at the head of G.L. In Masonry they wanted quality rather than quantity. In his own Province they numbered among them some of the highest members of society. Not only is Masonry progressing throughout the kingdom, but the working has never been better carried out. Bro. Little rose and proposed the health of the W.M. From what he had seen of him he felt sure he would make a good Master. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid him by the Consecrating Officer. It should not be for want of exertion on his part if the Lodge did not prosper. Before resuming his seat, he had pleasure in proposing the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Little, who had travelled a long journey to enable him to be present to consecrate their Lodge. He, as well as every Brother present, was pleased to see him, and hoped that ere long his health would be restored, and that he would live to be among them for many years to come. Bro. Little, in a brief, but appropriate manner, responded to the toast, thanking the brethren for their good wishes. Bro. Col. Burdett then proposed the health of the founders of the Lodge. They had succeeded in getting a name for their Lodge that all might be proud of, and he wished them one and all long life, health, and prosperity. Bro. Kirk S.W. responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. As a young Lodge they felt themselves honoured by the presence of so many visitors. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Brignall P.Prov. G R. Durham, and Bro. H. Levander Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, both of whom as well as Bros. G. Bubb and F. Walters replied to the toast. The Rev. P. M. Holden was pleased to propose the next toast, which, although nearly the last on the list, yet it was one of the first in order of merit. He was sure it would meet with the approbation of the brethren. He spoke of the "Charities." He was confident all the brethren were proud of the Institutions connected with our Order, and he hoped that they would flourish in the future as they had done in the past. Brother Little had already responded to a toast, so he would not couple his name with this one, but would call on their well-known Bro. Levander, who, in a very capital speech, returned thanks. The W.M. said he had represented the Benevolent Fund at the last Festival, and would be pleased to act as Steward for the Girls' School next year. The Tyler's toast was then given, and a very pleasant meeting closed. The visitors were Bros. R. W. Col. F. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, H. G. Buss Assist. G.S., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., C. B. Payne P.M. 27 G.T., E. J. Scott 749, G. Bubb P.M. 180, T. Wake 749, H. Green 1275, J. West P.G.R. Surrey, H. Levander P.G.S. Middlesex, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S. Middlesex, W. B. Scott P.M. 822, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Gibb 34, N. E. Forscatt 749, E. Moody P.M. 1426, J. L. Thomas P.G.J.W. Middlesex, B. Swallow P.M. 382, H. Massey P.M. 619.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

THERE is considerable variety in the current number of *Tinsleys'*, and many of the articles show a great degree of merit. We are glad to find that where formerly there used to be three and often four concurrent serials, there are now but two. One of those, Mr. Frank Barrett's "Two Knaves and a Queen," has been running some time. It is well written, and many of the characters are extremely well-drawn. The other serial, which is from the pen of Mrs. Alexander Fraser, is entitled "A Maddening Blow," and has thus far reached only its fourteenth chapter, including, that is to say, the present instalment. This, however, is quite far enough to justify us in expressing our opinion that the tale will be very generally appreciated by novel readers. Mrs. Fraser is well known as a novelist; her stories are usually well constructed, and contain likewise some very good descriptive writing. Mr. Godfrey Turner contributes a paper entitled "Shakespeare Made Easy." We are not aware that Mr. Turner has any great claims to be regarded as an authority on Shakespeare, but he writes sensibly enough. There are two or three short stories, which are decidedly creditable—"My Heroine" by Evelyn Jerrold, and the "Two Sibyls." An "Eccentric Old Boy" gives vent to his views on education in the shape of a few "Detached Notes" thereon, which will bear analysing; while it is almost a matter of course that the poetical contributions, which include a "Love Song" of Dr. Davies's, are somewhat above the average of magazine poetry. In fine, we have occasionally read numbers which are the equal of this, but very seldom any which could justly be described as its superior.

Cassell's Family Magazine is well furnished with stories and articles of the usual character. The serial fiction remains the same. "Paul Knox, Pitman," has, throughout, been an interesting story, and the scene between Lady Elizabeth and May Gwynn is one of the best contrived in the story. "Stone Steps and Wooden Stairs" is developing, as it progresses, into an admirable tale, and, if we judge rightly, will do great credit to its author, Beatrice Leigh Hunt. Among the family and other papers must be noted "Crab and Lobster Lore," by Professor A. Wilson, hints by the Rev. G. Watkins, "How to Enjoy the Sea-side," "A Peep into my Grandmother's Work-box," a paper by Mr. Edward Oxenford on "The Origin of Names," and "A Parliamentary Paper." Then there are "My Saturday Half Holiday," "A Military Tea Party," and an article on "Local Examinations." A Family Doctor's suggestions as to "Headaches, and How to Cure Them," are worth regarding, and a short story, by Mr. G. Manville Fenn, entitled "Laura's Doctor," will be pretty generally admired. Some of the illustrations, in particular the one accompanying the "Military Tea Party," are very happy, while the "Gatherer's" notes

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THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has always been m as W.M. or P.M., to insist that the wise provisions stitutions as to proposing candidates be carried with the strict letter of the law, and have never date to be proposed, except in open Lodge, with th of a gentleman going to Bombay, who desired before leaving this country.

By thus acting, the candidate is literally on l month, and should he not be found worthy, we Lodge found it the best plan for the objector to p W.M., who has the opportunity given him of aski withdraw the name, which is done in almost avoiding the painful necessity of informing a cand minions rejection.

Now, as regards blackballing from malicious feeling of personal enmity to the proposer. I ca such a proceeding as below contempt, and worth by the most severe reprobation. Alas! I know it h will again be done. The love of office, and the strip one another in the race for honours, be they n always create enemies out of one's own best and de sometimes we find men with small brains, narrow tesimal intellect, who allow some paltry, and p injury to rankle in what they call their minds, unti spleen and malice, they vent their petty spite on a From these we cannot expect anything but a course ungenerous and ungentlemanly. The true remedy blackballers is to still further hedge our Lodges ro tions against the very proposition of candidates wh do credit to the Order, and admit none but those w true and faithful, and have the ring of sterling met

I may hint that in one Lodge to which I belong stood rule, a *Lex non Scripta*, that no member shall date, either for initiation, or as a joining member, un certifies in open Lodge, that such candidate is an friend, and on visiting terms. This is certainly a direction. We find in Euclid, "Things which are thing, are equal to one another."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and f

P.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY AND THE RO

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the "Pocket Compa of Freemasons, London, 1754," there is a section w title-page :—"An Apology for the Free and Accept sioned by their persecution in the Canton of Berne, state of Masonry in Germany, Italy, Flanders, and lated from the French by a Brother. Printed at This, no doubt, is a reprint of the Dublin pamphlet, Jacob Norton is in quest of, and in the absence of th be of service to him in the Masonic inquiry he is eng

Yours truly and fraternal

26th July 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since writing to you y found in my collection a volume, in which is bound 92 pp., with the following title:—"Relation Apologi de la Société des Francs-Maçons. Par J.G.D.M.F.M Patrice Odonoko, Libraire and Imprimeur, 1738." to be the original edition of the pamphlet which B is in search of.

The copy in Bro. Spencer's list went to America, a bought for Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati.

Yours truly and fraternal

27th July 1877.

NO. 79 AND THE OLD LODG

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON

IN the preface to the reprint of the Dublin Lodg Bro. Heaphan remarked, "We as Masons live for he subject (No. 79) is more likely to be decided on

In my last paper I called the Rawlinson list a 1733 list, but upon ther consideration I feel satisfied that it was mainly copied from 732 list, and the few Lodges added to it up to 26th July 1733, re obtained from the Grand Secretary about the last-named date, if he had had before him a complete 1733 list, he would not have pped where he did, but would have added the five remaining ges, which complete the list for 1733. It is, therefore, possible t No. 79 may have been blank even in the 1732 list, but it was tainly soon 26th July 1733.

have already stated that Rawlinson was an LL.D. and a F.R.S., strange to say, the name of Dr. Richard Rawlinson is not to be nd either in the "Encyclopædia Britannica," in "Chambers'," nor Charles Knight's "English Encyclopædia." I found out, however, ething about him at last in Alibone's "Dictionary of Authors." re is quite a lengthy paragraph in that work about R. Rawlinson, it is not a biography; it consists of numerous hints, from which ographer might collect materials for his purpose. Two facts must noticed here, viz., Dr. Rawlinson died in 1759, and "The Sale of harle's Collection of Books, MSS., etc., employed fifty-eight s." So says Alibone.

ro. Rawlinson's Masonic zeal may be judged from his having been ember of several Lodges, from his collection of a number of sonic curiosities, and from the pains he took in compiling his ge list upon an entirely novel plan, as I shall presently show. ce I have a right to assume that a man of that peculiar taste and hod would never have stopped short with his list in the middle of year, if he had had the complete 1733 list before him; the proba- y therefore is that he copied the main part from a 1732 list, and ined the numbers of the several Lodges constituted in 1733 from Grand Secretary. As we are indebted to the Rev. Bro. J. S. Side- am for the little information about Rawlinson's Masonry, and it his Masonic curiosities still preserved at Oxford, I shall quote own words about Bro. Rawlinson's Lodge list, as follows:—

The list of recognised Lodges existing at that time may not interesting. Bro. Rawlinson evidently intended to make it mplete list of every member of the Craft, and he has devoted at an entire page to every Lodge; most of these are, however, k, and, as in all pages which contain the list of members of the to, his own name appears, we may infer that he only completed ists of the Lodges to which he himself belonged."

trust that the few hints indicated about a distinguished and ed brother will induce some Masonic scholar to collect and com- all the materials and facts about Dr. Rawlinson, so that Masons know something more about him. I am sure the brother who d do that would enhance the value of a Masonic paper far more, would confer a greater service to the Craft, than all those who our magazines with accounts of Ancient Mysteries, Rosicru- sm, Templarism, and what not; all which has about as much to ith Masonry as the man in the moon. I must here only add, d Alibone's Dictionary be not readily obtainable in England, for a Philadelphia publication, the desired information will probably und in Watt's "Bibliotheca Britannica." And now I must e the Lodge lists.

. Hughan found in the Lodge list appended to Smith's Pocket anion, 1728, a London Lodge, inserted and attached to No. 79. rst supposed that the Lodges may have been renumbered in and that No. 80 took the rank of 79, or if any other blanks d then higher up on the list, some other Lodges lower down ushed up to No. 79. I have, however, now before me a Smith's t Companion of 1788, but the Lodge list appended thereto was d in 1737. Between No. 2 and No. 120 fifteen num- re blank; and the Lodges numbered 78 and 80 are precisely me Lodges as those of the earlier lists, so that there could have o *pushing up* or the renumbering of Lodges that year; and en Nos. 78 and 80, the following is inserted: "79, Two Angels Crown, Little St. Martin's Lane, 2nd and 4th Friday."

d that the Lodge list was printed in 1737; but as the last on the list is dated 20th April 1737, the main part of that list ave been copied from a 1736 list, and the few Lodges that onstituted in 1737, the editor must have obtained from the Secretary. The question now to be decided is, where did that come from that assumed No. 79 in 1736 or 37? Had it been a of the Ancients, I would have supposed that they sold the 79 to a new Lodge; but the Grand Lodge of England never e rank or precedency of its defunct Lodges; why then, did the that was held in 1736, at the Two Angels and the Crown, the number of a Lodge that was constituted in 1731?

his question one rational answer only can be given, viz., that y identical No. 79 Lodge that was constituted in 1731, after a cy of several years, was revised, and the Grand Lodge allowed tain its original No. 79. I am aware, however, that the g law was enacted by the Grand Lodge, 24th February 1735,

ny Lodge within the Bills of Mortality shall cease to meet ly during twelve months successive, its name and place shall d or blotted out of the Grand Lodge Book and engraved if they petition to be again inserted and owned as a regular it must lose its former rank and precedency, and submit to a nstitution."

seeming obstacle to my theory may, however, be removed the following suppositions:—First, the brethren of No. 79 ve petitioned the Grand Lodge at that very meeting, when ve law was passed; as there was no law then existing their resumption of their old number, they were allowed to it, and this very discussion may have suggested the necessity w to prevent other dormant Lodges from claiming their old hen they require to go to work again.

old rank was made subsequent to the passage of the above law, it may have been argued in behalf of the petitioners, that a law cannot be made to retract for past offences; hence the 1735 law could only be applied to Lodges that should sin thereafter, and not to those who had sinned before. In law term, it is called an *ex post facto* law, and furthermore, as several other Lodges had then ceased to meet regularly, it was only good policy to reinstate No. 79, so as to induce the other defaulters to do the like. One or the other of the above suppositions may account for the restoration of the original Lodge. My theory is further strengthened by Dr. Anderson's list in his Constitution, 1738, who added to the Lodge, that held its meetings at the Two Angels, &c, "1731."

If, then, my theory is admitted, it is not impossible that the Grand Lodge of England's record may establish it as a fact. I am aware that the records of that period are very meagre, and the restoration of a Lodge may have been omitted from its minutes, but yet, something may be found in the record about No. 79. I have therefore begged my ever obliging friend, the Grand Secretary of England, to search the record from 24th February 1735 to 1737.

I would make another suggestion still; the chance is very faint; but if we fail in one direction, we may find it in another. I perceive that three Lodges, constituted in 1731, are still in existence, and who knows whether one of the Lodges may not be the identical one that was originally No. 79? The Masters of those Lodges ought therefore to be questioned; we might learn something from the exact date of a charter, or from the successive change of the numbers marked on the margin. This inquiry, if it should be deemed necessary, I am sure our Bro. Hughan, to whom the fraternity is so greatly indebted for his manifold researches in the Masonic field of inquiry, would readily do for me.

The ludicrous controversy about Masonic Mothership is mainly due to a local pride among Americans. Each one is puffed up with the notion, not only that America is the greatest country in the world, but also that his State is the greatest in the country, and his city is, or will be, the most important city in the State; thus, in the *Masonic Magazine*, Vol. II., page 5, Bro. MacCalla confesses that he was the more pleased to acknowledge his former opinion about Boston being the Mother, &c., to have been wrong, because he was a Philadelphian, and he went on to prove that Philadelphia was the true Mother. Had he proved his theory, I should not only have supported him from a feeling of principle, but I would have been entitled to some applause as the investigator of that inquiry. But on perusing his great article, I saw at once that there was more assumption than proof, and I frankly pointed out by letter to him of his short-comings, and subsequently remonstrated in the press against his baseless conclusions. But strange to say, his notion spread like wildfire. Dr. Mackey congratulated him, and only regretted that the discovery came too late for his enshrining Mother Philadelphia in his Encyclopædia of *Duncombe*, and the other *literati* also congratulated. But when Bro. Hughan's No. 79 discovery reached here, Philadelphia became rank mad with excitement. True, our Bro. Hughan qualified the joyful tidings with an admission that the Hoop Lodge is not named in any so far known English Lodge list. But as he expressed a hope that an earlier English list may yet be discovered, that may corroborate with the Dublin 1735 list, the mere hope of Bro. Hughan was accepted as an accomplished fact, and all united in singing Hosanna to No. 79, the new discovered Mother of American Masonry, and they have been singing so ever since. Bro. P.G.M. Nickerson, in the *New England Freemason*, endeavoured to recall these deluded ones to some degree of reason, but he was only jeered, and sneered, and laughed at for his pains. At last, earlier Lodge lists came to light, and assuming even that Bro. Hervey will be unable to throw any light on the history of No. 79, yet these Lodge lists by themselves have settled the vexed question. And should any one still persist that the Lodge at the Hoop in Philadelphia was the No. 79, then, let him explain why No. 79 is blank on Rawlinson's list, compiled 26th July 1733? why it is blank on Pine's list of 1734? why it is blank on all other English lists? and last, and not least, why was a new London Lodge in 1736-7 the recipient of No. 79?

I frankly confess that the streets of Philadelphia are more regular than that of any city in the world, that her system of numbering houses is the most perfect system in the world, that her Exhibition in 1876 was the largest in the world, that her Masonic Temple is the finest and grandest in the world. When I visited Philadelphia I was most handsomely received by R.W. Bro. Thomson G.S. and P.G.M., likewise Bro. MacCalla and other distinguished Philadelphia brethren, for which I am very grateful. I shall therefore say all I can in behalf of Philadelphia, and I confess that in many respects Boston is far behind Philadelphia; but nevertheless historic facts should never be perverted through personal preferences or prejudices, and the facts I laid before you and your readers must convince any one that Philadelphia cannot claim American Masonic Mothership from a legal standpoint.

And now that my labour is completed, I cannot help saying to myself that, if the Irish brother in 1735 had known that his *guess-work* would occasion so much popping up, and so much popping down, that it would give me so much trouble to collate and compare all those Lodge lists and dates, and to ponder and discriminate between the old and new style, and in this hot season, too, with the thermometer ranging about 90 deg. Fahrenheit, besides the trouble I have to give you, and Bro. Hervey, and Bro. Hughan, and perhaps to the three Worshipful Masters of the Lodges constituted in 1731, besides the *et ceteras* too numerous to mention; I say again if that brother had known all that, I am sure he would never have been guilty of giving "a local habitation and a name" to No. 79.

And, in conclusion, I hope and trust that this will be a warning and a lesson to all present and future Masonic book makers, and that they will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly. So mote it be.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

WITH the exception of one evening, an hour has sufficed for the dispatch of business in the House of Lords. There have been discussions on the subject of the Public Worship Regulation Act, the Confessional, and other matters, while on Monday, the New Army Warrant was laid before their Lordships, and several peers, among whom were the Duke of Cambridge and Viscount Cardwell, addressed the House. But if the sittings in the Lords have been comparatively quiet, those in the Commons have been inordinately protracted; indeed, one of them will be memorable in our Parliamentary annals, as being the longest which has been known in this country. On Thursday last, in reply to a feeler by the leader of the Opposition, the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave some indication of the resolutions he intended to submit to the House the following evening, after which, Mr. I. Butt moved the second reading of his University Education (Ireland) Bill, and Mr. D. Plunket, Mr. Lowe, and Sir M. H. Beach were amongst the speakers who took part in the [illegible] division, Mr. Butt was defeated by 200 rose shortly before two o'clock. On Fr the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Resolutions should take precedence of day, having been carried by 319 to 4C tions, two in number, were submitted an occupied the rest of the evening. They opposed by the Obstructive Irish memb has rendered their introduction necessary, tion of these, the whole House support after several amendments had been objecte ing majorities, the first resolution was ca and the second by 250 to 7. The House before two o'clock, and met again at n when it went into Committee on the Sh land) Bill. Progress having been rep considered the East India Loan Bill i disposed of the several clauses. The othe been transacted, an adjournment took p six o'clock. On Monday, a scene o the O'Donoghue and Mr. Biggar, the Saturday, declared the O'Donoghue to b Parliamentary Committee. He was, ther to explain his reasons, which he did very rel imperfectly, the sympathy of the House Sir W. Harcourt and the Chancellor of the warmly in favour of the gentleman who had attacked. After an expression of sorrow death of Mr. Ward Hunt, to which the lea sides of the House gave utterance for parties, the House went into Committee African Bill, but owing to the obstructive tain Irish members, only clause Three was Tuesday, the House met at 4 o'clock, and going into Committee on the same Bill, t were renewed by the Irish. But the G gone down to the House, determined that should emerge from Committee at no mat time and trouble. Mr. Biggar, Mr. Parnell colleagues did all they could to hinder the measure, but the Committee supported t splendidly. The House sat on all night. four gentlemen presided as Chairmen, one other at intervals, so as to allow of some re Relays of members came down at differe though at one time the scene was in the discreditable to the contemptible minority w its best to stop the Bill, the firmness of the Con Government was triumphant in the end, a tinuous sitting of nearly twenty-four ho emerged from the Committee. It will prob sary for the House to take official notice of t conduct of Mr. Biggar and his friends, in wh have the sympathy of the entire country. E cellor of the Exchequer was less strong in hi of the Obstructives than Sir W. Harcourt an while Mr. Butt, who is the leader of the Hou was even more forcible still in denouncing sitting was prolonged, for the consideration of Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill, and other ten minutes past six, when it adjourned t having sat uninterruptedly for twenty-six h minutes.

The progress towards convalescence of P Victor of Wales has been satisfactory, and t doubt he will speedily be restored to health. day, after a Cabinet Council had been held street, the Earl of Beaconsfield, accompanied b secretary, travelled down by the South-Eastern to Osborne, when he had an interview with The noble Earl dined with the Queen, and th to town. The same day the Prince and Princ drove to Farningham, in order to be present the Home for Little Boys, and likewise that t might lay the foundation-stone of the new library, &c., &c. The Royal party were Viscount Sydney, Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, and of the Institution, and the ceremony having be formed, the prizes were distributed to the boys, luncheon was served, the chair being occupied Christian. The subscriptions amounted to so The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne h to Ostend for a short visit, while the Prince of the Duke of Cambridge have been to the Duk

The Court of Aldermen have formally declared that Sir
hn Bennett is not a fit and proper person to represent
e Ward of Cheap. There will consequently be a new
ction, at which Sir John intends offering himself as a
ndidate.

The Goodwood meeting has been thus far a success, the
hering having been as numerous and aristocratic as ever.
e principal event on the opening day was the Stewards'
p, for which twenty three started, Sir W. Throck-
rton's Herald winning by two lengths, Monk and
arrior being second and third respectively. The favourite
ke a blood vessel after going a quarter of a mile, and
s immediately stopped by his jockey. Twelve ran for
Goodwood Stakes, Prince George, who started favourite
7 to 2, coming in an easy winner by eight lengths. And
in the racing world, so in Cricket there has been great
ivity, several first-class matches having been played
ring the past week. Kent has defeated Hampshire by
wickets. England has had to succumb to Gloucester-
re, the latter winning the victory by five wickets, but
struggle between the great Western County and York-
re was very close indeed, and ended in a draw, Yorkshire
ing still one wicket to fall and eighteen runs to score
be victorious. Mr. W. G. Grace has not been making
y large scores this season, but on this last occasion he
together 84 in his usual style.

The Ministers, by the lamented death of Mr. Ward
nt, who, our readers doubtless are aware, was a Free-
son, have lost a hard-working and highly popular col-
gue. It may, indeed, be said that Mr. Ward Hunt died
n over-zeal in his duties. It must be in the recollection
our readers that the last occasion he attended in his
ce in the House of Commons, the right honourable
ntleman was suffering great pain, and on the motion of
Marquis of Hartington, it was resolved that Mr. Hunt
uld be permitted to address the House sitting. But
Hunt, though he acknowledged the graceful compli-
nt paid him, remained standing. The late First Lord was
y a little over fifty years of age. On Monday evening,
we have already said, the House of Commons paid a
tribute of respect to his memory. We offer to the
ow and family of our deceased brother the expression
our deep sympathy.

America has not been in that delightful state of order
ch it usually enjoys. There has been a succession of
ible railroad strikes, and it has been necessary to call
the militia and the regular troops, in order to restore
ce. Several conflicts have taken place between the
ers and the military, and there has been, in consequence,
ost serious loss of life. However, the strike is now, for-
ately, at an end.

he difficulty between Peru and Great Britain, in the
ter of the ironclad Huascar, is not settled. The Law
ers of the Crown have given it as their opinion that
Huascar was virtually a piratical ship, and this, of
se, exonerates the British Admiral from all blame for
onduct in attacking the vessel. It was a plucky thing
, for the Shah and the Amethyst are wooden vessels,
e the Huascar is a formidable ironclad. The Peru-
Government does not regard the matter in exactly the
light as our Admiral and Law Officers. It is indig-
at the attack on this vessel, though it had previously
nced that it would not be responsible for the acts of
mmander. However, it is obvious that Peru cannot
dain of our Admiral's conduct, having already publicly
nced the vessel he attacked, and so, no doubt, the
orary soreness will soon pass away.

e fighting in Europe has been of a far more serious
cter than at any previous period during the war. Only
rt time since it seemed as though Russia was about to
all before her, and people were beginning to talk of
rmies occupying Adrianople, and even Constantinople
There was, in fact, an almost universal scare, and
one seemed to think that the occupation of Gallipoli
English troops would very soon become an absolute
ity, if we intended upholding our interests in the
But since then the Russians have sustained a most
e reverse. They have renewed their attempt to recover
sion of Plevna, where, some time since, they were de-
, with a loss which they themselves set down at about
men. On Saturday, the Russians resumed the offen-
but after a long and desperate conflict they were
ed, two battalions, it is said, having been almost an-
ed. On Sunday, the battle was renewed, but the
assailants. On Monday, there was further fighting of the most desperate character, and in this the Turks came off victorious, the losses of their enemy being set down at 24,000 men, of whom some 8,000 were slain. It is possible these numbers may be exaggerated, though a three day's battle might well involve such losses. About the importance of the Turkish victory, however, there cannot be the slightest doubt whatever. Even from Bucharest the news is to the effect that a great defeat has been sustained by the Russians, the loss being set down at 10,000. But even if we go half way between the two accounts, it will be seen the conflict was a very terrible one. South of the Balkans, likewise, if the reports are true, the Turks have successfully attacked the enemy and forced them back. As matters appear to stand now, it would seem as if the Russians under the Grand Duke Nicholas were in a fair way of experiencing the same fate as their companions in arms in Asia under his brother Michael. It may even be worse, for in Asia the Russians had no broad river behind them. If Osman, Suleiman, and Mehemet Ali Pachas continue as they have begun, there will shortly be hardly a Russian on the south bank of the Danube. In Asia there has been more fighting, but it is quite thrown into the shade by the severe struggles in Europe. Moreover, the fighting here has partaken rather of the nature of skirmishes, in which only small bodies of troops have been engaged. Consequently, the losses are comparatively small. Whatever may happen next week, there is no doubt the tide of victory has turned in favour of the Turk, and very probably there may be no need whatever for the new government *à la Russe* which the Czar's Commissioner is trying to introduce into Bulgaria.

Old Warrants.

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No. 78.

No. 25, "Ancients;" No. 38 A.D. 1814, No. 35 A.D. 1832, and No. 32 from A.D. 1863.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

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.

GRAND MASTER

Of the most Antient and Honorable 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 17th October 1753, was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the sign of the Crown and Thistle, in the Town of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, and which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 25. And whereas, by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 38. And by the general alteration of the numbers in the year 1832, it became, and is now, registered in the Grand Lodge Books, No. 35, meeting at the Adelphi Hotel, in the said Town of Liverpool, under the title or denomination of

No. 35 St. George's Lodge of Harmony.

And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their Memorial, represented to us that their said Warrant hath, by some accident, become defaced, they have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now Know Ye that we, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request, and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren, Do hereby grant this, our Warrant of Confirmation, unto our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Francis Goathwaite, Augustus S. Woodward, Ellis S. Yates, Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of Lancashire, John Drinkwater, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, George Green junior, Lewis Samuel, James Aspinal, John Nugeli, and other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their Successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Liverpool, aforesaid, on the fourth Monday in every month, or at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear

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, at the petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said Francis Gouthwaite to be the Master, the said Ellis S. Yates to be the Senior Warden, and the said George Green jun. 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 thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said Francis Gouthwaite, and your Successors, to take special care that all and every the 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, 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, 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 of 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 Lord Henry John Spencer Churchill, 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, with 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, according to the rules laid down in the Book of Constitutions. It being our will and intention that this, our Warrant, shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 11th February, A.L. 5836, A.D. 1836.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

H. JOHN SPENCER CHURCHILL, D.G.M.

William H. White, Edw. Harper } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. George's Lodge, No. 32, Liverpool.

No. 79.

No. 36, "Ancients;" No. 54 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 47 A.D. 1832, and No. 40 from A.D. 1863.

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 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 and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, 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., 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 Brother Thomas Sargent one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Brother Henry Rogers his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful Brother Thomas Foster his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the name or sign of the Castle Inn, Hastings, or elsewhere in the County of Sussex, upon the first and third Wednesday in every month (being first duly registered pursuant to the statute), 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, Thomas Sargent, Henry Rogers, and Thomas Foster (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

No. 36

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge this fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand and Thirteen, and in the Year of Masonry Five Eight hundred and Thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B. 2nd April 1755. Fol. 142.
Ent^d. Edw^d. Harper, D.G. Sec.

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Derwent Lodge Hastings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, WALES (WESTERN DIVISIO

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Divisio Wales was held on the 26th ultimo, under the au Loyal Welsh Lodge meeting at Pembroke Dock, the Rig ful Grand Master Bro. Major Lloyd Philipps in the chair. a very good muster of brethren to meet the popular Mast especially well supported by the Past Prov. G. Officers, far down West; the distance being so great we suppose wa that there were so very few visitors. The Right Worshi Master had therefore the greater reason to congratulate b the support he received from his own Province. The Lo been duly opened, before proceeding to business, the Right Grand Master took occasion to thank the brethren of Lodges in his Province for the addresses of sympathy and he had received during his late affliction, and assured th that he should never forget the many kindnesses he h during his period of sorrow. The *rôle* of the L called, and responded to by a fair number of represent each Lodge. The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge was received and adopted. The reports of the Charit Bro. A. Stour, Prince of Wales Lodge, and the Charity Co Bro. J. Beavan Philipps, were received. Both reports steady progress the Province was making, thanks to the those worthy brethren, to whom votes of thanks were u passed. Bro. Philipps was unanimously re-appointed Ch missioner, and Bro. Stour was appointed Steward to rep Province at the next Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. gan P. Prov. G.J.W., in proposing that a sum of twen should be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodg the Girls' School, observed that he had no doubt that Bro. whom a vote of thanks had just been passed, would thin higher compliment if the Grand Lodge would give him twe to head his list, as Steward for the year for the Girls' Scho of the fifteen guineas recommended by the Grand Lodge C The proposition being seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Mared little discussion as to the position of the Province, was carr monsly. The same proposer and seconder then proposed t of fifteen guineas should be voted from the funds of Gra towards the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. was carried unanimously. When appointing officers, the R shipful Provincial Grand Master proposed as P.G. Treas., Br Williams, of St. David's Lodge, Milford, who had held for several years, with profit to the Province, and himself. Bro. G. Griffiths, St. David's Lodge, Milf and in the name of Captain Williams, requested that be relieved from the duties of Treasurer, as his failin (which had not permitted him to be present that day) allow him to give the duties the necessary attention. This ment was received with great sorrow by all, for the geniality had endeared him to all who knew him, and he w the best known and most regular attendants at Grand Lod W. J. Morgan proposed, as a successor to Bro. Captain Bro. G. Griffiths P.M. St. David's Lodge and P. Prov. S.G.W ing as a reason why Bro. Griffiths should be elected, that follow townsman and member of the same Lodge as the late T and he would have the benefit of his advice and assistan hoped, for many years. The proposition was unanimously The new Treasurer thanked Grand Lodge for the confidenc in him, and, in the name of several members of Grand L quested the Right Worshipful Grand Master to present Bro. Williams with a jewel which they had subscribed for, as a their respect and esteem. Major Philipps complied with the and with great pleasure invested, in the absence of Bro. the W.M. of the Lodge to which Bro. Williams belongs, curiously enough, was no other than the nephew and partne ness of Bro. Williams, Captain Mathias. In investing Bro. Mat Right Worshipful Master took occasion to express his great the illness of Bro. Williams, which prevented his being presen day, and he also spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the services to the Province by Bro. Williams, and thought the presentati jewel was a fitting and just reward for long and distinguished to Masonry in general, and the Province of the Western Di South Wales in particular. He further requested Bro. Ma wear the jewel during the day in honour of Bro. William Mathias would have much pleasure in complying with the but was too much moved to say any more. The brethren then in order of procession, and attended Divine service at St

urch, on return from which, and labour being resumed in Lodge, ery cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stanley Balcombe, late Secretary, whose change of residence rendered it impossible at he could continue the active services which he had, with so much dity, rendered to the Province. The resolution was entered on minutes, but it was also understood that the respect and esteem the brethren will shortly take a more substantial form. Grand dge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to . Jenkins, of the Victoria Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet ated them, and to which upwards of one hundred guests sat down, l did ample justice to. Toast and song followed in rapid succes-n, until the time warned those from a distance that trains were no re inclined to wait than time and tide.

We subjoin a list of the officers appointed for the year 1877-78:—

Bros. Rbt. Marrrave W.M. 671 S.W., W. G. Phillips P.M. 990 J.W., rid Williams (Canon) 671 and Rev. Jas. Bowden 366 Chaplains, hard Thomas I.P.M. 476 Registrar, Geo Griffiths P.M. 336 Treas., ward Hamer P.M. 1072 Sec., D. A. Reid W.M. 1177 S.D., T. D. rris P.M. 378 J.D., D. Mathias W.M. 366 S. of Works, John May M. 464 D. of C., Hy. C. Buckley 671 Assist. D. of C., John Cavill Swd. Br., W.H. Ribbon 378 Org., Edwin Thomas 378 Purs., Wm. Richards 1177, Edgar Atwood, 1072, B. E. Morgan 1072, Thomas en J.W. 378, Geo. W. Ford J.D. 990, W. Murray 1177 Stewards, n Williams 366 Tyler.

TALBOT LODGE, No. 1323, SWANSEA.

HE ever genial W.M. of this Lodge, Bro. J. G. Hall J.P., with the thoughtfulness so characteristic of him, issued an invitation to Masonic members of the Joint North and South Wales Bar, who now on circuit in South Wales, to attend Lodge on Wednesday, August, and after due labour in Lodge to a slight refection, in the e of a social dinner. The kindness and brotherly feeling of such invitation was as genially and fraternally accepted by Bros. as McIntyre Q.C. Grand Registrar of England, J. W. Bowen , B. Francis Williams, A. G. P. Lewis, W. D. Benson, and . Fyffe. Perhaps it gave no little zest to the professional hren to be present to see so worthy a young professional brother Walter Dalton take his third degree in the honourable rnity. The ceremony of raising was performed in the quiet suming manner so peculiarly his own, by the W.M., ably nded by his officers. After the labour proper of the evening completed the W.M. spoke in very feeling terms of the presence distinguished brother who had not for some little time been so amongst them as they wished, although he was the founder of Lodge. Since his last appearance there he had been selected se favour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and appointed to the nrable office of Grand Deacon of England, he very cordially ed Bro. Morris long life to enjoy the high honour he had ned, and the ease and retirement his long and distinguished ces fairly entitled him to. The W.M. then instructed his S.W. ding to ancient form to close the Lodge. After which the ren repaired to the banquet room, where the usual monthly net was laid out, the merits of which having been properly ssed, and justice fairly done by, the W.M. gave the patriotic Masonic toasts of the Queen and Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince ales Grand Master of the Order. Bro. Hall then gave what is, to the loyal and patriotic toasts, always the toast of the ng at the Talbot Lodge, viz., "The Visitors." The W.M., in pro-g this favourite toast, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him as of the Talbot Lodge, to see such a gathering of Masonic ren belonging to the honourable profession of the Bar present ests of the Talbot Lodge. He hoped that the fraternal knowledge ch other, began that evening, would be extended in the future ny more meetings under the banner of the same Lodge. Bro. tyre, in responding, spoke of the singularly friendly and gentle-r way in which he, and other members of the North Wales it, had been received by the South Wales Circuit. He could not at he thought some of that kindliness of feeling had been dered by the principles of Freemasonry. He hoped that his intance with the brethren of South Wales, thus auspiciously , would become closer and more intimate. He also spoke of easure it gave him to meet, on his own ground, and in the of which he was the founder, a brother whose Masonic merits en recognised by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He had long Bro. Morris by repute, but he was now glad to number him st his personal friends. He thanked the brethren of the Talbot on behalf of himself and other visitors for the very cordial ne they had received at their hands, and re-echoed the wish of .M. that, at some future period, they might again meet at the Lodge. Bro. J. W. Bowen, who was also called upon to d, excused himself for the slight rust upon his Masonic edge which had come upon him, because of the demands his profession made upon him. He could remember go, when he used to attend the St. Peter's Lodge, the great t that he took in all Masonic labour. He hoped the time would ome when he would be able again to give himself the pleasure ng a more frequent attendant at Lodge. He thanked the en for their kindly notice and reception of him. The health of .M. having been proposed and received in the way his name s received, he gave "Our Next Meeting," after which song t whiled the hours away, a result to which the admirable sing-Bros. Harding, of 476, A. G. P. Lewis, also of 476, J. Jones n, and J. B. Richards, of 1336, materially contributed. The able W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, Pontypridd, Bro. Matthew Morgan, by his rich, racy humour, created roars of laughter. ther, we may say that a more pleasurable evening has never ent by the Bar in South Wales; nor, we venture to say, have

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

THE meeting suggested by our correspondent, "P.M., P.Z." in his letter, published in our columns last week, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on the evening of Monday last. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Dr. Pinder, G. H. N. Bridges, N. B. Headon, M. S. Larlham, T. L. Green, E. Moody, E. Clark, S. Drysdale, H. Garrod, John Constable, James Stevens, W. C. Devereux, L. J. Altman, W. Sim, G. J. Dawson, W. W. Morgan, W. Ramsey, W. Smith, J. O. Gardner, B. Turner, and numerous others, whose faces are familiar to us; but, as no signature book was prepared for reference, we cannot remember their names. Although the gathering might fairly be considered sufficiently representative, it was not, however, so large as the circumstances of the case had led many to expect, and it was soon discovered that the large Hall would not be required for the purposes of the meeting. The dining-hall was therefore thrown open, and this was very sufficiently filled by members of the Craft, shareholders in the company, or otherwise. Bro. James Stevens was nominated as chairman, but stating that he was the writer of the letter which had led to the meeting, declined that position, and Bro. N. B. Headon P.M., of the Great City, No. 1426, was requested to preside. The chairman, after briefly explaining that the gathering together of the brethren on this occasion, was more for the purposes of consultation on the position of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, and the risk of the building being purchased for, and devoted to other purposes, than for the passing of resolutions, condemnatory or otherwise, of past proceedings in relation thereto, hoped that the subject would be approached by each speaker in a proper Masonic spirit and, as far as possible, free from personality or bias. A cool, calm consideration was necessary, and that could not be given if feeling was to be strongly displayed. The meeting was not formal, nor held under authority. It was more as a committee of interested persons than as a body of men capable of deciding upon action, and of carrying that action to a practical result. He called upon Bro. Stevens to read the letter published in the Masonic papers, and this was done.

From this point a lengthy discussion ensued, the details of which we consider it quite unnecessary to report. Freemasons have natural feelings and impulses, and it is not to be wondered at that the narration of certain past proceedings should have occasioned indignant remarks, which, although each speaker endeavoured to avoid personality, could not fail to be unacceptable to some individuals. However, all who desired to speak were listened to with attention, and many propositions were put forward with a view to remedy the past.

A director endeavoured to explain away some of the extraordinary proceedings which were attributed to the Board, but failed to do so. Indignation was expressed that the shareholders had not been called together prior to the announcement of the sale by auction, under foreclosure by the mortgagees.

Sympathy for the builder, Bro. J. Oliver, whose unpaid balance for the erection of the building amounts to nearly £4,000, was generally expressed, and the tone of the meeting subsequently became that of a general desire to see him saved from so great a loss. Nothing, however, resulted of a practical nature, as so little time remained for carrying out any of the suggestions made, and after two hours' debate the brethren separated, very doubtful, indeed, as to the issue of the morrow's public sale of the building.

We attended the auction on the 31st ult., and noticed a moderate attendance of Freemasons. The biddings were opened by one of £3,000, which sum was increased to £4,600, at which price the Surrey Masonic Hall was sold, as we were given to understand, to Bro. Oliver, the builder, and the fact formed a subject of great congratulation among those present when the hammer fell.

WOODBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THE annual concert, previous to the vacation of this school, was held on Tuesday last, at the school-room, and was well attended. The programme, which comprised the cantata, "The Jackdaw of Rheims," and some songs and selections, was very well sustained.

On the following day, which was speech day, Col. St. John Barnes M.P. presided, and was surrounded by a large number of the principal gentry and ladies of the town and neighbourhood. Several valuable prizes, chiefly well-bound books, were distributed to the pupils of the school. Great credit and praise was given to the head master, Dr. James Russel Wood, and his assistant masters, for the efficiency shown by the boys under their care as boarders and day scholars. The names of those who received prizes were:—F. Morley, A. Hewetson, J. C. Thorpe, D. T. B. Wood, J. Arnott, W. J. Shipman, G. C. Wood, J. Devonshire, R. L. Devonshire, W. B. Hartridge, S. C. Wood, W. J. Naunton, A. K. M. Wood, A. H. Mayhew, E. C. Pottitt, D. B. Capon, R. E. Vaughan, and W. Jarvis.

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 4th AUGUST.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
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, W., at 8.

TUESDAY, 7th AUGUST.

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.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (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.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Hyrsho Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
363—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.
801—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterhouse-st, Havant.
847—Hartland, Manor House, Hendon, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peterfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1349—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Barks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1424—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.
668—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1312—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1389—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1582—Llandilofs, Trewythen Hotel, Llandilofs, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
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.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 8.30.)

35—Medina, 83 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1108—St George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under Lyne.
1204—Royal's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1268—Pole, Pascoe Hotel, Ba'sa.
1416—Phœnix, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1425—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 10th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
813—Pareloch, Bell and Archer, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Hengrave, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Bonne, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Terminal Hotel, 135 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.)
1278—Bank of Credit, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1445—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

30—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent
Order of St. Lawrence, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, at 4.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

TUESDAY.

285—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighle
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R. A. 609—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradfor

WEDNESDAY.

1014—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 255—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, I
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifa

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—479—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitutio
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, S
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of o brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise state

MONDAY—Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Free George-str et, Edinb rgh.
" 62—Thistle, White Swan, Dumfries.
" 83—St. Andrews, Town Hall, Crail.
" 110—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Aberdeen.
" 124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 154—St. Anthony, Freemasons' Hall, 3 High-street, Inv
" 160—Old Aberdeen, Town Hall, Old Aberdeen.
" 237—St. John, Masonic Arms, Govan.
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 350—St. Fergus, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Wick
" 503—Myrton, Freemasons' Hall, Fort William.
" R. A. 110—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—3 Scoon and Perth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street,
" 3 bis.—St. John's, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street,
" 7—Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 15—Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Mor
" 41—St. Cuthbert, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Kir
" 47—Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Overgate, Dundee.
" 49—Ancient, Freemasons' Hall, Renkins-court, Dund
" 68—Doric Kilwinning, 64 Church-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Gl
" 92—St. John, Seatown, Banff.
" 177—St. James Old Monkland, Freemasons' Hall, Coat
" 203—Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 254—Caledonian, 8 Bank-street, Dundee.
" 331—St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 338—St. Mary, Church-street, Inverness.
" 406—St. John Dalziel, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.
" 433—St. Thomas, Eglington Hotel, Dolmellington.
" 437—Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 442—Neptune Freemasons' Hall, Princes-lane, Ardros
" 497—St. John, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 40—St. Thomas, Abbey Inn, Arbroath.
" 93—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street,
" 178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 570—Mary Hill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Pa

THURSDAY—88—New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
" 109—St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 185—St. Adrien, Town Hall, Pittenweem.
" 201—St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
" 272—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Maxwellton.
" 334—St John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 557—Blantyre, Craig Hall, High Blantyre.
" 570—Kennuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Gla
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—18—Kilwinning, Freemason's Hall, Church-street, Dumf
" 153—Royal Arch, Cogan-street, Pollokshaw
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton, at 7.
" 360—Royal Rue, Commercial Hotel, Kilbarnie, at 7.
" 427—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, Camlachie.
" R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—2—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 6.
" 305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Bellshill,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 615.—Th tion meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 27th in of the regular meeting, which ought to have been held on T but R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M., was

eting, and of the Lodge of Emergency, were read and confirmed board of installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. C. Andrews M. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Smeed, and o. T. W. Knight P.M. and Sec. installed that brother into th ir in a very perfect and impressive manner. The W.M investing his officers, gave each a step. The W.M. then the name of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. rrell, with a very elegant and chaste solid gold jewel, set h diamonds, and bearing a suitable inscription, for th e manner he had conducted the duties of the chair during his r of office. For this that brother suitably returned thanks. The lge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet and sert. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. W. ed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex P.M. 946, returned thanks for the itors, who were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., E. Coste P.M. 9, C. Relph I. 188 and 177, W. Neats 177, J. J. Michael P.M. 1507 and P.M. nwallis Lodge, R. French, Newson W.M. Hayes Lodge, &c. The sical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of . Nunn; Miss Roby, Bros. A. Hubbard, Dinham, and W. Smeed ging some capital songs.

Loyal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—Although the attendance members at this Lodge on Friday, the 27th ult., was large, we ed many of those we are accustomed to see at the regular gather- . The fact is, no one can deny or resist the counter-attraction he cool sea breezes, and many of our brethren whose business ations will permit, are now away for their annual holiday. The r was taken at two o'clock, when Bro. J. Chambers Roe opened Lodge. He was supported by Bros. Walter Goss S.W., Charles J.W., J. Smith P.M. Treasurer, Hilton P.M. Secretary, Gomm , Gilbert Tyler. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and rmed, and Bro. Henry Kyezor, of the Lily Lodge, No. 820, was ted for, and duly elected a joining member. Bros. Alfred Tol- and Charles Penny Brown were then examined, and, having evidence of their progress, were in due course raised to the degree. Of those who sought preferment to the degree of w Craft, Bros. George Webb and William Slater were the only present, and Bro. Roe worked the ceremony of the second e in their favour. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Ed- Spencer Pearson, William Dakin Becket and Thomas Rands, was declared satisfactory in each case. These gentlemen were introduced, and were initiated into the mysteries of Free- ory, Bro. Roe performing the ceremony, as he had done the ous ones, in a manner that reflected great credit upon him, and called forth the approbation of all present. The election of Worshipful Master was next proceeded with, and it resulted in lection of Bro. W. Goss, a selection which appeared to give ction to every one. Bro. J. Smith was re-elected Treasurer, ro. Gilbert was re-appointed Tyler. Arrangements were then for the Audit Committee, and, after discussion, a sum of twenty s was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the testi- l now being raised for Bro. J. Smith. The sum of five guineas lso voted for supplying a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. Chambers n acknowledgment of the way in which he had fulfilled the of the chair. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till r next. The customary banquet, which on this occasion was in a large tent, erected in the grounds, was then partaken of. justice to the good things provided having been done, Bro. J. ers Roe rose to propose the toasts. He said that for reasons nt to all, they must that evening be guarded in their remarks, n, in brief but happy terms, proposed the health of Her Majesty een. This was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales .M. Next in order came the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. his toast was associated the name of Bro. J. Smith P.M. who replied in a few well-chosen and happy remarks. At e hour in the evening it would be inflicting a punishment if ained the brethren for any length of time. He, how- ad a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose alth of the W.M. Many present knew the feelings Master on his taking the chair for the first time, any there were who felt themselves totally inadequate, hey had taken their seat, to fulfil the multifarious duties l of them. All would agree with him (Bro. Smith) that Bro. l ably performed the duties that had devolved upon him. In ers, say 40 years ago, it was a most uncommon proceeding for ipful Master to instal his successor, and the services of a nt brother to perform this necessary office were in great and had to be secured some time prior to the day of installa- his was not the case in the present day, and the Past Masters oyal Alfred Lodge considered it a part of the duty belonging year's work to instal their successor. This it was Bro. Roe's to undertake, and he was sure all present would agree with t the work would be well performed. Bro. Smith concluded ing on all present to honour the toast. On rising, Bro. Roe d that Bro. Smith was a host in himself, and that when he was considered by all that he spoke volumes. On this occa- wever, he had spoken in too flattering terms; at the same hoped the brethren would try to believe what he had said. e day he was initiated in the Royal Alfred Lodge, to the time ing appointed its Worshipful Master, it had been his pride ambition to fill the chair. He had endeavoured, to the utmost ority, to carry out the duties that were entailed on him, and afford him the greatest conceivable gratification to instal his and brother, Walter Goss, in the chair as his successor, and convinced Bro. Goss would be able to realise the great ions that were formed of him. Before sitting down, he pose the health of the three candidates who had been that evening. It was desirable to have fresh blood in- they were associating with a body of gentlemen. This toast was replied to by each of the three newly-made brethren. The health of the Visitors was given from the chair, and received suitable ac- knowledgment. To the toast of the Past Masters, Bros. Smith, Potter, Brown, Hilton, and Beasley replied, the latter brother remarking that the previous speaker had left him but little to say, but what he uttered would come from his heart. He must con- gratulate Bro. Roe upon the completion of a most successful year of office; it was his opinion that Bro. Goss would make an admirable suc- cessor. Of one thing he was sure, he would perform his duties to the best of his ability, and his ability was great; there was no question but that he would fully justify the choice the brethren had made. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the W.M. elect, and the officers, which received full honours. The Tyler then took the gavel, and brought the proceedings to a close. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Fisher, Bateman, W. E. Tucker, W. Harris, G. W. Lay, Sergeant, Sweet, Brett, Clark, Parker, Morgan, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 31st of July, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Lorkin S.W., Pavitt J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Barker S.D., Johnson J.D., Christian I.G. Bros. Watkins, W. W. Morgan jun. &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, when Bro. Watkins having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed down to the first. Bro. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. We noticed that the able Preceptor of this Lodge was absent, he being with his family at the seaside. We were very pleased to find that excellent worker of the ceremonies, Bro. W. J. Smith in the chair. He is one who does not require any prompting, and is a very great assistance, especially when the Preceptor is absent. The place of meeting of this Lodge having changed hands last week, we were sorry to hear that in con- sequence of the new landlord requiring the Lodge room for his family, he reluctantly gave notice to that effect to the members. The Pre- ceptor, Bro. Wallington, will be at the Lodge on Tuesday next to make necessary arrangements to secure a place for the future meetings of the Lodge.

Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 31st of July, at the Castle, Dalton-in-Fur- ness, for the installation of Bro. John Walton W.M., after which he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Hosking S.W., T. Grieve J.W., R. Blake Secretary, J. Garden Treasurer, P. Derbyshire S.D., T. Trembath J.D., R. Townley S. Steward, R. Whitesides J. Steward, E. B. Mitchell I.G., W. Pratt Tyler, F. Bell I.P.M., G. B. Ashburner Organist, F. M. Morgan Chaplain. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren (about fifteen Past Masters), and many Prov. Grand Lodge Officers. The duties of installing Bro. Walton were ably dis- charged by Bro. Pearson P.M. 995 and P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. R. A. Brooke 374, 995, and 1021 Past Master, and the working tools presented by Bro. W. Whiteside P.M. 1398. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was prepared by Bro. F. Bell, and a most agreeable and instructive evening spent, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts being ably given and responded to. We understand the Lodge meetings in future will be held on the second Wednesday in the months, instead of second Monday.

Knight of the Red Cross.—A council was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, 29th July. D. Gilchrist President, J. O. Park S.G., J. Balfour J.G., G. W. Wheeler Scribe acting Captain of the Guard, J. Bannerman Treasurer, J. Pitt Conductor. Visitor—Sir Knight John McInnes of 69. The Council having been duly opened, Sir Knight James Davidson was introduced, and duly created a Knight of the Sword, and subsequently a Knight of the East, also a Knight of the East and West, or Prince Mason. The whole of the degrees were admirably wrought by Sir Knight Gilchrist and his officers.

Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge, No. 73.—Met on Thursday last, at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. Comp. James Balfour F.N. opened, with J. O Park J., David Gilchrist S., and G. W. Wheeler Scribe. Comp. J. Davidson, of Chapter 73, was received on board, and instructed in the duties of an Ark Mariner.

St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar.—Held an emergency meeting on 29th July, in the Star Hotel, Glasgow, Sir Knight Robert Bell P.E.C. presiding. Knights J. O. Park Genlmo., G. W. Wheeler Prelate, J. Tweed Marshal, T. A. Ferguson Treasurer acting 1st Captain, J. J. Oxen as 2nd Captain, G. Wheeler as War- den. A petition was presented on behalf of Comp. James Davidson, of Chapter 73, who was introduced as a Pilgrim. Subsequently he was created a Knight of the Temple, and fully instructed in the mysteries of the Religious and Military Order. Thanks were given to the Past Commander for his services on the occasion, and the En- campment was regularly closed in due form.

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CHINESE CARVING.—For sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen the Kings stand 5½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights on horseback, all mounted on stands with concentric balls. Can be

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

ON Sunday, 14th June, occurred one of the festal days which adorn the Masonic calendar—the Festival of St. John the Baptist. In every part of the Masonic world it has been observed in every generation, as we hope it will continue to be for ages yet to come. We propose to contribute our mite towards this by a notice of the heroic character whose natal day we thus celebrate.

All Masons justly revere the two Saints John of Jerusalem. In Europe, Masonic Lodges are generally called St. John's Lodges. Our symbolical Lodges are dedicated to them, and from such Lodges every loyal Mason professes to come. These two Saints John are St. John the Baptist and St. John the Apostle. We celebrate the birthday of the latter 27th December; of the former 24th June. Why we celebrate them will appear farther along; in the meantime, let us speak of this "eminent patron of Masonry," as we affectionately style the rugged revivalist of the Judean desert.

He was by birth a Jewish Priest, his father, Zacharias, being in the regular Temple service, ministering after the course of Abijah; the order of service being regulated by families. His father and mother were both very devout worshippers of the true Jehovah. John was born about six months before Jesus, and, according to the Gospel history, from his birth was a most remarkable character. Angelic visitants apply to him the prophecy of Isaiah, in which he speaks of "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, to prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight," and describe him as a moral civil engineer, "throwing up the valleys, levelling the hills, making the crooked straight, the rough ways smooth and plain." The prophecy of Malachi, in which "Jehovah should send his Malak or Messenger before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord," is also in the Gospel applied to St. John.

From his early manhood he became a prophet, that is a spirit-strong preacher of righteous. His power is found in his success; there went out to him all the habitants of Judea, Samaria, and those living beyond the Jordan. Curiosity, no doubt, led most to see the rugged ascetic in his garb, like that of old Elijah the Tishbite, of camel's hair and leather belt. But he had multitudes of converts, and for years was the most famous man before the Jewish people, until his lustre was paled by the coming of that greater One, whose shoes, he said, he was not worthy to stoop down and untie; the Rising Sun, before whom he was only to be the springing and singing lark.

As a preacher of rightness, his sermons were as bold and striking as his garb. He denounced those national sins which were leading Israel on to national ruin, and he struck home to hearts of hypocrites and pretenders, bidding them not rest in the delusive idea that the favour of God to Father Abraham would be theirs, unless they had his character; and warning them that the axe of judgment was lying at the root of their national tree, ready to cut off and consign to the burning of Gehenna the dry and rotting branches which had ceased to bear good fruit.

His death was untimely; his column early broken; he fell a martyr to his fearless fidelity to truth and right. Herodias was living in incestuous and adulterous connection with her brother. This life was of scandalous example in rulers of the Jewish people, and St. John reproved it. The proud spirit of the adulterous queen treasured a murderous revenge, and when on Herod's birthday her daughter, Salome, by a former lawful marriage, danced to the admiration of the tipsy king, and he promised to give her anything she would ask, her hour of vengeance had come, and she demanded the Baptist's head. A henchman brought it in, and the rugged and heroic preacher was silenced, and the guilty couple could live on in peace, only disturbed by the upbraidings of benumbed consciences.

Thus lived, and thus died, one whom Jesus has immortalised by calling him the grandest of men. When the people asked his opinion about John, he said: "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? A dainty courtier in a king's palace? no! of all those born of woman, there hath not arisen a greater prophet than John the Baptist."

But what has Masonry to do with all this? some one may ask. Is not the symbolical Lodge universal, knowing neither Christian, Hebrew, Mahometan, or Confucian—what has it then to do with the Saints John?

A most important question, which we propose patiently to answer, and thus to vindicate our immemorial practice of venerating the name and commemorating the natal day of the heroic prophet of Judea.

St. John the Baptist is not honoured by Masons because of his relations to Jesus Christ, but because of his own personal and heroic character. Freemasonry is a system of morality, in which Uprightness and Charity are the two poles of a perfect character, within which a true Mason should ever find his orbit. St. John the Baptist is a symbolical character, illustrating Heroic Justice, and St. John the Apostle is the symbolic representative of Divine Charity. The selection of these characters has a profound moral significance, which no mere sectarian antipathies or partialities should ever be allowed to smother. In honouring the hero, we honour the heroism; in honouring the type of lofty, upright character, we honour that integrity without which every professed Mason is a fraud.

The more we study the philosophy of Masonic symbolism, the more deeply we are impressed with the conviction that the fathers who founded Masonry knew what they were about. They were wiser in their generation than many of their degenerate successors, who in France, Germany, and elsewhere, are conspiring against the character of Freemasonry as "a system of morality," revealing and enforcing our relations to Almighty God, and are seeking to make our great fraternity only a philosophical or political club, having no more relation to Jehovah than a Juggernaut.

Let no worthy Fr[illegible] forget that he hails from a Lodge of [illegible]subdue his passions, and improve himself in Mas[illegible] the open secret of our noble art, to which all its [illegible] but guide-boards and stepping-stones.—*Masonic Rev*

MASONIC CONSERVAT[illegible]

OF the many excellent features of Masonry its s[illegible]tism is one much to be admired. While all o[illegible] organizations are to a great extent becoming mo[illegible] popularity by trying to keep pace with all the new[illegible] and catering for public favour, Masonry has stoo[illegible] design, adhering to the old landmarks with a tenaci[illegible] stood the clamour of fanatics, the wild schemes of t[illegible] vaulting ambition of the unscrupulous. While the c[illegible] of all things else has necessitated some slight chang[illegible] ment and general management of the Craft, the par[illegible] to-day are the same that they were centuries ago, a[illegible] will ever be found to be the same in all time to com[illegible] acorn planted in mother earth first came the ten[illegible] developed into a thrifty sapling, and, as the years[illegible] into the mighty oak, whose outspreading branches[illegible] ward until it became monarch of the forest, so fr[illegible] principle of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, plan[illegible] of man, Masonry sprang from a small beginning the[illegible] ago, and as centuries rolled past in the march of[illegible] until to-day it stands monarch of all human institutio[illegible] or that have existed since the world began. Among[illegible] can be found no parallel in the annals of history.

It is a cardinal principle of Masonry "that it is n[illegible] of any man, or body of men, to make innovations[illegible] Masonry." This declaration is often made, and is al[illegible] to, by every Worshipful Master during his installa[illegible] over the Craft. Every Master Mason is strictly char[illegible] preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order entru[illegible] and a faithful discharge of duty in this regard has be[illegible] aim of Masters and brethren, and thus from one gener[illegible] has been transmitted unimpaired the excellent ten[illegible] While such has been the general rule, we regret to[illegible] been occasional exceptions. Some men are never sa[illegible] well enough alone." They are never happy except wh[illegible] ing in something new, even when the chances for s[illegible] against them. Such men are found with a hobby in l[illegible] as well as everywhere else; but it is when they ris[illegible] of a seat in the Grand Lodge, that the golden opport[illegible] them to get in their work. They generally find it, h[illegible] bill business, and only in rare instances have they[illegible] ingrafting upon Masonry any of their new fangled n[illegible] they have met with any success it has been only fo[illegible] sober, second thought, the spirit of conservatism agai[illegible] it is then seen that it is worse than folly to attempt to r[illegible]

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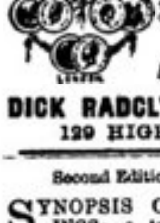
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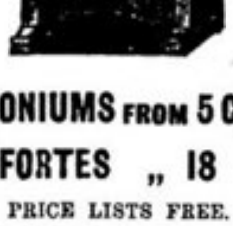
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FORE proceeding to discuss the further points raised by Bro. Norton in the letter from him which ed in these columns on the 28th ult., we will mention of laxity on the part of certain Provincial Grand or authorities which recently came under notice, and eferred to at some length in one of our leading arti- The case we allude to occurred in connection with odge Orion in the West, No. 415, held at Poonah in rovince of Bombay. We were laying before our s the principal incidents in connection with this and in the second part of our sketch reference was o the following singular facts. This Lodge dates in and Lodge Calendar from 1833, but in that year it lready enjoyed an irregular and unrecognised exist- unrecognised, that is to say, by the Grand Lodge nd—for close on ten years. It happened in this wise. in 1823 application was made to the Provincial Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel for a Warrant of ution for a Lodge Orion in the West, No. 15 on the cial Roll, and in due time a letter was written by vincial Grand Secretary to the effect that the "appli- had been granted, and the Warrant duly installed," h November of the same year in the mess-room of cond Troop of the Bombay Horse Artillery. The went on more or less prosperously for several years, ucceeding W.M. in regular order of election, till the alf of the year 1830, during which time the dues n regularly transmitted to the Prov. G.L., but no t or Certificates had been received by the Lodge. gust 1830 a Bro. Grafton went to England with a sion from the Lodge, and on consulting the Grand ry was amazed to learn that no notification of the e of Orion in the West had reached them in Eng- r any registry or fees received. Bro. Grafton further ned that in granting the Warrant of Constitution n in the West, the Provincial Grand Master of the f Coromandel had acted *ultra vires*, and nothing d but for the Lodge to begin again, *de novo*. This hich reached Poonah in August 1831, caused great ation among the members. However, a memorial wn up and signed by seven P.M.'s and sixty-six s, and was despatched with the necessary fees, letter, detailing the circumstances, was addressed G.M. of Coromandel, and demanded restitution of all id by Orion in the West. Whether repayment de or not, is not recorded, but the D.P.G.M. adel admitted the fact of payments having been so d that in 1825 a certain amount had been remitted nd for the registration of Warrants, including that on in the West," working under the Prov. G.L. in . However, a new warrant was issued by the Sussex, bearing date the 19th July 1833, and this is ority under which Orion in the West now works. en, we have a Lodge in full working order ten fore it received its legal Warrant of Constitution. had been duly forwarded to the P.G.L., and are to have been transmitted to England, and yet the as irregularly constituted. Now, if all this could passed only forty or fifty years since when

ago there would be even greater laxity still. When, therefore, we come across occasional pieces of evidence bearing upon the subject of Freemasonry, we must not too hastily reject them, especially when they, more or less directly, bear out the testimony of known existing records. When, in 1861, the late Dr. Oliver prepared and published a new (the seventeenth) edition of Preston's *Illustrations*, it is clear he knew but little of the Coxe Deputation. He mentions "the establishment," by the Duke of Norfolk, "by deputation" of "a Provincial Grand Lodge at New Jersey, in America," but a few pages further on, with reference to the events of the Grand Mastership of Viscount Montagu, he quotes, in a foot note, a passage from Webb's *Monitor*, to the effect that "Freemasons' Lodges, in America, date their origin from this period, and that a deputation was granted to Henry Price, dated 30th April 1733," &c., &c., &c. But, by the labours of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the researches of Hughan, much new matter has been brought to life. The Coxe Deputation, granted by the Duke of Norfolk, still exists among the English archives. The excerpts from Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* have been brought under notice, nor must we overlook a statement made by Bro. MacCalla, that Coxe was at the banquet held after Grand Lodge, on 29th January 1731, and that his health was drunk as "Provincial Grand Master of *North America*."

We will now continue our comments on Bro. Norton's first letter, and, as regards the latter portion, as well as in his second letter, which appeared last week, we readily acknowledge that he lays down his various propositions far less dogmatically.

5. Bro. MacCalla's list of nine Grand Masters between 1732 and 1741: as regards three of whom, says Bro. Norton, "Bro. MacCalla proved, from newspaper extracts, that they were so designated, but for the remaining six he furnished no proof whatever," and then he asks, even if they were so, "were they *legal* Grand Masters?" We confess that, in the absence of direct evidence, it is difficult, nay, it may be, impossible to answer this question. We think it by no means unlikely that Bro. MacCalla may have been betrayed into a very common error among writers of Masonic history, and endeavoured to give his case more circumstantiality than it is entitled to. We should like, therefore, before framing any reply in connection with the difficulty which Bro. Norton has propounded, to hear the grounds on which Bro. MacCalla has constructed this succession of Grand Masters. We attach little importance to the election having been annual instead of biennial, on which Bro. Norton seems to lay some stress. We mentioned, last week, that fresh deputations, appointing fresh brethren to preside over Provinces already erected, were constantly being issued. Preston mentions, among others, one issued by the Earl of Loudon, G.M. 1736-7, for New England, one by the Earl of Darnley, G.M. 1737-8, for New York, one by Lord Carysfort, G.M. 1752-4, for New York, and one by the Marquis of Carnarvon, G.M. 1754-7, "for all North America, where no former Provincial Grand Master was appointed." Considering the frequency with which these deputations were issued, not only for American Provinces, but for elsewhere, it is very certain there were no formal regulations for the government of new Provinces, and that the strict letter of a deputation was not carried out as scrupulously in the days we are referring to as they would be now. It is not, then, a fair deduction to make, that because Bro. MacCalla's list of Grand Mast

therefore, they *could not have* derived their authority from that instrument. We have it stated, in the petition to Price of the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge, which is dated "Philadelphia, 28th November 1734," and "signed, at the request of the Lodge," by B. Franklin Grand Master, that at that time the Pennsylvanian brethren enjoyed the privilege "of holding annually their Grand Lodge, and choosing their Grand Master, Wardens, and other officers." It does not follow that the choice of a Grand Master, &c., was made annually, though the Grand Lodge was held annually, yet the two may have been made annual events, without any evidence being forthcoming that it was so. We have argued thus far on the interpretation of Rev. Bro. Titus, that "every other year" in the deputation means "biennially." But while we admit that this is the most rational construction to put upon these words, it may be the words "every other year" mean, "in every other year than the two," for which Bro. Coxe's Deputation was, in the first instance, granted; as though the English Grand Lodge authorities were arguing thus. We appoint Bro. Coxe to be Provincial G.M. for a period of two years, but every other year after these have expired the brethren must elect a new Prov.G.M., just as we in England annually elect a new Grand Master. We do not ask our readers to attach much importance to this suggestion. We do not think the question of annual or biennial election has any serious bearing upon the matter in dispute. We consider the Coxe Deputation in 1730, the announcement in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* in 1732, and Franklin's signature as "G.M." to the petition to Price, as establishing a continuous existence for four and a half years of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. Franklin in no wise derogated from his position by his petition, for it was submitted in the belief that Price's enlarged Deputation had superseded that granted to Coxe, as indeed would happen in every case where a fresh Deputation was granted in connection with the same Province. And then the fact of Price granting the prayer of the petition, as stated by Bro. Norton, would give renewed legal existence to the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge for a further term. In this case, we gain an additional argument in favour of the continuous existence, at this period, of the Pennsylvanian G.L. out of the mouth of Bro. Norton himself.

6. Bro. Bell's letter, dated 17th November 1754. Bro. Norton asks "who was Henry Bell?" We refer him to Pennsylvanians for an answer. Bro. MacCalla speaks of the letter as being written on the foregoing date "by Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, Pa. to Bro. T. Cadwallader, M.D., of Philadelphia, a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the year following, 1755." The letter, if genuine, confirms the establishment of a Lodge in Philadelphia under the Coxe Deputation. If it is not genuine, it simply affects not the evidence which has been built up.

7. Lodge No. 79 on the roll of England in various lists of 1733-4-5-6, and where it was held. The existence of this Lodge is wrapped in mystery. In three out of four lists we have before us at the moment, namely in Rawlinson's as reprinted in the Voice of Masonry for August 1876, with comments by Hughan, in Hughan's reprint of Pine's list 1734, and in the *Freemasons' Pocket Companion*, by W. Smith, a Freemason, "London: Printed for John Torbuck, in Clare-court, near Drury-lane; and sold by the booksellers, and pamphlet shops, in town and country, 1736," No. 79 is vacant. In the Dublin list, 1735, reprinted in a London contemporary of ours in January last, it is given, as stated, as meeting at "the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, 1st Monday," being No. 116, or deducting the 37 Irish Lodges, No. 79 in the English list. We by no means accept the statement which Bro. Norton attributes to enthusiastic Philadelphian brethren, to the effect that No. 79 is the identical Lodge believed to have been established in Philadelphia in Coxe's time. This remains to be proved, and we trust it may be proved, not because we prefer Philadelphia to Massachusetts, but because it will show that the first American Deputation was not as unproductive of good as some would have us believe it was. Bro. Norton draws attention to the confusion of statements as to this Lodge, so far as regards its place of meeting. He says: "Franklin's Grand Lodge, in 1732, met at the Sun Tavern, Water-street; Bell has it that his Lodge met at the Tun Tavern, while the Dublin authority has it neither Sun nor Tun, but Hoop, in Water-street. Now whether the printer confounded Sun with Tun is

here are three important statements. 26th June 1832, and declares that on the being St. John's Day, "a Grand Lo and Honourable Society of Free and A held at the *Sun* Tavern in *Water*-street Henry Bell writes to a friend, in 1754— to meet at the *Tun* Tavern, in *Water*-st list of 1735 has No. 116—that is No. 7 at the *Hoop* in *Water*-street, in Phil valuable in these statements is their en to the locality where the Lodge was *Water*-street. If they had differed should hold their joint testimony to be as they differ only in the name of the far less material. Bro. MacCalla quo *Annals of Philadelphia*, to the effect th Beef Steak House, on the East Side o the corner of Wilcox's Alley, was a n that "there the Freemasons met," an was at the "South corner, or next the cor This Tun Alley (now written Ton), he existence. All this strengthens the evid Philadelphians have based their case always more and more favourably tow We have seen but little, so far, in the wr behalf of his new theory by Bro. Norton somewhat disappointed as regards the letters. We think he might have arra more advantageously. We do not me have seriously damaged the case of Bro. and rebutting evidence is necessary fo Norton has not produced any. We mean so far as his first letter is concerned, has that might have been done with the mat posal. However, his second letter is We had intended to comment on it in th but we have pursued this question, wh primarily of American interest, quite far being too wearisome. We shall, therefo respite, renew our consideration of Bro. N

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

A WARDEN OF "MARI

"His years but young, but his experienc
His head unmellow'd, but his judgme
And, in a word (for far behind his wo
Come all the praises that I now bestow
He is complete in feature, and in min
With all good grace to grace a gentle

NO one can help admiring and respec siasm of a young beginner. It m vocation he may have adopted. It may be him to enter the political arena, in the hop or other he may achieve distinction in one of Parliament as a statesman or an adminis determine on devoting his energies to th scientific research, or he may aspire to tal our men of commerce or manufacture. W of the nature of the calling a man elects t the manner in which he enters upon it, an him resolutely determined to succeed in when we mark the earnestness with which course, allowing no difficulty, no momen turn him back; when he has a modest co own powers, while at the same time he take the advice of older and more experie is no limit to the respect and admiration him. No sense of envy is commingled wi ments. His success is no more than is com the zeal and ability he has exhibited. We sitatingly the truth of an old saying, but sli meet the purpose of our argument, to the ef but the brave deserve the *fare*," which is t of honest and honourable labour. We rejoice almost as though we had had a hand in pro cially when it is obtained at the very outset for then our pride in his achievements is int belief that he will continue as he has begun. look upon the earlier prizes he wins, not as "

tain to a more elevated position, the struggle to rise still gher is greater. The competitors are few in number, but ey are of the foremost, if not the first, order of merit. ney cannot all of them reach the topmost rung of the lder, but it is something to be one of the choice band of rthies for whom it is possible, without accusation of ttery, to predict a glorious as well as a prosperous ture.

The subject of our present portrait is one who dislikes ttery, but it is a mere statement of fact to say of him it thus far his career has been a most distinguished one. is quite possible he might have won the same honours d he relied more on the accidental advantages he owes fortune than on his own energy and ability. But his ief merit lies in the fact that from the very outset he s been governed by the wise principle, "*noblesse oblige.*" has studied hard to deserve success, and he has fairly n his spurs, not as a carpet knight, but on the field of tle. He might, we repeat, have had the same honours nferred upon him without toil, but we question if he uld have appreciated them as highly, and we are certain y would not have been as well-merited. Succeeding, ile yet a mere youth, to the title and estates of his father, nevertheless read hard while at Balliol College, Oxford, l was rewarded for his pains with a place in the class s *in literis humanioribus*. He had not quitted the Uni- sity many years, when the present Ministry came into ce, and our Warden of "Mark" was honoured with the ointment of private secretary to the Colonial Secretary, om we have already described in these columns under title of "The Statesman." This post he still continues ill, and will doubtless fill while the present Government in office, unless, perchance, some higher position should offered him. His father held an important office in the nd administration of the late Earl of Derby, and we fairly presume, from his having likewise chosen an ial career, that the son will follow in the father's foot- s. Nor is it in the "vocation" only there appears to be strong a resemblance between the tastes and inclina- s and, we may add, the achievements of the two. Warden of "Mark's" predecessor was himself, if not Warden of Mark" in the sense in which we have used term, unquestionably "A Warden of Eminence." He assigned the rank of Grand Senior Warden of Ireland, had won many other positions of distinction in Free- onry about the period 1846-47; and he had besides ived the thirty-second degree under the Supreme ncil of the A. and A. Rite in Scotland. Thus, the love reemasonry would seem to be hereditary in the family. he hero of this sketch was initiated into the mysteries of Society while yet a minor, the first faint glimmerings ght being vouchsafed him in the Apollo University ge, No. 357, Oxford, in the early part of the year 1867. ost from the beginning he took an active part in abours of the Lodge, and in a very few weeks was inted one of its Stewards. The same year he became ning member of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford. 868, he was appointed and invested as I.G. of the lo University, and a few months later was chosen incial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire, by the R.W. Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Bowyer, the then P.G. Master. is founder and first Worshipful Master of the United e, No. 1629, held at Freemasons' Hall and warranted cently as 1876; and, to crown all, at the Annual munication of Grand Lodge in the same year, he was inted Grand Senior Warden, in succession to the Mar- of Hamilton. In April, in the unavoidable absence on of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, our Warden of rk" acted as the proxy of his Royal Highness, and formally invested with the collar and jewel of office. likewise a Royal Arch Mason, and at the present occupies the chair of J. in the Friendship Chapter, 5. He was advanced in the University Mark Lodge, 5, and at the recent summer half-yearly communica- f the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales was nted and invested Senior Grand Warden of that shing Grand Body. We may add that he is a ht Templar, and a member of the London ter of the Royal Order of Scotland, and, less, in a few more years, we shall find number of his Masonic dignities swelled to a still

days when England and Scotland were separate kingdoms, when border-forays were made continually, and the rival Wardens saw their respective columns charged home to deadly purpose. Then, indeed, there was a constant registering of marks, but 'twas done on the cranium or other part of the body, with bow or spear, sword or battle-axe, at what time the gallant fellows "did confound," as they were in the habit of doing, "the best part of an hour in changing hardiment" with one another. There was hardly one amongst them, from the Wardens downwards, who did not carry about with them indelible marks of their opponents' skill and gallantry. But now we have changed all this, so that a Warden of "Mark" need only be possessed of "all good grace to grace a gentleman," and he will earn for himself, as the subject of this portrait has earned long since, the goodwill and respect of all his fellows.

But we are from having exhausted the sum of his claims upon the consideration of the Masonic community. Time has hardly yet allowed of his doing much in aid of our charitable Institutions, but twice, in the course of this year, has he, to use a common expression, given us a taste of his quality. On the first occasion, he served as President of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it will ever be a source of legitimate pride to him that, under his Presidency, the efforts of the Stewards were more successful than at any previous Festival. The other occasion is more recent still. It is but a few days since he took the chair at the annual Festival of the Mark Masters' Benevolent Fund, and though the gathering was comparatively a small one, seeing that the Mark Grand Lodge is a young body, and that its Benevolent Fund has only been in existence some nine years, still the effort made in this instance eclipsed all previous efforts, and the Fund has benefited to a greater extent than in any previous year. These are an earnest of his good will towards those Institutions of which we are all so justly proud, and we lay all the greater stress upon them because, while we rejoice to say there is never any lack of subscribers, it is not always so easy a matter to find a President who possesses the necessary qualifications. And this reminds us that there is one other light in which we are anxious to present him to our readers. It has been said of the poet—*nascitur, non fit.* This certainly holds good of a chairman. It will sometimes happen that one man, after a tolerably long experience in presiding over different kinds of meetings, obtains a fair knowledge of his duties, and, provided no unusual circumstance occur during his presidency, everything passes over satisfactorily. But, as there is a wide distinction to be drawn between the versifier and the poet, so there is an equally marked distinction between the chairman who is gifted by nature to preside over an assembly, and him who has only acquired a certain amount of tact and ability in presiding. And it is, perhaps, in his capacity of a President, that our Warden of "Mark" will be most generally and deservedly appreciated. We have no wish to diminish the praise which is due to him in other respects, but those who have had the opportunity of noting his bearing in the chair—as, for instance, when he presided at the speeches and prize distribution two days prior to the Boys' School Festival, at the banquet following the half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge, or at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival—all such, we feel certain, will justify our opinion that there are few, indeed, who surpass him in the ability to fulfil this particular function. It is by no means an easy thing to keep a mixed assembly well in hand, to please a variety of different, and oftentimes opposing, tastes, and dismiss them in a general effervescence of good temper with everything and everybody. But this is what he was successful in doing on the three occasions we have enumerated. There was no one but rose from the table pleased with his entertainment, and but too willing to have the opportunity of acknowledging that the pleasure of the evening was mainly attributable to the geniality and kindness of the Chairman.

We have now dwelt briefly, or more circumstantially—as circumstances seemed to demand—on the various incidents which have distinguished thus much of the career of a Warden of "Mark." We have shown how

tion of eminence among the ministers of our Sovereign. We have pointed out how diligently he has devoted himself to the study of Freemasonry, and how he has been rewarded for his zeal. We have dwelt on the assistance he has rendered in his efforts to promote the cause of charity, and on the genial qualities he has exhibited at our social gatherings. We are afraid we have dealt inadequately with his merits, that we have not spoken as warmly, or as much to the purpose, as we might have done. Our object has been to present a faithful portrait of one who has worthily fulfilled the duties of his office, or duties he has been invited to fulfil, and that, too, in a manner so agreeable as to have made him many friends, but not a single enemy or ill-wisher. In taking leave of our subject, we feel it is merely an act of courtesy in us to wish him a continuance of that good fortune he has laboured so diligently to deserve. The parallel may not be complete in every detail, but it seems to us that, with just allowance for such differences as may exist, the lines addressed by Dryden to a relative are not inappropriate as addressed to a Warden of "Mark."

> "You hoard not health, for your own private use;
> But on the public spend the rich produce.
> When, often urg'd, unwilling to be great,
> Your country calls you from your lov'd retreat,
> And sends to senates, charg'd with common care,
> Which none more shuns: and none can better bear:
> Where could they find another form'd so fit,
> To poise, with solid sense, a sprightly wit?
> Were these both wanting, as they both abound,
> Where could so firm integrity be found?
> Well born, and wealthy, wanting no support,
> You steer betwixt the country and the court:
> Nor gratify whate'er the great desire,
> Nor grudging give what public needs require."

BRO. CORNELIUS THORNE.

DISTRICT G.M. OF NORTHERN CHINA.

HAVING regard to the exceptional qualifications which should be possessed by every ruler of a distant Masonic Province, the appointment of Bro. Cornelius Thorne, as district Grand Master of Northern China, is one that will be hailed with unmixed satisfaction, as well in the far East, where his labours, if indeed equalled, have never been excelled, as in the metropolis, where he has also been long and favourably known as an earnest working Mason, and a diligent supporter of the Charities.

Bro. Thorne was initiated in 1852, in the Moira Lodge, No. 92, and proceeding to Shanghai, in 1854, joined the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, of which he became W.M. in 1858, and again in 1860. In 1864 he returned to England, a farewell banquet being given in his honour by the Shanghai brethren, and an address of regret at his departure having been signed by the entire Masonic community.

On his arrival in England, Bro. Thorne, with a consistent regard for the well-doing of the Craft in China, greatly exerted himself to bring about a sub-division of the Province as then existing, in which, however, to the disappointment of the Shanghai brethren, he was unsuccessful, owing, it may reasonably be believed, to his own removal from China (at that time expressed to be final) rendering him ineligible for the chief post in the proposed new Province.

From 1864 to 1874 Bro. Thorne was a regular attendant at the meetings of his mother Lodge and Chapter (the Moira, No. 92), filling the chair of Master twice, and that of First Principal three times in succession, receiving from both bodies a valuable jewel, in commemoration of his services.

In 1874, Bro. Thorne revisited the scene of his earlier Masonic labours, and having decided to remain there, the M.W.G.M. has now appointed him the First District Grand Master of the newly constituted Province of Northern China.

Ever foremost in good works, but withal backward to accept the commendation which was his just due, Bro. Thorne is essentially one of the old fashioned minority, who

> "Do good by stealth,
> And blush to find it fame,"

His well earned promotion will be peculiarly gratifying

bers of the Craft who respect unassuming as it is in the case of our Right Wo by a complete absence of personal amb with a most anxious solicitude for the cla

Bro. Thorne is a P.M. and P.Z. of N Twenty-five years ago he became a regula Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and a founder and the first preceptor of the of Instruction, at Shanghai.

CONSECRATION OF THE E LODGE, No. 1693.

THE Brethren whose names are appended to th new Lodge, which was formally consecrate are amongst the most enthusiastic of those we me the several Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction, a as earnest and persevering students of our r Worshipful the Grand Master had authorised I Prov. G.D.C. Herts, and Secretary Royal Masonic tution, to perform the ceremony, and we need scc of our readers who are acquainted with Bro. Ter every part of his duty was ably carried out. zealous brother announced, during the evening, t list of Lodges consecrated by him during the 100 in number, and we do not imagine that any this or any other day, can assert that he has do sincerely trust that we may have the pleasure of c Terry should he be able to make a similar state hence. After the brethren had assembled, Bro. J 55, 1227, &c., who acted throughout the day' Director of Ceremonies, arranged the brethren, an was entered. Amongst those present we noticed Bro P.M. P.G.S.B. Kent, 199, Chas. Daniel W.M. 65, C 1366, R. Snare S.W. 228, W. Bawsor S.W. 1580, R 228, R. Pearcy S.D. 228, J. Powell S.D. 186, Jos. E. T. Read P.M. 781, 1349, W. H. Main P.M. 813, Jas. Hill W.M. 228, T. Baile 917, Cohen Montefiore 1288, W. W. Morgan 1385, E. Bowyer P.M. 1580, Jo R. DeLacy 97, G. E. Cook 382, Alex. Mullord W. T. Ovens 1507, &c.

Bro. Terry, on taking the chair appointed the officers:—Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1471 as S.W., Jo as J.W., Charles Kingston Killick sen. P.M. Merchant tary, and Main, P.M. New Concord, as Inner Guard. then opened to the third degree, and the consecrati proceeded with. The customary oration was de Terry, who forcibly urged upon all present the lesso from the moral teachings of the Craft. He expr out the emblematical significance of the working too ample explanation of how brethren who were desirous Lodge should act, and of the great responsibilities th upon them when they were once committed to such The duties of the several officers were then fully exp good advice as to the general conduct of the brethr to the general happiness and welfare of all concer mony was rendered additionally impressive by the of Bros. DeLacy, Hodges, Mullord, and Cook, the presiding at the harmonium. On the conclusion of th Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro introduced Bro. Charles Kingston Killick jun. designate. Bro. Killick jun. having taken the gation, a Board of Installed Masters was form Terry performed the ceremony of installation. The W the chair, appointed the following as his officers:—I Trewinnard S.W., Henry P Isaac J.W., C. K. Killick James H. Hawkins S.D., Alfred W. Fenner J.D., He T. Fitzmaurice D.C., W. Steadman Tyler. The W.M. and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry, in attending that day, and in acknowledgment of the in which he had performed the ceremonies of con installation. This, on being put to the meeting, wa carried, and a record of the fact ordered to be placed A vote of thanks was then passed to Bros. J. L. Mathe and Main, for the kind assistance they had rendere brethren also received due recognition for their services. behalf of his *confreres*, returned thanks, in brief terms. W.M. initiated, and it had given him infinite pleasur that day. Bro. Terry remarked that it must be grati Bro. Killick sen., himself an old and esteemed Past his son associated with a Lodge that was inaugurate favourable auspices. Honorary membership of the L conferred upon Bros. Terry, Mather, Hill, and Bowye pliment was acknowledged by the latter brother. positions for initiation and joining were then ha the Lodge was closed. After an interval, the banquet and was done full justice to. The viands were most libe and were of excellent character. The room had been m decorated, and Bro. Fysho deserves great credit for the t in the whole arrangement; yet there is one thing we w will excuse us for remarking, that is, that a little more a future occasion would be desirable; the after dinner were somewhat marred in consequence of the lateness which the cloth was cleared. Grace having been sung,

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of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The health of the
I. Pro G. Master, the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers
ng been duly honoured, a capital song—"The old House at
se"—was given by Bro. Hodges, and Bro. Terry took the gavel
ropose the health of the Worshipful Master. He did so at the
est of the brethren who had been invested that evening. Bro.
ck jun., ever since the day he was initiated, had exhibited a vast
ant of zeal in the cause of Freemasonry. He had worked hard
consistently, and he (Bro. Terry) was sure the petitioners, as
as His Royal Highness the Grand Master, had made a wise
tion in appointing him the first W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge.
r the duet—"All's Well"—by Bros. Hodges and DeLacy, Bro.
ck replied. The position in which he was placed that evening
one of which he was very proud. He sincerely thanked Bro.
y for the kind way in which he had offered the toast for the
ptance of the brethren, and them for the way in which they
honoured it. He would say that, though this was the last of the
Lodges that Bro. Terry had consecrated, he hoped it would
e the least in his esteem. After a song by Bro. Hodges, the
. proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer. He referred
ro. James Terry's indefatigable exertions in all matters Masonic.
zeal was known to all present, and he (the W.M.)
himself perfectly inadequate to do justice to his many
ing qualities. Bro. Mullord here gave a capital rendering of the
lar song of the day—"Nancy Lee," and Bro. Terry rose to
. He did so with some amount of diffidence; were it for the
ose of proposing a toast he should have no difficulty. As had
remarked, this completed 100 Lodges that he had consecrated
g the past nine years. It was gratifying to know that successive
d Masters had reposed trust in him; he was thus in a position to
this statement. He had installed many W.M.'s, and some brought
xperience they had acquired while presiding in other Lodges,
he present W.M. had not yet acquired that experience. How-
of this he felt assured, that when he made his report next day
Grand Secretary, he could confidently assert that the brother
presided that day would carry out his duties conscientiously.
Terry then made happy reference to the fact that Bro. Killick
had appointed his father, who is an energetic and esteemed
to the post of Secretary, and concluded his remarks by
ssing his thanks to all, and offering hearty good wishes for
rosperity of the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Vanderlyn replied
he "Visitors," which was given from the chair. The next
was that of the Officers, which was acknowledged by each.
Trewinnard saying that the proceedings of the day had been so
ntly satisfactory that he was sure the most sanguine hopes of
romoters would be realised. Bro. Isaac gave a retrospect of
otives that had led to the formation of the Lodge, and pro-
that he would do all in his power to enhance its prosperity.
Secretary remarked that it afforded him great pleasure to see his
the chair; it was gratifying to his feelings as a father to
the eulogiums that were passed on their W.M. Bro. Fenner
in a somewhat nervous style, but his remarks were well to the
and exhibited a sincere and earnest desire for the welfare of
dge. The other toasts comprised the heath of Bro. Fyshe, the
ies, &c.

preparation of the Toast List had been entrusted to Bro.
who made a capital selection of appropriate mottos, and con-
d some original sentiments, which were greatly appreciated.

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OF PROPOSING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With your permission, I will furnish
s from the bye-laws of two Lodges; one a Lodge of good
g, which can boast an unbroken existence of close on sixty
and has numbered amongst its members many of the most
oned brethren during that period, the other a young Lodge,
ted only a few years ago. The law, in the former case, is to the
that — "Every gentleman desirous of being initiated into
y in this Lodge must be proposed in open Lodge by one
r and seconded by another. His proposer shall deliver to the
ry the Christian and surnames," &c., &c., "of the Candidate,
Lodge night *immediately following*" (I have italicised the
s showing that a full month and possibly even longer must
between the proposition and the ballot), "a ballot shall take
nd the candidate shall be elected, unless," &c., &c. "A can-
o elected may be initiated at the next meeting of the Lodge,
y subsequent meeting within three months, but the Worship-
ful or may at his discretion initiate him on the evening of his
."

e other case, the law lays down "that any person desirous of
itiated into Freemasonry in this Lodge, be proposed and
d in open Lodge by members, who shall at the same time
in writing, to the Secretary, the name in full, age, occupation,
ce of abode," &c., &c. "A ballot shall take place at the follow-
Lodge, the chance of a candidate being rejected, is reduced to a minimum, as his merits are fully considered before any proposition is made. Members are thus informally consulted, and according as the proposer's representations are favourably received or not, so he submits or withholds the name.

In these two instances the bye-laws are in accordance with the Constitutions. But probably the same remark will apply to other Lodges, where the practices you speak of prevail.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

L.L.

THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following, which I have taken from the *Masonic Jewel*, Memphis, Tennessee, will probably interest your readers. It figures in a summary of Foreign Correspondence, and, in the first instance, appeared in the report of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The question to which it is a reply, was submitted with a view to obtaining an opinion on the following circumstances. An application was made for the degrees in Freemasonry, but was rejected. Upon this, the brother who proposed the candidate became indignant and declared, both in the Lodge and out of it, that, in future, he would blackball every candidate for the degrees. The Lodge, in consequence, is suffering grave inconvenience, and the querist is anxious to know what course should be adopted. The answer is to this effect.

"The making of such a declaration as the one above referred to is in itself a gross Masonic offence, and, in such case, charges should at once be preferred and trial had, followed by expulsion from the fraternity. Whenever a brother becomes so possessed by the dog-in-the-manger spirit that he will neither eat nor allow any one else to eat, and disgraces himself and degrades Masonry by making it the vehicle of his personal spite, we have no further need of his services; we can do him no good; there is no possible Masonic use to which he can be put; and he should, therefore, be driven very speedily from our midst."

Comment is superfluous. I endorse the opinion stated in the answer most fully, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an excellent leader on the ballot in your issue of the 28th ult. I find the following:—"It is impossible to set aside a negative vote which is known to have been given maliciously, for the ballot is presumably secret, and it were *ultra vires* to question the motives of an adverse voter or voters." It struck me, in reading the article, that you had got to know of an incident in Freemasonry which lately came to my knowledge. In a Lodge, the *locale* of which I shall not mention (but if any of the members of the Lodge see your splendidly-conducted periodical they will soon know the paternity), it had been the recognised rule, after a ballot had taken place, to allow the Wardens or other member of the Lodge to carry round the ballot box, so that each brother might, with his own eyes, see the result of the ballot. After some disgraceful squabble which took place over the management of Lodge matters, three candidates were proposed—one for affiliation and two for initiation. The candidate for affiliation was balloted for on one Lodge meeting. After the ballot the Master refused, although asked to do so, to exhibit the ballot box, and declared the candidate duly elected. It has been stated since, and, as far as I am informed, never been denied, that there were several negative balls in the box. On the occasion of the two candidates for initiation being balloted for, they were declared duly elected, and it has been stated publicly, and never denied, that there were negative balls in the box. When I was told these facts I could hardly credit them, but on making inquiries I find such was the truth. I should like to hear the opinion of some of the brethren on such conduct. I offer no opinion, because, not having sufficient knowledge of the laws of Masonry, I do not consider I am qualified to give any. All I could venture to advance would be this—that the ballot is a secret proceeding, but if the Master of a Lodge has the power to declare a candidate duly elected, when in point of fact there are sufficient negative balls in the ballot box to keep him out of the Lodge, the whole proceedings of balloting are a farce.

Yours fraternally,

30th July 1877. A CONSTANT READER.

BROTHER JACOB NORTON AND HIS FANCIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have never read a "leading article" in any Masonic magazine with more pleasure than yours entitled "Credibility of Early American Masonic History," and I think Bro. Norton will do well to carefully study your masterly analysis of the evidence *pro* and *con* as to Philadelphia *versus* Boston. That you give the preference to the former, whilst it must gratify Pennsylvanians, assures me that the proofs submitted are not so trivial as Bro. Norton assumes, and had I not previously perused all the information submitted, my leanings would be to your view of the subject, in consequence of your freedom from bias, and your known

until the production of still more positive data, which will go far to decide the points at issue finally and positively. Meanwhile, any brethren who have copies of the engraved lists of Lodges for 1731, 1732 or 1733, can materially assist by communicating with Bro. Hughan P.S.G.D., who has already discovered a roll of Lodges in which the Lodge at Philadelphia is registered, and who is now seeking the Lists mentioned, all of which seem, so far, to be unknown to any Masonic student of the present century. The regular Grand Lodge of England frequently allowed the transfer of a number to virtually a new Lodge, though Bro. Norton hints otherwise, *i.e.*—a revival of an old number was permitted at a later date, &c.

Thanking you for your article.

Yours fraternally,

MASONIC INVESTIGATOR.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The Blue-Coat Boys; or, School Life in Christ's Hospital. With a Short History of the Foundation. By William Harnett Blanch, Author of "The History and Antiquities of Camberwell," and "The History of Dulwich College." London: E. W. Allen, Ave Maria-lane, E.C. 1877.

THIS book will go a long way towards reassuring the public mind as to the severity of the discipline in this ancient school. The suicide of a boy of tender age is so unusual, and the circumstances under which this particular suicide was said to have been committed were so painful, that even now, with all the excitement of a terrible war, the public has not yet lost its interest in the discussion, while the inquiry that has been instituted into the general conduct of the School will prolong the interest still further. We cannot say we have looked upon the correspondence published in the different newspapers with equanimity. We believe the advantage rests with the upholders of Christ's Hospital, for those who have attacked the system have betrayed an *animus* which, in the case of those who were formerly *alumni*, is far from being creditable to them. In a case of this kind we think a former pupil of Christ's Hospital, in attacking an institution of which he had once been a member, might have taken a leaf out of a Freemason's book. If he could not speak of its merits, he should have held his tongue as to its demerits. He, of all men in the world, should have held aloof from publicly condemning a grand school, however non-Blues might have rushed into the wordy fray. The publication of Mr. Blanch's book will prove opportune. It will enable the dispassionate portion of the public to judge justly of the system which prevails in the School, and has prevailed in former years. It will be able to note the gradual but sure progress which has been made towards a milder disciplinary system. It will learn some facts—and a line of facts is worth volumes of assertion—as to the fagging which has been sanctioned in former days, and is still recognised as one of the institutions of the school. It will gather information, on well-authenticated *data*, as to the dietary which has been in force at different epochs, as to the punishments inflicted, and as to the relations between the masters and other officials, on the one hand, and the boys on the other. All this is valuable, and indeed necessary, in order to form a judgment on the conduct of this magnificent foundation, and, being in itself most interesting, we feel confident that this loyal effort of Mr. Blanch to set his old school straight in the estimation of the public will be judged most favourably. A history of the foundation of Christ's Hospital and its numerous endowments precedes the author's account of his personal experience of school life. This, too, though it is somewhat brief, enhances the value of his work. He quotes, likewise, somewhat freely from Charles Lamb, Leigh Hunt, and other, though less eminent, old "crugs," what they have said of their school life. In short, Mr. Blanch has written a book which we predict will in a very short time be very popular. He might have set about his task in a more business-like manner. He might have written at greater length of his own and the present times, and more briefly of events which happened in the days of Hunt and Lamb, when school discipline invariably erred on the side of severity. Still, he has done his work well, and with every desire to speak impartially; and we thank him for affording us an early opportunity of discussing his work. It is almost needless to add that in many parts this account of Bluecoat School life is most amusing, and we shall conclude this brief notice with the following short excerpts. The first is taken from Coleridge's "Table Talk," and gives an excellent notion of the then head master's stern ideas of school life.

"'Boy!' I remember Boyer saying to me once, when I was crying, the first day of my return after the holidays, 'boy! the school is your father; boy! the school is your mother; boy! the school is your brother; the school is your sister; the school is your first cousin, and your second cousin, and all the rest of your relations. Let's have no more crying!'"

The other relates to a later period, and is connected with a master "of our own day," who is described as "W——."

"W—— detected a boy in the very act of 'fudging'—a crime of the deepest dye.

"The culprit was forthwith ordered out for immediate execution. The windows were closed, the beadle sent for, and the whole class ordered to stand up to witness the performance. After lecturing the boy for about ten minutes on the enormity of his offence, W—— concluded with the following memorable peroration:—

"'Boy, you have deceived your father! you have deceived your master! you have deceived yourself! You have d
—take down your breeches!'"

We certainly advise our readers who may take an
Hospital to read Mr. Blanch's book, on the twofol
entertaining and instructive.

The narrative in the *Countries of the World* is al
cisely, and pleasantly written. Professor Brown,
possesses the art of saying a great deal in the
pages, and he says it so pleasantly that one canno
him on the friendliest terms. Moreover, the infor
is of a varied character, and very valuable. But
author is, the chief attraction of the work is in
which are very numerous, and very artistically
"View of Moore's Lake, Utah," is admirable, and
of Sooke Lake, Vancouver Island," this latter being
sketch by Mr. Frederick Whymper. Among the
engravings are the "Snowy Range of the Sierr
Mountains," "The Great Cañon of the Colorado;
over a Cataract," and "the *Cereus Giganteus*;
Cactus," with a "View of Salt Lake City, Utah (w
ing the Tabernacle, &c.") There are several sm
among which those of two Indian Warriors are ab

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ABOUT VISITING.

THE various privileges accruing to one who has
to participation in the rights and benefits
Institution have been largely descanted upon in the
but yet there is one which, though largely used, has n
properly understood; we allude to the right of v
other than one's own. A brother, called on business
some strange place, experiences a special pleasure i
make himself known to persons who may have never
of him, and to participate with them in the warm gree
ship in their Masonic home. After such a visit he
blessed and cheering influences of Masonry more tha
goes forth into the world more fully persuaded of tha
which real Masons are united, for he knows that in t
with its thousand diverging ways, and in the great
their multifarious attractions, he might, but for this
hood, be as utterly alone as if he were cast upon a d
suddenly dropped in the middle of some vast space,
foot had never trod.

In common with the great mass of the Fraternity, w
sympathised with the practice of visiting, and have
all lawful ways to encourage and promote it, becau
place, it has a tendency to encourage the Lodge visited
the standard, to move forward with a step in time wit
the period, to keep all the Lodges in position to re
creditably, and because it tends to a revival of the old
Lodges visiting each other, to the end that the ties of
brotherly love may be more closely cemented, and t
of work and jurisprudence may thus be secured;
brethren may draw nearer to each other, be more pr
each other's burdens, and to acknowledge the power
tie.

These things being considered, we desire to subm
tions: The right of visit, in this country at least, is c
a limited one; which is to say that, while in a ge
Master Mason has a right to visit any Lodge, either
some other jurisdiction, still, he cannot insist upon any
any Lodge but his own, if it be asserted that such visi
the harmony or hinder the working of the Lodge p
visited, hence, although a visiting brother may bear wit
cate, having on it the broad seal of a State or Nationa
still, that fact does not give him the right to interfere
mony and peaceable work of the humblest Lodge to w
apply.

This point, especially, seems not to be understood
Grand Lodge of England, and doubtless other Gra
Europe, thinks that its seal should open the doors of ev
the world where Masonry is practised; but a mome
must convince every thinking Mason that if his Maso
be invaded by the first comer, despite his objection, the
one, not a member of his Lodge, is equal to his own,
fatal to all the rights and securities of membership.

But, supposing that no objection intervenes, that t
visitor has been duly examined and admitted, what the
by the general practice, it would seem that the Amer
everywhere prevails, which, being interpreted into th
means, that a man big enough to wear whiskers and b
be able to take care of himself anywhere, and, hence, tha
admitted in a strange Lodge there is no need of any fur
than the mere fact of his admission. The brethren sho

ome from some neighbouring Lodge, or across the river, still, as the Lodge visited is concerned, a stranger in a strange land, be taken in and cared for as though he were the son of our nother, and dear to us as the apple of our eye.

the other hand let it be remembered by all intending visitors where one proposes to visit a strange Lodge, he should, in nce to the proprieties of the occasion, go sufficiently early to an opportunity for the required examination before the usual for opening, so that it may not be said that he has delayed the r kept the brethren unduly from their homes, for these Masons, er visiting or members, should never forget that after our duty Great Architect of the Universe, we are to remember the dear t home.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Fœmina, desidiæ quæ dum vacat hora solutæ,
Es levis, es celso dura supercilio;
Mobilis es, quantum vix est mutabilis umbra,
Quam jacit incertis populus alba comis:
Tu, tamen, oppressam si frontem torserit angor,
Dulce ministerium, numinis instar, agis.

TRANSLATION:

Oh woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade,
By the light quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou!

T. B. W.

IE ELECTION OF AN ALDERMAN.

'ARDMOTE of the Ward of Cheap was held on Friday, under he presidency of the Lord Mayor, at the Guildhall Tavern, to te candidates for the vacant office of Alderman. On opening rdmote, the Lord Mayor called upon the Town Clerk to read cept which had been issued declaring another election. This been read,

Lordship said that the meeting would learn from the precept id that they were summoned together to nominate a successor late much-respected Alderman, and, although that meeting one of an ordinary character, it was in accordance with the of the Aldermen, who had vested in them certain rights and os which they had thought proper to use, and had requested convene that meeting. He would add that any recrimination kind or character, any vulgar and low expression, or insulting s, which might be used must tend to damage, more or less, the or which they were met; and if there was one universal system ne elector gave to another, it was a fair and impartial hear- fe, as Lord Mayor, would take care that no unfair proceeding for one moment be permitted. If there were any ill-disposed present, to interfere with the proceedings, they would be ately ejected.

Wood said he rose to propose a gentleman as candidate for the Alderman for the Ward of Cheap. He contended that Sir ennett had been duly elected, and he therefore asked why ey met there that day for the purpose of electing another an? He would not make one single remark with regard to l aspect of the case, but he would say that the present pro- was not the cause of Sir John Bennett's unwillingness to office, but because the Court of Aldermen refused to receive They were therefore brought into sad and serious conflict e Court of Aldermen in the City. That Court was not a f Appeal, and the gentlemen composing it, in their sound ce, had judged him whom they had chosen (Sir John Bennett) ot a fit and proper person, and one not calculated to sus- dignity of an Alderman for the City of London. It was, ght, impossible for antagonism to be sharper then that the Court of Aldermen and the electors. He claimed to be le of judging as to whether Sir John Bennett was a fit and person for the office as any member of the Corporation, contended that Sir John had been elected, and was a fit and erson to represent the Ward of Cheap. He proposed the Sir John Bennett as Alderman for the Ward.

Wheeler seconded the nomination.

ythe proposed the name of Mr. Edgar Breffitt, and said that ght fairly attribute to those too zealous friends of Sir John that they thought to carry him in as Alderman by a device ntrivance. He argued, therefore, that the decision of the Aldermen was a proper one.

toneham seconded the nomination of Mr. Breffitt as a fit and erson to represent the Ward of Cheap as Alderman. He ed the proceedings taken by the friends of Sir John Bennett ference to No. 61 Cheapside, and objected to have his vote d by the votes bought at that house for the sum of 30s.

nson supported the nomination of Sir John Bennett, whom he to be a person of transcendental ability. He was devoted nse of public improvement, and had at heart the welfare of ple. The electors of the Ward of Cheap would not allow ter to be stifled, and he thought it would have to be con- whether a custom which was good many years ago could be the present day. A custom to be good must be reasonable, refore, a serious question must arise as to the power to be the Aldermen. He did not doubt but that Sir John Bennett

Sir John Bennett addressed the Wardmote, and said that the supposed privilege which the Court of Aldermen had exercised was out of date and ought to be expunged from the Statute Book. He thought that some such result must follow, and he was utterly opposed to the life election of Aldermen. He thanked the electors in advance for the majority which they would give him to-morrow.

Mr. Breffitt also made some remarks, in which he said that if the vote of the Aldermen was taken away he should be most willing to resign in Sir John Bennett's favour.

The name of each candidate was then submitted to the electors present, and the Lord Mayor declared the show of hands to be in favour of Sir John Bennett.

A poll was demanded by each candidate, and the election will take place on Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.—*Echo.*

THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—The Hospital Sunday Fund is indeed one of the most gigantic failures which has been seen in London during the last decennium. Established with excellent objects, it has unfortunately allowed its influence to be exerted in sapping the foundations of thrift and independence among the working classes, and in directly encouraging pauperism at its weakest point of resistance. In keeping up the system of governors' letters, it seeks to perpetuate a system of patronage which is entirely opposed to true charity, and enables the pushing *protégé* of a rich man to obtain relief for which he could well afford to pay, whilst the deserving poor are forced on one side. Again, its parsimony to the provident institutions has been so glaring that many of those excellent charities have been obliged to withdraw from the Fund altogether. Though these were precisely the institutions which deserved the greatest support, they have received little or nothing! There is no intelligible system of distribution of the funds collected, the Distribution Committee having acknowledged at a recent interview with the representatives of an Institution which has been very unfairly treated by the Fund, that "the distribution was based on a system of secrecy and freemasonry"—whatever that may mean. In dealing with the different classes of hospitals, the greatest favouritism has been shown, and whilst the general hospitals have been largely rewarded, those devoted to special purposes have received the most miserable pittances.—*Medical Examiner.*

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OUR WEEKLY BUDG

WE are now rapidly approaching the cl and both Houses are doing their u what business yet remains to be done. Th has sat every day, Saturday and Wedne usually *dies non*, included. The reports o have done make but little show, but peopl to talk much in the dog days, and when t is at hand. On Thursday, the Royal asse number of Bills, the Royal Commissioners Chancellor, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Mar A brief respite occurred in the belief that t Board Bill would come up from the Comm did not happen, their lordships adjourned sures were dealt with at the short sitting o Saturday, the Board of Education (Scotla Bill having been read a second time, the were suspended, and the Bill passed throug stages. Less than half an hour sufficed for business on Monday, but on Tuesday there subjects discussed, among them the Civ Assizes in Lancashire, Lord Redesdale havi petition asking for an improvement in the p ments for conducting the civil business a this county. The Lord Chancellor spoke a and declared that the government would the Assize business was regulated in th manner, promising, that if he saw his way t improvement, it should be done. The Pr Bill was read a second time, in spite of a pr Spencer against pressing it forward at the Session. On Wednesday, the Duke of Gordon moved the second reading of the Des Bill, a measure which seems imperative with arrival of the Colorado Beetle before our eye subsequently adjourned.

The House of Commons has been less talk business-like this week. The House sat late owing to the time occupied in Committee ov Education (Scotland) Continuance Bill. passed, and been ordered to be reported, the I Bill was considered, as amended, when an Mr. Butt on clause 13 was rejected by 113 t morning sitting on Friday, the South A considered as amended, but several amendm of the measure were proposed by Mr. O'Donne and their immediate colleagues, and conseq divisions took place, the majorities in every the proportion of 95 or 96 to 1. After reading the Colonial Stock Bill, and disposing of othe House rose, but resumed again at nine o'cloc completed the consideration in Committee Officers and Courts (Ireland) Bill, it was re Houses. The Prisons (Ireland) and the Prisc Bills also passed through Committee. On South Africa Bill was read a third time, and loud cheers. The Lords' amendments to the of Oxford and Cambridge Bill were then consi attempts to defeat them were made, but in th cases unsuccessfully. The Prisons (Ireland) Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Bill were then amended, and afterwards read a third time On Monday, there was a full programme to be dealt with, the proposed New A being by far the most important matter to Previously the Lords' amendments to the Street Improvement Bill came on for Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Gorst, Sir H. James, Sir Mr. Raikes, and others, took part in the debat result the amendments were disagreed with

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e evening, on the motion for going into Committee of upply on the Army Supplementary Estimate, Mr. Trevelyan bmitted a resolution, declining to consider the terms of e Army Warrant at so late a period of the Session. mong the speakers who followed the honourable gentlean were Sir W. Barttelot, General Shute, Colonel North, r. Rylands, Colonel Alexander, Sir H. Havelock, r. Hardy, who strongly defended the course adopted by e Government, and the Marquis of Hartington. On a vision, Mr. Trevelyan was defeated by 139 to 77. The onse then went into Committee. A motion was made to gort progress, but this was defeated by 128 to 63. nother, that the Chairman leave the chair, was similarly eated by 124 to 30, and then, on the question that the te asked for be agreed to, there was another division, d the Government gained this point by 111 to 41. The ouse rose at twenty minutes past two o'clock. Tuesday as also a busy day, and profitable as to the amount of ork done. The annexation of the Transvaal, and the gagement between the Peruvian ironclad, the Huascar, d our Shah, having been discussed at some length, the ouse went into Committee on various estimates, and dised of them very rapidly, though more than one divin took place over sundry items. In one instance, the mbers were 119 to 2. In Committee of Ways and eans, the sum of £14,928,000 was granted to Her ajesty for the service of the year. On Wednesday, the ue of a new writ for the City of Westminster, the room of Mr. W. H. Smith, who has been appointed st Lord of the Admiralty, was moved by Sir. W. H. rke. The report of supply was then brought up. On e vote for Criminal Prosecutions and Law Charges in land, opposition was raised by Mr. Parnell, Mr. Biggar, and ne other Irish members, especially to the charge for the ense of defending the Police *re* the Phœnix Park disbances in 1871, but the opposition was decisivly overown. The appropriation Bill was then brought in by Sir H. Dyke, and read a first time, and on the motion of the torney-General, the Expiring Laws Continuation Bill s read a second time.

Prince William and Prince Henry of Prussia have en visiting Her Majesty at Osborne, and on Saturday the cers of the German frigate Niobe were received by her, er which the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold ted the frigate, in Cowes-road. On Tuesday, the three ung Princesses of Wales, who are living on board H.M.S. orne with their father, paid the Queen a visit. Monday s the anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday, accordingly a salute was fired by the Lord Warden, rdship at Cowes. On Monday, Prince William of ussia, accompanied by several officers, arrived at Wool-h, and spent several hours in going over the arsenal. Prince of Wales returned at noon from his visit to the ke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood, Friday last. As to the health of the young Prince ert of Wales, he is still getting better of the fever from ch he has been suffering. His illness is of a similar racter to that to which his father so narrowly and so cifully escaped falling a victim, the heir presumptive ig thus the third in succession of his family who has a so attacked. A question has arisen as to how the r was generated, whether at Sandringham or at Marlough House, and we trust that a rigid investigation be made into the drainage system at both of the ce's residences. Happily no serious consequences have rvened, but it must be terribly distracting to the cess of Wales to have, first her husband, and then her r boy, prostrated by this terrible typhoid fever.

n Thursday week, the Lord Mayor paid a visit to nsea, in order to distribute the Mansion House Relief d raised for the benefit of the imprisoned miners at typridd. Grand preparations had been made for the ption of his Lordship, triumphal arches being erected, the houses and streets gaily decorated with flags, ers, and festoons of flowers. His Lordship, who wore obes of office, was received on his arrival by a guard of our of the Fourth Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteers, r the command of Captain Lewis, and by the Corporaof Swansea, headed by the Mayor. The latter having nted a handsomely bound history of Swansea, in memoration of the visit, a procession was formed, conig of volunteers, friendly societies, borough and county als, and the corporation, the Lord Mayor, who was entral figure, being loudly and enthusiastically cheered

was held at the Mackworth Arms Hotel, the Mayor presiding, and having the guest of the evening on his right. The health of his Lordship, proposed by the Mayor, and very warmly supported by Mr. H. Vivian M.P., was drunk with enthusiasm, and the response met with a similar reception. By the way, an unusual occurence will ever distinguish the Lord Mayoralty of Sir Thomas White. The Lady Mayoress, one of his Lordship's daughters, was married in St. Paul's Cathedral to Mr. Price, on Thursday. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated at the interesting ceremony, and was assisted by the Bishop of Ely, Canon Liddon and other clergymen. The service was choral, and it is almost needless to say that every place whence a view of the marriage could be obtained was occupied. It seems that 120 years have elapsed since the celebration of a marriage in the Metropolitan Church of St. Paul, and how long it is since a Lady Mayoress was married within its precincts it is impossible to say. Tuesday previous to the event, a deputation from the Court of Aldermen and Common Council waited on the Lady Mayoress, at the Mansion House, for the purpose of presenting her with a valuable service of plate. Other costly presents were given. We trust her ladyship may have many years of happiness before her.

The holiday-makers had splendid weather on Monday, for the Bank Holiday—at least, till late in the evening, when torrents of rain fell, so that those who had not reached home after their day's excursion must have had their spirits considerably damped, though it is on the cards they had been considerably *wetted* at frequent intervals during the fore-and afternoon. Every place of resort had its host of visitors, the Crystal Palace, with a special programme for the occasion, having over 30,000, while at the Alexandra the crowds may have been greater, equal to, or less than at its Sydenham rival, for aught we know, as we have seen no numerical return issued. However, we do know there was a very excellent programme, very admirably carried out. The Great Circus, Cagliostro, Mr. Arthur Sketchley, the inimitable Bro. Mackney, a Popular and Garden Concert, with several military bands, including those of the Grenadier and Coldstream Guards and Royal Artillery, and lastly, though we fear the weather must have marred the effect, the Crossing of the Danube, a grand military spectacle. We are not partial to sight-seeing on public holidays, and had quitted the scene of action somewhat early, so that we are only able to imagine that the last display went well. The favourite sea-side resorts also had their complement of visitors; Dover, which leads the way in the South Coast Regattas, being a favourite, owing to this particular attraction.

Goodwood has been followed by Brighton, and the principal event, namely, the Cup, has fallen to the Duke of Hamilton, whose horse, Charon, passed the post first, by four lengths, winning in the commonest of canters. As this is the Canterbury week, the fine old cathedral city has been filled with visitors, the chief attraction being the cricket. The first match was left unfinished, after three days' play, Kent with Mr. W. G. Grace, and Mr. Ridley given, meeting England. On the first innings there was but little to choose between the two, Kent making 229, and England 209. In the second innings Kent put together 342, so that England had 363 to win, and had lost two wickets for only 32 out of the number, when rain intervened and stopped the play. On Thursday, the M.C.C. and Ground v. Kent was begun. It is unfortunate there should have been so much rain, or otherwise Canterbury would fully enjoyed its annual cricket fête.

For some days after the desperate battles recorded last week, there was a considerable dearth of intelligence. There have been repeated rumours of further Turkish victories, but the rumours are not confirmed. However, one of the leading daily papers published a despatch from its special commissioner with the Turkish army, to the effect that the Russians had delivered another assault on the Turks under Osman Pasha. The site of this further engagement is given as between Loftcha and Plevna, and Osman having ascertained that the enemy were concentrating their troops and receiving large reinforcements, with a view to attacking him, took up a strong position, and having entrenched it, calmly awaited the conflict. The assault on the Turkish position was commenced, according to this account, early on Tuesday morning. The Russians advanced in masses, and fought with the mos determined courage, but the Turks were equal to the

length, after the fight had lasted all day long, Osman, watching his opportunity, assumed the offensive, and drove back the Russians along their whole line. The losses are reported to be very terrible. Such is the summary of the account given by the *Daily Telegraph* Commissioner, in its issue of Thursday morning, but before accepting it, we must obtain strong confirmatory evidence from other quarters. There is extreme probability such a battle has been fought; we have telegrams in other morning papers, but we must wait a little. In Asia, the Russians are said to be resuming the offensive, and the Grand Duke Michael to have arrived at Alexandropol. There has been skirmishing near Ardahan, which is still held by the Russians, and a battle is said to be imminent between the two armies, so that possibly before the week is over we shall have more terrible battles to record. One thing becomes clearer every day, and that is, that the losses inflicted on the Russians in the battle of Plevna must have been very terrible. We have heard so much about the overwhelming numbers of the Czar's army, that it seems hardly possible that a repulse, after a most gallant fight, with the loss of 10,000 or 12,000 could so seriously hamper the movements of the Grand Duke Nicholas that he seems in a fairer way of losing the ground he has gained than of advancing further on the road towards Constantinople. But when we read that the whole Imperial Guard is already on the move for the seat of war, that a division from each corps is under orders to march in the same direction, and that a further levy will be made, we can come to no other conclusion than that the battle of Plevna was a tremendous disaster to the Czar. The meeting of the Emperors of Germany and Austria at Ischl, is one other item of important news.

The scheme for enlarging the Boys' School, so as to provide, in course of time, for the education of 300 instead of, as now, 180 pupils, only awaits the approval of the Quarterly Court, in order to be carried immediately into execution. On Saturday last, a special meeting of the House Committee was held, when the plan, of which some time since we indicated the main features, was formally submitted and approved. Later in the afternoon the usual monthly meeting of the General Committee was held, when the scheme as recommended by the House Committee was submitted and approved. A special Court will be held on the 20th instant, for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the General Committee.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Lieut.-Col. Creaton in the chair. The Secretary announced that three male annuitants had died, while two petitions were submitted and approved. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, stating that the Board of General Purposes found it impossible to afford greater office accommodation at Freemasons' Hall, to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. Under these circumstances, Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton and S. Rawson were appointed to confer on the subject with the brethren nominated by the Boys' and Girls' Schools. It was then moved by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and seconded by J. March Case, that in consideration of his eminent services to the Masonic Institutions, Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185 and Vice-President, be elected Vice-Patron, with all the privileges of the rank. This was carried unanimously, as, likewise, was a vote of thanks to Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Raynham W. Stewart, and Farnfield, for their present, to be placed in the great hall of the Asylum at Croydon, of a marble mantlepiece, &c., &c. It was announced that the Festival of February had yielded to date, the sum of £13,556, and some odd shillings, the whole of which, with the exception of about £300, has already been collected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting. There were present Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, S. Rawson, W. Hyde Pullen, James Brett, J. March Case, and other brethren.

A special Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton occupied the chair, and it was duly proposed and seconded, and carried, that the purchase for £2,500 of

Among those present were Bros. R. B. Webs Pullen, Griffiths Smith, Dicketts, Colonel Pe son, and Tattershall.

A meeting of the Old Kent Mark Lodge Wednesday at Masons' Hall, Masons' A Wm. Roebuck P.M. presided as Worshipfu Bros. S. Rosenthal and Dewar, both Past Mas the chair of S.W. and J.W. respectively. A which followed Bro. Binckes's patent was int great effect.

On Saturday next, two new Lodges will to the roll of Grand Lodge, England, and the of our Mark Grand Lodge. The former will the Orpheus Lodge, and will stand No. 1706 Lodges. This our respected Bro. W. Hyde been charged with the duty of consecrating will be consecrated by Bro. F. Binckes, Mark tary, assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., the style and title of the Beaconsfield Lodge,

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A meeting of the Committee of Petitions fo cial Grand Lodge of Devonshire is appointed at the Guildhall, Devonport, on Wednesday, 12 noon, when the business of the Province sacted.

Bro. Toole has been playing a round of h characters at the Theatre Royal Brighton duri week, and crowded audiences have assembled. Aquarium, under the direction of Bro. G. R has this week had the largest number of visitc tered since its formation. One of the attractio cellent programme of Bro. Vance. Bro. Mellis Rink has also been well supported.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

(From the Hebrew Leader).

WHEN reposing in apparent security, it is well t future, with a view to avoiding danger, or to should it come. The institution of Masonry has enjoye season of uninterrupted success, that it fears no d indifferent to looking forward in anticipation of what n very door. "In time of peace prepare for war." Is within the scope of possibility, are there those who beli the brink of a precipice that will engulf many, and in s the foundation of the old fabric itself?

One of our great weaknesses is our numbers, masses but of the Institution in consequence of its present p who would be baneful should clouds arise and a storm t are not alarmists; on the contrary, we believe that the ol in any wise cranky, but as staunch as ever, so far at ship herself is concerned; a little scraping on the qu a shaking up might rid it of many barnacles; but there the Fraternity who earnestly believe there is a leeshor cannot be avoided, and that it is necessary to keep soun without ceasing; they believe that disaster may mome from malcontent, dissatisfaction and monetary considera of an overcrowded crew, as well as from anti-Masonic t breakers of different forms that lie in the immediate vessel. They believe that the institution of Masonry h formidable in numbers as to attract the special attenti enemy the Roman Catholic Church, and that shortly no fulminated some Bull, but that energetic action will be bring on such collision between the Jesuits and the Fr property and even life will be at stake with those who their voluntary solemn obligations; this could in no wi land directly, but his Holiness cannot be ignorant or i the unprecedented advancement in late years of free its antagonism with mental tyranny and debasement. ignorance, and fanaticism, are yielding to that enlightenn born of the "children of light," and this cannot pass unn

It is unfortunate for the handful of anti-Masons in this they cannot charge some gross crime against the Brotherh did in 1826; they are suffering for some great nucleus up build a cry for extermination and convulse society, as throes of an earthquake, as they did in 1830. Mas indifferent to that lesson: the newspaper press, that powe poured upon us from its batteries an incessant storm. Philadelphia was as bitter then, as it is able in our cause where, and under every possible circumstance, Masonry with remorseless violence. The cry of its enemies was like word of Palafox on the Saragossa, "War, war to the knife pamphlets, tracts, and handbills, couched in language bes to inflame the public mind to the highest pitch, flooded t

e cottage, in the drawing-room, in the public school, in the church and sometimes on the seat of the judge.
en-handed justice could no more be expected by a Mason, under y circumstances, than if the ban of outlawry had been pro- ed against him. As if it were not enough to banish him from ale of civil society, the Mason was not unfrequently driven to lternative of renouncing Freemasonry, or be expelled from the h of his faith.
e ballot box, that tremendous power, the ballot-box, with all its ing weight, was brought to bear upon us. Not a man who dared his voice in our favour, or even invoke the general virtue of assion for the persecuted Institution, had the slightest chance taining the smallest office in the gift of the people.
w York State, now possessing 83,000 affiliated Masons, and 00 of the Brotherhood within its limits, then numbered 100,000 led antimasons, and Pennsylvania half as many more; the broad extended South and West, and was all powerful for mischief. r before, in the annals of the civilized world, were such fearful s put forth to crush any institution whatever. It is no exag- ion, no over-drawn picture, but sober facts. Society, through s depths, reared and heaved, and tossed like the ocean when ls the wrath of the hurricane.
t a throne in Europe but would have fallen before a tithe of the r arrayed against the institution of light. Our own government, gh the strongest in the world, could not have witnessed such an lt, headed by overwhelming majorities of the people, aided as his by the pulpit, the press, the ballot box. Any of the nume- self-constituted societies of the day, whose existence depends the momentary breath of popular opinion, would have vanished idenly as did the ghost of Hector.
rough all this scene Freemasonry stood calm and undismayed, utting forth no effort for self-protection, employing no weapon fence, and yet came out of this fiery furnace unscathed. Like eaven-protected Hebrews, even the smell of fire was not found her garments. And those who fully understand her principles the reason why. That is our mystery. In view of all this, we orward, in the full face of the future, undaunted by hierarchy, aking anti-Mason, or the trembling passenger upon the deck of od ship. Sail on, Heaven's Angel holds the helm.

GOLD MEDAL OF THE BARD OF AVON LODGE.

nay not generally be known to the brethren that the Bard of Lodge annually gives a gold medal (value five guineas) to be ded for at the Collegiate School, Stratford-on-Avon, of which Dr. Collis, Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, is the Warden. The its comprise a knowledge of Shakspeare, History, English ture, an Essay, &c. The competition is open to all pupils in hool. This year it has been won by John Percy Simpson, aged of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain. Dr. remarked, in presenting the medal, that, thirty-five years ago, sented a similar prize to the father of the present recipient.

Old Warrants.

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No. 80.

, "Ancients;" No. 63 A.D. 1814, No. 55 A.D. 1832, and No. 47 from A.D. 1863.

KELLY, GRAND MASTER.

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. DICKEY, S.G.W. WILLM. DICKEY, J.G.W. for D. GARNAULT.

To all whom it may concern.

the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable FRA- r of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four d Nine hundred Twenty and Six), in ample form assembled, viz., ght Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pittenweam, in Great Britain, MASTER OF MASONS! The Worshipful Mr. William Osborn, Grand Master, The Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Daniel Garnault, Esq., Junior Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the WARRANTED held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and West- r), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well- Brethren, viz., Mr. Patricius Goodall one of our MASTER s, John Muggleston his Senior Warden, and James Richardson ior Warden, to form and hold a LODGE of Free and Accepted aforesaid, at the sign of the Red Lion (or elsewhere) in the Nottingham, on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: the said LODGE (when duly congregated) to admit and make asons according to the most ancient and honorable Custom of Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Messrs. Patricius Goodall, John Muggleston, and James Richardson (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 the 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 fifteenth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Sixty and Three, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Sixty and Three.

LAU. DERMOTT,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 2a, Letter B. Date, 17th December 1755.

L.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Newstead" Lodge, No. 47, Nottingham.

No. 81.

No. 196, "Ancients;" No. 242 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 170 A.D. 1832, and No. 146 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

WILL^M. TINDALL, S.G.W. THOS. 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 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 Laurence Dermott, Esq^re., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall, Esq^re., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, 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 Charles Walker one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Richard Worthington his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Taylor his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Fox (or elsewhere), in the Town of Leigh, in the County of Lancaster, upon every Thursday next to each Full Moon, and on seasonable times and lawful occasions.
No. 196 And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons 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, Charles Walker, Richard Worthington, James Taylor (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-fourth day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Six.

WM. DICKEY,

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 "Lodge of Antiquity" No. 146

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
Order of St. Lawrence, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, at 4.

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST.

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.)
1489—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-st., E.C., at 6.

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.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
569—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
803—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Floreacum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 14th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead, at 4.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (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.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
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.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 15th AUGUST.

183—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
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.)

131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
691—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—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.
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 16th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
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.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 8.30.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
1329—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.

FRIDAY, 17th AUGUST.

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—Banelagh, 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.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Inst
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kens

541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-we
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.3

SATURDAY, 18th AUGU

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street,
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, 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. 283—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefi
1331—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighous

THURSDAY.

800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradfor
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, H
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-co
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-p
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolso
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Co
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meeti
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MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 179—St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
" 204—St. Paul, Crown Inn, High-street, Ayr.
" 205—St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barr
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch,
" 503—St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburg
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill,
" R. A. 76—Abbey, 8 High-street, Paisley.

TUESDAY—16—St. John, Larn Hall, Falkirk.
" 76—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Sterling.
" 89—Merton, Freemasons' Hall, Lerwick.
" 122—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, High-street
" 230—Old St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old G
" 299—Panmure, Freemasons' Hall, Hill-street, A
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-s
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalm
" 579—St. Bryde, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 17—Greenock, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Gla

WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-s
" 384—Athol, New Masonic Hall, Kirkintillo
" 542—St. Andrews Union, Royal Hotel, St. A
" 590—St. James, Campbell Hall, Harthill.
" 592—Albert Edward, Freemasons' Hall, Pol
" R. A. 152—Shettlestone, New Public Hall, 1
" K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 12 Trongat

THURSDAY—Consecration of New Chapter, Hamilton, No. 1 Hall, Hamilton, at 7 p.m.
" 22—St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow
" 66—St. Ninian, Freemasons' Hall, Market-str
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-s
" 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-s
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.

FRIDAY—31—St. Mary Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 111—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Hawick, at 7.
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria, at 7.
" 471—St. John, Stane Inn, Rhotta.
" 496—St. Munn, Kelmuir-by-Dunoon.
" 551—Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Lanark. 7 p.m.
" 563—St. Vincent, 221 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—512—Thorntree, School-room, Thornliebank,
" 534—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Wishaw.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, ple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bros. T. Halliday W.M., T. Armng S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., R. Samon S.D., Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., P.M.'s W. Munday I.P.M., E. D. ris P.G.D.C., J. Cook, W. Fenlsham, J. Rhisdall, R. Knox, G. Dunl and J. S. B. Bell (Stewards), G. Simes Tyler, &c. The Lodge having n opened, and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the nission of Messrs. W. P. Livenson and H Coxon, which being nimously in their favour, they were duly initiated into the er. Bros. Hume, Sisson and Sheppard were raised to the sublime ree (by courtesy of the W.M.) by Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., in anner that justified the encomiums passed on him for his excellent king. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned ofreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and r honoured. The visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 659, J. k P.M. 48, Hord S.W. 541, &c.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—Held an rgency meeting on Saturday, the 4th August, at Ladbrooke Hall, ting-hill. Bros. Murlis P.M. the 1st W.M., Penn S.W., Parting-J.W., Snaap S.D. This Lodge, which has not yet been conseed twelve months, numbers about 40 members, and as no one is itted unless approved of by a special committee, appointed to e enquiries as to antecedents, &c., a more select assembly of hren can hardly be found. The Hall in which the Lodge meets, lso the furniture and appointments, may be considered a pattern many of our oldest Lodges, and the management and conduct of whole meeting is *par excellence*. Any brother who may have opportunity of visiting this Lodge will be gratified with the reion he will receive, as the W.M. and his officers are at all s anxious to see visitors, and their working does them great it. Bro. Delevante, of 1319, 1612 and 1642, the Organist, played music of the various degrees, as well as the opening and closing ns, in a most artistic style, and it would be desirable if many anists would endeavour to imitate him. Mr. Robert King was ated into our Order, in an excellent manner, by the W.M., and Whitaker was passed to the 2nd degree. After the Lodge had closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment. This being t may be considered an off-night, only light refreshments were ed, but these were amply supplied, and Bro. Linscott, the protor, deserves the thanks of all who were present. After the l Loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. proposed the health of his tors. For each one he had some kind words to say, and he arked that he considered this the toast of the evening. On this sion there were present as visitors Bros. Matthews P.M., Dr. Carer P.M., Savage P.M., Pollitzer P.M., Hopton, and Spiegel J.W. 188. responded, and each expressed his thanks and gratification at rivilege of being present, and at witnessing the excellent working good fellowship amongst the brethren. Notable amongst those ent were Bros. Cave, Woodmason, Deane, Newland and Lichtr. By 11 o'clock the brethren separated, having spent a most yable evening.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—This P.G.L. met Thursday, the 2nd inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. In the nce of the principal Office-bearer, it was opened by the Senior er in the Province, Bro. Kyle R.W.M. No. 3 bis, with Bros. Dr. nis R.W.M. of 27 as P.G.S.W., J. Murray R.W.M. 103 as J.W., J. Balfour P.G.D. of Ceremonies, J. Jock P.G.J.D., D. Reid I.G., and J. B. Hardie P.G.O.G. Bro. W. H. Bickerton P.G. ead a letter from Bro. Neilson, which stated that in consequence of udden death of his wife, he was unable to attend, but he would a special meeting at an early date to take up the regular ess. It was then agreed that an address of condolence be pred to Bro. Neilson, on the loss of his wife. The Lodge at once rned, the purport of the address being left to Bros. Kyle M. No. 3 bis, Dr. McInnis R.W.M. 27, J. Munro R.W.M. 360, and Secretary.

St. John's Lodge, No 3 bis.—Held their regular meeting, in own Hall, on Tuesday, 7th inst., Bro. Kyle in the chair. There a large number of the brethren present, and all three degrees wrought.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—Met at 213 Buchanant, 7th inst. Bro. J. Kennard R.W.M., assisted by Bros. G. McDonald r., J. Bannermann D.M., A. McLeod S.W., J. W. Kay J.W. At equest of the R.W.M. Bro. J. McInnes, R.W.M. of 408, initiated C. Jackobsen, in a very careful manner. Bro. G. W. Wheeler ght up the address of condolence to the widow of P.M. Bro. ge McAdam, which was adopted. The Lodge was raised to the w Craft degree, when Bro. McInnes conferred that degree, which Bro. G. McDonald P.M. worked the third degree, in his able manner.

Lotia Lodge, No. 178.—Met at 12 Trongate, Glasgow, on August, the R.W.M. Bro. Hart presiding. Bro. Mathison P.M., rpburn P.M., J. Logan S.W., R. Gardner S.W., J. McDonald J.W. nst the visitors were Bros. Wheeler, J. Wright of 73, G. Thallon 362, J. McInnes R.W.M. 408, G. Holmes P.M. 413, and Fergusson Dalmuir. Bro. McInnes 408, at the request of the W.M., very ably initiated Mr. James Mercer and Mr. Daniel Fergusson, Province, and without any request, either from him or any of the other officers of the Scotia Lodge, the W.M. of this country Lodge had raised the brother. He felt it necessary to mention this circumstance, as this loose kind of proceeding was not calculated to raise the Order in the eyes of the Masonic world, and he trusted that a like circumstance would not occur again, as there was not a single other member of the Scotia Lodge present on the occasion even to ask for the favour on their behalf. Bro. Wright of 73 said he was present when the raising took place, in fact, he accompanied the brother to the town and back. He had no idea that any wrong was being done, or he would certainly have protested against it. Several members having expressed their opinion on the subject, the R.W.M. said he did not blame the young brother, who wished to get the degree as soon as he could, nor yet Bro. Wright, who was with him, and had pleaded that he was ignorant of having been at fault, and had no desire to act wrong; but that did not justify the Master of a Lodge confering the degree on a person whom he had never seen before, and who was not accompanied by any of the office bearers of the Lodge to which he belonged. The Secretary was then instructed to write to the Master in question, requesting an explanation. Arrangements were then made for the Annual Picnic of the Lodge, on Wednesday next, as they go by 'Bus to the lovely scenery of Loch Ryan. Should the weather prove propitious, they may expect a pleasant day.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Held its regular meeting on 6th August, in St. Mark's Hall. In the absence of the R.W.M., who was attending the G.L. in Edinburgh, the chair was taken by Bro. J. B. McNair I.P.M., assisted by the rest of the office bearers, when a brother was passed to the 2nd degree, and afterwards raised to the sublime degree, in ancient form.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 362.—Held an emergency meeting in their own Hall, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 6th August, Bro. Hogg R.W.M., when two brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft degree, one raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. G. Tholburn P.M. assisted in the last degree.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN EMMENS.

ON Friday, the 3rd inst., the mortal remains of the late Bro. John Emmens were consigned to their last resting place in Brompton Cemetery. The deceased was for many years a distinguished member of the Craft. He was initiated into the mysteries of the Order 41 years ago, and for a period of 36 years acted as Secretary of his Mother Lodge, the Old Concord, which is held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and of which he was one of the Past Masters. In 1860, Bro. Emmens conceived the idea of founding a new Lodge, and having received the cordial support of some eminent members of the Craft, a Warrant from Grand Lodge was obtained, and the New Concord was consecrated, he being selected as its first W.M. He did not, however, forsake his first love, but remained loyally attached to both up to the time of his death, and being the oldest surviving P.M. of the Old Concord, he was familiarly called "the father of the Lodge," a distinction to which he was also justly entitled as the founder of the New Concord. In him Masonry had an ardent and firm adherent, and his genial disposition and unvarying kindness to all with whom he came in contact, either in the ordinary business of life or in the more esoteric relationship of the Craft, endeared him to a large circle of brethren and friends. That he was admired and esteemed by his brethren is patent from the fact that on one occasion he had the honour of being chosen Grand Pursuivant, and filled that office with marked ability. In his long career as a Freemason—one who took an active rather than a passive part in all that concerns the Order—he naturally came prominently forward, and few men have succeeded in endearing to themselves a larger circle of acquaintance than he had. Latterly, his health had unfortunately given way, but his death, which took place on Saturday, 28th ult., was nevertheless somewhat sudden, for on the 19th ult. he was present at the banquet of the Old Concord Lodge, at Rosherville.

The funeral *cortége* left the late residence of the deceased, No. 254 Kingsland-road, at twelve o'clock, and proceeded by way of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, where it was joined by seven private carriages, containing the Past and Present Officers of the Old Concord Lodge, each of whom wore white kid gloves, white neckties, and carried a sprig of acacia, with the Craft emblems of the Masonic rank of the deceased. Amongst these gentlemen were Bro. J. S. Ward, the present W.M. of the Lodge, his Wardens, Bros. A. J. Dottridge and Goosey, P.M.'s Bros. Gurton, Jackson, Jeffries, Dixson, King, Holland, E. Dottridge, Hockley, and other officers, besides several lay members of the Lodge. At the cemetery gates the mournful procession was met by a large number of brethren, principally members of the New Concord Lodge. Amongst these were Bro. T. Bartlett, who has twice filled the chair of K.S. in this Lodge, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. H. J. Gabb, J. R. Gallant, W. H. Main present Secretary, Spratt past Secretary, Sinclair Treasurer; together with Bros. Blyth, Bolton, W. J. Crabb, Louis Duke, Henry Gabb (a member of the Jubilee Lodge), Walker, of the Old Concord, and several brethren connected with different Lodges in the metropolis.

The Rev. Bro. Laughlin, who has for many years been the Chaplain of the Old Concord, read the burial service within the chapel in an impressive manner, and officiated also at the grave, around which the relatives of the deceased and the brethren clustered to take a last glance at the coffin, which was of polished oak, with massive brass

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ONE OR TWO HOME TRUTHS.

WE are proud, very much proud, as some affected people say, of the fraternal spirit which animates e Society of Freemasons. In so far as we are men, we ve, of course, our failings, our little weaknesses. We e occasionally envious, not to say spiteful. Occasionally not only think, but speak ill of our neighbours. We e not remarkably blind to other people's faults, however ch we may be disposed to overlook our own. Envy, red, and even uncharitableness are among our besetting ilties. In so far, we repeat, as we are men, we not unquently yield to these common infirmities of human ure; but inasmuch as we are brothers, knit together in e Society by a desire to do as we would be done by, we , of course, above all those weaknesses to which ordinary n are unfortunately subject. And yet—how funny it is t nearly every attribute we claim to possess must have its ndant qualification—and yet there are those among us o *are* sometimes oblivious of their Masonic duties, who *not* always observant of the obligations they have undern to fulfil. We *do* occasionally hear of those who are thers as well as men speaking in disrespectful terms of r fellows. We *do* find some who are prompted by illing of one kind or other to asperse the character of ers. In short, there are too many members of our iety who allow the vices of humanity to prevail r the virtues of Freemasonry, who are members ame only, and yield themselves up with the greatest tion to those ill feelings and evil doings by which what call the profane world is distinguished. It is not given very one to attain distinction as a virtuous man, but all r try to become such. Unfortunately there are those ur Lodges who make a practice of eschewing good that may come. On some slight pretence or other, either use they have been annoyed or fancy they have been oyed, they pour out the vials of their wrath on all they e in contact with. Some time ago—we should say a l twelvemonths has elapsed—a high Provincial itary administered in open Provincial Grand Lodge of those stern rebukes which ought to have made the d run cold in the veins of the offender. One prominent which he cited of a deadly offence against the laws of masonry was, if we remember rightly, that of an old Master, who took every opportunity of declaring, with rent of oaths and blasphemy, that he would black-ball y one who was proposed as a candidate for admission the Lodge of which he was a member. Had this ridual been only a man, his reviling and his ill-nature d have passed unheeded, except, perhaps, among his associates, but as he was a man and a brother, he was cly, though not by name, rebuked by one who was in office, and had the right to do so. Subsequently, e was brought before the judge of one of our County ts, in which a newly initiated brother had refused to his fees. The case broke down, owing to certain malities in the procedure adopted, but while we must acknowledge that Freemasonry covers a multitude of we must also point out that the sin of not paying one's is not one of that multitude. A man may fall bad circumstances after a time, and find himself le to pay his subscriptions; but at the very outset, he is seeking admission into our ranks, be him, and if he is not prepared to pay, he should not seek admission. Freemasonry is not conducted like many a West End business, on the long credit system as regards initiation fees, but, very properly, the terms are cash only. More recently still we have heard of a case of libel, which has or, we should say rather, which would have been tried in one of our law courts. The *vis et origo mali* in this instance was a Lodge squabble in which certain members resolved on black-balling all candidates proposed by certain other members. This, of course, may be taken as another illustration of that truly fraternal feeling which seizes on all men the moment they become Freemasons. There are not a few among us who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame!" but not so, the blaspheming P.M.'s and rabid blackballers. Their deeds are *noble* and they have no notion of blushing when they find themselves notorious. They have no idea of hiding their ill-favoured light under a bushel; on the contrary they are resolved it shall be placed where it will be visible to the greatest number. We have never seen a code of morals in which blaspheming was written down as a virtue. We have read that in one of our numerous wars our British soldiers "swore terribly in Flanders;" but though we have every reason to believe their offence was condoned by the country, in consideration of the magnificent valour they exhibited, we cannot accept the round oaths of brave men as in any wise justifying the conduct of those narrow-minded, currish, ill-conditioned Masons who curse, not their enemies, but their brethren. As to black-balling, it is necessary there should be available in all societies a means for preventing the admission of unworthy persons into our Lodges, but the ballot-box was never intended to subserve the purposes of malice. It was never contemplated that worthy people should suffer by this mode of secret voting. It was considered that the ballot box offered the best means for concealing adverse votes, so that whether a candidate were elected or rejected, he might remain in blissful ignorance of those who had opposed him. But this secrecy is destroyed, and the intent and purpose of the institution defied by brethren who deliberately announce in public their intention of black-balling all candidates indiscriminately. There are some people who are said to love darkness, because of the darkness of their deeds; but the black-ballers, who thus defy the unwritten laws of Masonry, do so ostentatiously, as though there were something to boast of in these public demonstrations of envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. Another evil which it is the duty of all Freemasons to resist is, the system of trading on Masonry, which, unfortunately, is far too commonly practised. We do not see why people who are engaged in business should mix business and Freemasonry up together. It is disgusting to have a card thrust into your hand, with the address and nature of Bro. ——'s occupation inscribed upon it. A man, be he a Mason or not, is perfectly justified in touting for customers whenever and wherever he can; but he must do so in a legitimate fashion. If we are desirous of buying goods of a certain man who is a member of our Fraternity, we shall do so because he sells what we want, and his goods are of excellent quality: or because we believe him to be a worthy and enterprising tradesman, and we are anxious to do him a good turn; but we should never dream of buying his shirts, or his butter and cheese, or his groceries, or whatever he may have to sell, because he happens to be a Mason.

bury cake or biscuit are not less ancient, because they are sold where the sign of the square and compasses is described all over the house, both inside and out. We detest this system of advertising one's business, and if we ever feel hungry or athirst when out for a stroll, we cautiously avoid all those houses where the Mason's symbols are displayed. Let us keep our Freemasonry apart. Let us obey its injunctions, as well and as cheerfully as we can, but let us have no trading upon it. We should like to believe that all Masons are right worthy fellows. Unfortunately, we are wholly unable to lay the flattering unction to our soul that we are anything like as good as we seem. At all events, there are those among us who are determined that their vices shall be proclaimed to all the world.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 46.)

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"Say, ye who best can tell, ye happy few,
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THERE is an old saying to the effect that what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. Many people are apt to think lightly of this maxim. They fancy, if the end is achieved, the means adopted is comparatively immaterial. It does not occur to them that a slovenly, perfunctory kind of treatment is likely to bring about slovenly and imperfect results. If a man is methodical in his business, carefully arranging the various details in their proper order of sequence, if he makes a point of providing all the requisite appliances, so that when needed they may be at hand for immediate use, he is certain to accomplish his undertaking speedily and completely. On the other hand, if he is careless in his arrangements, neglectful in making the necessary preparations, and, generally speaking, indifferent how he gets through his work, provided he does accomplish it at length, he falls in the esteem of his fellows. If of two men engaged in the same business it is impossible for one to take too much pains, while the other gets through his task in a slipshod, anyhow-nohow fashion, the services of the former will be accepted in preference to those of the latter. People may smile at the methodist—we do not mean the member of the religious sect so-called, but the man who works systematically—at his exact apportionment of the duties assigned to him, and the minute care he bestows on all he undertakes, but while they smile they prefer him to the careless and indifferent workman. They know the value of having a thing well done when it must be done. And the maxim we started with is generally applicable. Let a man be engaged in official duties and he must be exact in all he does, and scrupulously mindful of every detail. If he is engaged in commerce or in manufactures, the neglect of the merest trifle may cause him trouble, derange the whole order of duty, and even involve a serious loss.

The brother whose career we are about to sketch is one who has earned for himself a great reputation for his strict attention to detail. We do not say he is one of those painfully exact people who are entirely absorbed in the minutiæ of business, giving to each in turn their strict and undivided attention, and approaching the completion of a simple task when every one else has long since accomplished it. On the contrary, we know him to be one who can take a broad and comprehensive view of his work, who can regulate and apportion its several divisions and subdivisions, who infuses a part of his own energy into others, and is prompt as he is careful and methodical in all his labours. He is known in private life for his firmness, as well as for his kindness; in business for the resolute and exact fulfilment of his duties, as well as for the skill and ability with which he directs or executes them. He is connected with one of those large firms whose existence is as it is indebted to its manufacture of towns would be able to produce much ercise therefore a far inferior influence this kingdom, were it not for those ma in which the machinery necessary to these manufactures is constructed. It bent of his mind has inclined him to st mechanical art, or that the nature of his machine-like regularity and perfection his mind. Be this as it may, there is ency between the mind and the occup guished brother.

His Masonic career has been a long He was initiated into Freemasonry in th 1856, in the St. John's Lodge, Bolton. he was rewarded by the Master for hi strict attention he paid to his duties by the office of Junior Warden. He was pr Warden in 1858, and in 1859 the Lod him the highest honour in its power Master of Ceremonial became W.M. this exalted position, a Past Master sented to him in token of his highly-v subsequently he had the honour of rece of the then Provincial Grand Master t Provincial Grand Superintendent of W cashire. As regards Capitular Masonr exalted in 1857 in the Royal Arch Chap his Mother Lodge, and served the variou of Z. inclusive. In 1872 he joined the C No. 37, and is likewise a Past Provincia He was advanced to the degree of Mar under the old regulations, and was Warden the year following, in the S No. 2, Scotch Constitutions. In 185 Master. On the erection of Lancashire under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, our ceived his patent as P.G.M., and served the ously and to the entire satisfaction of th union of the rival Mark Provincial Gra he retired in favour of the late Bro. W. R M.P., who thus became the first Gran United Provincial Grand Lodge. In reco vices in the chair, he had conceded to Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. the E Portal, the rank of a Past Provincial Gr Mark Grand Lodge of England and W in his career he joined the A. and A. Rit in the Palatine Chapter of Rose Croi periodically at Bolton. He was subseq founders, and second M.W.S. of the St. and on completing his term of office wa a jewel. He is accepted for the 30°. E the Order of St. Lawrence, and a Past Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, founders of St. George's Conclave, No. 4 is a Past Grand Junior Warden of Lancas in the Royal Order of Scotland, and one and Deputy Master Nominate of St. J Royal and Select Masters. In the Rosic ranks as VIII°, and is now Chief Adept College, in succession to Bro. C. F. Mat conclude the list of his present honours, h the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory United, Religious, and Military Orders and St. John of Jerusalem, &c., & whole of his connexion with our S different bodies which have sprung from i chief care of our brother, not only to carry the several rituals and ceremonies belong likewise to enforce on others the same of and adherence to them. Thus he h for himself the right to be looked up to, n rigid disciplinarian, but likewise as guide in all that relates to the forms of Freemasonry. This alone would en respect of his brethren, but his labour confined to this sphere of usefulness onl Governor of the Boys' and Girls' School Masonic Benevolent Institution. He has wardships at different Festivals, and the

ndation. It is an evidence that men who are so minded, have energy and resolution to back them up, are capable oing successfully, not one, but many things. He whose s are fully occupied in the laborious pursuits of busi-, who has many and serious demands upon his leisure e for his Masonic duties, and yet is not unmindful of claims of family and friends upon him, is one who must w full well the value of time. He must methodise his es, so that those do not clash with those, or this en-ment be confounded with that. He must be a master of ils or he would not be able to dovetail them so as to fit tly one with the other. There is here no waste of super-us energy, for the simple reason there is none to waste. re is an appointed hour for everything—for business, Masonic pursuits, and for pleasure. It is for this on that our respected Brother is always calm and cted. His movements are never flurried as are those en whose duties are fulfilled at odd times. There is, e may be permitted to say so, a solidity and determina- about the man which commands success. May he, e maturity of life, continue to enjoy the same degree of perity which has befallen him hitherto! That he will command the respect and friendship of all who w him; that he will exercise the same genial influence is domestic circle; that he will continue, so long as he health and strength, to render the same valuable assist- in the Lodge and Chapter, Conclave and Preceptory, ne future as in the past—that he will do all this, we fully justified in believing. We judge men by their cedents; and when we know that a man has earned imself a worthy reputation, by a long course of zeal energy, by a uniform display of ability in whatever he undertaken, we anticipate that his future career will be roductive of well-merited distinction as his past. We to him, in the words of our grandest poet, "Know he then (for now I speak to some purpose,) that I v you are a gentleman of good conceit; I speak not that you should bear a good opinion of my knowledge, nuch, I say, I know you are; neither do I labour for eater esteem than may in some little measure draw a f from you, to do yourself good and not to grieve me;" we ask our worthy Master of Ceremonial to accept our ance that we respect him too highly to fling at him or any other empty compliment. Those who know most intimately know and appreciate the grand licity and sterling worth of the man. They are aware while he is ambitious of distinction, while he will no opportunity of doing good service to pass un-ably away, he has an innate dislike for mere verbal liments. We, too, know full well that the worst e one can do for his neighbour is to besmear him with y praise. Whatever, therefore, may be the merit or rit of our picture from an artistic point of view, ver errors of omission or commission we may have guilty of as regards the facts, there is one thing we not even dreamt of, much less done; we have said ng of our respected brother which we do not feel, nor we uttered a word by way of praise to which, in our nent, he is not honestly and honorably entitled.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

(FROM THE PORTSMOUTH TIMES AND NAVAL GAZETTE.)

annual Grand Lodge of this Province was held at St. John's ooms, Winchester, on Tuesday, when, despite the unfavour- ate of the weather, there was a numerous attendance of n. The Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by the .M., the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., who was ed by Bro. Major General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. of Surrey, e following officers of P.G. Lodge:—Bros. W. Hickman M., H. Abraham S.G.W., F. Pinco J.G.W., Revs. E. W. Watts W. Thoyts Grand Chaplains, E. G. Holbrook Grand Registrar, rost Grand Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre Grand Secretary, and other past and present officers, Bro. E. Groves G.A.D.C. ng as Director of Ceremonies. Among the visitors were:— . Binckes Secretary of the Boys' School, F. Davison P.P G.W. sex, J. Mason 309 P.S.G.D. Middlesex. The Past Provincial present included Bros. Captain Best, R. Eve, H. Ford, almer, G. Wyatt, E. Booth, G. S. Lancaster, J. Naish, J. ford, J. W. Lamb P.P.G. Wardens, Captain J. C. Moore, Harn, J. Daw, J. B. Weston P.P.G. Registrars, J. T. Among others who attended from the locality were:—Bros. J. Maltby P.P.G.S.B., G. F. Sherman Past Grand Steward, G. Bond W.M. 487, J. Clay W.M. 804, S. Ellis P.M. 342, F. Court W.M. 257, T. Francis P.M. 804, J. Lintott P.M. 804 Havant, J. Cole P.M. 928 Petersfield, Edgeler P.M. 928, C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 903, G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903, H. W. Townsend W.M. 1428, R. J. Turney P.M. 342, J. R. Johnson P.P.G. Steward, A. L. Emanuel P.M. 1069. R. Osborne J.W. 487 P.P.G. Organist, R. Barber 342 P.P.G.S.B., Rev. G. N. Godwin Chap. 257 and 1428, Valentine Brown J.W. 903, W. Payne S.W. 342, R. W. Mitchell Sec. 903, Wilmott S.D. 342, Arnold J.W. 342, T. P. Palsgrave I.G. 487, C. H. Liddell J.W. 804, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, F. White, Outridge, W. E. Atkins, C. Daniels, J. H. Bridle, G. Dean, all of 487 Portsmouth, H. Kimber I.G. 804, W. D. Parkhouse 342, R. W. Downing 903, Rev. T. W. Johnston 804, &c. The Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, was represented by the W.M., Bro. E. D. Godwin, P.M.'s Bros. J. C. Moore, T. Stopher, E. Snelling, J. Harris, Salter, S. R. Everitt, Col. A. R. Naghten, M.P. for the city, and several other members. The transaction of the business of the Province occupied nearly three hours. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts exhibited a very gratifying state of affairs, showing a balance in hand of £258 17s, after investing £210 in New Zealand bonds during the past year. The accounts were received and adopted, also the report of the committee for auditing them. The invested capital of the Province now amounts to £600. Of the balance in hand, propositions to subscribe 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Boys' School (at the recent annual Festival of which Bro. Beach presided), and additional votes to the other Charities, as well as various other sums, were unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Bro. G. Rake, Portsmouth, seconded by Bro. E. Booth, Southampton, Bro. M. E. Frost was re-elected Treasurer. After the transaction of the remaining business on the agenda paper, the P.G.M. appointed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Harris 76 S.G. Warden, G. Rake 487 J.G. Warden, E. W. Watts 151 and S. Scott 394 Grand Chaplains, W. B. Rogers 195 Grand Registrar, M. E. Frost 1069 Grand Treasurer, J. E. LeFeuvre 130 Grand Secretary, Allée 151 G.S. Deacon, Turner 698 G.J. Deacon, Lintott 804 Grand Supt. of Works, M. Miles G. Director of Ceremonies, S. R. Ellis 342 Assist. G. Director of Ceremonies, Petley 551 G. Sword Bearer, Capt. Dyer 132 Grand Pursuivant, E. Wyatt 35, J. Druitt 195, R. J. Turney 342, Passenger 394, J. Coles 928, and J. Smith 1331 Grand Stewards, Biggs 130 and Exell 487 Grand Tylers. Before the P.G. Lodge closed Bro. Binckes tendered the best thanks of the executive of the Boys' School to Bro. Beach, and their high estimation of the services cheerfully rendered by him on the occasion of the recent Festival of that institution, the most successful ever held in connection with any of the Masonic charities, the sum of £13,570 having been received. Bro. Binckes added that it had been decided to invest another £3,000, and that the committee were authorised to provide for 32 additional sons of Freemasons being admitted. (Applause.) In conclusion he thanked the Deputy P.G.M. and the Province generally for their liberal support of the Schools. Subsequently a banquet took place at the Guildhall, the P.G.M. presiding. About 100 brethren attended, and at the close a few toasts were given. "The Queen." "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," and "The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and Officers of Grand Lodge," were proposed from the chair and enthusiastically received by the company. With the latter Bro. Beach coupled the name of a brother who had served the office of Grand Warden in former years, but who had since been selected, for the great merit he had displayed, to preside over a most important province—of that brother who had done them the honour to be present at the meeting that day—General Brownrigg. (Much cheering.) They greeted his presence with the utmost enthusiasm. They had never had the pleasure of seeing him in the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight before, but he trusted that his visit would enhance the good understanding which had previously existed and would be cemented that day between the Freemasons of Surrey and those of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. General Brownrigg responded, remarking that it was more than 21 years since he had had the honour of being the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and Masonry had become so popular in the present day that a small man like himself could hardly expect to attain those very high ranks which existed in the Craft; when they saw the Wardens' chair filled by princes of the blood royal, it was very flattering to the Craft, but exceedingly difficult for others to attain to such high honours (Hear, hear). The principles which had guided their Provincial Grand Master had always been so just and excellent that he had no doubt, in the distribution of the purple, he always took care to give it to those who were worthy of that honour (Applause). He trusted that they would permit him to propose a toast before he sat down—the toast of the evening—that of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." (Great cheering.) He had been extremely pleased that day with the visit he had paid them, and he should very much regret if in the future he could not be able to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and he hoped when his convenience would permit to see the Provincial Grand Master of Hants at the Surrey meetings. The Chairman acknowledged the toast. He was happy to say that during the time he had had the pleasure of presiding over them, he had met with nothing but encouragement on all sides, and he was induced by that to think that the Craft had not suffered in any way during that period. (Applause.) They had, in various parts of the province, seen of late new Lodges spring into existence, and they had also seen that Lodges which became dissatisfied with the buildings in which they had previously met had secured new buildings for themselves which did honour to the Craft and their enterprise. (Hear, hear). He should be failing in his duty if

the Boys' School— a subject which had been already alluded to by Bro. Binckes during the former part of the day's proceedings. He (the Chairman) knew that the brethren had been previously called upon to make great exertions in that cause, and it was hardly to be expected that when they were appealed to by him to support him during the proceedings for the charity, they would again make the sacrifices they did, but when the donations were announced at the festival they elicited the warmest recognition. (Hear, hear). The Right Worshipful brother intimated that the Provincial Lodge would be held next year at Southampton. (Hear, hear). It was nine years since the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held in that town, and not since the year he had the honour of being installed as Provincial Grand Master. He assured the brethren it was his earnest wish, in the distribution of the honours of the Prov. G. Lodge, to reward merit and ability, but it was extremely difficult always to meet the case. He could, however, assure those brethren who had exerted themselves in the cause of Freemasonry that though they appeared to be passed by at the present moment, such would not be the case eventually, for their merits would not be lost sight of, and he trusted that all would endeavour to promote the prosperity of the Craft by all means in their power. (Great cheering). Bro. Stopher (Winchester), submitted the next toast, the D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro. W. Hickman P.A.G.D.C. of England," and Bro. Hickman suitably replied. Bro. Eve (Aldershot) gave the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Davison (Province of Middlesex). The Chairman proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, coupling with it the name of Bro. James Harris, who had rendered great services during the past few years. (Applause.) Bro. Harris, in acknowledging the toast, said it was just fourteen years since he was initiated, and it was also just fourteen years since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Winchester. Bro. Hickman then gave the Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province, and said that of the twenty-eight Lodges of which the province was composed, twenty-seven were in full working order. Bro. Godwin (Winchester), replied to the toast, and expressed his opinion that much good was done in the province and throughout the world by an interchange of visits between the members of different Lodges. The Masonic Charities was the last toast on the list. It was proposed by the Chairman, who dwelt on the eminent services of Bro. Binckes on behalf of the Charities.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF LODGE OF SAINT JOHN'S, No. 221, BOLTON.

THE third annual picnic of the members of this Lodge, who on this occasion numbered about 40, with the requisite accompaniment of ladies, took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The weather was all that could be desired, the company happily assorted, and the arrangements complete; it only remains to be added that the place of pilgrimage selected was that charming residence, Eaton Hall. The journey by rail to Chester accomplished, a few spare minutes were occupied by "ye ladies" in "ye rows," and by "ye lords" in "ye kitchen." Luncheon having been served, in Messrs. Bolland's well known style, tracks were made to "the Groves" on "ancient Deva's banks," where a commodious barge, with rowers and a band, were waiting to convey the party a joyous four miles to the palatial hall of the Duke of Westminster. This excursion, so well known to many of our readers, by its time-worn associations, as also by its exceeding beauty and peacefulness, demands no more from us on this occasion than an acknowledgment of the thorough enjoyment, and the remark that the return journey to the City was marked by general sighs of regret. The ancient Church and Priory of St. John, the celebrated walls, and the venerable pile of St. Werburgh were only cursorily examined, from lack of time, which had been so delightfully spent elsewhere. Tea was heartily partaken of, and the party, accommodated with the largest London and North Western saloon carriage, was speeding on its return journey, pleased, delighted, and unitedly disposed to accord to Bros. Stanley W.M., J. W. Taylor D.C. P. Prov. Grand Organist, and J. M. Rutter a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for their trouble and care in organising and conducting so happy an excursion, which was begun, continued, and completed without a hitch or contretemps.

THE GOD OF MASONRY AND THE GODS OF MYTHOLOGY.

THE first great light in Masonry informs us, that "He that built all things is God." It is from this, and similar passages in the same great light, that we derive our ideas of God as the one great Master Builder, the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Supreme Grand Master—whose works are matchless, whose power is limitless, and from whose decree there is no appeal. To Freemasons God is a unit. He reigns alone, in majesty and glory. He made all things, and governs all things. He has no equal, and no competitor. How different was the current belief ages ago; and yet the Freemasonry of to-day, and the Ancient Mysteries of Greece and other countries, which were the Freemasonry of their day, combatted the vulgar belief, and taught then, as now, the *existence* and *unity* of God. We would now consider the man puerile who should profess a belief in a mob of gods—who were indeed only *quasi* omnipotent men, with much of their weakness and all of their vices; yet such was once the popular faith of not a few nations. Mythology pictures to us this faith, and the early imaginative writers have wrought it into their

Thessaly, a part of ancient Greece, but now
was the famous Vale of Tempe, the most d
filled with verdant walks, cooling shades, vo
birds, and which the gods often honoured wit
Olympus itself was reputed to touch Heaven
two miles in height, being 9,700 feet. This
and piercing the clouds, was the reputed hon
of whom Jupiter or Jove (as he was tern
Zeus (as named by the Greeks) was chief.
the summit, which was shut out from human
veiled it from the earth; or, according to
gods dwelt in the heavens above Olympus.
war of the giants upon the gods, the former
the neighbouring mountain of Pelion on Ossa
in their ineffectual attempt to scale Heaven.

This inaccessible abode, the ethereal palac
did not want for snow with which to cool the
were reputed to drink at their banquets; a
goddesses grew weary of the icy air, or the
ment of the court of Olympian Jove, we are t
the charming and secluded vale of Tempe
passed sunny hours with mortal men and mai

Homer enthrones Jupiter upon the loftie
peaked Olympus, and thus pictures his power

> "As he spake, the son of Saturn gave
> The nod of his dark brows, the ambr
> Upon the Sovereign One's immortal
> Were shaken, and with them the mig
> Olympus trembled. Then parted Th
> Plunging from bright Olympus to the
> And Jove returning to his palace hon
> Where all the gods, uprising from the
> At sight of the Great Father, waited
> For his approach, but met him as he
> (Bar

This reads very pretty, but the family of god
often so happy or so submissive. Jupiter, Nep
all three the potent sons of Saturn, and Jupit
reputed chief; but they frequently took differ
war, and even mingled with the warriors in
Neptune boarded Jupiter on Olympus, and call
the sky." Pope's *Iliad* tells it thus:

> "My court beneath the hoary waves I h
> And hush the roarings of the sacred
> Olympus and this earth in common lie
> What claim has here the *tyrant of the*
> Far in the distant clouds let him contr
> And awe the younger brothers of the
> There to his children his commands b
> The trembling, servile second race of

Pretty sharp language this, for one god to us
at all fraternal, yet Neptune and Jupiter were
And not only did these mythological deities
purposes, and even openly war with each othe
sides in the battles of men, even to Juno, the
Queen of Heaven, but sometimes the chief of the
asleep, when prayed to, and would not awake;
would be absent from Olympus. Thus we learn
of the gods had gone out to dinner, or rather to
banquets, covering twelve days, to which he had
"blameless Ethiopians" (the author of "Daniel
that the reason why they were "blameless" wa
far away that they had no neighbours to find fau

The supremacy of Jupiter, Thunderer that he
nal than real, and he had often to fight for it b
not deeds. And the pleasures of the entire co
no higher than those of men—consisting of the
music, song, dissipation and intrigue. Jupiter a
wrangled as might the most unequally matched
he was eminently unfaithful to her. Epithets
were household words with them. Jupiter eve
when the members of his court and family were
against the other, in the conflicts of the Greeks a

> "Jove, as his sport, the dreadful scene
> And views contending gods with carel

It is fortunate for mankind that the worship of
from the earth, for there could scarcely be a m
He who had numerous mistresses and more num
was the father of a countless throng, including th
and the Graces, was not fit to be a nation's god.
shapes to gratify his passions, and yet his worsh
almost universal. He was the Ammon of the Af
Babylon, the Osiris of Egypt, the Zeus of Greece,
Rome. Yet he was but the nominal head of a cro
of whom was a real deity. The poet has stated
and prettily in these lines:

> "In Paestum's ancient fanes I tro
> And mused on those strange me
> Whose dark religion could infol
> So many gods, and yet no God!"

The faith of Freemasonry in the existence and
not but win the approbation even of its enemies.
language of the Bible, "He that built all things."
is the Book of the Law, which God has given
structor and guide. It looks forward hopefully

REVIEWS.

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, Poems, and Masonic Papers. By Emra Holmes. With a ographical Sketch of the author, by George Markham Tweddell, llow of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen; rresponding Member of the Royal Historical Society, London, &c. okesley: Tweddell and Sons. J. Gould, Printer, Middlesborough. 77.

ay be our misfortune or our fault—this is a point we must ask readers to determine for themselves—but we confess we have r, till we received this volume, had an opportunity of reading any ro. Holmes's contributions to the London or Provincial press. It ry possible the papers of which Bro. Tweddell speaks so highly escaped our notice, but we certainly had no knowledge of his fications as a writer. We know him by repute as a brother, we heard of his occasionally lecturing in the Provinces, and we had en to believe that he was employed in the Civil Service of the rn; but this was the limit of our knowledge. Now that we have Bro. Tweddell's biographical sketch of the author of these Tales, ns, and Papers, this defect of ours has been made good, and we ourselves in a position to judge of the reality of Bro. Holmes's ns to rank among the *literati* of the day. However, before en- g on this portion of our task, we shall briefly consider the ner in which Bro. Tweddell has fulfilled his duty as a biographer. duty was far from being an easy one, and must have severely d the ingenuity of Bro. Tweddell. The materials at his disposal of the scantiest. George Holmes, the grandfather, was born in nd, but owing to the health of his wife, and the unsettled state e country, he migrated to England, and lived, in the first instance, ristol, and afterwards, on his wife's death, in London. He pub- d a volume of *Sketches in some of the Southern Counties of Ireland, cted during a Tour in the Autumn* 1797, *in a series of Letters*, h was illustrated from his own pencil. In 1803, Marcus H. nes, the father, was born, and having received his education at Bristol Grammar School, became in time a student of the Royal demy, under Fuseli, and carried off the Silver Medal for Life. In 1833 he married one of the daughters of a clergyman ed Emra. This lady, who was the mother of the subject of Tweddell's sketch, had literary tastes, and contributed to some of nagazines of the day, many of her papers being published in book . Bro. E. Holmes was born in 1839, and, some time after his mother's h, he obtained a presentation to Christ's Hospital. On complet- the usual course of study at Hertford and London, he was for a further period of two or three years to the Grammar ol at Shepton Mallet. In 1857, he obtained a Clerkship in the oms at Liverpool, and is now a Collector at Fowey in Cornwall. leisure hours he seems to devote to literary pursuits and lectur-

We are further told that he is an amateur comic singer and a ic. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1861, but Bro. Tweddell oses to reserve the details of his Masonic career for that Second s of Tales and Sketches which it is promised shall make their arance at some future time. These, then, are the leading points h Bro. Tweddell has knit together in his Biographical Sketch, ding over some twelve or thirteen pages. We think he has ful- his duty in a highly praiseworthy manner. It is certainly not ult that the materials at his disposal were so scanty. Indeed, an conceive of no more trying task than to write at length of who has done little, if anything, to merit distinction as a writer. re confident that Bro. Holmes is highly and deservedly respected dmired within the immediate circle of his friends, but, as the r of our further remarks will show, we do not consider he has lightest claim to be regarded as a literary man. Pass we now e "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers" themselves.

e tales are five in number, some of them being love stories, of lass we are accustomed to look for in the inferior penny weekly cations—the kind of story of which it is difficult to say whether ncidents are more ridiculous or the burlesque on real life the offensive—while in others, mesmeric influences and *clairvoy-* are introduced. The first is entitled the Lady Muriel, and pposed to be told by a Mr. Beverley, who, when visiting , meets with a Mr. Falconbridge, a gentleman staying e same hotel. They are thrown pretty much together, on the strength of a three weeks' acquaintance thus d, and an invitation from Falconbridge, Beverley pays the a visit at Ipswich. He has hardly been under his host's roof than a few hours before his curiosity is aroused, and he begins, a snobbishness which it is scarcely possible to realise, to ques- is entertainer as to his early career, and the cause of his melan- , simply because he thinks that he "might do him some good," e "could better enter into his feelings and sympathise with and that he "could be more companionable if he were told his y." We presume, there are persons in the world—retired ry officers and others—who are ready, at a minute's provoca- to pour out their griefs to any casual acquaintance they may met at a Parisian hotel. We presume there are snobs like this Beverley, for Bro. Holmes has introduced them into this tale, ro. Holmes, we are given to understand, is the writer of many ing contributions to the provincial and London press. But all due respect to our worthy Brother, we cannot think this f people are met with in decent society, and the people who in this story are presumably of that class. This is bad enough, Falconbridge's story of his earlier life the violence to common is still more remarkable. We are calmly invited to witness ttempted abduction of a young lady from the home of her course, frustrated by the instrumentality of Falconbridge, but to introduce any such incident as this, as having happened in Hampshire in the year 1850, is a crime against decency without a single palliatory circumstance to excuse it. It is as clumsily described as it is improbable, for even a drunken Irish officer would hardly find two men to aid him in carrying off a dean's daughter, at midnight, in a common fly. However, the upshot of this adventure is, that the Lady Muriel jilts Falconbridge and marries Mandeville, the officer who had thought of carrying her off, and had broken his arm in attempting to do so, and who dies a few years after succeeding to the earldom of Kilpatrick, leaving his widow soon about to become a mother. As the child, when born, proves to be a girl, the title and estates pass to a distant cousin of her late husband's, and Falconbridge appears once more on the scene, provides the Countess with funds enough to support her comfortably, and on her death, a few years later, establishes himself as the guardian of the young child, the little Lady Muriel.

The second tale, "Gerard Montagu," is a sequel to the first. The Lady Muriel has grown to be a girl of sixteen. Gerard Montagu, a corn dealer in the north, travels south, and makes her acquaintance, falling in love with her at first sight. However, their marriage is not to be. The Lady Muriel, whose existence had been ignored by her proud and distant relatives, the Earl and Countess of Kilpatrick, is invited to visit the latter, and in the result she becomes engaged to marry the Earl's eldest son and heir, Lord Chelmondiston. This is the best written of the five. In the next two are introduced mesmerism and clairvoyance. In order to show the extent to which Bro. Holmes taxes the patience of his readers, we may mention that the incident on which is based the first of these two tales takes place in the night mail from Edinburgh. Ernest Blake is the hero whose name furnishes the title to the story, and he is journeying from the Scottish capital to London in order to spend Christmas with his sisters. His fellow-passengers quit the train at Newcastle, and he is anticipating the pleasure of being alone for the rest of the journey, when a gentleman and a lady enter the compartment. The former, we are told, turns out to be a barrister, and he is described as "tall and commanding in figure, with hair and beard like Hamlet's father, 'a sable silvered,' and with a *tout ensemble* that bespoke high breeding." The young lady is named Annie, and proves to be his daughter. She has "sweet blue eyes and lovely Grecian features, dainty hands and charming figure," but "there was a certain pallor on her cheeks that made me sigh for her, and at times a haggard expression about the face, which spoke of frequent pain, and sometimes agony." As Mr. Ernest Blake is one of those keen-sighted, impertinently curious persons whom it is a nuisance to travel with, we are not surprised he should say, "I noticed all this in a glance, and it was quite sufficient to interest me in the young lady and her father, and I think we all improved upon acquaintance." At York, Miss Vernon—for the enquiring Blake had already learned the name of his fellow-travellers from the labels on their luggage—complains of neuralgia, and this nuisance of what we must call a hero asks permission to throw her into a magnetic sleep. Mr. Vernon and the daughter consent, and Mr. Blake commences operations, remarking, *en passant*, "it was wonderful how friendly we had become within the last hour or two; but, then, you see, we had been talking all the way down from Newcastle, and had become quite intimate already." As he sits "gazing earnestly and fixedly into Annie's sweet blue eyes"—pretty well for a two hours' acquaintance!—and produces the promised effects, it then occurs to him that Miss Vernon is a fair subject for further experiments, and he succeeds in illustrating her powers of clairvoyance. She proclaims her father Lord Vernon, and declares that the documents necessary to establish his claim to that title are lying at the family solicitors. He then practises a little further, for his own benefit, and learns a little about the future relations between himself and a certain young lady, and having done this permits Miss Vernon to pass the rest of the journey in undisturbed repose. In the sequel Mr. Vernon makes good his title to be Lord Vernon of Wye, while Mr. Blake's suit for the hand of Miss De Courcy, the lady about whom he had consulted the fair clairvoyante, is summarily cut short by her engagement to Captain Vesey. In the fourth tale, which is told on Christmas Day, by Uncle Archdale, the first important incident introduces to us Uncle Archdale, at the time a young lad of eighteen, proposing to a Miss Millicent in a stage coach, the young lady's aunt being seated by her side. The refusal disgusts him, so that he determines on breaking the journey at Reading. But a certain *prévoyance* of evil induces him to take a light trap, for the coachman is drunk and the road dangerous. He arrives in time to prevent a catastrophe, but Milly breaks her arm, and he takes her and her aunt back to the inn at Reading. Here, while the ladies are waiting to be conveyed home, he spends the happiest days of his life, and he finds himself more in love than ever, but Milly is only grateful. Young Archdale in time reaches London and walks the hospitals, residing at a Mrs. Wingrove's in Bloomsbury. Miss Kate Wingrove is held to be a good subject for mesmeric experiments, and the way in which she is made to subserve the purposes of the medical student is most inhuman. Moreover, we are asked to believe that a poor young clairvoyante can be made to haunt, literally to the death, a clergyman in a remote part of the country, who is engaged to be married to Millicent, and whom the vulgar experimenter has never seen. Millicent too dies, and her wraith appears to Archdale at the very moment of her death. To ask people who are sane to imagine it possible that the exercise of a mesmerist's will on the subject of his experiment will drive a third and unknown person into his grave is too atrocious. The last tale, entitled "Hopelessly," is inexpressively vulgar in its tone. Thus, Frank Ashburn calls at his friend Major Raymond's rooms, but is told by the servant that he is out. "'Pretty looking sort of piece of goods, if she were only washed,' Frank thinks, as he surveys the servant, who is

surprising that his friend should not have found him in. This Madge, albeit the nephew of the wealthy town clerk of Morton, is a cad, as the following ejaculations during his unlooked for journey will show. He has nearly slipped in his attempt to reach the top of the carriage—

"By Jove, I was nearly done for, that time. I wonder if I ever shall get home again. Here's a pretty go" our hero ejaculated . . .

"Hollo, here's a tunnel. I suppose I must duck," and down he bends . . . .

"Not a tunnel after all, only a viaduct. I needn't have ducked for that, unless to learn the via. That's a pun, by the way." . . .

Further on, in passing through a tunnel, he "ducks," but his stick is smashed, and we read—

"'Confound it,' the young gentleman says, as he observes this, 'got smashed because I stuck it upright in that pepper castor. Let's see what the height of the thing would be beside me. By Jove, only half an inch difference between us. So! I suppose if I had not seen the tunnel, and bobbed down in time, my head would have been smashed. Hang it all, I am getting tired of this lark. I wonder how long it's going to last, and where the dickens I am going to. I'll try what a cigar will do. What a fool I was not to think of that before. Its confoundedly cold.'"

The class of people to which this precious specimen of an Englishman belongs would have been in a state of the most abject terror at their position, instead of uttering all this vulgar bravado. One more excerpt, and we have done with this tale, which is rightly named "Hopelessly," seeing that it is *hopelessly*, irretrievably bad. Mr. Madge goes to Killarney to recover his health after the fever consequent on his mad ride. A party of Irish gentlefolk take up their quarters at the same hotel, and Madge writes to his friend Ashburn, *inter alia*, "the Irish ladies are very nice, and May Edwardes is the most fascinating little piece of goods I ever met. So much for her. The old fellow"—an Irish baronet of Charles I.'s creation—was very jolly and agreeable." Bro. Holmes must have borrowed his ideas of English and Irish gentlefolk from the loafers who hang about the Customs' wharves. There is but one portion of the tale the truth of which we recognise, and that is where Madge remarks, "I'm no great catch, and our family never were anybody," and a little farther on, "We are nobody, you know. I doubt if I ever had a grandfather." Bro. Holmes ought not to have made a hero of a nobody who is so intensely caddish. We have now brought our remarks on the Tales to a close, and we shall content ourselves with adding that, if the author's claims to literary distinction rest on such writings as these, he will do well to abandon all further connection with literature, except with periodicals such as "Reynold's Miscellany" and the "Illustrated Police News." It is only necessary he should introduce some blood and thunder, a due proportion of cursing and all kinds of blasphemy, with other equally unsavoury ingredients, and we cannot picture to ourselves a class of writing that would be more acceptable to that class of journal. "Hopelessly, irremediably vulgar" is the verdict we have arrived at as to these stories.

The Poems are harmless in sentiment, and in this respect they have the advantage over the Tales, which, as we have shown, are not calculated to promote sentiment. But it is a misnomer to call them Poems. They are, we admit, arranged in verses—the ordinary four line, alternately rhyming, sing-song stanza so familiar to students of Sternhold and Hopkins, and Dr. Watts. They can only be regarded as very ordinary prose in the garb of poetry. Let us quote a stanza or two at random, from "Only a Christmas Rose."

"This little minist'ring angel who trod the path
Of life and of duty in so pure a way,
Shamed me out myself, and thoughts of the aftermath
Came to me, and shall stay by me alway."

A little further on, and there occurs the following:—

"Well now she has promised some day that is far away,
If I will wait for her, she will be mine;
But father is old, and him she must still obey,
Till the death angel comes in his own time."

And again—

"'Good bye, come and see me once more ere you leave us,
Father will gladly your friendship accept;
And when you come again, oh, do not grieve us':—
My poor little maiden said no more, but wept."

We have no manner of doubt there be some who will regard the poetic effusions in this volume with a certain amount of admiration; but, for all this, we do not think that Tennyson, Swinburne, Morris, and the other poets of the day need have any fear that their laurels will be snatched from them by Bro. Holmes. His half-dozen specimens of versification are unworthy of ranking with an inferior set of school verses. The "Masonic Papers" are still more disappointing. Finding nothing of merit in the "Tales" and "Poems," we naturally looked forward to something worth reading in the Masonic portion of the volume. Surely, thought we, one who has been a Craftsman for sixteen years, and ranks as a 30° man, will know how to deal with a simple Masonic paper or two. But no! The three papers are merely sundry notes on the old Minute Books of British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich, A.D. 1762, but the notes are written so carelessly, there are so many needless digressions, so many repetitions—in short, the papers are written in a style so slovenly, that the interest aroused in us by the events which are noted is lost in the overwhelming sense of regret, that a man who is so utterly ignorant of the duties of a literary analyst should have ventured on such a task. The composition is disjointed, and the comments feeble; in short, even in so simple a matter as describing the contents of certain Minute Books, Bro. Holmes is found wanting. Had he transcribed the contents and said nothing, he would have done better. Then we could have formed a judgment of our own. Now the original notes

It pains us to write, as we have written, most excellent member of the circle in critics, resolved to fulfil our duty honestly, pronounce the Papers and Poems contained contempt. We have read the whole, in the thing we could justly bestow a word of p found nothing. As the profits of the book charitable purpose, we earnestly advise our r of the book—which is only half-a-crown—implore them under no circumstance to be si time in reading it.

The Moonraker. A Story of Australian Life dore. London: Remington and Co., 5, W.C. 1877.

We are not favourably impressed with Mr. I is faulty in construction. The several ch portion of the volume have but little to conn scene lies at Uphill, Baconshire, and the f who would have behaved better had he occa form the chief incidents of the story. In di conducted boy named Edward Ford are fit being consigned to a former inhabitant of the who is living and doing well in the bush. imagined. Young Ford makes his way in t home to soothe the declining years of his Johnson, the unruly boy, falls a victim to his ing animals, is thrown from his horse against stantaneously. The pith of the story might an eight-page tract, or even the half of one. dreariest reading imaginable. As for the c title and the story, we see none whatever. called Moonshine, or Sunshine, or by another priately. We do not know the cost of the should be sorry to lay out sixpence in purcha dore's attempt at writing must be set down plete failure; his book is words, and nothing

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THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S C

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I presume that different modes of procedure in balloting for can of no law, written or unwritten, which could com the result of the ballot to the Lodge, for the an is absolute. I find, however, in Oliver's *Mas* statement to the effect that a clause was forme bye-laws of Lodges which provided that "wher posed to become a member, or any person to be appear, upon casting up the ballot, that he is r *visiting Brother shall discover, by any means persons were that opposed his election, under th ever expelled the Lodge*, if a member, and if a vi being never more admitted as a visitor, or becon immediately after a negative passes on any pers the Master shall cause this law to be rea present may plead ignorance." Now it is a man cannot divulge what he does not know this law, it would be known among those present time of the ballot, who had opposed the electio and in such case it would be impossible for the B exact reverse of the truth, as in the instances CONSTANT READER." As to the circumstances st pondent, and assuming that he has been righ impossible to condemn too strongly the condu affirming a *lie*. I think it would be only a matte rather I consider it is the duty of some member o to, to bring so flagrant a case of dishonest condu of General Purposes. I know nothing, have he matter, except from your correspondent's letter.

I am, dear sir and br

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WHICH IS CORRECT

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Now that we have f dull season, when there is an absolute dearth of editors of every class of journal are at their wits usual quantum of matter, would it not be as well i cussions, "Which is Correct?" so well inaugurate by "P.M. P.Z."

a manner as to veil sufficiently what should remain a mystery e outer world, it seems to me there is no more suitable medium the interchange of rival opinions and interpretations than columns of the CHRONICLE. I shall be happy to take my part in such discussion, but I do not feel myself strong enough or old gh as a Mason to lead the way. This I leave to some such emi- authority as "P.M., P.Z.," and I hope he will be able to act on suggestion I am now making. But if his engagements are likely revent him just now engaging in such friendly passages of argu- t, perhaps some other skilled member of our Society will kindly ate a friendly controversy which will educe opinions from our most ed authorities, and at the same time prove interesting to the ral body of your readers. I subscribe myself,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have no doubt many of my subscribers intending purchasers are losing patience at the delay in the pub- ion of the Installation Engraving. Permit me the use of your nns to inform them not an hour has been lost in putting in the ts of light and shade, &c., on the plate, on which the engraver been working incessantly ever since the notice of the last proof ared in your columns in May last. I have this day received a r from the engraver, asking me to go to Paris to inspect the last final proof, preparatory to his handing me over the finished plate. find no alteration or retouchings are required, the plate will be e hands of Messrs. McQueen, the printers, of Tottenham-court- , by the first week in September, when we shall commence issuing ts.

I am, dear sir and brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

3 Regent-street, EDWD. J. HARTY.
16th August 1877.

A RARE FIND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may interest Masonic collectors to r that I have by chance got hold of another copy of the very ce engraving entitled "Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, ." It is a good impression, but has two slight stains on the gin. This print was fully described in your issue No. 5, Vol. I.

Yours faithfully,

W. SPENCER.

Great Queen-street,
14th August 1877.

slight mistake has been unintentionally committed by contemporary, the *Keystone*. The review of the new ion of "Masonic Minstrelsy," recently published by srs. Spencer and Co., appeared in these columns, and in those of the journal to which it is attributed in the of our Philadelphian friend on the 4th instant.

'e learn from the same source that the Palestine Com- dery, No. 18, of New York City, accompanied by the l of the 71st Regiment, made a pilgrimage to Newport, de Island, on the 24th ult., where they found the res of the Washington Commandery, No. 4, of the r city, awaiting their arrival. Having marched to the lence of the Hon. William Beach Lawrence, they were essed in eloquent terms by Sir Knight Isaac Lawrence. ernor Von Zandt, who was then introduced to the ors, acknowledged the compliment paid him in very itous terms, and Commander Sir Henry V. Myers, he Palestine Commandery, also delivered a speech. part of the programme being concluded, the iren sat down to a splendid collation, furnished by Lawrence, Governor Van Zandt occupying one end of able, and Sir Knight Myers the other. Sir Knight id Stevens was in his place at the head of the hington Commandery, and there was also present the . Bro. C. R. Cutler, Grand Master of Masons in de Island.

he *Hebrew Leader* announces that the rival branches of Order of the Red Cross of Constantine held a meeting ochester, New York, on the 20th ult., when a Sovereign nd Imperial Council was united and organised, C. F. pp, of Pennsylvania being chosen Sovereign Grand ter, and General Alfred Creigh, also of Pennsylvania, nd Registrar. The same journal states that it is the

addressed to all its subordinate Lodges, and furnishing information as to all who have been suspended, expelled, dropped, rejected, or reinstated during the preceding month, by the several Lodges within the jurisdiction.

We note with pleasure that steps are being taken by the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead, with a view to forming an "Industry Masonic Hall Company, Limited," so that the Lodge may have its own premises, and be independent of taverns and hotels, when engaged in their Masonic duties. It seems that the Hall, which was the property of the "Gateshead Masonic Hall Company, Limited," has lately been sold to such advantage that it is believed the whole of the original capital will be returned to the shareholders, and that there will also be a considerable surplus to divide among them as interest. A number of the shareholders in the old company have already agreed to transfer the original amount of their shares to the company now in course of formation, while others, who have not felt at liberty to aid the new venture to the full extent of their shares in the old company, have expressed themselves as willing to subscribe for a number of £1 shares. Negociations are in progress for the purpose of obtaining an eligible site, and upwards of 600 £1 shares are already taken. An influential committee has been temporarily formed, consisting of Bros. D. Sinclair W.M., M. Corbitt and R. Whitfield Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and several Past Masters and members of the Lodge of Industry, and they express a hope that when the project becomes known, other zealous and influential brethren will allow their names to be added to the committee. We are only too pleased to have an opportunity of giving publicity to so admirable a scheme. It is, of course, out of the question that every Lodge should have its Hall; but where a Lodge feels itself strong enough to incur the expense, it is desirable that one should be erected or purchased, and devoted solely to the purposes of Freemasonry. Our brethren of the Lodge of Industry have our heartiest good wishes for their success.

Now that we are in the height of the Excursion Season, and the Railway Companies have made their usual arrangements for the convenience of the public, we would call attention to one provision of the London and North Western Company, by which people will be enabled to make a nine days' trip to Edinburgh and Glasgow, extending over nine days, commencing from the 21st, and terminating on the 29th inst., both days inclusive. The tariff of fares is very modest, the charge from Euston being fixed at 60s first class, and 30s third class, with an additional sixpence in each case from Broad Street, Dalston, Victoria, Clapham Junction, Battersea, Chelsea, and West Brompton. An opportunity like this for visiting the capital and chief manufacturing and commercial city of Scotland is not often presented, and any who have not made arrangements for a holiday trip will do well to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The report of the Directors of the Freemasons' Hall Company, which was unanimously adopted at the thirteenth annual general meeting, stated that the expectations of the directors, which were expressed at the last meeting, had been fully realised. The able management of Bro. E. Dawkins had resulted, not only in the extension of the business of the Tavern, but had also given unqualified satisfaction to its numerous patrons. There was to the credit of the Company a profit of £640, showing a net increase over the previous year's working of £2,000. The balance was carried over to the profit and loss account of former years. The death of their esteemed colleague, Bro. J. C. Daniel, was announced. He had been connected with the Company since its formation. Mr. C. E. Amos was elected in his stead. Bros. Dumas and C. Lawley C.C. retiring directors offered themselves, and were re-elected. Messrs. H. Chatteris and B. Baker were re-elected auditors.

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OUR WEEKLY BUD

TUESDAY witnessed the close of a long be memorable in Parliament the number and quality of the measures magnificent displays of oratory such as various times, but for vexatious waste of t or three obstructive Irish members. Fo were elected members of Parliament, t their duty to observe the rules and r assembly to which they belonged. There sions on which the passage of sundry m delayed, but these were in times of gre ment, and the delays were caused by an O able in numbers, and representing the op and influential section of the community. the old Reform Bill days, party feeling r Opposition, which represented a considera persistent. The House of Commons sat la innumerable divisions, the non-Reforme every clause with dogged obstinacy. Bu that has been offered by the Obstructives is of the most wanton character. It is i the half-dozen members who constitute th represent only themselves. They hav rebuked by the leader of the Irish National have no policy. The measures they ha admittedly measures of great public utilit nine hundredths of the nation recognise as and necessary; yet this miserable clique h almost throw our whole Parliamentary syst and the country which has always boasted of its constitutional government has lately bee stock of the world. It is this which will m of 1877 memorable in our Parliamentary anna it were in our power to say that it is a fact commemorated. But to note the events days of the Session. On Thursday the Lor long sitting. The amendments of the C South Africa Bill were considered and a Lords' amendments to the Universities of Ox bridge Bill were not insisted upon. Th Salisbury then moved the second reading of Loan Bill, which will enable the Governm loan of five millions, with the object of m expenditure principally connected with t that part of our Empire. The second agreed to, and the Bill was afterwards p Committee. The Prisons (Scotland) Bill an Stock Bill were also read a second time. L field having offered a few remarks, showi which the Government have resolved to follo Russo-Turkish War, the House adjourned. the Commons' amendments to the Metropolit provements Bill were agreed to, after some r Viscount Hardinge and two or three other Fisheries (Dynamite) Bill was read a second t after which the House rose, and met again on two o'clock, and furthered the progress measures. On Monday, the Consolidated Fun ation) Bill was read a second time, and the sta being suspended, was passed through its rema Various subjects, among them the Control of politan Police and the efficiency of that body, we The House met on Tuesday, at two o'clock fourth Session of the present Parliament was close by Royal Commission, the Lord Co being the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Ric Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of and Lord Skelmersdale. The Commons, bea

an usual. Her Majesty having indicated the policy she tends to observe towards Russia and Turkey, and having anked the Commons for their liberal supplies, briefly ted the principal measures which have become law during e Session, and then bade them farewell for a season, Par- ment being formally prorogued till the 30th October.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, one of the new les of the House was enforced for the first time, the ending member being Mr. Whalley. The honourable ntleman having refused to obey the ruling of the chair, e Chancellor of the Exchequer moved that he be not ard, and the motion was agreed to unanimously. The piring Laws Continuance Bill was read a second time, d so was the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, a g debate on the policy of the country in Central Asia being ised on the latter motion. Mr. Duffy, Lord George Hamil- n, the Marquis of Hartington, and the Chancellor of the chequer, were the principal speakers. The Turnpike ts Continuance Bill passed through Committee, though position was offered and several divisions took place on ndry of the clauses. The Colorado Beetle Bill was ought in and read a first time. On Friday, a letter of ology was read from Sir James Elphinstone, with- awing an expression he had used with reference to e Irish Obstructives, and expressing regret for ving used it. Mr. Monk, having put a question as to ether the temporary occupation of Constantinople by ssian troops would cause a rupture in the friendly rela- ns between this country and Russia, the Chancellor of e Exchequer declined to answer it. Subsequently, on e motion for going into Committee on the Appropriation ll, after Mr. Callan had called attention to the condition the agricultural labourers in Ireland, Mr. Monk again e and re-submitted his question in a more formal manner. D. Wolff and Mr. Forster having interposed with a few marks, the Chancellor again, and still more emphatically, clined to answer. The Appropriation Bill then passed rough Committee, and so did other measures. The lorado Beetle Bill was read a second time, some time er which the house was counted out. At the sitting on turday, on the motion for the third reading of the Appro- ation Bill, the action between the Peruvian ironclad, the ascar, and our Shah and Amethyst, was discussed at ne length, Sir W. Harcourt and the Attorney-General ng the principal speakers. An unsuccessful attempt was de by Mr. Fawcett to fetter the free action of the vernment in the Eastern crisis, after which the remain- business of the Session was despatched. On Monday, re was no meeting, and on Tuesday, after a few ques- is had been asked and answered, the House was sum- ned to the Lords' House to hear the Queen's Speech. returning to the House, the Speaker re-read the ech, and then, amid general hand-shaking, the members persed for the Session. On Monday two new members e returned—namely, Lord Burghley, by a large majority, place of the late Mr. Ward Hunt, and Sir Bryan oghlen in succession to his late brother, Sir Colman oghlen.

In Friday, the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklen- gh-Strelitz visited the Queen at Osborne. On Saturday, Majesty inspected the ironclad Thunderer, being con- ted over it by Captain Wilson. On Monday, she held ouncil, at which the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord Chamberlain, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, and Right Hon. G. Sclater-Booth were present. The Earl oventry, and Mr. W. H. Smith, the new First Lord of Admiralty, who has been returned again for Westmin- without opposition, were sworn in as members of the y Council. Subsequently, Mr. Holmes, our Consul at ania, and three officers of the navy were introduced had the honour of knighthood conferred upon them. Tuesday, the Queen held a private investiture of the ers of the Bath and Star of India, when several ghts Grand Cross and Knights Commander of the ter, and certain Knights Commander of the latter, ived the insignia at the hands of their Sovereign. r the ceremony was over, luncheon was served in a upon the lawn, the band of the 19th Regiment playing tervals during the repast.

n Monday, the Prince of Wales went on board the nderer, and thoroughly inspected the ship. The guns fired, and indeed the Prince himself fired a double

at Marlborough House. Her Royal Highness was in wait- ing at the station, and was most affectionately greeted by her father on alighting. On Saturday, the Prince and Princess Christian presided at a Forester's *fête* in Windsor Park, and at the end the Princess gave away the prizes to the winners.

The usual Ministerial Whitebait dinner was not held this year, out of repect to the memory of the late lamented Mr. Ward Hunt. For a season, the Cabinet will enjoy a term of repose; but the Premier and Foreign Secretary will not, for the present, leave town, while the other Ministers, though dispersed to various parts of the country, hold themselves in readiness to assemble at short notice. The Hon. Mr. Stanley has succeeded Mr. Smith, as financial Secretary of the Treasury, while the choice of the latter gentleman as successor to Mr. Hunt has been very generally approved. Mr. Smith's knowledge of naval matters may be infinitesimally small, but he is known to be a good man of business. He is not much of a speaker, but he is a capital worker, and no doubt he will preside very effectively over the Navy. It is satisfactory, at all events, to know that we have a good man of business filling so important an office at this critical juncture.

The Commission of Inquiry to whom the Home Secre- tary delegated the task of overhauling the administration of Christ's Hospital have delivered their report. It reads somewhat tamely, perhaps; nevertheless it is eminently satisfactory in so far as it shows, on the clearest evidence, that the unfortunate boy Gibbs, who committed suicide, was not driven to take that step by the harshness of the authorities or the ill-treatment of his monitor. It is also proved that every change in the government of the school has tended in the direction of mildness, not severity. The system may, in former days, have erred on the side of harshness, but it certainly does not do so now. The average number of boys flogged by the masters is about four or five per annum, and the average flogged by order of the warden, who has charge of the discipline out of school —between six and seven. All floggings are carefully registered, and all canings ought likewise to be so. The Commission recommend that greater powers should be vested in the Head Master. They consider the monitorial system is indispensable under existing circumstances, but in the event of the school being moved into the country, then they think the Masters should look after the disci- pline as well as the education.

This month will see the close of the Cricket season proper, and the few remaining first class matches are being rapidly disposed of. Surrey has beaten Sussex in one innings, with ninety-two runs to spare, and Gloucester- shire has treated Notts similarly, with forty-five runs. This latter match proves that though Mr. W. H. Grace has not done much this season in the way of sensational scoring, he has proved himself an even greater adept than he was before with the ball. In the first innings of Notts he took nine out of the ten wickets, and in the second eight out of the nine that were bowled. In the latter innings he took seven wickets in ten overs and a ball, nine of them being maidens, and one run only being made. Altogether Mr. Grace bowled 76.1 overs, 36 maidens, 89 runs, and seventeen wickets—a feat which is very rarely accomplished against such a team as that of Notts.

The news, both from the Danube and Asia, shows that there has been some sharp fighting, but yet no considerable battle. Suleiman Pasha is slowly, but surely, making his way through the Balkans, in the direction of Tirnova. He is said to have inflicted two defeats on the Russians and their Bulgarian sympathisers, in one case as many as 500 men being killed, to say nothing of the wounded and missing. Rustchuk has been bombarded by the Russians, and Guirgevo by the Turks. Kustendjie has been aban- doned by the Russians and re-occupied by the Turks, but, generally speaking, the position may be regarded as one of expectancy. The Grand Duke Nicholas is anxiously await- ing the arrival of reinforcements. It is rumoured that he has only about 130,000 troops south of the Danube available for operations, and that no serious movement will be made till another 100,000 have reached him. These are being rapidly pushed forward, at the rate of a few thousand daily, among the reinforcements being the Imperial Guard, some 40,000 strong. The Turks are blamed by many for not attacking the enemy, and so following up the previous ad-

rests with the Turks, but we presume the Turkish generals know their own business best. They are not strong in officers, and they certainly fight better when on the defensive. All the notions which prevailed at the commencement of the campaign, to the effect that Russia would carry all before her, have proved erroneous. The Danube is crossed, but the Grand Duke seems to be in a quandary. His troops have been thrice most seriously repulsed at Plevna, and the Russophiles may say what they will, but an army of over 200,000 men, as the Russians are said to have been some time since, is not disorganised by the loss of some 8,000 or 10,000. We are inclined to believe that the earlier estimates of the Russian losses in the second battle of Plevna are more correct than the Grand Duke would care to admit. It may be speedily, or there may be a long delay, but some terrible fighting will take place on the Danube sooner or later, and it is by no means certain that victory will fall to the lot of the Russians. As regards Asia, Moukhtar Pasha continues to hold his advanced position, but a Russian force is said to be advancing towards Kars, so that we shall probably hear of more slaughter in this direction likewise. What further fighting is done this year, however, must be done speedily, as campaigning in Armenia when the snow is on the ground is out of the question. The political aspect of the war remains almost unchanged. There are many rumours as to the conduct of Servia, as to whether she will be mad enough to rush into war again or stay her hand, and do her best to recover from her defeat of last year. Doubts exist as to what Austria may do in the event of Russia marching her troops into Servia, or of this little principality arming; while this country is quietly strengthening its Mediterranean fleet in the event of any difficulties happening. The Agincourt is probably by this time in Besika Bay, and other big monsters are being fitted out, so that we can await the future with calmness. We have had our interests defined, and we do not mean to abandon them, if occasion should arise for asserting them against any power or powers in the world.

The General Committee of the Grand Lodge will meet at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., at six o'clock. The Lodge of Benevolence will also assemble.

The next Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th of September.

The members of the Grand Officers Mess will dine together at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 5th day of September, at five o'clock punctually.

A Warrant has been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master for a new Lodge to be entitled the "Evening Star." It is intended that the members of this Lodge shall be Directors, Secretaries, Engineers or Managers of Gas Works, and all who join must be directly or indirectly connected with Gas Companies. The meetings will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, and from the names of those who are associated as the founders we anticipate a course of prosperity for the new Lodge. The consecration, we believe, is fixed for the 28th inst.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held at the Guildhall, Devonport, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held on the 18th of September, at the Royal Pavilion, under the presidency of Bro. Sir W. Burrell. The newly installed R.W. Provincial G.M. will be assisted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Scott, and Bro. Freeman P.G. Secretary.

Bro. J. Edward Curtois P.M. 189, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Devon, has been elected Clerk to the East Stonehouse Local Board of Health.

The members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. The time for opening Lodge, as heretofore, will be 7 p.m. each Tuesday evening. Bro. Wellington will continue

Old Warrants

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No. 82.

No. 303, "Ancients;" No. 386 A.D. 1814, No. 26
No. 221 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM DICKEY, D.G.M.

JOSEPH BROWNE, S.G.W. GEORGE

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient a
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according
stitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince
Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and
Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six
assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Hono
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Right Worshipful George Bowen, Esq., Junior Grand
the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodg
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authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved
The Worshipful John O'Neal one of our Master Masons,
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and Well-beloved Brethren, John O'Neal, Daniel Cai
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nate, choose, and install their Successors, to whom they
this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and
Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner

is Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all eir Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful and Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, is 15th day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven ndred Ninety and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Four usand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven.

[SEAL OF THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.] [SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE.]

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

DIE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 10, Letter K.

e present title, No., &c. are, The St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton.

NOTE.—We have been able to supply much of the text of the fore- ing Warrant, which was rendered illegible by damp, and thus ve succeeded in presenting to our readers a complete transcript, ubtless as much to the satisfaction of the members of the Lodge to ourselves.

JOHN CONSTABLE.

No. 83.

. 147, "Ancients;" No. 179 A.D. 1814, No. 190 A.D. 1832, and No. 113 from A.D. 1863.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

WE,

PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH,
(DUKE OF SUSSEX).

rl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

the most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

ND GREETING.

WHEREAS it appears, by the Records of our Grand Lodge, that a arrant, bearing date the 17th day of July 1767, was given under Seal of Masonry, authorising certain Brethren therein named to en and hold a Lodge of Free Masons, at Bridgnorth, in the County Salop, and which was then No. 147. And whereas, on the 13th of rch 1812, the said Warrant was transferred to the Brethren of Third Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia, to be held as a litary Lodge in the said Regiment. And whereas, by "the Union" the said Fraternity of Masons on the 27th of December 1813, the d Lodge became No. 179. And whereas the Brethren composing said Lodge have, by their memorial, represented to us that they now residing in, or near, the town of Preston, in the County of caster, and that it would tend to the advantage of the said Lodge, to the convenience of its individual members, if the said Military rrant was exchanged for a Civil Warrant, and they have accord- ly surrendered up the said Military Warrant. Now Know ye t we, having taken the subject into our serious consideration, and ng satisfied with the reasonableness of the request, and from the fidence reposed in the Brethren, do hereby grant this, our Warrant Confirmation and Consolidation, unto our Right Trusty and Well- oved Brethren, James Crompton, William Branson, William ndy, Thomas Pollard, John Isherwood-Aspinall, Thomas Barnes, horising and empowering them, and their Successors, to assemble hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the Old Legs of n Inn, in the town of Preston aforesaid, under the title and denomination of

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on the first Monday in each month, and at such other times as said Brethren may appoint and appear necessary, and there, when y congregated, to initiate, pass, and raise Free Masons, according he Antient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations through- the world. And further, on the petition of the said Brethren, we appoint the said James Crompton to be the Master, the said liam Branson to be the Senior Warden, and the said William ndy to be the Junior Warden, and who are to continue in office il such time only as another Master be duly elected and installed, other Wardens duly appointed, in conformity with the Laws of Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the nities and powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the eral Register of Grand Lodge No. 179. And we do require you said James Crompton, and your Successors, to take especial care t all and every the said brethren are, and have been, regularly le Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of said Lodge, do observe, perform, and keep the said Laws, Rules Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others 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 us, or our Successors, Grand Masters, or to 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 Constitution, 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 James Crompton, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, the 20th day of August, A.L. 5823, A.D. 1823.

By Command of the M.W.G.M.

J. DOILE, D.G.M.

William Hy. White, Edwd. Harper } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston.

THE ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

ONE of the most enjoyable gatherings of Freemasons was held on Saturday last, when the members of the London Branch of the Order of St. Lawrence assembled at their quarters, 2 Red Lion-square, and Bro. Walter Spencer was installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen W.M. presided. There was a very full attendance of officers and members, including, among others, Bros. C. F. Matier P.M., S. Rosenthal J.W., Captain Philips S.D., Dr. Hamilton, John Constable, W. Roebuck, J. L. Thomas, D. M. Dewar, J. W. Macartney, M.P., and Major Shadwell Clerke. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Colonel Burney, W. A. Barrett, and S. Rawson Past District Grand Master of China, were initiated into the mysteries of the degree. The ceremony of installation was then performed, and Bro. Spencer having been inducted into the chair, appointed the following as his officers for the year, namely, Bros. S. Rosenthal S.W., Captain Philips J.W., Major G. Barlow S.D., Stephen C. Dibden J.D., F. Binckes P.M. Secretary, W. Roebuck P.M. Treas., D. M. Dewar I.G., and J. Constable Steward. Bro. Pullen was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge in token of the eminent services he had rendered during his year of office. Bro. Frederick Davison having been elected a joining member, and Bro. C. F. Matier having delivered an address in exposition of the mysteries of the degree, and the other business of the meeting having been concluded, the Lodge was closed. We regret to say that Bro. Spencer's presence was unavoidably shortened, and that he had to leave the chair as soon as possible after his installation, owing to the very serious illness of his wife, and both in the Lodge and at the banquet, which followed, the expressions of regret were as intense as they were unanimous. The business of the day being thus ended, several of the members set off for King's Cross Station, and took train for the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, where it had been arranged that the installation banquet should be held. Arrived there, they were joined by a party of ladies, consisting of Mrs. Matier and the four Misses Binckes. In the absence of the Master, the chair was taken by Bro. Hyde Pullen, while Bro. Binckes P.M. supported by Bro. Matier P.M. occupied the Vice-chair. On the removal of the cloth, a select list of toasts was proposed and suitably honoured, those of the Queen and the Prince of Wales, with the other members of the Royal Family, necessarily taking precedence. In proposing the health of the new Master, Bro. Pullen reiterated the regrets which had previously been uttered in the Lodge, at Bro. Spencer's enforced absence, and the circumstances which had caused it. He spoke in the warmest terms of his fitness for the office to which he had that day been appointed, and of the qualities by which during the whole of his long and varied career abroad and at home he had been distinguished. The toast having been duly honoured, that of Bro. Pullen was proposed by Bro. Binckes, and, in doing so, the latter expressed the pleasure it gave him to know that Bro. Pullen's services to the Lodge had been suitably acknowledged that day by the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel. Bro. Pullen expressed his thanks for the terms in which his health had been proposed and the cordial manner in which it had been received, and concluded an effective speech by proposing the health of Bro. Binckes, who had presided as the first W.M. of the Lodge. The other toasts included those of Bro. C. F. Matier and the ladies, the honour of submitting the latter to the notice of the guests being assigned to Bro. Macartney, who discharged the office most admirably. The pleasure of the evening was materially enhanced by a selection of music, three of Bro. Binckes's daughters very kindly tendering their services for the purpose. The several pieces were rendered with exquisite taste and feeling, and the applause with which they were severally greeted showed how highly the efforts of these young ladies were appreciated. After witnessing

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 18th AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 20th AUGUST.

Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Fembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
531—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1502—Isaac, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
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.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Rise, S.W.
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.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
463—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

General Committee Grand Lodge, and of Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
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.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1335—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

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.)
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.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 8.30.)

214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Bidley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY, 24th AUGUST.

House Committee, Boys' School, 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.)
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, 165 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.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 25th AUGUST.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

806—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.
803—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
807—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Brid
406—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, St
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, De

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Mor
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermi

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
632—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Shef

SATURDAY.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, M
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETIN(

Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198.—This Emergency meeting on Friday, the 10th inst., at Hotel, Croydon. Present—Bros. George Yaxley P.(G.M.O. W.M., the V.W. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. act Close S.W., T. Poore acting J.W., Legg Prov. G. St Nichols S.O., Brown J.O., H. A. Pocock Prov. G.I Dickens Treas., James Stevens P.G.J.O. acting S.D., as J.D., Haynes I.G., Ridge Org. and other member meeting in July having been adjourned for the purp the members to attend the late Provincial Grand M business of this evening was made emergent, in the the attendance of several candidates, but althou nominated for the ballot, business and country engage but one away. Bro. Dr. T. R. Adams, of St. Mary' however, in attendance, and the ballot in his favour was advanced with full working ceremony. Nothing f the Lodge was closed, and refreshment followed la enjoyable evening, enlivened by toast and song, and t of duty in aid of charity, passed all too soon, and wa conclusion amidst the clangour of the railway bell, c ration until November next.

Royal York Lodge, No. 315.—The regular r Lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Royal Pav Bros. S. J. Foat W.M., A. J. Hawkes S.W., C. W. Hud Sec., Stride S.D., G. Nash J.D., Chandler I.G., and Nell I.P.M., C. Sandeman, Eberall, and Stride; I Gates, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes w The business consisted of passing Bro. Anderson. T then closed until the 1st Tuesday in September.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday the 10 at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edg Present:—Bros. Evans W.M., G. West S.W., J. C. Brown Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Parsons S.D., Hall son I.G.; Bros. F. G. Baker P.M., Tribbel, Kennard, &c. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree. The read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the cerem tion, for the first time, with considerable ability and Bro. Passingham being the candidate. The Preceptor forth worked the first section of the lecture assisted by also the second section. Bro. P. M. Baker then work section. Bro. Rudderforth proposed and Bro. Brown s it was unanimously carried, that Bro. Baker P.M. and an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro ham was elected a member. A vote of thanks was pa Evans, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able man he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. Bro. West was c for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 78 usual meeting on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Star and Bridge. Present—Bros. Beasley P.M. W.M. and Sec., K Gardiner P.M. J.W., Tucker Treasurer, Seward S.D., Co Gomm, Newman, and others. Business—The Lodge wa due form at 7.50 p.m., after the minutes of the last meeti confirmed, the Lodge was opened to third degree, and the first, when Bro. Costello was initiated, and Bro. Sew to the second degree, with great care and ability, by Bro. E W.M. whose impressive manner [illegible]

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of what can be accomplished by unremitting care and application. A vote of thanks was proposed and passed unanimously by the brethren present to Bro. Beasley for the instruction he had afforded them. It was also unanimously agreed that this Lodge of Instruction subscribe to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, it being recognised as an element of great importance in forwarding the interests of Freemasonry.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The members of the above Lodge met at the Royal Edward, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 7 p.m., and thence proceeded to the Sisters' Tavern, Townsall-road, Dalston. The party consisted of the Preceptor, Bros. Wallington P.M., Ashburner P.M., Dallas, Allen, Barker, Webster, Johnson, Smith, Defries, and Weige. It was then resolved to meet in future at the last-named house. The first gathering will take place on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 7 p.m. precisely; Bro. Terry will be invited to work the consecration ceremony, and Bro. Wallington will act as Installing Master; we hope there will be a good attendance. The Lodge room is a very convenient one, and we feel glad that the brethren have found such comfortable quarters. They were compelled to leave their old place of meeting at very short notice, in consequence of the new proprietors requiring the room. Members of the Lodge will please notice the alteration of address.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227. — Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 10th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Cave jun. S.W., Townsend J.W., Simmonds S.D., Cleverley J.D., Lane I.G., Crouch, Bolton, Campbell, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Campbell answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual correct manner. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when the W.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cave was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday the 17th inst. at 8 p.m.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, York, when there was a large muster of the brethren. The business consisted of an initiation, after which the W.M. appointed Bro. T. Humphries to the office of assistant Secretary. The previous Tuesday having been the anniversary of the Consecration of the Lodge, the previous year, by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland, the occasion was celebrated by a supper, at which about twenty-five brethren sat down. The repast, an excellent one, was provided by Bro. H. Churchill, and the W.M. presided. After supper, and the usual Loyal Masonic toasts given, the W.M., in proposing prosperity to the Lodge, alluded to the success which had attended the formation and existence; this had far surpassed the utmost hopes of its projectors, and proved the necessity existing for a second Lodge in York. In giving the health of the newly initiated candidate, Bro. M. Varvile junior, the J.W. said that Bro. Varvill had been ordered to take a voyage to Australia, for the benefit of his health, and he felt sure that the step he had taken that night was a right one, and would be a great social benefit to him during his visit to the Antipodes. Bro. Varvill would convey to the Lodges of our noble colonies the fraternal good wishes of Eboracum 1611, and would find a hearty grip of friendship in every place he visited. The evening was much enlivened by the singing of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, A. T. B. Turner, and T. Humphries; Bro. Banks acted as pianoforte accompanyist.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at York, when in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. Balmford, the chair was ably filled by Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M., the remaining chairs being filled as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead S.W., Geo. Simpson as J.W., Garbutt Sec., M. Cooper M.O., J. Ward as S.O., A. T. B. Turner I.O., J. Hollins S.D., J. S. Cumberland J.D., J. Ayre I.G., J. Welfare Tyler. Bro. Bland, Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, balloted for at the last meeting, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M., after which the Senior Warden brought forward two resolutions of which he had given notice. The first was "that a Committee, consisting of the W.M., subscribing Part Masters, and Officers of the Lodge, be appointed to draw up a code of Bye Laws, and report at the next regular meeting;" and the second was "that the number of regular meetings of the Lodge to be held during the year be six instead of four as at present." Both these resolutions were carried. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous vote of the Lodge fell upon the S.W., Bro. T. B. Whytehead. Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M. was re-elected Treas., and two auditors were appointed; after which the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1472.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 10th August, at the Mitre, Golbourn-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Poulter S.W., Adkins J.W., Smout jun. Secretary, Hall Treasurer, Smout sen. S.D., Murlis P.M. J.D., Penn I.G., and Savage P.M. Preceptor. Amongst those present were Bros. Entwitz, Kelly, Newland, &c. Business—This Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, and is generally well attended, the members of the mother Lodge feel a special pride in being present to instruct their younger brethren, for which purpose Bro. Savage P.M., a very able Preceptor, attends at every meeting. On the present occasion Bro. Spiegel acted as W.M., and rehearsed the ceremony of initintion, Bro. Kelly being candidate. After opening to the 2nd degree, the ceremony of passing was re-

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MASONIC BALL.

A MASONIC BALL on St. John's Day having evidently become a fixed institution in Nelson, and looked forward to as such, the "Southern Star Lodge," 735 E.C., celebrated that occasion on Thursday night, the spacious Provincial Hall of the "peaceful city" being well filled, with a brilliant and cheerful company of dancers. The rooms were tastefully decorated with Masonic banners and emblems, the music inspiring, and the *coup d'état* of "Regalia," blue and silver, harmonising with the blue and silver uniforms of the officers and members of the Volunteer Artillery Company, who were guests, and the handsome dresses of the ladies, in which also *blue* was eminently prominent, was exceedingly effective and pleasing. The viands, which adorned the long tables in the Grand Jury Room, were, as usual, of the best, and nothing was wanting to render all pleasant—happy as a Masonic party should be. Bro. Dr. Boor W.M. acted as master of ceremonies, assisted by Bro. W. M. Stanton and Bro. Hooke as stewards,

"And all went merry as a marriage bell,"

until the light of returning morn closed the gay scene, when the dancers parted, in harmony.

The following, scribbled upon the back of a programme, was picked up in the Provincial Hall the following morning, by one who trod the deserted ball room:—

To——

"Dearest girl of my heart,
This morning we part
To meet in the whirl of the waltz never more;
For this reason, I'm thinking
The new-fangled rinking
In less than three months will have ruined the floor.

"AUTOLYCUS,"
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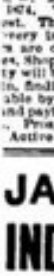
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We have planted our- successfully everywhere. Were the poles a reality, in the event of their being discovered, we should to find an Englishman, if not seated upon each, at ents in their immediate vicinity. We have no wish eak or even think disrespectfuly of the Equator, existence is, of course, purely imaginary; but it otherwise, were there a line marked precisely the globe, dividing it into equal portions, and were e traceable on the earth's surface, it is almost a cer- that at almost every degree, a thorough-going John r, perchance his cousin Brother Jonathan, would p. There used to a mode of expression in force the great American Civil War, about the irrepres- negro, but the irrepressibility of the negro is as g to that of the Englishman; and were it not me of our readers might charge us with speaking tly or irreverently, we should declare it impossible to in either the higher or the lower spiritual world t encountering an Englishman or one of his imme- indred races. However, it is no part of our duty to our frail bark on the stormy ocean of conjecture, suffice, therefore, if we say that there is hardly a pot on the surface of this mundane sphere of ours Englishmen have not explored. Nearly the whole th America is habited by our people. We have ted to the central regions of Africa. Englishmen it have discovered the sources of the Nile, who have ed Africa, approached the Poles, and peopled an- lands at the Antipodes. Wherever it is possible for live, thither we may be certain that Englishmen netrated and made for themselves a home. We rveyed mankind from China to Peru to some par- d many of our countrymen are indebted to the te love of travel which characterises us for the they have established. There occurs to us at the of writing a member of our Society who will before him had established in India and China. And travelling thus, from West to East, it is only natural he should seek instruction as well as business. And thus it is that having sailed for China in the year 1838, three years had hardly elapsed ere he sought initiation into our mysteries. It was at Calcutta, in the Lodge of Industry and Perseverance, now No. 109, that our respected brother first sought the light. This happened in 1841, and the year following, when visiting England, he was elected a joining member of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1. In due time he attained the highest honour it is in the power of a Lodge to confer on its worthiest members, and he now ranks as a Past Master, and further enjoys the honour of being the eldest son of the first, if not the oldest, Lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge. Having been initiated in the capital of the Bengal Presidency, he was exalted in that of Madras, and subsequently became a joining member of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259. When he made his second visit to China, in the year 1843, he devoted himself heart and soul to the study of Freemasonry. He took the deepest interest in its welfare, and it is chiefly through his instrumentality that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, of Shanghai, was established. We at home who read of a new Lodge being constituted every week of the year, may think lightly of the constitution of a new member of our Fraternity, but it is far otherwise in the remoter colonies and dependencies of our empire, where the consecration of a fresh Lodge is an event of the greatest importance. There the enthusiastic labours of our esteemed brother obtained for him a far wider reputation than he would have enjoyed as one of the founders of a new Lodge at home. Moreover, his zeal had its reward in a still more honourable manner, for in 1847 he was chosen to fill the important office of District Grand Master. With this he subsequently combined the position of Provincial Grand Superintendent. Having thus attained the highest honours which it is possible for an English Mason resident in foreign parts to attain, our worthy brother lost no opportunity of doing what lay in his power to promote still further the interests of Freemasonry, and in 1853 we read of him as playing the principal part in the important ceremonial of laying the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall at Hong Kong. This was done with Masonic honours, and, moreover, marks an epoch in the career of our brother of which he and the Fraternity at large have every reason to be proud. On this occasion he was presented with a magnificent testimonial, partly subscribed by the Hong Kong members, and taking the form of a splendid piece of Chinese silverwork, and partly by the Canton brethren, who contributed as their offering a valuable service of plate. These, however, are far from being the only distinctions he has won in the course of his career. He was advanced to the degree of Mark Mason in Hong Kong by some naval brethren, became Master of his Lodge, and in that capacity was instrumental in conferring the degree on many other brethren; but, on returning to England some time after, it was his misfortune to find that the honours he had received as a Mark Master Mason had been conferred irregularly. He, therefore, joined the Bon Accord Lodge in London, which was then working under a Warrant from the Bon Accord Chapter of Aberdeen, but which has since come under the jurisdiction of our English Mark Grand Lodge. Of this, which ranks as the premier Lodge on the Mark Grand Roll, our brother is at this moment the Wor-

Master Mason, to be Provincial Grand Mark Master of China, but, singular to say, his patent of appointment was only recently discovered among the Mark archives. In Templar Masonry he has won similar distinction. He was E. Commander of the Cross of Christ Encampment in the year when it changed its title to that of St. George. He was the founder of the Celestial Encampment at Shanghai, and has also served the important office of Provincial Grand Commander of China. On his leaving Shanghai, a grand banquet was given in his honour, and a valuable testimonial was presented to him by the Knights of the Province. Further, he has always taken a deep interest in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is one of the fortunate men on whom the rank of 33° has been conferred, the Eastern District being that over which he presides as Deputy Inspector General. He is Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Chapter, in London, of the Royal Order of Scotland, and it is only the other day that he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order of St. Lawrence. We must supplement this enumeration of the high distinctions he has had conferred upon him by stating that at the present time he is Treasurer of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, Z. elect of the Royal Arch Chapter connected with that Lodge, and likewise a member of the Studholme Chapter of Rose Croix.

So far we have given the several dignities which have been bestowed upon him, but it would be entirely wrong to suppose that our brother's sphere of usefulness has been confined to the government of Lodges, Chapters, or Provinces. This is a task which it is in the power of few to be able to discharge. Such high appointments are comparatively few in number, and, moreover, the qualities which a ruler should possess are not too commonly found. There is, however, one direction in which we can all render service of infinite value, and in this our worthy brother has not been found wanting. He has done his duty towards our central charitable institutions to this extent, that he is a Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and has served the office of steward to all of them, on several occasions. He has thus contributed of his own funds, and, moreover, has the satisfaction of knowing that he has been the means of inducing others to contribute of theirs. He also takes an active part in the government of these Institutions. He seldom allows a Committee to meet at which he is not present, and those who have seen him working hard, and with the zeal and energy of a beginner, have reason to be proud of a fraternity which includes such men as him. There is perhaps no amount of hard duty which he is not both willing and able to fulfil, even to the comparative'y thankless task of presiding as the scrutineer of votes at the elections to this or that Institution. It is not, indeed, so very long since a friend of ours most graphically described the subject of this portrait as counting and re-counting votes, examining, sorting, checking them, and directing and aiding his fellow scrutineers in their duties, with all the freshness, vigour and enthusiasm of a young and newly-made brother. And yet we must not lose sight of the fact that he is one of our Conscript Fathers, one who has served long and faithfully for over six-and-thirty years. He has probably seen more of Freemasonry than the majority of Craftsmen. Many among us are members of several Lodges, and have, therefore, a considerable acquaintance in the fraternity; but it falls to the lot of only one in a thousand to have been initiated in Calcutta, exalted in Madras, and presided over a large and influential district in the Celestial Empire as Grand Master, Grand Superintendent, and Grand Commander. In addition to this, he has distinguished himself in the old country, and is fairly entitled to the designation we have conferred upon him,—our Cosmopolitan Brother. He is, indeed, a true citizen of the world, a travelled brother who has seen all the magnificence and squalor of the East as well as the more practical unassuming substantiality of the West. He must have encountered many a peril by sea as well as by land, for in the days when he commenced the battle of life the voyage to the East was a far more formidable undertaking than it is now. And now that he has won almost every distinction which a Craftsman can look forward to, now that he has earned for himself a just title to rest on his well-earned laurels, we still find him ready to fulfil a tiresome duty, willing to preside over the fortunes of a Lodge or a Chapter, and assisting in the work of benevolence as warmly and in such case do good service in active scenes of our life; but we do not on them as we do on those who pla and actively, and it is in the active d brother has always shown himself s short, one whom it would be wrong to still life, for the simple reason that n much as to have some task appoint the harder the task the more resolut nor pauses one single moment till he He has our heartiest good wishes for of that career, both in private and in followed so long and prosperously. our ranks; there are indeed but few wh and we may add, without fear of contra popular. We trust the day is yet f place in Lodge or Chapter shall know

FACTS, SUGGESTIONS ANI

By Bro. Jacob Nort

SECTION XIII. of the 1723 Constitutio prentices must be admitted Masters and [in the Grand Lodge], unless by Dispensation.

Suggestion.—If the Lodges had enjoyed th raising, they would not have parted with that 1723. Nor can I imagine or conjecture any r unless I come to the conclusion that those de cocted, and the concoctors were desirous of few brethren as possible.

22nd November 1725, it was ordained tha Lodge, with his Wardens, and a competent assembled, can make Masters and Fellows at di

Query.—Had the Masters of the Lodges confer those degrees from time immemorial the after the repeal of that obnoxious law, have honoured privilege, and each Lodge would ha degrees the same as we do now; such, howe In the Constitution of 1738, the Lodge list sh the Metropolis at that time 106 Lodges, but Masters' Lodges in London; and among the 46 said list I find no indication of a solitary M existed in their midst. Remember, that suc Masonry twenty-one years after the organisatio and thirteen years after the repeal of the ob ferred to, when only ten Masters' Lodges existe tion of the Grand Lodge of England.

Another fact, to the same purpose, may be Henry Price left England in 1733, and establishe in America, in the same year. But there was Boston before 1738, and during the Colonial peri were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Engla the Master's degree only in that Lodge. The M own officers, its bye-laws, and its days of meeti no more dependent on the Lodge in Boston Chapter is to-day. Price must have obtained England, and Anderson's list of 1738 shows tha then exist in England. If, then, the few 1723 Lo the three degrees before the Constitution was ad would never have been established after 1725. cribe from Anderson's list the first three Maste seemingly connected with chartered Lodges; however, Anderson numbered them respectively, I give the numbers copied from Pyne.

"39, Swan and Rummer, Finch Lane, where th Lodge, Feb. 2nd 1725-6. 2nd and 4th Wednesday

"68. Vine Tavern, Long Acre, where there is al April 28th 1730. 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

"76, Queens Head, Old Bailey, where there Lodge, 1730. 2nd and 4th Monday.

"Where there is also a Masters' Lodge!" W Was there any connection between the Lodge Lodge? Were they constituted at the same tim like to learn when the Master's Lodges were const puzzled why the *earliest* Lodges did not have Mas ing in their respective meeting taverns. In or puzzles, I first consulted Bro. Hughan's Lodge List Mag., Vol I., pp. 246-7), containing 67 Lodges, th list was dated May 22nd 1730. I found therein, held at the Swan and Rummer, no Masters' Lodg or anywhere in 1730.

I next consulted Rawlinson's List, containing 11 Lodge on the list, viz., 116, was constituted betw July 26th 1733. This list, of course, embraces all named Lodges, but no Masters' Lodges held mo those taverns during Midsummer of 1733.

One Masters' Lodge only did I find in Bro. Raw No. "116, Bear and Harrow, Butcher Row, a Mast see now, that the first permanent Masters' Lodge such during the summer of 1733, and here we di Masters' Lodge, which Henry Price copied in Boston

I next examined Pyne's (or Pine's) List, which

t no Masters' Lodges were constituted in 1734. On looking back the said list to Nos. 39, 68 and 76, I found again that no Masters' dges met at the taverns where the said Lodges met. This, then, an additional proof that the first permanent Masters' Lodges were t created before Midsummer of 1733, and these were regularly ntered and placed upon the list, just the same as ordinary Lodges, ording to seniority of constitution.

Query.—Had Masters' Lodges been attached to any of the rtered Lodges then existing? Or had Masters' Lodges anywhere d meetings regularly, at stated periods, in public houses, wherein rtered Lodges used to meet? I am sure that no body of Masons uld have petitioned in 1733 for charters for distinct Masters' dges, and no Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, would have en charters for that purpose. The very fact that such charters e granted in 1733 is an additional proof that permanent Master ons' Lodges did not exist anywhere until Midsummer of 1733.

he List of the Dublin Pocket Companion, copied from a 1733 list, an imperfect addition of the Lodges constituted in 1734, has but three Masters' Lodges, viz., the Lodges that were constituted 733.

must here add that Anderson numbered the London Lodges from 1 to 106; his method of numbering creates confusion when avouring to compare his Lodge List with those of Pyne, &c. Lodges were not named in those days, and when a Lodge re- ed its meetings to some other tavern, we can only discover the tity of the same Lodge by its date of constitution, and when the s are imperfect, and Lodges constituted about the same time ened to become extinct, then it is really impossible to identify Lodge. But, anyhow, I carefully looked among the Lodges con- ted in 1733, and to my amazement I found that my three ers' Lodges, viz., Nos. 116, 117 and 120, had vanished. In fact, ceased to exist. And here another puzzle was suggested, viz., nd, on Anderson's List, that five Masters' Lodges met in public es where Lodges used to meet, that were chartered in 1734, 1735 1736, so it seems that there arose at that time a demand for ers' Lodges; why then, I ask, were the original Masters' Lodges 33 wiped out from the Lodge List? And still again, according no, no Masters' Lodges were chartered in 1734, but Anderson's attached a Masters' Lodge to a Lodge chartered in 1734. Now, am I to believe?

ext examined Smith's Pocket Companion; its Lodge list ends April 20th 1737, and I found in it that Masters' Lodges met on Sunday, or every other Sunday, in the same houses where Nos. and 76 used to meet, while the chartered Lodges held their ular meetings on the same week days as given in Anderson's 1738. And on hunting in the said Smith's list for Nos. 116, nd 120, I found that Nos. 116 and 120 were *blank*, while to No. as appended "Shakespeare's Head, Covent Garden. Stewards', 3rd Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, [con- d] 25th June 1735." Here then is another puzzle. The Lodge ordained in December 27th 1727 that the precedency of s was grounded according to seniority of their constitution. hen came the Stewards to jump into the blank of a Lodge that nstituted in 1733? But on looking for those Masters' Lodges ere attached in Anderson's list to Lodges chartered in 1734-5 I found no such Masters' Lodges in Bro. Smith's list. In short, were but three Masters' Lodges in existence in 1736, or more ly, on April 20th 1737; we may therefore conclude that the Masters' Lodges given by Anderson were really not constituted fter 20th April 1737.

inferences I draw from the above facts are, 1st, that no existed before 1717; 2nd, that no permanent Masters' Lodge before Midsummer of 1733; 3rd, during the last named year, Masters' Lodges were chartered as such, and placed on the ording to seniority of constitution. The W. Masters and s doubtless were entitled to represent the Masters' Lodges in Lodge; 4th, that the said three chartered Masters' Lodges had ously disappeared from the list before 20th April 1737; 5th, we find a new outgrowth of permanent *unchartered* Masters' that used to hold their meetings on Sunday, or every other , in the same taverns where chartered Lodges used to meet month on week days; 6th, that between 20th April 1737, and ch 1738, seven additional Masters' Lodges were organised, altogether ten Masters' Lodges when Anderson's 1738 Consti- vas printed.

last, it must be noticed here, that while Masters' Lodges did ng to the regular chartered Lodges; for, even after 1736, it ful whether the chartered Lodges at the "Swan and Rum- e. had any control over the Masters' Lodges that used to meet same houses: yet, there is no indication that Fellow Craft were ever separated from Entered Apprentice Lodges. This, , will be more fully discussed in my next paper, and an effort made to account for it.

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DRAWING, MAY 1877.

—W. Barrett, A. G. Grimes, J. Hazeland.
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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, 1877.

Address of the V.H. and E. Sir Knight Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, *Grand Cross of the Temple, Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada, Delivered to the Sir Knights assembled in Great Priory at the Masonic Temple, London, Ont., on the 7th August,* A.D. 1877.

Sir Knights, Great Officers, Officers, and Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada,

I greet you with heartfelt pleasure, and with thankful feelings that we have been spared to meet again, and exchange congratulations on the success, so far, of our Great Priory.

The custom of delivering an annual address at our re-unions, together with the report on foreign correspondence in the proceedings, although not demanded by our regulations, but adopted from our brethren of the United States, I look upon as an admirable method of disseminating the different views and opinions entertained of the Order, as also of clearing away existing prejudices and errors, and am satisfied much good has already been the result; at the same time, it has this drawback, in giving an opportunity to extend a simple record of facts into a long lecture not always very interesting to the hearers, and, as I fear in the present instance, calculated somewhat to tax your patience.

How little could we have foreseen what the past year has brought forth, or the changes that have taken place in so short a period. Amongst them, a threatened disruption of the Union of our Order, and the lamented and sudden death of the Great Prior of England, who, only a few months back, on the resignation of the Earl of Limerick, was installed as head of the English Nationality, with all the dignity befitting his high position as one of the representatives of England's most ancient and purest chivalry.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, our late illustrious, worthy, and excellent brother, had endeared himself to the whole Fraternity, taking an especial interest in all that concerned the Order of the Temple, which he was endeavouring to restore to a state of peace and harmony, when it pleased the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler and Disposer of all things to take him to that rest which knows no waking.

It appears from the announcement of his death by the Great Sub-Prior, that he had sat with him for a considerable time the day previous, making arrangements for conducting the business of the coming Great Priory, as it was his Lordship's earnest hope that all differences then existing might be amicably arranged, and his most ardent desire to be instrumental in cementing the Order—*L'homme propose, mais Dieu dispose*—was sadly exemplified in his sudden and lamented death on the very day of the meeting of Great Priory.

Our good Fratres of the United States, who, a few years back, made a pilgrimage to Europe, will, I am sure, look back with mournful pleasure, to the kind and hospitable reception they met with from him at "Alton Towers."

I regret that my first official act, as Great Prior, should have been the necessity of issuing the circular of the 4th of December last, to repudiate the advocacy of secession and the formation of another independent Templar Body in Canada. Had not the truth of such a movement been authenticated to me by an official of this Great Priory, I should not have thought it worthy of notice. There is, however, no difficulty, when desirable, to form Provincial Priories for any of the Provinces, which would place them exactly in the same position to this Great Priory, as it formerly stood to that of England, and as the Grand Commanderies of the United States do to their Great National Council, "The Grand Encampment."

With regard to the implied wish to adopt the system pursued across the line, I can only say that, delighted as we all are to cultivate the most intimate relations with our good Fratres of the United States, I think, with very few exceptions, we infinitely prefer our own English system. In this we are not singular, and I hope I may be pardoned for quoting an extract from a letter to me, of 27th July last, by one always looked upon as an authority on Masonic and Templar matters, whose fearful and untimely death we all so truly deplored—our late respected and talented Frater, George Frank Gualy. He says:—"Your letter clears away some doubtful points in my mind, and I can frankly say that I am in full accord with your views, and trust that some day our American work may be corrected so as to conform more sensibly and harmoniously to the ancient Templar system."

The subject which now particularly engages our attention is the action taken by Convent General in October and December last, which called forth my circular and the protest issued in your name on the 19th March. While, owing to the death of the Great Prior of England, it has not yet been finally arranged, I am happy to be able to inform you that the Great Sub-Prior is using every means in his power to bring about a settlement, and has explained his views to me, which I am convinced, when laid before you, will be concurred in as the only practical way of satisfying all parties.

It is with pain I record the state of confusion into which the Order has been thrown by the inconsiderate action of some of the English representatives at Convent General. This continued re-opening of questions which should be regarded as having been finally settled, is not calculated to raise respect for the Order, or for those who cannot rest content unless they have everything their own way.

What has taken place is the more to be regretted, as it shows that a certain section of the Order in England is leagued together to upset existing regulations, that had, before adoption, been under careful revision for a period of four or five years; and that the parties composing it are embarked on a retrograde movement, with but little regard either to the history or the unity of the Order to which they belong.

matters, and without the slightest reference to us, passes resolutions in Convent General of which we disapprove. Undoubtedly, the general statutes contain a provision for altering them, but it could never have been contemplated that such alterations were to take place without the consent of the other nationalities. Canada joined the Union satisfied with the existing laws, and thus gave in her allegiance to the Convent General, and she cannot be expected to observe any infringement, which, in this case, actually changes the Order to a totally different organisation.

If Convent General assumes the right to make rules for us, it is high time we should assert our own rights, and, in my opinion, we neither can nor ought, as I know our Great Priory will be firm in refusing to submit to any such assumption. I say so with the deepest loyalty and most profound respect for our Grand Master, a feeling I know to be equally shared in by all the members of this Great Priory, and I will uphold his authority, and bear him true allegiance as long as he is pleased to rule over us, but I confess to the same feeling which actuated the saying of Junius,—"That the subject, who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate, will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures."

The fact is, that the Great Priory of England has so long been the autocrat of the Templar Order, that it is difficult to persuade some of its members that it is now merely one of a federated union, and they seem to be indisposed to recognise either Ireland or Canada as independent and co-equal members of the federation, while it is equally plain that neither Ireland nor Canada will consent to assert and maintain other than their fullest rights under the same.

It is from no captious feeling I object to again returning to the old nomenclature, but because I consider it neither appropriate nor historical, and I am also fully aware many dissent from the opinions I have long formed and expressed as to the history and practices of the Order. I will, therefore, once more endeavour to give fully my reasons for the views I entertain, and the objections I have to return to the old traditions and distinctive appellations of Modern Templary; leaving it for you to consider how far they are correct or feasible.

Our Order has always claimed traditionally to represent the Knights Templar of the Crusades, preserved intact through its connection with Freemasonry, and while Masonic authors are never weary of asserting this claim, at the same time they seem to do all in their power to perpetuate historical errors, stating as facts improbable surmises, and using titles and recording customs quite foreign to the true and historical nomenclature and practices of the Order.

There is no foundation for believing it grew out of the so-called Masonic Knights of the Temple, supposed to have been established somewhere about the Babylonish Captivity, or that it was based on Craft Masonry at all. Such legends are now generally looked upon as myths of the past, and arose from the untenable grounds taken by enthusiastic votaries to enhance the value of the Chivalric Orders in the eyes of the Masonic world, by assigning to them a mysterious origin they had not the slightest title to, and which was never thought of by their founders.

That there was a connection between the Military Order of the Temple and Freemasonry there is now but little doubt entertained. It originated in the trading community of Masons, who with other secret associations sprang up and flourished in the East; appearing in Europe during the dark ages. They established themselves in "Guilds," from which gradually emanated our present symbolic system. This connection with the Templars led in latter times to the preservation of the Order by the Masonic Society. But what that early connection was still remains a vexed question, and we can at best but theorise according to our own views.

History tells us that when the Templar Order was politically destroyed in the 14th century by Philip, King of France, and Pope Clement the 5th, the number of Templars in Christendom was about 15,000, and it is supposed by many that the remaining Knights incorporated themselves with the Masonic body.

This is not, however, warranted by facts, but there is every reason to believe that the greater number, mingling in the world, never lost their identity as Templars, and thus their bond of union continued, although mystical and unrecognised, as that of any other legitimate society.

A great mistake is made in considering the Templars a Papal Order. The Order, like that of St. John the Baptist, also called St. John of Jerusalem, was essentially a military republic which was brought into existence by the will of its own original founders, and in no degree owed its inception or organization to the Head of the Latin Church.

At the commencement, this association or brotherhood consisted of nine Knights, whose desire to benefit their fellows prompted them voluntarily to bind themselves together for the protection of the Pilgrims visiting the Holy Land, then so much exposed to ill-treatment and danger; and not until some time after their establishment were they sanctioned and acknowledged by the then Pope, but in no sense did they owe their origin to Papal authority. Therefore what legal or moral right had a Pope to destroy what a Pope had not created.

This Papal assumption of undue and unjust authority was not binding upon Christendom, even though the whole Western Church at that time acknowledged the Papal rule, and so the Order of the Temple, not being lawfully destroyed, still lawfully exists. Many are therefore too hasty in assuming because the direct proofs are not readily forthcoming, that the Templars of the present day have no claim to the title.

From Sir Bernard Burke's Book of the Orders of Knighthood, in the article on the Papal States, we find that the Order of the Temple was not only never abolished in Portugal, but it seems to have merely been suspended for seven years in the Papal States. Pope Clement, it is

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to preserve their ancient chivalry. Consequen
of Great Britain and Ireland is now the lawful
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We cannot separate the two Orders as regar
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that of St. John, until after the Reformation, a
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Now, even by prescription, this title is good,
successfully attacked, it is incumbent upon the p
prove that it is bad. This has been attempted, bu
and until it is, the Templar Order attached to
must be held as being legitimate, and as such
ancient privileges of the Order, amongst which
correct denomination, nomenclature and customs.

In my circular of the 19th March, I
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edition, 1853), pages 19, 46, and 61, that the pr
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The term "Commandery," and the title "Comm
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for the same officer, which can be seen by referenc
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Templars, who were always called "Priors or P
fore, the title "Commander" has no Templar mea
with a Preceptory.

The name "Encampment" is quite a modern
priate innovation, not known to the early Order—a
body dwelling in fixed places of abode, hav
tions in their chapels, never in the field. The E
as "Encampment" is ground on which an army,
or marching party pitches "tents," and therefore
propriety, be applied to places of meeting in the
houses in a city or town.

There is no valid reason for the assertion that
the changes made in 1873, when the Order was r
actuated by any desire to sever its connection
fraternity. This, I am satisfied, is not the case,

bstantiate no claim to be considered as perpetuating the true Order the Temple.

It is most unwarrantable and ridiculous to say that because the option of the correct titles and nomenclature is advocated that re is any desire for separation, or that by dropping the prefix asonic it separates the two bodies and makes us an illegal society, that the Order has lost one particle of the claims it ever had to be sidered as ally of Free Masonry. In fact, the Masonic connec- n has been drawn closer, and the Craft is still the vital pre-requi- to admission into the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital. e whole object sought for was that of dispelling and clearing away public errors that had no historical foundation.

t was never disputed that our Templar body is now, to a certain ent, Masonic, its qualification being entirely so, but to say that origin was Masonic is altogether erroneous—it was Chivalric. By se it is contended that it has no such claim, being merely a modern sonic invention. If this is the case, why make any allusion to the military order at all? Still, if we be only *ad imitationem*, let us so in reality, and use proper historical terms and practices, and continue to promulgate false and erroneous ones that have not e antiquity to commend them. The original purposes for which old religious military Orders were created no longer existing, they e gradually altered to suit the purposes of modern civilisation. s will account for the numerous changes they have undergone, the differences that are seen in the various countries where they survive; is some a mere remnant, but still sufficient to preserve r memory from total oblivion.

rior to the revival in England of symbolic Masonry during the early of the last century, there are no records to show that the Order any connection with the Craft, but some time after that period hear of it as the "Petit Ela Herodem Kadosh," Templars, mean- "Elect or Chosen, and Consecrated or Holy Order of Templars" obed to Craft Lodges. No doubt this very peculiar designation introduced from the continent of Europe, where the great deal Order of the Temple had flourished, and never entirely lost itality.

he attempts made at different times to restore its former inde- lence amongst the knightly Orders proved that it continued to in secret, and we know it became afterwards incorporated under name of the "Kadosh" with the "Hauts Grades," a foreign m of Freemasonry, which embracing many of the old military secret societies of the Middle Ages, was much sought after, looked upon as more select than the pure and simple "Craft" ree.

e "Kadosh" rehearsed the martyrdom of "De Molai," the last alric Grand Master, and the sufferings of the Order; the doctrines cated being that the persecutors of the Templars did not wholly guish the Order, which still continued to exist under the forms reemasonry; whilst the "Rose Croix" taught the truths of tianity by symbolising the Crucifixion and Ascension of our

These two grades, the "Rose Croix" and the "Kadosh," an admirable synopsis of the faith and sufferings of the great of the Temple, which, on very probable grounds of popular , they represented, having just as much claim to be considered uritimate descendants of the old chivalric Knights as that of the re du Temple" of France, or any other branch; and I much on if they were not more characteristic of the true Templars heir authenticated successors, the "Knights of Christ" in gal, who became a mere honorary papal order, the crown alone the right to nominate its members.

ters of the last century and a prior period consider the two of "Knights Templar" and "Knights of St. John" synony- probably from the absorption of the Templar Order, on its tion, into that of the latter; this may also account in some re for the confusion of names by which it became known* and o common practice of taking for granted and copying without gation, the statement of superficial observers. There is no proof of this than what we have in the old Templar warrant gston, Ontario, of date 12th February 1824, in which the is called "Knights Templar of Malta," and obedience directed "Supreme General Grand Conclave at Malta," whereas no dy existed there, and the Templar body was unknown in until introduced by myself many years afterwards. The term io was evidently added, to distinguish it from other branches Order, non-Masonic, then existing.

ential Masons established in England on the 4th of June 1791 st Grand Governing Body for the Templar system, and who, ing a short ritual for that of St. John," commemorated and ted for the union with their old enemies the Templars, but an alliance with the Soverign Order then in possession of the of Malta. We learn by the records of the Jerusalem Con- Manchester, in 1786, that this grade was distinguished from nple by a red tunic with slashed sleeves, black cloak, and d Spanish hat, all bearing the white eight-pointed cross of in imitation of the red uniform and white cross worn by the r class of the Knights of Malta.

Grand Body issued its own warrants to form Encampments, were called (a name not previously known by the Chivalric , in connection with Craft Lodges and Royal Arch rs. Those Lodges that had already the Templar system had assigned them, being called "Immemorial Encampments," il the "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" were surrendered to the and Accepted Scottish Rite, these degrees were always given mpments and under the Templar warrants.

United Orders as now practised in our English system are ntended to represent the Christian doctrines, discarding all hical theories and dogmas introduced by Masonic enthusiasts,

* preposterous title was called "The Royal, Exalted, Order of Harodem, Grand Elected Masonic

and it is probably better that it should be so, as we can now convey more clearly in our ceremonies the practice of the early chivalric founders. The "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" are, however, in my opinion, quite unmeaning—detached from the Templar grade.

From what has been adduced, I submit that we have a right to infer, and are entitled to consider ourselves the descendants of the true Templar Order, revived and perpetuated by its adoption into the good old peaceful Craft. The principles and teachings of the Order harmonising with that of Freemasonry, which so nearly approaches Christianity in theory and spirit, having the Supreme Being for the object of its worship; mankind, without distinction of class, for its subjects; and the universe for its temple, placing all men on the same footing of fraternity.

In my address last year, I alluded to the Order in Ireland, where, I have since learned, it was introduced from Scotland, and the original warrant is still extant from the Royal Mother Kilwinning Lodge, signed in October 1779 by the then Grand Master, the Earl of Eglinton, which has been always acknowledged and acted upon. This is a direct contradiction to the statement implying that the modern Templar system was first brought to Scotland in 1798, by some non-commissioned officers of an English militia regiment quartered in Edinburgh: evidently a mistake.

They very probably did revive the Order on its falling into abeyance, as a warrant was shortly after that date obtained from the "Early Grand Encampment" in Dublin, the offspring of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge. The former close intercourse between Scotland and France, and subsequently through the Stuart party, points to the direction from whence the Masonic adoption of the Chivalric Orders originated there. On the 19th June 1811 the Duke of Kent, as patron of the Order in North Britain, granted them a charter creating them into a regular Conclave of Knights Templar and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

The report issued by the Ritual Commission will have made you conversant with the object in revising the one in use, which has been under consideration for several years. A copy of this Ritual has been in my possession, and I find it all that can be required for a body of intelligent men, being more in conformity with the nature of the traditions, true history of the Order, and arrangement of the different parts of a reception, than our present one; at the same time, it does not advocate any material change.

I consider it, with a few explanations and local alterations, to be admirably adapted for the Standard Ritual of this Great Priory, and strongly recommend its adoption. I purpose, at our present assembly, having it exemplified and explained, and arrangements can be made with regard to the issue of copies of it, as may be deemed advisable. By the terms of the treaty of alliance it has already become law on the signature of the Commissioners, and the Great Priory of Ireland is now using it, although England seems to hold back, and does not consider the treaty binding.

It was shown by the evidence given during the persecutions in Paris, A.D. 1310, on the great enquiry into the Templar Order, that they had a secret reception. The ceremonies took place at night, in the chapel, and none but Knights were present. It consisted of repeated entreaties for admission, exhortations to reflect, warnings as to fatigues, dangers and privations, sending back to solitary reflection, summoning three times. This secret ceremonial was taken, most probably from the Guilds, and added to their original simple rule as a test of doctrine.

I have had an opportunity of examining several rituals from time to time, and know that the old English Templar ceremony differs very much from our present one, claiming a derivation from the ancient mysteries, as also a "Rosycrucian" origin. It was expressed in obscure language, evidently to disguise the design of the secret societies, entertained before the Reformation, to upset the Papal power.

Such forms of ritual have been long very properly dismissed as unreliable and unnecessary legends. We now confine ourselves to the simple historical form of reception, in which the duties of the Christian faith are inculcated. Much depends on the manner the celebrant conducts these beautiful ceremonies; for when they fall into the hands of those who do not appreciate them, they lose all their effect, and become a mere mechanical repetition of words that fail to impress the aspirant.

The terms "Marshal," "Very High," and "Eminent," are all ancient titles of the Chivalric Orders. "Sir," before the name, denotes the person to be a Knight, but the title in ancient times was quite distinct from Knighthood, and was a common one amongst the inferior ecclesiastics, being the regular translation for "Dominus." Shakespeare makes this plain, where, in "Twelfth Night," Viola says, "I am one that would rather with 'Sir Priest' than 'Sir Knight.'" Correctly speaking, "Sir" should never be used as a prefix to the surname itself; the Christian name should always be added.

We do not use the title before the Christian name without the addition "Knight," because it would appear too much like an assumption of Courtly Knighthood, which the Crown alone has the authority to confer; but we address our members officially as "Sir Knight," "Frater," or "Brother."

"Knight" derived from the Saxon—"an attendant," anciently the king's attendants or guards, is almost peculiar to England. Other nations apply it in connection with horses, "mounted soldiers." The French, "Chevalier;" Italian, "Cavalieri;" Spanish, "Caballero;" German, "Ruyters," &c. In Latin, "Eques," (from *equus* a horse) is a Knight—one mounted. "Miles" is a foot soldier. A Knight is always said to be "dubbed," not created, but it means the same thing, for "dub" in English, and "douber" in French, are said to be derived from the Saxon "dubbun"—to gird. "Dub" also signifies a blow, which carries us back to the most ancient ceremony—the cuff on the neck or ear, and the "thwack" on the shoulder.

"Accolade" has the same meaning in the ancient ceremony of con-

the more stately act of touching or striking with the royal sword the kneeling Knight.

The buckling on of the spurs was an indispensable adjunct of Knighthood, and every novitiate should be formally invested with them. In the old ceremony allusion was made to the metal (gold) of which the Knight's spurs were composed.

The practice of affixing a cross to their names by the ancient Knights to denote the brotherhood of the Temple was taken from the cross-hilts of their swords, which, when wounded and dying on the field, they fixed upright before them in the ground, that their last look might rest on the cross, the symbol of redemption.

They also used the Latin cross, with the titulens, of two bars ‡, known as the Patriarchal cross, symbolising salvation by Jew and Gentile, now assigned to our Preceptors; but the cross of Salem, or triple barred, is a Papal one, and never originally used by the Grand Master of the Temple. It indicates that he is the Sovereign Priest, Supreme Judge, and Sole Legislator. It is common in documents instead of using the title "Sir" to place the mark of the cross with an F., f., or Fra. (frater) before the name, as † Fra. for a Knight, ‡ Fra. for a Preceptor, and the triple cross for the Supreme Grand Master.

Having thus endeavoured to give you a sketch of the Order with my own long confirmed impressions as to what our Order of the Temple, in connection with Freemasonry, really is, I must now beg your consideration and attention to the communication I lately received from the "Great Sub-Prior" of England, Major Shadwell H. Clarke, the acting head of that Great Priory, who informs me that the Council had recommended, in view of the differences then existing, that past rank be in a great measure restored in the Great Priory of England, and the Ritual hitherto in use be permitted to remain; and, further, that the title "Eminent Commander" be substituted for "Preceptor," but as these views may not coincide with those of Ireland and Canada, the Great Sub-Prior has submitted the following alterations, which, if agreed to by the three Great Priories, would only require the formal confirmation of Convent General, viz.. "That each nationality have full power to frame their own regulations as to Titles, Past Rank, and Ritual (with common landmarks), but still remaining, as at present, under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who might hold triennial Convents General, where subjects previously agreed on by the three Great Priories could be formally passed, and where honours could be conferred." By these means he thinks the present state of disagreement would cease, and each country left free to adopt the line which it may think best.

Now, however desirable it might be to have perfect unity on all points, as the name Convent General implies, meaning a "general coming together in agreement and concurrence," I consider this compromise the only way open, and most strongly recommend that this Great Priory pass a resolution to carry it out. Canada would then retain all her present titles, and be guarded against future changes, excepting by her own consent. The capitation tax would of course be much reduced, and scarcely felt; a small sum to the Vice Arch-Chancellor annually, with postage, stationery and printing, being the only charge.

As we are at present constituted, other Nationalities could not well join the Convent General, but with these alterations in the statutes it would be quite practical for the United States Templar Nationality (an original branch of our own langue), to join this federal alliance, of which, with perfect propriety, the parent body has placed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the head. Scotland could also have no cause of objection. And in time each Nationality might voluntarily take a common view on most subjects, especially as to Ritual, which, it is very important, should be uniform. The Order would then again assume, as in ancient times, its cosmopolitan and united character of one great and powerful Christian association.

In conformity with the resolution passed at the last Great Priory, I have appointed the V.E. Sir Knight Richard Woof Past Prov. Sub-Prior of Worcester, to be our representative near the Great Priory of England, with the rank of a Past Prov. Prior of Canada, and the V. E. Sir Knight the Honourable Judge Townshend Past Sub-Prior of Ireland, and Arch Chancellor of Convent General, to represent Canada near the Great Priory of Ireland, with the Past rank of a Great Sub-Prior of Canada.

The relations existing between us and our Sister Great Priories continue most satisfactory, as also with the National Grand Encampment of the United States and their State Grand Commanderies. From the M.E. Grand Master James Herron Hopkins, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, I have received letters conveying his hearty congratulations on the establishment of this National Great Priory, and his earnest wish to co-operate in every measure calculated to draw into closer union all belonging to the Order who speak our common langue.

From Ireland, it has been announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been appointed Great Prior by the Grand Master, but no meeting of the Great Priory has as yet taken place for his installation, owing to the death of the late Great Prior of England. From this Nationality I am also in receipt of kind expressions towards the Great Priory of Canada.

The Calendar of the Great Priory of England of the 11th of May 1877, notifies the appointment of our Most Worthy Past Sub-Prior ‡T. D. Harington, to represent the Great Priory of England near that of Canada.

Before concluding, I wish to express the deep debt of gratitude we all owe to our Great Sub-Prior, our V.E. Frater Samuel B. Harman, who, taking upon himself, from the commencement, the burden of organising this Great Priory, ably assisted the Chancery in all matters of detail, and by his well known accuracy and care, has placed our Great Priory on a sure foundation; to him [illegible]

with the Great Priory of England, procur
Certificates for members neglected by their o

The Chancellor of the Great Priory will, I
in my estimation of his valuable services and
he has received, who, although himself cons
and other abilities, was fortunate in his first
proficient and painstaking an instructor.

I may here remark the duties of Chancello
to be acquired in a day, and it is neither wise
that officer when once his duties are acquired

One little matter in the wording of the S
quite escaped the notice of us all. I mean th
ing the word "Grand" as a prefix to the office
regards past rank. We are now designate
having discontinued the use of the word "
English one of "Great;" therefore, in addre
prefix "Grand" should not be applied, and
be distinctive of the Prior and Sub-Prior onl
address should be thus:—The "Chancellor" o
I am sure this mistake only requires to be poi
before the Statutes are printed separately.
chooses to continue the word "Grand" for his
himself, but "Great Master" was also applied

I would still continue to remind you that
honoured by the patronage of the Queen, and
future sovereign, it will be of little account if
an honorary and honorable society, to which
not perpetuate the sacred and noble principle
by entering on some practical path of usefulne

It may not be inappropriate, in conclusion, t
of the initials, V. D. S. A., which has been
They stand for "Vent—Dieu—Saint—Amou
recur in the Chivalric Rituals of the Order,
ceremonies, repeated by all present, similar to
High Mass, and are also frequently placed at t
tion of allocutions, letters, &c., &c., and some
patèe between the D. and S.

"Dieu, Amour, Concorde, Paix à tous. Vo
travaux—V. D. S. A.—Voila les crix des Chev
say the old Chronicles. "Love to God, unit
Behold! the object of all their work; behold! t
Knights of the Temple—"We will love the Most

Brethren, with that admonition, I am ever,
Order,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

‡ W. J. B. MacLEOD

Great Prior of

THE MASONIC SECTION OF TH
ASSOCIATION AT PLYMO

AMONG the members and associates of the
for the advancement of Science and Art ar
of our brethren. Of these, several occupy a pr
the pursuits of science. Hitherto, during the 46 ye
of the Association, its connection with Freemason
measure, to have been overlooked. At the vario
in Great Britain where the Association's meeti
no regular general fraternal welcome has been
Masons to those of their distinguished brethren. A
to carry out such an arrangement, at Glasgow
proved a failure. To Plymouth, the metropolis o
been left the honour of organising such a venture
an eminent scientific brother has been pleas
"Masonic Section" of the British Association.
the Plymouth meeting, correspondence passed b
Masons in the Association and the local brethre
resulted in the Devon Masons determining to hold
of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Plymouth, du
of the Association. At first it was arranged to
20th August, but it was afterwards discovered th
of the Association, no suitable room would be a
nesday, 22nd August, and the Grand Lodge acc
on that day, in the Town Hall at Devonport.
in the meeting of the Association, and it was di
of the brethren would have to leave before tha
was, however, not to be beaten. Five Craft
Huyshe Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth, resolv
Masonic reception to the brethren that were pre
ing the Provincial Grand Lodge. The organise
was left to our indefatigable Secretary of the Cou
of the Province, W. Bro. J. B. Gover. A Commit
tives of Nos. 70 St. John, 156 Harmony, 1247
Dundas, 1550 Prudence, was called, and the result
that an Emergency Meeting, under the banner of
No. 70, was held on Monday afternoon. Over
Lodges attended the gathering, which was presi
Worshipful Bro. L. P. Metham, the D.P.G.M. o
G.D. of England. Among the British Associatio
R.W. Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M. of N. and E. Y
England, James Glaisher P.S.G.D. of England, Hy
of Egypt, &c.; W. Bros. John W. Wordall P.P.G.
Yorkshire, Dr. Ace P.G. Chap. Lincolnshire, R. N.
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ll, C. Gottschalk P G.J.D., J. J. Avery P.G. Treasurer, F. A.
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nwall, C. Stribling P.M. 70 P.G. St., F. A. Thomas P.M. 1247, T.
ndall P.M. 954, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247,
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P. Rogers P.M. 1550, W. Harries I.P.M. 1205, J. H. Stephens
M. 159, James Gidley P.M. 1205, J. Ferris P.M. 70, Colonel Fitz-
ald S.D. 169, T. E. Peek I.G. 1205, G. J. Firks J.W. 1247, J. K.
d A.D.C. 1247, W. H. Crimp S.D. 1255, A. S. Stuart J.W. 1550,
nuel Roach J.W. 70, T. J. Smith J.W. 1255, D. Banks J.D. 156,
G. Tippett S.D. 1550, A. E. Lean S.D. 70, E. Hawkings 70, C. D.
ntiford 169, T. W. Hoppin 70, and W. Cann 1255. The St. John
ge opened with the usual ceremonies, and the visitors were intro-
ed with the D.P.G.M., escorted by the P.G. officers. The customary
ours having been rendered to their respective ranks in the Order,
W. Bro. Metham said, on behalf of the brethren of the vicinity,
endered to their distinguished visitors a hearty Masonic welcome
levonshire. For the last fifteen years he had been a frequent
tor to other provinces, and had everywhere been received with the
t fraternal welcome. Their brethren visited the locality on an
asion when they could not but feel additional pride in them.
r came as distinguished members of another association that
the lead in the progress of the age, and whose object was the
efit of mankind in general by the improvement of our knowledge
ience and art. He had no occasion to introduce them or the
tions before the Association; they were now the leading topics
e day in Plymouth. He would like, however, for that meeting to
fit by the experience of their visitors, in the way of information
ecting the custom of other provinces with regard to such matters
e use of the ballot, candidates rejected in one Lodge obtaining
ssion in another a few miles distant, refreshments, the in-
noy of candidates for office, and the effect of local
nic charities upon the London charities. R.W. Bro. Glaisher,
ining the rules observed in the London Lodges with which
as connected, stated that in the metropolis Lodges usually
only once a quarter, and that refreshments were always
ded, but that the proceedings were over at an early hour.
t care was observed with regard to the conferring of office, no
eing appointed I.G. unless he was a fitting man to pass through
hole of the chairs. If a brother got into pecuniary difficulties
gh misfortune, it would be well for him to retire temporarily
office, and then, when matters were set right, he should be
red with open arms. No candidate should be admitted to a
e if his election would cause discomfort to a single member. Any
ion should be communicated to the W.M. and Wardens, who, with-
entioning the name of the objector, should endeavour to get the
date withdrawn, instead of allowing his name to go to the ballot.
Bro. Bell handed around a little book published in 1769, giving
of English Lodges. At that time Plymouth possessed three
ic Lodges, each of which met fortnightly. These were No. 67,
ed in 1734, which met at the Oxford Inn, Plymouth Dock; No.
ounded in 1758, which met at the Three Crowns, Southside-
, Plymouth; and No. 237, founded in 1759, held at the Barracks
2nd division of Marines. The power of the ballot, he said, was a
but should be exercised with great care lest it did damage. That
ion was a very pleasing event, and he saw no reason why there
not be a Masonic Section to the British Association. During
rening the R.W. Bro. referred to the position of the Lodge
ich he was a member at Hull. It contained 300 members,
l well, and had a capital stock of £2,000, the in-
of which was applied to pensions and for educational purposes.
Bro. Hyde Clarke, who has obtained the rank of P.G.M. in
, Asia, Africa, and America, and exercised that function in
ly Land itself, gave some very interesting information based
wide experience in Masonry. In France, the Grand Orient
ry particular about the admission of candidates, and not only
mbers of a Lodge, but the visiting brethren were called upon
ot respecting the admission of a candidate, on the ground that
rson voted for would not merely become a member of a
lar Lodge, but of the Order generally. The rejection of a
ate was communicated to all the Lodges in the town, and no
l a right to enter a Lodge in any place but that in which he
. If, however, a rejected candidate succeeded by deception
aining admission in another town, discovery of the
was succeeded by deprivation of all Masonic privileges.
. Dr. Ace gave his experience on Masonic matters in Lincoln-
nd urged that great care should be exercised in the selection
idates. R.W. Bro. Hyde Clarke said the Westminster and Key-
Lodge, of which he was a member, while its initiation or
fee was twenty-five guineas, had reduced its annual dues to
o member was called upon to pay for refreshment against his
Bro. Varley, in reply to a call, gave an admirable sketch of
ent progress of telegraphy, and explained the important dis-
and improvements made by his brother and himself in the
ne. During the evening the arrangements were carried out
he superintendence of W. Bros. Dr. F. Aubrey Thomas, and
. W. Whittley. Refreshments were served by Bro. Thorne,
excellent choir of musical brethren, under the leadership of
Hele, gave some Masonic music, while W. Bro. Fly performed
the cornet. At the close the visitors unanimously expressed
rm acknowledgment of the fraternal reception they had re-
rom the Plymouth brethren, and their admiration at the pro-
asonry had made in that town.

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THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with "Student," that there is no law, written or unwritten, which could compel a W.M. to exhibit the result of a ballot to his Lodge, but I would ask him, If you were W.M. of a Lodge, in which it had always hitherto been the custom to exhibit the ballot box, would you, after declaring a candidate duly elected, refuse to exhibit the ballot box if asked to do so by two or three members of the Lodge? My impression is, that to refuse this request would be an admission that what had been declared from the chair was not correct. I cannot conceive any honourable man refusing such a reasonable request, unless he was afraid the so doing would bring down upon him the censure of those in authority. The statement in Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, is a very good rule, but I can easily understand cases where it would have to be disregarded. Take a case like this: A candidate is proposed, and by three or more of the brethren he is considered unfit to be admitted. They black-ball him, but the Master declares the candidate duly elected. A request is then made in the Lodge that the ballot-box be exhibited. This is refused. How is the fact of the candidate being negatived to be proved but by the brethren using the negatives divulging the fact? I have heard it mentioned in some Lodges that, when there are objections to a candidate, that the objectors should go to the W.M. and ask the proposer of the candidate to withdraw him. I consider such proceeding foreign to the spirit of the ballot. The ballot is nothing if it is not a secret proceeding. But how on earth can it be a secret if the brethren who object to the admission of a candidate into a Lodge have to make that objection known to the W.M., who will convey it to the proposer, and the proposer to the candidate, who would, in ninety-nine cases out of 100 get to know who the brethren were who had been the means of keeping him out of the Lodge. Unless the ballot can be used so that only those who use the negative ball can know that fact, and unless a W.M. will state what is the exact position of the ballot, the whole proceeding is a farce and a sham, and a disgrace to any body of gentlemen using it. I quite agree with "Student," that the case referred to in my last, should have been brought before the Board of General Purposes, but it was withheld out of charity to the W.M.

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have only just seen your very excellent article on "The Ballot," and W. Bro. Matier's letter of "Proposing Members" published in your issue of the 28th ultimo. There can be of course no defence to the utterly disgraceful practice which you so righteously condemn in your article, and which the Lodge in the case recently brought before Mr. Justice Field so fearlessly exposed, and so promptly and deservedly punished. But I wish to state, as a matter of fact and with regard to Bro. Matier's very proper remarks, that in the cases referred by Mr. Justice Field for disposal by the G.M. the circumstances which caused the emergency were stated to the W.M., if they were not inserted in the summons for the emergent meeting. I venture however to take exception to Bro. Matier's ruling as to the obligation laid on the W.M. by the Constitutions to publish the cause of the emergency in the summons for the emergent meeting, as the rule in the Constitutions which regulates this matter leaves it, in my opinion, entirely to the discretion of the W.M. to do this, "if it be proper"—that I take to mean "if he thinks fit," the actual wording of the Bye-law on the subject of the Lodge to which reference has been made above. I quite agree with Bro. Matier that "the law must be obeyed," but only when possible; and it is not possible, I submit, to record anything in the minutes of a meeting until those minutes have been prepared, which is usually done after the business is over.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A CONSERVATIVE P.M.

16th August 1877.

Our worthy Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, may be regarded for the time being—if he will allow us to use the expression—as the Consecrating Officer in charge. On Tuesday, he will officiate at the Evening Star Lodge, where he will be assisted by Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec., and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain. The meetings of this Lodge will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and four p.m. is the hour fixed for the first gathering. On Wednesday, Bro. Hervey will consecrate the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707. Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, is the W.M. designate, while Bros. John Howard Thompson, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, and Charles Lovebond, will be the Wardens. The meetings

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OUR WEEKLY BU

IT was the intention of her Majesty t for Balmoral on Wednesday, but c Railway being flooded for some distanc delayed till Thursday, when she set out, have reached her Highland residence e under the notice of our readers. The is still on a visit to his daughter, the who is detained in London by reason of eldest son, Prince Albert Victor. How Wales rejoined his wife for a few days that he might share with her the duty father-in-law. London is not the liveli dog-days, but the theatres and Promenad the Prince and Princess and their guest ment. The Prince has since returned c yacht Osborne, where he had been spend Prince George and his three daughters. Albert Victor is strong enough to be sent into the country to recruit his st happily accomplished, he and his brother quarters on board H.M.S. Britannia. O Countess of Leicester laid the founda Convalescent Home at Hunstanton, whi serve as a memorial of the thankfulness for the recovery of the Prince from his fever. Previous to the ceremony, lunch, of Leicester presided, was served at t Hotel. Her ladyship then laid the stone formalities; the Earl addressed a short present, on the subject of indiscriminat he very strongly and properly condemned, they had that day met together to inaugu for those who are ready to help themselve

Great efforts are being made to relieve our fellow Indian subjects. Almost the passed the two Houses of Parliament, a Royal assent, was the East India Loan Bi the Government to raise five millions for t the British public is always busy in the c lence, and a Relief Fund is in course of Mansion House. The contributions had the sum of £24,000 on Wednesday aftern of Wales having given £500, the Princes guineas, the Earl of Derby £200, Miss Flore £25, Messrs. Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. Stern Brothers £500, Messrs. Heath and &c. Famine is one of the most terrible c can befall a nation, and, unhappily, our In peculiarly liable to such visitations. Eve ever, is being made by our Government to m of the case, and we trust they will be su ducing the sufferings of the poor East minimum.

Now that Parliament has risen, scarcely s but we shall read of some member of Parlia ing his constituents, or, if not his constituent ing of people met together for the purpose politics. Several of these have already take of which the leaders of the Irish Obstru Biggar and Parnell, addressed a large m Rotunda, Dublin. The speeches of these g received very warmly, and a resolution expre tude for their services during the past Sessio ing favourably with the tame and spiritless c other Home Rulers was passed with accla O'Donnell, who is also an Obstructive, has large meeting at Glasgow, and his speech w received. Mr. Gladstone has been making speeches, and expresses his sympathy with

ne who has held the office of Premier, and who may again e called upon to assist the Queen with his counsel. Last ear he condemned the Turkish atrocities, though it has nce been proved that they were terribly exaggerated; but e refuses to believe in Russian atrocities, though much rustworthy information has been given, showing that the ar has been waged with the greatest bitterness by Russia, nd that there is little to choose between the Cossacks and e Circassians.

The British Association has been holding its annual eeting at Plymouth. There was a numerous gathering of e men of science. The various sections having severally ected their presidents, set to work with a will, and a mber of valuable papers were read. Earl Fortescue pre-ded in the section of Economic Science and Statistics, and elivered a long and highly interesting address, for which, the motion of Lord Houghton, duly seconded, a vote of anks was heartily accorded to him. Dr. Gwyn Jeffreys esided in the Biological Section, and opened his labours th a very elaborate address on deep-sea mollusca. In e Anthropological Section Mr. Francis Galton, F.R.S., ad an important paper on those groups of men who are fficiently similar in their mental character, or in their ysiognomy, or in both, to admit one classification, as pes of character such as are universally recognised as ing exceedingly true to nature. In the Mechanical ience Section Mr. E. Woods, C.E., the president, de-ered an address on the application of adequate brake wer to control railway trains, and illustrated the com-rative merits of the different systems by diagrams. In e Mathematical and Physical Science Department Mr. eece gave an account of the Telephone, and Sir W. ompson and Professor Houghton caused much amusement putting a series of questions through it, the one in oad Scotch, and the other in equally broad Irish. The oceedings were brought to a close on Wednesday. ofessor Allen Thompson presided. A vote of thanks s passed to the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth for owing the use of the Guildhall, as well as for their bril-nt hospitality, and likewise to the local secretaries, the cursion and Conversazione Committees, &c., &c. These re duly acknowledged, and the whole terminated with a e of thanks to the President for his services; and in sponding to the compliment thus paid him, the President nounced that the next meeting would be held at blin, on the 14th August 1878 and following days. William Spottiswoode, who is a distinguished savant, l preside.

The South Coast regattas are now in progress, and among se which have been recently held are the Hayling Island gatta, which is reached by a branch line from the want Station. The naval authorities at Portsmouth take reat interest in this event, and as the weather was very sfactory, everything passed off successfully. Other atic fixtures have been held, among them the Kingston dge Amateur Regatta and the Falmouth Regatta. The rk Race Meeting has been held this week, and Mr. M. wson's Il Gladiatore won the Great Ebor Handicap by a k, after a most exciting struggle, Mr. Whittaker's Mrs. ad being second, and Mr. Northern's Agglethorpe, half-zen lengths behind, third. Hampton, the favourite, r a game effort to win, was eased, when it was found t perseverance would be of no avail in securing the ours of victory, Glendale, who was second favourite, g nowhere. In the cricketing world, Yorkshire, though showed to far greater advantage in her second than in first innings, has had to succumb to Gloucestershire, came off victoriously by nine wickets. Yorkshire, in r first attempt, were all out for 47 runs, Myers with 22, Lockwood with 23, being the only two who made any d. In the second innings their score was 260, Lockwood tributing 82, Myers 33, Ulyett 30, Myers and Emmett 28, and Armitage, not out, 26. This left Gloucester-e 101 runs to win, and the feat was accomplished with loss of one wicket only, Dr. E. M. Grace being not out and his brother, G. F. Grace not out 43. The match ween Middlesex and Notts ended in a draw, very largely avour of the former, who had scored 400 (Mr. A. J. bbe 100, and the Hon. A. Lyttelton 100) in their inn-, while Notts scored only 197 in their first, and 137 for wickets in their second. In Surrey v. Kent there was wise a draw, the former having six wickets to fall, and runs to make. Lancashire has beaten Sussex in a le innings with 40 runs to spare and Derbyshire has did not permit the match being played out, the latter had only 17 runs to make, and an innings to do it in.

The weather has been very unsettled of late, and there have been a succession of thunderstorms in various parts of the country. During one which broke over Nottingham towards the end of last week, four boys, who were at play on Robin Hood's Chase, took shelter under a tree, and were dreadfully burned, one of them not being expected to recover. In another which passed over Stratford, the lightning struck the belfry of a school, and knocked it through into the school-room beneath. Cambridge, parts of Warwickshire, and Sheffield and North Derbyshire, have been similarly visited.

Professor Cavill is said to have accomplished the feat of swimming the Channel in about twelve hours from starting. He started from Cape Grisnez on Monday at 3.40 p.m., and though the weather was not the most favourable for such an attempt, he reached within fifty yards of the English coast about a mile to the north of the South Foreland Lighthouse at 3·45 a.m. on Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by a French lugger, and, sorely against his will, was taken on board, as the Frenchmen declined to risk their boat on so rocky a coast. Cavill was none the worse for his feat, and though no representative of the press accompanied him, the French boatmen have certified that he did accomplish what he had undertaken. Cavill swam with a powerful side-stroke, whereas Captain Webb swam the breast stroke. There is also a slight difference further. Webb did accomplish the whole distance from shore to shore, whereas Cavill was not allowed to swim the fifty yards or so which remained, owing to the excessive caution of those who accompanied him.

Another of these feats of endurance was accomplished on Monday-Tuesday at the Lillie Bridge running grounds, the contest in this instance being a walking competition between two amateur pedestrians, the distance, one hundred miles, to be covered within twenty-one hours, for a silver cup and gold medal. The competitors were a Mr. E. J. Dixon of the Mars Football Club, and Mr. E. M. Dundas of the London Athletic Club, the former winning by close on two miles, Dundas giving up when he had walked 98 miles in 20 hours 36 minutes 4 seconds, his opponent accomplishing the full distance in four seconds longer time.

The news from the Danube and Armenia contains no mention of any battle on a large scale, though rumours have reached this country to the effect that Suleiman Pasha has met with a serious repulse in the Shipka Pass, while on the other hand there are reports of several small Russian reverses on the Danube. It seems likely that towards the end of the present week there will be more serious collisions between the armies, as the Russians under the Grand Duke Nicholas are concentrating their forces, while the Turks, who are opposed to them are displaying considerable activity under their three generals. If the rumours of Suleiman's defeat in the Balkans with heavy loss should prove true, it will probably derange the plans of Mehemet Pasha, the generalissimo, and may imperil the position of Osman Pasha at Plevna; but we must wait for confirmation of this report, which may, after all, be only the check which he himself acknowledges he has received, and which to all appearances he makes very light of. In Asia an attack on the position occupied by Ahmed Moukhtar Pasha's army has been made in great force and unsuccessfully, the Russians being defeated with a loss of about 1,200 or 1,500 men, while the Turks lost about a third of the number. These losses are not very heavy, but the Russians move more cautiously than they did formerly, and their men are better protected than they were. There has also been fighting in the vicinity of Kars. The bombardment of Rustchuk continues, but no great harm has been done to the defences. A Roumanian steamer has been sunk on the Danube. Hafiz Pasha announces from Montenegro that the mountaineers have been defeated in an attempt to capture a convoy of provisions. As to the political aspect of the question, innumerable are the rumours which are being received from all quarters. Austrian policy is as mysterious as ever. Servia may or may not be preparing to renew her attack on Turkey, the Roumanians do not seem altogether pleased with the part assigned to them, and the designs of Germany are kept a profound secret. Meantime, Russia's movements are hampered by the weather, and she is believed to be making up her mind for a winter campaign. So, too, are the Turks, winter clothing being all ready for distribution among the troops. Thus

the struggle to the bitter end, and before peace is restored several thousand more lives will be sacrificed. The distress among the unfortunate Mussulmans is very great, and fugitives who have lost their all are continually arriving at Adrianople. Everything is being done to alleviate their distress, and the Central Relief Fund, under the direction of Mrs. Layard, the wife of our Ambassador at Constantinople, is rendering valuable assistance.

A Special Court of the Boys' School, held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, approved of the report of the Home Committee, as recommended for adoption by the General Committee, for the enlargement of the Institution. The cost of the additional buildings will be £3,000, and the increase in the number of pupils will be thirty-two. The architect, Bro. S. Barton Wilson, is already engaged in preparing the plans, and it is hoped that the works will be commenced about the middle of next month. This, if all goes well, will enable the additional pupils to be received into the establishment at the April election.

Bro. Hyde Pullen consecrated the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, and was assisted in that important duty by Bros. John Hervey, H. G. Buss, Captain N. G. Philipe, and the Rev. Ambrose Hall. Bro. W. A. Barrett was afterwards installed as the first W.M., and having appointed and invested his officers proposed a vote of thanks, with the additional compliment of honorary membership, to Bro. Pullen and the brethren who so kindly assisted him. Before the Lodge was closed, twenty-eight propositions for initiation and joining were submitted, among the former being included the names of M. Faure, the celebrated baritone singer, so well-known in operatic circles, and M. Rousseaud, husband of Madame Christine Nillson. The Lodge is rightly named "Orpheus," for in addition to the two we have just named, many other members of the musical profession are candidates for admission. Moreover, the first meeting of the Lodge was marked by some admirable glee singing, and among those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening was Bro. Maybrick, a baritone of some eminence.

At the meeting of the Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452, held on Tuesday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, a motion, proposed by Bro. Ohren P.M. and Secretary, was agreed to unanimously, to the effect that a Steward be appointed to each of the three Masonic Festivals in 1878, and that a sum of five guineas be contributed to the several Institutions—the Royal Benevolent, the Boys', and the Girls'. Bro. Fred. A. Manning, I.G. of the Lodge, will undertake the office of Steward for the Boy's Festival.

The *Masonic Advocate* continues its history of the Indiana Lodges, the subject of the sketch in the current number of this excellent periodical being Washington Lodge, which stands No. 13 on the roll of the Grand Lodge in this State.

We learn from the columns of the *Australian Freemason* that a new Lodge, rejoicing in the style and title of the Tenterfield Lodge, was consecrated at Tenterfield, New Zealand, on the 29th May last. To W. Bro. P.M. Downer was entrusted the important duty of consecrating officer, Bros. Samuel Ashton acting as S.W. and J. T. Trench as J.W, the Rev. Bro. Davies being Chaplain for the occasion. The ceremony having been impressively rendered, Bro. E. R. Whereat J.P., and late Mayor of Tenterfield, was presented to Bro. Downer as W.M. designate, and installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Whereat then appointed and invested Rev. Bro. Davies as his Senior Warden, Bro. William Laird as Junior Warden, and Bro. John Ellis as Treasurer, the appointment of the other officers being reserved for a future occasion, Bro. Laird tendering his services in the meantime as Secretary. A brief adjournment for refreshment having taken place, the Lodge was resumed and the bye-laws were passed. The brethren adjourned to banquet at the Commercial Hotel. The new W.M. presided and gave the usual toasts from the chair. The brethren separated at the hour of 11 p.m. The day following the brethren were entertained by Bro. Whereat at his residence, after which a meeting of

raising another, votes of thanks were
to be recorded on the minutes to the
and his assistants for the admirable n
had fullfilled his duties. Bro. Downe
compliment, and in doing so expressed
Lodge would enjoy a long course of p
candidates were then proposed and the

We gather from the same source that
held at Brisbane on the 24th of the sam
auspices of the Silver Cross Lodge, N
Town Hall, which was the scene of the
was very tastefully decorated, and am
was his Worship the Mayor, who is actin
Master. Bros. W. Williams Deputy Ma
acted as M.C., and dancing was kept
with great spirit. From New Zealand
third anniversary of the Forest Lodge,
Waterfield, was held on St. George's D
brethren from the parent Lodge, Southe
C. E. Nelson went by special train to a
sion. Bro. Peter Carter Gowland was i
and appointed and invested Bros. R. I
Chulloch as senior and junior Wardens r
usual banquet followed. Bro. Chulloch
already had presented to him a P.M.'s je
of his services as the second Master of th

From the *Masonic Review* we learn that
a petition from certain brethren resident
bull was presented to the Grand Lodge of
sitting at the Assembly Room, City of I
being at the time no Grand Lodge in Ohio
accordingly granted for a Lodge to be held
by the name of "New England, No. 48,"
now as No. 4, Ohio.

REVIEWS.

**All Books intended for Review should be
Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67**

The Humorous Works of the late Gifted Hopkins.
found in his desk after his decease, with eight
drawn by Phiz. London: James Blackwood
court, Paternoster-row.

WHETHER the "Gifted Hopkins" is a creature of th
not, is a matter of no great moment; but it is only p
his works as "humorous" on the well-known princi
lucus as so-called *à non lucendo*. As humorous in
cation implies some person or thing which possesse
humour or moisture, we may, perhaps, by what Art
have described as a "circoctious route," consider
works of the Gifted Hopkins," as calculated to pro
the eyes of those who read them. This, as the learn
would remark, may be somewhat of a far-fetc
Nevertheless, it will be evident to every one who
ment of reading a few pages of this volume that th
to provoke tears of sorrow than roars of laughter; fo
must always feel a pang of regret when persons
pass themselves off for what they are not. Whatev
of the gifts which distinguished this gifted person
option but to declare that humour is not included am
or two short extracts will serve to bear out our state
the following from "My Diary for 1869," but we
readers to discover the humour for themselves, as w
utterly incompetent to point it out for them:—

"Friday, 15th.—Have been reading Wordsworth
strange mistake he has made, to be sure; He sa
father to the man.' 'The man is father to the child,'
course. In future editions of his works, I hope thi
will be rectified."

Again, under date of September 15th, Monday, we
some more conundrums. When is a door not a door
Why are used postage-stamps like silver spoons?—B
(H) all marked. Shan't repeat them to say of my
only pretend not to see the point of the jokes; and
feel so uncomfortable." We sincerely wish the "G
had included the public among his friends, and carri
lution not to repeat these insipid attempts at being fu
this, moreover, to be said. The public could not "pro
the point" of them; for there is none to see. We ca
our patience was utterly exhausted when we had skim
and a few of the tales, such as "Freedom's Fetters; o
of it," Ambrose Judd; or, Wanted a Wife," and "
Juice." The next time we feel that an attack of hum
rening, we may take counsel with one of the Hoods,
or some one of like calibre, whose claims to distinct
since been recognised, but [illegible] umorous works of th
Hopkins" we shall [illegible]

Old Warrants.

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No. 84.

142, "Ancients;" No. 172 A.D. 1814, No. 124 A.D. 1832, and No. 107 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

GILLIES, S.G.W. THOMAS MABON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

'E, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable ternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Con- itions granted by His Royal Highness PRINCE EDWIN, at York, o Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of onry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince , Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tulli- line, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, almond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Con- le of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl nge and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful mas Harper, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful colm Gillies, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Wor- shipful Thomas Mabon, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with 142 the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), hereby authorise and impower our trusty and well-beloved hren, viz., The Worshipful Michael Alexander Gage one of our ter Masons, The Worshipful Charles Smith his Senior Warden, the Worshipful Daniel Matthews his Junior Warden, to Form and a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the San Kings Lynn (or elsewhere), in the County of Norfolk, upon the and third Monday in every month, and on all other seasonable s and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly con- ated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and ons throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther autho- and impower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Michael ander Gage, Charles Smith, and Daniel Matthews (with the ent of the members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and all their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and all their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, ever. Provided the above named brethren, and all their Succes- always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, rwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

iven under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, twenty-second day of March, in the year of Our Lord One sand Eight hundred and ten, and in the year of Masonry Five sand Eight hundred and ten.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

e.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, tter G. 24th January 1774.

present title, No., &c. are, The "Philanthropic" Lodge, No. 107, Kings Lynn.

No. 85.

849, "Ancients;" No. 448 A.D. 1814, No. 299 A.D. 1832, and No. 243 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ILLIES, S.G.W. THO^S. MAHON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

E, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Frater- of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions ted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four sand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, quis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl rathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl of Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County 849 of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^re., Deputy d Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Esq^re., r Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, ., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and con- of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of on and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our ty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful David King Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at some convenient place in the Island of Guernsey, upon the Second and last Friday of 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 impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, David King, Richard Trout, and John Sallock (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 Eighteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ten, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Ten.

(Signed) ROB^T. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 12, Letter M.

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Loyalty Lodge, No. 248, Guernsey.

No. 86.

No. 171, "Ancients;" No. 209 A.D. 1814, No. 150 A.D. 1832, and No. 128 from A.D. 1863.

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 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 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 Order of the Thistle, and in that part of Great Britain called England, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Worshipful Lau. Dermott, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, No. 171 The Worshipful William Clarke, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful John Christian, 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., Mr. Alex^r. Bremmyrrhe one of our MASTER MASONS, Mr. Richard Hunt his Senior Warden, and Mr. Laurence Byrn his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a LODGE of Free and ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid, at the sign of the Prince George, in Hanging Ditch (or elsewhere), in the town of Manchester, upon the Second Monday 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 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. Alex^r. Bremmyrrhe, Rich^d. Hunt, and Lau^ce. Byrn (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 eleventh day of November, 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.

SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 5, Letter E.

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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, 25th AUGUST.

1341—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 27th AUGUST.

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.)
1933—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1428—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
830—One and All, Bodmin.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 28th AUGUST.

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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, at 7. (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, 349 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 4. (Consecration.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle. (Inst.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1366—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 29th AUGUST.

188—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 3. (Consecration.)
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.)

690—Scundes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
K. C.—Philips, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 30th AUGUST.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Dorset, at Beaminster.
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
2—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—Peruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—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.)
1813—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Lock, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 31st AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
903—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, 156 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 8. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1923—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-street, N.
1543—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1233—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1466—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Saturday.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

Monday.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 449—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

Tuesday.

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

Wednesday.

260—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
780—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.

Thursday.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 607—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Halifax.

Friday.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
683—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1084—Ecclesihill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesihill.
1105—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirf
R. A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-str

EDINBURGH DIST

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—141—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall,
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemaso
FRIDAY—333—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST

During the Tourist Season, for the be brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless othe

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 20 Cathedral-str
" 125—St. James, Masons' Arms, Newton
" 229—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Rot
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James-street,
TUESDAY—R. A.—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street, G
WEDNESDAY—R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213
THURSDAY—167—Free Operative, Freemasons' Ha
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Spr
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Gov
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Cogan-street, Pollockshi
" 196—St. John's, Lennox Arms, Lennox-to
" 199—St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, Cum
" 244—Union, Black Bull, Stonehouse.
" 347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall
SATURDAY—R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons'
" 466—St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.

NOTICES OF MEET

St. Mungo Encampment of Kn Glasgow.—The regular monthly meeting w Hall, Trongate. In the absence from the city Shaw, the P.E.C. Sir Knight Robert Bell officia Park G., J. A. Ferguson T., D. Gilchrist M., J. McDade 1st Capt., David Reid Recorder, and oth were duly proposed and unanimously elected, as Pilgrims, created Esquires, and subsequently of the Temple, the work being performed i quiet but very effective style. It was annou meeting would be for the election and install ensuing year.

Scotia Lodge, No. 178.—Wednesday, th gala day with the above Lodge, being the occ Picnic. The place selected this year was Loch bourhood of Eaglesham, the Farm—which place by a direct descendant of the famous "Howiesc where are to be seen the Flag of the Coven unfurled at Drumclog, the Sword, Bible and Drum and a number of old coins. Starting by 'bus, th a fine drive to Eaglesham, where they stopped i partook of dinner in the grounds of Bro. Mathi Lodge, and enjoyed themselves for some time; prepared for the road, the journey was continued about four miles further up the country. Here a was spent, dancing, games, &c., being indulged in, three times three had been given for Mr. and Mrs. left for home, calling as before at Eaglesham, whe stantial tea were enjoyed. All went merry as a and the excursionists arrived home at a reasonable satisfied with the day's outing.

Athol Lodge, No. 418, Glasgow.—Held ing in their Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, on Tuesda Neilson R.W.M. presiding. Bros. J. Louttit I.P.M. J. Leids J.W., and a very large assembly of memb by the whole of whom a most enjoyable evening addition to the large amount of musical talent in were several professional brethren amongst the vi have their services to enhance the pleasure of the m

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held well's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tu August. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Sayer S.W Ellis S.D., Forrest I.G., Maidwell, Campbell, Aarons The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was adva Maidwell answered the questions leading to the 3rd entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and Bro raised. The Lodge was closed in the 3rd, and reop degree. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions lead degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was resu degree, and Bro. Maidwell was duly passed. The 1st first lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by Bro. Sayer was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tue is expected a large number of the brethren will atte very zealous worker.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction.—

new quarters, at the "Sisters" Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston; lso stated that Tuesday, the 21st inst., was appointed for the meeting. In making the latter portion of this statement it s we were in error, as it had been settled that Tuesday next, the inst., was the date arranged for the first business meeting. ever, on Tuesday last several of the members assembled, and ough no Masonic work was performed, Masonic matters were pro- ly discussed, and an hour spent in social converse, which all who present will remember with feelings of pleasure. On Tuesday Bro. J. Ashburner will preside, and during the evening the In- ation Ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Wallington, P.M. of the ner Lodge. Several well known brethren have promised to d, and we anticipate a considerable gathering. A slight repast be provided for those who may desire to refresh the inner man the business of the evening has been transacted. Amongst who attended on Tuesday last we recognised Bros. Wallington, arner, Pindar, Perrin, Dallas, Morgan, Christian, Allen, Finch, in, Smyth, Morgan jun., &c.

pton Lodge, No. 1227.—Met at the Spotted Dog, Upton, x, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. D. Posener W.M., n S.W. (W.M. elect), Wayland Treas., A. W. Fenner acting Lyons J.W., Webster S.D., Oldroyd J.D., Andrews I.G., Gullick r; P.M.'s G. T. English, R. W. Goddard, B. Picking, G. Bratton, Holtham; also Bros. Lane, Lund, Odell, Clarke, Wibrow, Pearcy, erstone, Legg, Mabbitt, Jones, and several other brethren. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was then ed in the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. auditor's report was received and adopted. Lodge resumed to degree, when Bro. Bratton P.M. presented Bro. Brown, the W.M. , to Bro. D. Posener to receive the benefit of installation. The . then duly installed Bro. Brown into the chair of K.S. in due , and the following brethren were invested as officers during the ng year:—Bros. Lyons S.W., Webster J.W., Wayland Treas., oyd S.D., Andrews J.D., Wibrow I.G., Lane W.S., Bratton P.M. Gullick Tyler. The brother nominated as Secretary did not attend, his investiture was postponed. Bro. Fenner has latterly per- ed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge. A vote of thanks was ded the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had performed the mony of installation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren rned to the banquet, which was supplied by Mrs. Vause in her excellent style, and to which ample justice was done. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the brethren soon after separated. The following were the rs:—W. Holt 928, Jas. Wotton 953, Chas. Daniel W.M. 65, Fieldwell 1364, J. D. Barnett P.M. 185, E. Mackney P.M. 299, rest 65, &c.

pton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. n and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 7th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Scales W.M., Crouch S.W., sky J.W., Fenner S.D., Campbell J.D., Lane I.G. Visitors:— Peacock, No. 49, Treback, Prince Leopold Lodge 1445, Tayler, rough Lodge 244, Hunter, Townsend, Bolton, &c. Lodge d in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in d and third degrees, and resumed to first, when the ceremony itiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Hunter candidate. Peacock of Lodge Gibon 49, and Hunter of Loyal Union Lodge vere, on the proposition of Bro. Fenner, unanimously elected ers. Bro. Crouch was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. odge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday, th instant, at 8 p.m.

ke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524. d at Bro. G. Ferrar's, the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, n, E., on Wednesday, 22nd inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. kin W.M., Brasted S.W., Dignam J.W., Woolley S.D., Francis McMillan I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich, O. Dietrich, G. Ferrar, Maples, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the es were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ferrar being the candidate. owe then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the en. The Lodge-room has lately been beautifully decorated, ffers every comfort to brethren visiting. It is hoped that residing in the neighbourhood will avail themselves of the ction which they can obtain at this Lodge.

l of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—odge held its weekly meeting on Friday, 17th August, at the Hotel, Golbourne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Poulter Adkin S.W., Smout jun. J.W., Spiegel S.D., Kelly J.D., nason I.G., P.M. Bros. Savage Preceptor; also Bros. Lichtwitz, , Wood, Tetterborn, Hall, and Heniland. Business—The ony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collett being candidate; he ceremony of passing, Bro. Wood candidate; after which the d, and 3rd sections were worked by the brethren, under the in- on of Bro. Savage.

ngsland Lodge, No. 1693.—An Emergency Meeting the first) of this new Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. , the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Killick jun. W.M., A. Trewinnard S.W., H. P. Isaac J.W., ns S.D., A. W. Fenner J.D., Hall I.G., Steadman Tyler. Bro. r P.M. 1227, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form, when the ng gentlemen, Messrs. W. Bartle, W. J. Hornblower, N. L. elected joining founder. After which Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a cold collation. After the cloth had been removed the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. The health of the Initiates was then proposed and responded to in an excellent manner. The Toast of the Visitors was also honoured. During the evening the brethren were entertained by the excellent singing of Bros. Millward, Killick, Hall, and Fenner, as also by some recitations from Bro. H. P. Isaac, which were given in a very effective manner, and were highly applauded. The Tyler's Toast brought the evening to a close, when the brethren separated. The Visitors were:—Bros. Powell, Millward, and another whose name we did not catch.

CONSECRATION OF THE HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 172.

ON Thursday, the 16th instant, Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendant for Lanarkshire, opened the P.G.C. at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, assisted by the following officers:—J. Mitchell P.G.J. acting as 2nd Principal, G. Thallon 2. of 119, P.C.C. acting 3rd Principal, Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler 73 P.G. Scribe N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell Z. 69 P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb Z. 79 P.G. 2nd S., J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B. as P.G. 3rd S., J. B. Hardie P.G. Jan. The Companions then entered the new Hall of Lodge Hamilton, No. 233, which will make a splendid Lodge-room when the decorations are completed. Amongst the visiting Companions present we noticed Comps. D. Morrison Scribe E., Jas. McLean and John Walker of No. 50, John McInnis 1st S. and Wm. Fergurson 3rd S. of No. 69, J. Bannerman T., D. Gilchrist P.Z., A. Nicholson 1st Capt., J. Pollock 2nd Capt., J. W. Pitt 3rd Capt., J. McWaters and Wm. Jamieson of No. 73, Wm. Robertson No. 87, R. Brodie J. No. 79, John Callan No. 119, J. Munn No. 143 and R. J. Minto No. 170. The impressive ceremony of consecration was ably performed by the Provincial Grand Superintendent, who, in the course of his oration, dwelt on the necessity that existed for all new Chapters to look carefully to the quality of the materials to be used in the construction of the new Temple if they would have the edifice a lasting one. He then proceeded to instal the following as the officers of the new Chapter:—Comps. John McGhie Z., Jas. Cameron H., Thos. F. Mark J., giving them the usual charges. To save time he then retired with some of the other principals present to give them the installed degrees of their respective chairs, while Comp. J. Mitchell installed the remaining office bearers in open Chapter, namely—George Johnson Scribe E., John Bannerman Scribe N., Alex. Sheriff T., Jas. Hunter 1st Sojourner, W. H. Lindsay Crawford 2nd Sojourner, David Anderson 3rd Sojourner. At the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. McGhie briefly but gracefully thanked M.E. Comp. Barrow and his office bearers for coming out to Hamilton to consecrate the Chapter and instal himself and Comps. The P.G.S. expressed the pleasure he felt at all times to be useful in any department of Masonry, and the additional pleasure it gave him to instal such worthy Comps. as the new Z. and his officers. The Provincial Grand Chapter then retired, most of them returning to Glasgow; but at the request of Comp. McGhie, as the whole of the members of the new Chapter were all very young Royal Arch Masons, the members of Chapter 73 remained to work the three ceremonies for them. Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73 then opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, with J. Bannerman as S.W., D. Gilchrist P.Z. as J.W., J. McInnes S.D., J. Pollock J.D., Pitt I.G. and W. Jamieson O.G., when petitions were presented from nine Master Masons of Lodge 233. That degree was conferred on Bros. Thomas Sheriff, David Page, John Dolguire, William McMachon, William Firmberg, James Whyburn, John Findlay, William Fowler, and W. H. Bolt. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the same nine gentlemen received that degree at the hands of Comp. Thomas M. Campbell. Comp. Wheeler then opened the Chapter, with D. Gilchrist P.Z. as H., T. M. Campbell as J., G. Johnson S.E., J. Bannerman S.N., James Balfour P.G.S.E., taking the post of 1st Sojourner, J. McInnes 2nd Sojourner, and James Hunter 3rd Sojourner, and the Most Excellent Masters were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree. The Chapter then unanimously agreed to confer honorary affiliation on the officers who had been working these degrees, along with Comps. Pollock of 73, and Robertson of 87. The new Z. saying, that he and all his office bearers, as well as the candidates to-night, had been exalted by Comp. Wheeler; the latter in his reply said, if Comp. McGhie was proud to call himself a member of 73, he, as their representative, was proud of the sons of 73, who had formed themselves into 172; and in return for the honour conferred on him, he would try, as a member of 172, to make his cable tow occasionally stretch as far as Hamilton. Companions T. M. Campbell and Robinson also briefly acknowledged the honour conferred on them by being admitted as honorary members of 172. After this protracted labour, the Comps. adjourned for refreshment, and great credit is due to Comp. James Hunter, the worthy host of the Royal Hotel, for the way in which he catered for the enjoyment of the visitors. The toast of the Supreme and Provincial Grand Chapters having been given, Comp. J. Balfour P.G.S.E. replied for the latter. He said he might take some credit for the formation of the new Chapter, as Comp. McGhie had first applied to him to know how to proceed, and he had himself proposed him and most of his office bearers for exaltation; he felt sure, from their Masonic standing, that they would succeed. Comp. T. M. Campbell proposed the New Chapter and its Principals. Comp. McGhie said he had twice presided as the Master of a Lodge, but he almost doubted of his capacity to fill the 1st Principal's chair of a Chapter; he would trust to their indulgence and the promised aid of

Chapter, coupling with it the name of the 1st Soj., speaking of the importance of his office, and requesting him to try to carry out the duties as Comp. Balfour had done that night. Comp. Hunter said he feared it would be some time before he could equal the work done that evening, but he would be willing to learn and would try to do his best. Comp. Balfour proposed the newly exalted Comps., which was acknowledged by Comp. Bolt. The last toast was then given, and the Hamilton friends—the last train having long left—provided a special conveyance, with two good horses, and the Glasgow Comps. returned home through a lovely part of Lanarkshire, highly pleased with their visit to Hamilton and its new Chapter.

PICNIC OF THE THORNTREE LODGE, No. 512.

This Lodge met in their Lodge Room on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.; a number of visiting brethren from sister Lodges being present, amongst whom were Bros. Carswell of St. Mirrens, Paisley, Ferguson P.M. of 116, Rutherglen, and Foster of Royal Arch, Pollockshaws. In all there were 75 brethren. The Lodge had received permission from the R.W.M. of the Prov. Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East to appear before the outer world in Masonic Regalia. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, by R.W.M. Langhlan McKelbon, Bros. Nicholson S.W., and Jackson J.W., then proceeded in open Lodge to the Ranken Glen, the distance from the Lodge being about a mile—having previously received the permission of the proprietor, Alex Crunn, Esq., of Thornliebank—preceded by the band of the R.R.V. The brethren were most hospitably received by Mr. Crunn, his lady, and party, when they arrived at Thornliebank House, and, after partaking of cake and wine, rambled through the Ranken Glen garden and vineries for an hour or two, and returned to the Lodge Room about 7 o'clock, when Mr. Crunn's health was proposed with honours, accompanied with the usual Masonic fire. A very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

MARK MASONRY IN CORNWALL.

ENCOURAGED by the success which has attended the establishment of the Fort Craft Lodge at Newquay, the brethren a short time ago petitioned for a warrant for the constitution of a Mark Masters' Lodge. Their request was acceded to, and a warrant granted for a Mark Lodge, to be named the Fort, after the residence of its founder. The Lodge, was consecrated on the 16th by Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., 32°, Right Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of Cornwall, &c., &c., who was supported by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. J. Hughan 30°, Past Grand Mark Warden of England, Bros. W. J. Johns P.M. 78 P.G. Sec., C. Truscott S.W. 78 P.P.G.S.B., Rev. W. H. Bloxsome P.M. 175 P.G.S.W., W. Mason Reg. of Marks 78, T. C. Polglase 84 P.G.S.O., William Jones 84, J. Wallace 84, J. Langdon J.O. 87, W. H. Symons, Thomas Hawker, H. Toope I.G. 78, W. Rooks G.P., W. Hyward, Rev. D. A. Brown, Samuel Mitchell P.M. 699 P.G. Sup. of Works, J. C. Furnis S.D. 78, J. Best, Thomas Crapp, W. E. Michell 30° P.G.S.B., H. F. Whitfield 18°, John Langdon G.T., Samuel Harvey P.G.D.C., S. H. Cox, and Bryant Wellington. A Mark Master's Lodge having been opened, several approved candidates were advanced. The P.G. Mark Lodge of Cornwall was then opened in due form by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, who immediately proceeded to consecrate the Fort Mark Lodge No. 206, according to ancient form, and in a faultless manner. An exceedingly interesting and eloquent oration was given by R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.W. of England, on Mark Masonry, and Bro. W. E. Michell was then formally installed W.M. of the new Lodge, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Hughan. The newly-appointed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, as follow:—Bros. Bryant Wellington late S.O. Meridian No. 73 Redruth S.W., Thomas Hawken P.M. Duke of Cornwall Craft Lodge St. Columb J.W., Thomas Hicks M.[illegible] S.O., Thomas Gill Prout J.O., Rev. D. C. B[illegible] Reg. of Marks, B. Wellington Secretary *pro* W. Howard J.D., T. Crapp I.G., and C. J. C[illegible] vote of thanks to the Right Worshipful Prov[illegible] his courtesy in attending on this occasion w[illegible] Frederick Williams very appropriately repli[illegible] quently dined together at the Red Lion Hot[illegible] of the W.M.—*Western Morning News*.

SWEDENBORGIAN

IT may be interesting for our readers to l[illegible] been effected within a few months in t[illegible] now gathering strength in this country. Th[illegible] recent re-introduction in England, but was u[illegible] in London a century ago by the immediate M[illegible] denborg himself, and it contains much to in[illegible] Craft who look philosophically on Masonic S[illegible] and Companions of the Royal Arch will e[illegible] suggestive ideas from the very elaborate ce[illegible] which is strictly conferred on Master Masons[illegible] much longer than that of Craft Masonry, of v[illegible] ment, inasmuch as the lectures are incorporat[illegible] and require close attention in order that they[illegible] The following Lodges and Temples now exist i[illegible] —1, Emanuel, Weston-super-Mare; 2, Egr[illegible] Manchester; 3, St. John's, Baildon, Shipley, Y[illegible] borg, Havant, Hants; 5, Edina, Edinburgh; [illegible] pool; 7, Cagliostro, Keynsham, Somerset; and each of these Lodges being under the governm[illegible] member of the Craft as Worshipful Master. [illegible] are being formed, as under dispensation, and [illegible] season will, no doubt, show a large increase in t[illegible]

FREEMASONRY IN SOUT[illegible]

WE announced, some time ago, that a requisitio[illegible] tially signed, asking Sir George Elliot to call a [illegible] meeting of the Eastern Province, at which the g[illegible] installation of the Prov. Grand Master of all no[illegible] death of the late Chief of the Province, Bro. The[illegible] might be remedied. We learn that the meetin[illegible] ward to with eagerness by Masons anxious to p[illegible] the debt they owe to their late Chief will be h[illegible] the banner of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, a[illegible] over by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant P.M. of the A[illegible] D.P.G.M. of the Province, in the unavoidable al[illegible] Grand Master. The meeting, we learn, will be [illegible] fluentially attended. The resolution of the day [illegible] a Cardiff brother holding a high position, both [illegible] cally, and another resolution by a Swansea brot[illegible] and Masonic rank. Both resolutions will be carri[illegible] for, the purpose being known, none but those in [illegible] movement will attend. This meeting will remov[illegible] the Masons of the Province of having received [illegible] thought and most far-sighted care for the interes[illegible] in the Province without making the slightest recog[illegible]

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LARGEMENT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

OR a long time past it has been evident that, sooner or later, our Boys' School must receive a considerable sion to the number of its pupils. At every election has been held during the last three years the list of dates approved has been very largely in excess of the cies. At this very moment indeed there is an array tle short of seventy whose eligibility has been inquired and proved to be satisfactory, yet the number of cies for which they will—as far as we know now—to contend is only nine. That is, for every f the latter there are about eight of the former, and quently about sixty who are admittedly worthy of g the benefits of a liberal education and maintenance rred upon them will be sent away disappointed, in cases for a time, while certain others will have no r trial accorded them. It is only in the nature of s, therefore, that the authorities and those interested welfare of the School should anxiously concern themhow best to remedy this lamentable shortcoming; ccordingly we have had for some months past before Masonic world various schemes for enlarging the ation. In one case, it was proposed to erect a supntary or preparatory school, where small boys might ived and trained, and in due course passed to what then be the upper school. This of course would considerable relief from the present pressure. It not be necessary that the parents or guardians wait so many years before those dependent on them eligible for admission; and as the present number of would remain undiminished, the members admitted benefits of the new establishment would be an incertainly sufficient to meet the present demand. nother plan was submitted, by which the School be enlarged so as to allow of the number of pupils nodated on the premises being raised from its strength of 180 to 300. This, it was calculated, involve an outlay of some £25,000, but there be at least a satisfaction in knowing that crease of 120 in the number of boys would for many, many years to come; indeed, it was t the time the scheme was under consideration, that the present generation, at all events, it would not be y to take on more than perhaps 60 or 70 of the ed addition. This plan certainly had many advanTrue, £25,000 is not raised in a day, a week, or a year; but it would cost only some £3,000 less to ldditional premises for 60 or 70, and it was very ked, Why not at once do what is necessary in order the wants of the distant as well as of the near future? , when £22,000 is asked for, go just one or two short ther and raise £25,000. But whether the idea was iderable to entertain all at once, or whether it was additional permanent expenditure which so large diate increase as that of 60 or 70 boys would be felt a tax on the School; or whether it was imagined large addition were sanctioned, the number of es would increase with equal rapidity; whether , it may be, all of these ideas occurred to Craftsare not in a position to say. Certain it is that so extension has not been ventured upon, and the g body have approved a far more moderate scheme, owever, will go a considerable way towards meetxisting pressure. The Report of the Home Comenlarged at an outlay of £3 000, so as to admit of an addition being made to its strength to the extent of thirty-two, so that at no distant date the Masonic Boys' School will number 216 pupils, and no doubt this will suffice for the wants of the next ten or fifteen years. This Report was accordingly submitted to the General Committee at its last meeting, and that body approved and recommended it for adoption by the Quarterly Court; and in order that no time might be lost, a Special Court was summoned on Monday the 20th ult., when the Report of the House Committee, as recommended by the General Committee, was submitted and sanctioned. The plans of the architect Bro. S. B. Wilson were inspected and gave entire satisfaction; and nothing now remains but that the plan should be at once carried out. This, we venture to say, so far as Bro. Wilson is concerned, is being done at the moment of writing, so that no time will be lost, and it may be that, when the April election takes place, some forty instead of the usual ten or a dozen candidates will be admissible. We congratulate the Court and the Committees on the wisdom of the course they have adopted, not simply because they have adopted it, but because we think it desirable to move slowly and surely. The very handsome amount raised at the last Festival, together with the annual and other subscriptions which are paid into the School account at odd times during the year, will be amply sufficient to allow of this expenditure being incurred without trespassing additionally on the pockets of Craftsmen. The increase will not allow of too indiscriminate an admission of candidates, and it will still be possible to further extend the benefits of the School, in the event of such further extension becoming necessary. The addition to the permanent expenditure will be considerable, being from £1200 to £1500 per annum; but while the contributions of the Craft are as liberal as they have been these last three years, such addition will not be felt too seriously, nor will it prevent the annual investment of further moneys so as to make the needful provision against a rainy day. £5000 stock is by no means a large reserve fund, and with a School of 216 boys, and an income from all sources (say of £15,000), it should be possible to lay by £1000 or £2000 annually, provided, of course, no unlooked-for contingency requiring additional expenditure should arise. Under these circumstances, we reiterate our opinion that the authorities have adopted the wisest and safest course that was open to them, and we trust the Craft generally will continue to extend towards them the same confidence and support they have received hitherto.

CONCORDIA DISCORS.

OUR readers will find elsewhere in our columns a letter signed "A Looker On," in which the writer describes the conduct of affairs in the Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon, during the past and present years. Accepting his version as the correct one, we have no hesitation in declaring that this Lodge is very far from being a model of excellence. However, we will first enumerate the leading features of the case as stated in the letter, and then comment on them *seriatim*.

It seems that in January 1876, Bro. the Rev. John E. Marks, of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," "*being then in England*, was appointed Senior Warden." In April of that

have attended the Lodge till August. Owing to circumstance which then occurred, Bro. Marks appears to have become more regular. These circumstances are as follow:—Bro. Marks's absence having been made the subject of comment, the W.M. called upon him to show cause why he should not be removed from his office. Bro. Marks's answer to this query was the resignation of his membership. At this moment a D.G. Officer intervened, the correspondence was withdrawn, mutual apologies were made, and Bro. Senior Warden attended Lodge "with some approach to regularity." In December 1876, a Bro. T. N. Seymour, a Past Warden, raised the question of Bro. Marks's eligibility as W.M., on the ground that he had not served the office for a whole year. The W.M. ruled that he was eligible, and on a ballot taking place, Bro. Marks was elected by a majority of 13 to 11 votes cast for Bro. A. L. Vaillant, another Past Warden. Six members, including Bros. Seymour and Vaillant, thereupon appealed to the Deputy District G.M. against the election of Bro. Marks as W.M., but the appeal was dismissed for "alleged disrespectful language." A second appeal was submitted, and pending this, Bro. Marks was installed. The retiring Master then made certain charges against the six appellants "for using insulting expressions regarding the officers of the Lodge, in reality *for having dared to appeal;*" the charges are heard, and "*nine* members of the Lodge" excluded "*five* of the six appellants for un-Masonic conduct." As soon as this sentence had been passed, the Deputy D.G.M. decided adversely on the second appeal, thus supporting the action of the Lodge. The excluded five appealed to the Deputy D.G M. against their sentence, but were informed by him "that he cannot interfere with the economy of a private Lodge."

This is a *résumé* of the circumstances, as detailed in "A Looker On's" letter, and it will naturally occur to our readers, as it did to us, on a careful study of the case, that Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" is not in a state of perfect harmony. There must be a lamentable want of tact and judgment somewhere, for a Lodge to be so unfortunately circumstanced. But to proceed with our comments. The initial mistake was clearly the appointment of Bro. Marks to be the Senior Warden, when he was absent in England, and when, by reason of that absence, it was impossible he could exercise his powers and privileges as Warden for the complete period of a year, as required by law. Whatever may have been Bro. Marks's fitness for the office, it was obviously a farce to elect him when absent. So far, no blame attaches to Bro. Marks; but though he returned to Rangoon in April, it is stated that he did not attend the Lodge till August; and unless such absence were the result of illness or equally valid reason, we must pronounce him to have been guilty of great disrespect towards the Lodge and its Master. We should hardly think that any valid excuse was forthcoming, or, when called upon to show cause "why he should not be removed from office," Bro. Marks would not have tendered his resignation as member. Subsequently, matters were set straight for a time, and all went well. But in December, when the Master for the ensuing year was to be elected, the question as to Bro. Marks's eligibility to serve, was very properly raised. The law, which is very precise, lays it down that "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 italics are ours). Now, if plain English has any meaning in it, it must be obvious to our readers that Bro. Marks had not "regularly served" as Senior Warden "for one year" in the "Victoria in Burmah." Though appointed in January, he did not enter upon his duties till August. But he may have served as Junior Warden for a whole year; or he may have served as Senior or Junior Warden for a whole year in some other "Warranted Lodge," in either of which cases he was eligible to the Mastership. A third case, in which we might suppose him to have served as Junior Warden for a part of the year and as Senior for the remainder of that term, will not apply in this instance, for by reason of his absence in England there must have been a break in the continuity of his service. Otherwise, in this case also he would have been eligible. However, until we know the grounds on which the W.M. based his ruling that Bro. Marks was eligible, we are unable to estimate the merits of such decision. At all events six members of the Lodge, and among them two Past Wardens, appealed against the decision to the Deputy D.G.M. but their

Until we have the appeal itself we cannot offer any opinion on this appeal was made, and pending this, stalled, and the I.P.M. brought certa appellants, the result being the exc from the Lodge. Then came the decis rejecting the second appeal, and thu of the Lodge. We presume under that the Dep. D.G.M. had fully satis eligibility of Bro. Marks to serve s five who had been excluded appea tence, but the Dep. D.G.M. "decline economy of a private Lodge." With D.D.G.M. the ground of this refusal w inspection. The Constitutions lay it —under the head of "District Grand plaints against Lodges or brethre either to the District Grand Mast Grand Lodge. In all cases an a decision of District Grand Lodges of England." Now the Dep. D.G of the D.G.M., and, moreover, in th happens that the office of D.G.M. is vac D.G M. is momentarily the highest We feel a difficulty in offering any points as stated by our correspondent arriving at a correct idea of the case judgment, however, the Dep. D.G.M. fect estimate of his powers. How brethren can still appeal to the D.G. I still dissatisfied, they may carry their Lodge of England. One point on wh seems to lay some stress is of no va Marks was never invested with his coll On this point the Constitutions at merely as follows:—"N.B.—It is ve brother should be present when appo The just inference is that his presence desirable, is not necessary. However, the present, and reserve some further it our duty to make for a future article.

TOUTING.

OUR attention has been called to th from an ordinary Lodge notice desire to join the R.A. CHAPTER, and wh their names, are requested to do so at venience." Now, we have a very str desirability of avoiding anything and ev by any possibility be interpreted as an part of any brother to join this or that has ever been the boast of Freemason join its ranks do so voluntarily. We a that we seek admission into the Frate worthy motive, and that no influence ha bear upon us and so induced in us a d and the declaration which has been requ required of all future candidates. It m when a man has become a Craft Mason, done by inviting him to become a Roya the Royal Arch is regarded as the perfec Degree. We cannot say we think thi brother may aspire to join the higher ran nity, or he may not, but under no circum to be invited, directly or indirectly, to take degrees. We do not say the particula commenting upon is an invitation in so m members of this Lodge to become Royal it reads amazingly like a hint to them to doing so. People who are in the habi and that together, are perfectly well aw announcement is oftentimes a most pow man who was quietly looking at a crowd fellow who had misconducted himself, an there was a horse-pond close at hand, suggest that the fellow should be then a but he struck the key-note which led Similarly, a Secretary may plead that in d to the existence of a Chapter in connectio he is not inviting his fellow members t

ing, virtually, if not in words, that the R.A. Chapter hail with satisfaction an addition to its numbers, and members of the Lodge will be acceptable if they forld him their names "at their earliest convenience." does not say, Walk in, brethren, and learn the mystes of Royal Arch Masonry; but he does say, There is our al Arch Chapter, and if you have not entered already, had better lose no time in doing so. Brethren cannot be careful. We do not suppose the Secretary had any h intention when he made the announcement, but it is duty to point out to him that such announcement lays open to the charge of touting.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 48.)

"A GREAT ARITHMETICIAN."

"Horatio, thou art e'en as just a man
As e'er my conversation cop'd withal."

NGLISHMEN, who remain at home the whole or the greater part of their lives, can form but a very imfect notion of the strange vicissitudes of fortune which ple experience in a new country. True we are a goad and a wealthy people. We are an inventive people, there are constantly passing around us very many things which it is well nigh impossible to give credence. The leness with which Dame Fortune dispenses her favours arvellously illustrated every day that we live, and all it is sible for us to do is to look on and wonder what will be next freak she will play, and for whose benefit or at whose . But though these wonders are more strange than we are wont to dream of in our philosophy, they are strange than what happens well nigh every day in conn which are being or have recently been colonised. We, ome, are trained to follow one avocation. We enter on duties early in life, and steadily pursue them till, in the ess of years, we retire on a hard-earned competence, which to subsist for the remainder of our days. Or, ay be by good luck, we strike out some path of our , and rapidly amass a fortune; or, others stronger, r, and more energetic than ourselves, push past us he race of life, and we exist and nothing more. But ir Australian Colonies or in the distant States and tories of North Western America it is one incessant ggle to live, and there a man in his time plays many . One day he is a stockman, another he is manager; in he farms on his own account, and then perchance he is en with the *auri sacra fames* and rushes off incontly to the diggings; and the next we hear of him is r that he has amassed untold wealth or is a pauper no hovel to shelter him, no bread to satisfy the pangs nger, and hardly rags to cover his nakedness. Again cene changes, and the millionaire who has speculated essly, and lost his all takes the place of the pauper, had nothing to lose; while the latter has risen to nce, and having gained wisdom by experience, carehusbands his resources, and spends the rest of his in comfort, proud of the struggles he has endured, and ired and respected by all who know him. The late lent Lincoln is one of the strongest and most illus examples of the men who have passed successfully one extreme of fortune to another. Once an obscure litter, then an attorney, he rose till he ultimately e President of the most glorious republic in the . This we admit is a rare case; but many a *norne* in that same republic, who was once a shoeless errand now rolling in wealth, and holds high office in a State nment, or is a member of the national legislature. s in Australia. Men who worked their passage over England and landed in the country of their adoption ast enough to buy a meal or two, are now thriving s in one of those colonies, and members of the local stration.

while there are happily many instances of men emigrated to the States or the Antipodes and red amazingly, there are others who, finding they nb on only indifferently well, have returned home, ith the additional experience they have acquired , have put their shoulders to the wheel and carved themselves a position of competence or affluence. ch is known to us in the ranks of the Craft, who quently returned to Old England, and is now known as a highly successful trader. We do not say, however, that he might not have achieved an equal degree of success had he remained abroad, but rather that, having the love of adventure strong in him, he visited the remoter States in the west of North America. Having acquired, by dint of great energy and perseverance, a large and varied experience in different callings, he, in the course of a few years, returned home, with the intention of applying that experience to some active business. While away, he was, now a woodsman, now a schoolmaster, now the keeper of a store; and be it said to his credit that, though these several callings differed so materially, he nevertheless earned for himself the sincere respect of those with whom he was associated. He prospered fairly, and returning in the year 1863, has since followed the business of a produce salesman in the eastern district of London. During his residence in Wisconsin, he was initiated, in 1859, into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Washington Lodge, meeting at Green Bay. On returning home, he joined the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich, and having passed through every grade of office, he was ultimately elected, in 1872, to fill the Master's chair. On completing his year in this capacity, he was rewarded for his services with a P.M.'s jewel. In 1870, he was one of a number of brethren who founded the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320. In 1875, he was chosen to be its Worshipful Master, and now fills the office of Treasurer. With this, however, we close the list of our worthy brother's Masonic honours. He is a Craft Mason pure and simple. Others may be exalted, advanced, and perfected. Of others we may be able to enumerate, as, indeed, has been the case in the majority of our portraits, the various positions of dignity to which they have attained in Arch, Mark, and Templar Masonry, in Rosicrucianism and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but our brother has been content, thus far, at least, in his career, to have earned for himself the esteem and respect of his brethren in what is commonly known as Blue Masonry. He has passed through every grade of office, but beyond this, he seems to have no other ambition than to continue to render faithful services in whatever capacity he may be called upon to fill in our Craft Lodges. Still, if he exhibits an indifference to joining the other systems of Masonry, he is one of the most strenuous of Craftsmen in his efforts to promote the success of our glorious Institutions. He is a Life Governor to all three, and has served the office of Steward on one occasion for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and twice—namely, in 1873 and the current year—for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He has further announced his intention of serving the same office for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Festival next year. In 1875, he was chosen honorary Treasurer to the Board of Stewards for the Boys' Festival, and at the final meeting of the Board, when it brought its labours to a close, not only was the usual compliment of a vote of thanks paid him, but the sum of twenty-five guineas, augmented on this occasion from the customary ten guineas, was directed to stand in his name in the list of subscribers and donors, thus conferring upon him the privilege of five votes annually, over and above what he is entitled to in respect of his own contributions. He is likewise a member of the Audit Committee of both our Schools, and in this capacity he is enabled to render good service to these Institutions. To the outsider, perhaps, the duties of a member of an Audit Board may seem to be of a comparatively trivial character, but those who have even a slight acquaintance with such work are well aware of the heavy cares and responsibilities which attach to such an office. An accountant's duties are severe, but an auditor must not only possess a perfect knowledge of figures and book-keeping; he must likewise possess great perspicuity of mind, great discretion, and entire freedom from bias. He has not merely to see that the accounts are duly vouched so far as the receipts or acknowledgments are concerned; he must also satisfy himself that the expenditure will stand the test of scrutiny in respect of its justice and expediency. An auditor who simply contented himself with noting that a certain outlay was properly supported by vouchers, would discharge his duty but very imperfectly. Where a work is done by contract, he must look into the various tenders, and he should have a sufficient knowledge of most kinds of business or at all events a sufficient

after all, the accepted tender was the most advantageous We will illustrate our meaning by a very simple case. A butcher tendered to supply an institution with meat for a term of six months, the best beef at so much per lb., and the best mutton at so much. There was a very trifling advance in his price for the former over other tenders, but his price for mutton was considerably lower, and accordingly his offer was accepted. But the consumption of beef was many times more considerable than that of mutton. Taking, therefore, the whole term of his contract, the auditor who examined the various tenders was able to satisfy the authorities that, in the selection they had made, and setting the question of quality entirely apart, there was an appreciable loss made by the transaction. The zealous and able auditor was in this instance enabled to show that the governing body had been misled in their calculations and greater care was exhibited by them in scrutinising the different tenders submitted. This, we know, is a simple illustration, so simple indeed that many of our readers may feel inclined to smile at it; but it suffices to prove what we have just stated that an auditor's duty is not of that perfunctory character which many imagine. It involves something more than a mere matter of multiplication. Judgment must be exercised, and it is for this reason that our Schools are to be congratulated on having on their audit board a member who is not only, so far as his arithmetical powers go, a human calculating machine, but one who has likewise the ability to see at a glance whether the financial arrangements of our Schools are in accordance with true economy. We have felt it our duty to lay unusual stress on these labours of our brother, because the task of an auditor is more useful than ornamental, and is apt to be very lightly regarded; whereas it is to his discernment that we must always look as the true safeguard against hasty, ill-advised, and ill-regulated expenditure. It is so very easy to order the payment of accounts, that people are sometimes disposed to overlook the still more important question whether this or that expenditure has been wisely or unwisely incurred. However, we have said enough on this point without being wearisome, and it only remains for us to add that our worthy brother never misses the opportunity of acting as Scrutineer at the different elections to our institutions. For this duty he is likewise peculiarly fitted. His marvellous power in dealing with figures enables him to keep pace even with the most rapid voting. It is hard work to distribute some 17,000 or 18,000 votes among sixty or seventy candidates, so that within an hour or an hour and a half after the close of the poll, the scrutineers may be able to announce the result; and it is only possible to achieve this when the task of examining the voting papers is entrusted to men of such ability as the subject of this sketch. This completes the review of our Brother's Masonic career. It is not as showy, perhaps, as many of those we have already portrayed, but it is an admirable record notwithstanding. We have laid before our readers the portrait of a most able, most industrious, and most respected Craft Mason. We have shown that in the discharge of the many onerous duties he has undertaken to fulfil his former varied experience in different—oftentimes in difficult—positions gives him an advantage in many respects over others whose opportunities have been fewer and more limited in their range. It is an advantage to the Craft to be able to include among its most enthusiastic workmen brethren of this class, brethren who have it in their power to supervise the business part of Freemasonry. Some among us are capable of throwing light on our mysteries, on our jurisprudence, on the beauty and fitness of our symbolism. Our worthy brother has shown himself capable of doing his duty in the Lodge, for he is a Past Master of two Lodges; but the grand institutions we have founded and are now so rapidly extending require the presence in the ranks of Freemasonry of men of great business powers, and these our brother has shown he possesses to perfection. Moreover, be it said to his credit, that he is a man of great determination, a man who is not lightly turned aside from the path he has chosen; in evidence of which we may mention that it was once his misfortune to be embarked in a lawsuit; but when he found himself thus entangled, he was determined to obtain a decision one way or the other, at no matter what cost of time and

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in the very prime of his life, and, as
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QUARTERLY COMMUNI
GRAND LODG

THE following is the agenda pape
transacted in Grand Lodge on V
tember 1877.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Commun
for confirmation.

2. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

(1) "That in consideration of the di
occurred at St. John, New Brunswick, an
that city, this Grand Lodge do grant th
Guineas to be paid out of the Fund of C
of the Fund now in course of formatio
Inhabitants."

(2) "That this Grand Lodge do gr
Hundred Guineas to be paid out of tho
poses, in alleviation of the distress caus
which has recently occurred on the Coast

3. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence fo
which are recommendations for the following

A Brother of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 2
Derby ... ...
A Brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 3
Stockport ... ...
The Widow of a Brother of the Sa
James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark
A Brother of the Duke of Athol Lod
No. 210, Denton ... ...
The Daughter of a late Brother of
Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilwor
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge
Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorches

4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENE

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free a
England.

The Board of General Purposes have to repo

1. Arising out of the opinions for some conside
in Grand Lodge, and more especially the rec
assembly, the Board have had under their car
sideration the constitution of the Lodge of Bene
referred the question to a Committee of the
sideration and report, have received from such C
ing Report thereon:—

TO THE WORSHIPFUL BOARD OF GENE

The Committee of the whole Board, to whon
day of June last referred to consider the advisab
ing Grand Lodge to alter the title and constitut
Benevolence, beg to report unanimously as foll
considered the subject, we are of opinion that
commend Grand Lodge to alter both the title and
the Lodge of Benevolence in manner hereinafter

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in fu
"Board of Benevolence."

2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of
Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master,
a President, and forty-five other membe
and fifteen of such members to be annuall
Grand Master at the Quarterly Communica
and the remaining thirty members to be
Lodge from amongst the actual Masters a
Lodges, such election to be conducted in t
that of the Board of General Purposes, bu
our opinion be a regulation that one-third
portion of the members should retire annua

3. The Board to elect one of its members to b

4. Five members to form a quorum.

And the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with such Report do recommend the same to Grand Lodge for adoption.

2. The Board have had under their consideration and that of the Premises Committee the question of improving the accommodation in the Grand Secretary's office, and have arrived at the conclusion that the best and most satisfactory mode of effecting the desired end would be to utilize the Lavatory on the ground floor at the back of the Grand Staircase and the front room known as the Library, which, by means of communicating openings, would, in the opinion of the Board, afford, for some time to come at least, sufficient and proper accommodation for carrying out the work in the Grand Secretary's office, and more especially would provide a private office for the use of the recently appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, an arrangement greatly needed; and that the Lavatory, &c., in the rear of the present Waiting Room and Grand Secretary's office, be reconstructed, with enlarged accommodation.

3. It having been represented to the Board that a brother had been passed to the 2nd degree in twenty-six days only, after his initiation, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and it was ordered that the brother be re-obligated, in the second and third degrees, at a due interval, and that the Lodge of Benevolence (No. 39, Bideford), be fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
21st August 1877.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £7,280 8s 3d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages £6 15s.

The President will move:—

1.—That the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

2.—That Grand Lodge do adopt the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence.

3.—That the Grand Registrar be requested to make such alterations and additions in the Book of Constitutions as may be necessary for the purpose of such reconstitution.

4.—That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the proposed increased accommodation for the Grand Secretary's Office be adopted, and that the same be referred back to the Board for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

PROPOSED MOTION.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D.:—

"That a grant of One Thousand Guineas be made to the Indian Famine Relief Fund."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1693.—Kingsland Lodge, Islington.
1694.—Imperial Lodge, Sloane Street, Chelsea.
1695.—New Finsbury Park Lodge, Holloway.
1696.—Lodge of Friendship, Mauritius.
1697.—Lodge of Hospitality, Waterfoot, Lancashire.
1698.—Unity Lodge, Allahabad, Bengal.
1699.—Wannon Lodge, Coleraine, Victoria.
1700.—Walhalla Lodge, Walhalla, Victoria.
1701.—Lodge of Sincerity, Dandenong, Victoria.
1702.—Sub-Urban Lodge, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
1703.—Windrush Lodge, Witney, Oxfordshire.
1704.—Anchor Lodge, Southwark.
1705.—Prince of Wales' Lodge, Gosport.
1706.—Orpheus Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1707.—Eleanor Lodge, Edmonton.
1708.—Plucknett Lodge, Finchley.
1709.—Aryan Lodge, Bombay.
1710.—Remuera Lodge, Newmarket, New Zealand.
1711.—Rodney Lodge, Warkworth, New Zealand.
1712.—St. John's Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
1713.—Wilbraham Lodge, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire.
1714.—Albert Edward Lodge, York Town, Surrey.
1715.—Arthur John Brogden Lodge, Grange-over-Sands, Lanc.
1716.—All Saints Lodge, Poplar.
1717.—Lodge of Ancient Carthage, Tunis.
1718.—Centurion Lodge, Fleet Street.
1719.—Evening Star Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1720.—Greytown Lodge, Greytown, Wairarapa, New Zealand.
1721.—United Manawatu Lodge, Palmerston, New Zealand.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and healing remedies demand the earliest attention of all persons liable to rheumatic, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the

CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES.

THE EVENING STAR, No. 1719.
THE ELEANOR, No. 1707.

WE have once already offered sundry remarks on the subject of Lodge Nomenclature, and the consecration of two Lodges this week induces us to return to the subject. We do so with a full sense of the difficulties by which brethren who found a new Lodge must find themselves surrounded; at the same time, we think our readers will agree with us that, how rapidly soever Freemasonry may continue multiplying itself—and during the last two or three years its progress has been astounding—these difficulties are not insuperable. Nor do we care to criticise too minutely the names which are bestowed. We do not care to see too many Lodges derive their names from brethren, albeit these may have achieved certain distinction in our ranks. We know there is a limit to titles which indicate a respect for abstract qualities, and as soon as there are two or three Lodges in one and the same locality there will be some slight difficulty in finding suitable names for all. One of the Lodges that has just been consecrated is the Eleanor, Edmonton, and from the locality in which it is situated we may infer that it was chosen because of its proximity to the site of one of those crosses erected to commemorate the places where the body of the good Queen Eleanor rested on its way to be buried in London. If this inference of ours is just, and our readers will admit that it is a natural one, then must we ask the question, What connection is there supposed to be between the memory of the good Queen Eleanor and Freemasonry? What had she to do with our Craft, or what the Craft with her, except in so far as that our operative predecessors of that period must have erected these crosses? But surely so trivial a circumstance as this, which happened, too, at so remote a period, can have had little or nothing to do with the constitution of a new Lodge at Edmonton in the year 1877. Why not as well have called it the John Gilpin, in honour of Cowper's hero? or the Bell, after the well-known hostelry of that name, or the Edmonton, as being located there? "Eleanor," we admit, sounds prettily, and that is, perhaps, its chief recommendation. A more objectionable title is that set down for No. 1718, which, when consecrated, will be the "Centurion" Lodge. The Centurion was a Roman officer in command of a hundred men, and would about correspond with our Captain, but what connection there is between a Roman officer and Freemasonry we are unable to say. As to 1719, the Evening Star, which was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, we see not the slightest objection to the name; indeed, it would be difficult to find one more appropriate, but we think the founders have made a mistake in laying it down that only men connected, directly or indirectly, with gas companies are eligible to become members. In 1853, a somewhat similar restriction was proposed to be enacted in the Apollo University Lodge, and had it been approved by the Prov. Grand Master, only members of the University of Oxford would have been eligible into that Lodge. But the Prov. G. Master did not sanction the proposal, though we believe the restriction is virtually maintained. It is obviously opposed to the true spirit of Freemasonry to suggest any limitations beyond those contemplated by our Constitutions. However, the founders of the Evening Star Lodge are not very stringent in their proposed exclusion. They will experience no great difficulty in arriving at a limit to the number of secretaries, engineers, directors, or managers of gas works, but the number who are "directly or indirectly connected with gas companies" is well nigh illimitable. The shareholders are, of course, connected with the a, and very directly too; while every person who burns gas in his house or pays rates—which include lighting—is so connected. In fact, the gas burners, be they parochial or domestic, are the constituents on whom the gas companies rely for support, and the connection, therefore, is of the most intimate character. Nay, we will go further, and declare that every living being, *excepto excipiendis*, is eligible even in the face of this attempted restriction; for every human body has its gases—its oxygen, its hydrogen, its chlorine, and its nitrogen—as visitors to South Kensington are perfectly well aware. Thus, the whole human race is one huge gas company, and as the companies whose members are eligible are not specified, it follows that members of the great Gas Company of Humanity, which moreover comprehends all the rest, should be eligible for admission into the Evening Star Lodge. However, we think any such restriction, of any kind whatever, is as certainly impolitic as it is unconstitutional, while the announcement is obviously unnecessary, seeing that a proper means is provided for the exclusion of any person whom the members of the Lodge may not desire to have associated with them. Just as in a Military Lodge we must expect to find only military men, in the Apollo University only Oxford men, in the Isaac Newton only Cambridge men, so in a Lodge founded by directors and engineers of gas works, &c., &c., we should naturally expect to find only members who are connected with gas works and gas companies. But any attempt to exclude others, except by the prescribed constitutional process, strikes us as being unnecessary, unwise, and unconstitutional. It is unnecessary, because the lawful means are sufficient; it is unwise, because Freemasonry should be an inclusive body, as regards reputable people, and only exclusive as against those who are found unworthy; it is unconstitutional, because the restrictions are clearly defined in our laws, and the exclusion of any person on the score of his occupation is not one of them. We may add, for their edification, that the Lodge will find itself in a quandary the very first time an attempt is made to define who are, and who are not, directly or indirectly, connected with gas companies. Mr. A. proposes to join his house and

indirectly connected with gas companies. And then every body, in fact, is a gas man, if not a gas burner. Thus, as against the proposed Exclusion Bill, must be set the clause in the Act of Human Nature which furnishes every human body with its proper quantum of gas.

Having stated these few objections, and not in a carping, but a fraternal spirit, we pass to the more important business which records the doings on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and on Wednesday, at the Angel, Edmonton.

On the former of these, then, the brethren mustered at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in the Zetland Room, where it had been arranged the ceremony of consecration should take place. As announced by us, last week, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, had been appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to perform the duties. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, acted as Director of the Ceremonies, and on looking round we noticed the following brethren, who had assembled to witness the proceedings of the day:—Bros. A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B. of England, W.M. designate; John Aird, S.W. designate; Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.J.W. of Surrey, acting Sec.; Wm. Thos. Sugg, T. A. Greene, J. W. Sugg, H. Green, Saml. Cutler, J. S. Tamburini, Arthur Mead, F. W. Hartley, David W. Sugg, Robt. Hunter; V.W. Bro. John Hervey G. Sec., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Thos. Fenn P.G.D., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Fredk. Binckes P.G. Steward, H. G. Buss Assistant G.S., H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey, Edward Cox P.P.G.S.W. Hants, John M. Burt P.M. 18, C. W. Gray 22, Chas. Pawley 33, Alf. Williams P.M. 49, T. Lawler 92, G. T. Carter P.M. 145, John Von der Heyde P.M. 195, Robt. P. Notley 256, W. F. Mills 299, C. S. Boardman 299, F. A. Manning I.G. 452, John Methven 452, Chas. M. Ohren 452, E. H. Sugg J.D. 452, A. T. Jeffery W.M. 452, H. Massey P.M. 619, M. Mildred 1326, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. H. Pearson 1567, Jas. Johnson 1623, Nelson Read W.M. 1671, John Hodges 1706, &c.

Bro. Buss having marshalled the brethren, the Lodge-room was entered, and Bro. Hervey took the chair. He appointed Bros. Thomas Fenn and Hyde Pullen S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. H. E. Frances I.G., while the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford acted as Chaplain. The Lodge was then opened, and Bro. Hervey addressed the brethren. He referred to the great increase that was being made in the number of our Lodges, and entreated those present to be careful who they proposed as candidates for initiation into our ranks, more especially to be mindful to exclude any whose wish to join us was governed by ulterior motives. He then paid a compliment to the brethren to whom the conduct of the Lodge had been entrusted, and asked the worthy Chaplain to give the prayer. The Petition and Warrant having been read, the brethren gave the formal approval of the Officers designate and the Consecrating Officer called on the Chaplain for an Oration. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford then delivered a most interesting address, which was listened to attentively. Our Rev. Brother commenced his remarks by premising that the task he had undertaken was one of no slight difficulty, in the presence of others abler than himself, and seeing that all he could possibly say would, after all, be merely a repetition of an "oft told tale." He then insisted on the propriety of avoiding politics, and of observing most particularly the sage advice of our M.W.G.M. to "Keep clear of Politics." He did not for one moment imagine there was the slightest danger of Freemasonry becoming a political club; he imagined the Grand Master was solely anxious to caution brethren against expressing opinions in connection with party politics. He remarked that foreign Lodges had, in some cases, violated this wise rule, and hence some of them had been closed by order of the authorities. And the authorities were justified in thus acting, for every state has an inherent indefeasible right to object to a secret society discussing political questions. Freemasonry in England exists by the express permission of the Legislature, but on the understanding, implied if not expressed, that the members associate together merely for the purpose of social union and benevolent objects. We may, therefore, rejoice that against the English Craft no such charge of political interference can justly be levelled. Our loyalty is undoubted, for we are loyal to the throne, to the G.M., to the Grand Lodge, and to the great principles of order and freedom. We are, therefore, opposed to all revolutionary measures, and to all intestine commotions, for we know how to value the blessings of complete liberty, both civil and religious. The Rev. Orator then passed on to a consideration of the great principle of toleration which characterises English Freemasonry. We admit all into our Society who are not atheists or libertines. We base all our moral teaching on the Word of God, making the Sacred Volume of His law the chief ornament in our Lodges. There may be a more limited and a more expansive school of teaching; but be this as it may, our formularies rest on the broad foundation of Theistic teaching on the one hand, and Universal Fraternity on the other. Hence Christians, Hebrews, Hindoos, Parsees, and Mohammedans, can all meet in our Lodges without surrendering any article of their religious faith, simply because they one and all accept the Godhead as the basis of their creed. He then touched on the exclusion of Jews from Freemasonry by more than one Grand Lodge in Germany, and from his knowledge of the many Jewish brethren to be found in our ranks in this country, and the valuable services they are continually rendering, he deeply regretted such exclusion, as being unworthy of any body of Freemasons. Equally objectionable, in his opinion, was the attempt now being made by France and Belgium to eliminate the recognition of God from the Constitutions. As regards the gross intolerance of the Ultramontane section of the Romish Church, he considered the best way of treating it was to observe a dignified silence, in the belief that such intolerance must sooner or later recoil on itself. Two other points he deemed it his duty to comment upon. He objected to the belief which prevailed among some brethren that if men were in reputable circumstances, and could pay their fees, no

sought brethren to settle their differences
law courts. Or if not, let such differenc
notice of and adjudicated upon by our o
Brother then brought his remarks to a cl
a hope that the new Lodge would enjoy a
that its members would work together ha
their labours would tend to the honour of

The ceremony of consecration was the
Carter, Lawler, and Hodges rendering the
adding greatly to the solemnity of the proce
of W.M. then followed. Bro. Buss introdu
as the W.M. designate, and he was formally
Installed Masters was formed, and he was pl
receiving the salutations of the brethren, he
follow:—Bros. Dr. Whitmore P.M. acting
S.W., T. N. Kirkham P.M. 657 J.W., James
and Treas., Magnus Ohren P.P.G.J.W. of S
P.G.S.D. of Surrey Director of Ceremonies,
S.D., T. A. Green P.M. of 256 J.D., H. Jone
Kirkham, Glaisher and Jones, who, for reasons
able to be present, received their several appoi
brethren next proceeded to the election of a Ty
selection of Bro. T. C. Speight. Honorary m
was conferred upon Bros. John Hervey, Rev.
Fenn, Hyde Pullen, and H. G. Buss. This
ceived acknowledgment, letters of apology, exp
were read from Bros. Kirkham, Whitmor
Glaisher, and after propositions for joining and
in, Lodge was closed. The banquet followed, a
under the supervision of Bro. Dawkins, Mana
Tavern Company. The cloth being remove
with the list of toasts. With the health of t
Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. Lord Skelmersda
Grand Officers past and present, was associ
Bro. Woodford, who replied; but as the rem
the most part, a reiteration of what he had
shall say no more than that he thanked those
done him, and expressed his regret that some
not been called upon to respond, as he would
listener than a speaker.

In proposing the toast, "the health of the W
Lodge," Bro. Hervey remarked that it was twe
had had the pleasure of seeing his worthy frien
as the first W.M. of the Canonbury Lodge.
Hervey) was a modest man, and thinking him
out the ceremony than another, but somewh
Sir Daniel Gooch, he pressed the latter to u
Consecrating Officer, and contented himself
assistance he could. Bro. Filer was now Trea
of the Canonbury, and he left the brethren to
what Bro. Filer would be in the next twenty
Eastern Star had risen somewhat from its pres
Bro. Hervey added that all must be gratified a
the chair, for they would feel that all the duti
be well and methodically conducted, and he ca
join him in drinking success to the Lod
The W.M. in reply said that all he required to e
duty was the confidence and good feeling of th
which it would be impossible to carry on any L
the very flattering terms in which Bro. Hervey
and he trusted that by attention to his health
fulfil his duties, and might enjoy the pleasure of
many years. Bro. Filer, having expressed his th
for the kind manner in which he had proposed,
for the equally kind manner in which they ha
vacated the chair to the great regret of all, be
owing to the state of his health. His place was ta
and in response to the toast of the Visitors, propos
J. C. Parkinson expressed himself very happily.
were deeply indebted for the kind way in which th
and had been highly gratified by the proceedings o
ring to the remarks of the Rev. Bro. Woodfor
intolerance, he defined intolerance as "want of li
have kept themselves in darkness, or there w
among them. As to the Evening Star Lodge, if
component parts, he must come to the conclusi
objection to the diffusion of light, and he hoped th
would attend the ministrations of the Lodge, and
be of the purest quality. Bro. Henry Greene pr
the Consecrating Officer, and Bro. Hervey, havin
compliment, proposed the toast of the Treasu
To this Brother Magnus Ohren, Secretary, repli
his regret that Bro. James Glaisher was absent
purpose of carrying out some arrangements conse
ing of the British Association. For himself, when
the duties of Secretary, he had hesitated somew
sional engagements were onerous, and he was
with several Lodges; but he had yielded to the wis
and assumed the office. He further remarked tha
work in Masonry. He loved it, and when his p
were ended, it was a relief and a pleasure to h
duties of Masonry. Whatever he undertook, h
carry out to the best of his ability, and he shou
to do so. Bro. Ohren playfully alluded to t
Lodge and the avocation of its members, and c
tive speech by saying that in the Eastern Star L
carry on the old Masonic creed as long as the
the same zeal they exhibited in their profess
Binckes replied for the toast of the Charities,

n informed by Bro. Binckes that Bro. John Aird S.W. has kindly lertaken to represent the Lodge at the 80th anniversary Festival the Boys' School. Bro. Edward Cox, as did likewise Bro. Buss, lied to the toast of the "Recommending Lodge, the Canon- y Lodge," and Bros. Aird and Greene acknowledged the toast of Officers. The remaining toasts were disposed of and the brethren ›se d. We take pleasure in mentioning that the Lodge jewels fittings were provided at the cost of the officers.

Ve must now pass to the Consecration of Wednesday. It is, of rse, needless we should repeat the particulars of the cere- y, which are necessarily the same. It will suffice if we say the duty was undertaken by the same Consecrating Officer, and be received the able assistance of the same Director of Cere- ies. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Middlesex, d as Chaplain, while Bros. A. Durrant and J. W. Berrie were ted to fill the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden respectively. ddition to these there were present the following brethren, ely—F. Binckes, D. P. Cama, Dady D. Ghandy, S. Weingott, J. C. Perry, — Smith, W. T. Scott, W. W. Morgan, Arthur ed, Turner, Wm. Worrell, K. Harris, D. R. Still, J. Garrod, on Reed, W. S. Whitaker, W. H. Mann, Thos. Jones, Chas. ley, W. S. Gilbert, W. Meen, G. H. Faffa, Arthur Thomas. 7. Cox, Wm. Jolington, Thos. Platt, Chas. Winsdale, D. H. bs, John Maller, C. B. Payne, G. Tegg, J. Pinder, R. A. ght, J. Linzell, Jas. Oddy, &c., also those brethren who were inted with the formation of the Lodge. As soon as the opening alities were ended, Bro. Hervey offered an address, in the course hich he laid down most emphatically the necessity there is for in the government of a Lodge.

o. Holden then delivered an oration, which was very well ved by those present. He began by commencing on the nature reemasonry, as being based on science and morality. He referred e antiquity, extent, and comprehensiveness of our Art, remarking Solomon's Temple was raised 1,000 years B.C., that is, a century e Homer wrote his Iliad, and 500 years before Pythagoras ed his School of Philosophy. To King Solomon Freemasonry ebted for much of its symbolism, while its doctrines may be o be coeval with man, even with the creation itself. The Art ever at any time been neglected. All classes, in all ages, have nd it advisable to belong to our Society, and no wonder then it should flourish, as it does at this present time, parts of the world. Disputes may arise on other questions, is impossible that any can arise as to the advantages Art. Properly understood it engenders a love of God and love id. He then touched on the universality of the Order, and the ing influence it exercises on man, for where Freemasonry is not, no true civilization will be found. Having made a few remarks as to the excellence and ability of the Order, he con- l his oration by congratulating all on its advancement, and on entiments of virtue and benevolence which exist amongst mbers, both privately and publicly. At the same time he ex- d his best wishes for the progress and prosperity of the Eleanor

ceremony of Consecration was then completed, upon which Tanner was introduced, and a Board of Installed Masters being l was inducted into the chair by Bro. Hervey. Bro. Tanner ppointed and invested his officers as follow:—Bros. J. Howard eon P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., Charles Lovebond J.W., C. Treasurer, R. J. Leaman Secretary, J. H. Wood S.D., t J.D., Meen Organist, Ramsey I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler. Hervey, Buss and Holden were then thanked for their services, ected honorary members of the Lodge. Several propositions, r initiation and joining, were handed in, and there being no usiness to transact, the Lodge was closed. We must not lose portunity of expressing the pleasure which we, and all who rivil'ged to take part in the ceremony of Consecration, felt at bly successful efforts of the "Masonic Quartette," Bros. Edwin Burgess Perry, Arthur Thomas, and George Musgrave. inging was admirable, both in taste and correctness of on; and we have seldom heard the musical part of the cere- ore artistically rendered.

g to the pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over, week, our report of the banquet.

ACONSFIELD LODGE OF M.M.M., No. 205.

onsecration meeting of the above Lodge was held on Satur- y last, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. The as taken shortly after 3.30 by the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes . Grand Secretary, who appointed the V.W. Bro. T. Meggy . as S.W., the V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar G.S.O. as J.W., the o. C. F. Matier P.G.W. as S.D., Bros. James Pinder as I.G., ristian as M.O., E. Dietrich as S.O., W. T. Claridge as J.O., Dietrich as Organist. The Lodge having been duly opened, f eleven brethren were submitted to be advanced, of whom owing, being in attendance, were regularly introduced and d in due and ancient form to the honourable degree of —viz., Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. Royal Naval Lodge am Groome P.M. Finsbury Lodge, and S.W. of the Beacons- ge 1662, W. G. Hallows 1662, T. Franklin S.D. 1662, G. E. 917, J. G. Baxter jun. 207, Edward Brown Tros. 1685, T. Org. 1662, J. M. Hunt 1662, A. Sheppard 1598, and E. Lane e brethren named in warrant as the principal officers having roved, the warrant was read, and the W.M. called upon Bro. y P.G.M.O. to deliver an oration, which was received with . Bro. Meggy began by pointing out that the Mark degree had regret that at the union in 1813 of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges, the Mark Degree had been eliminated from the system. Since then, however, he said, it had been found necessary to establish a Mark Grand Lodge for England and Wales and its dependencies in order that the brethren who were interested in Mark Masonry might be able to study the ceremonies of the Mark Degree. Bro. Meggy then passed to a consideration of the origin of the term Mark, and showed how, in ancient times, in all buildings of great importance, the stones intended for different parts of the edifice were prepared at some adjacent spot by Craftsmen of eminent skill and ability. Then, as each one completed the perfect ashlar on which he had been engaged, he marked it in some peculiar manner for the purpose of showing the Mark Master that it was the work of his hand. The Mark Master then marked it with the distinctive sign, which showed that it was perfect, and likewise with the signs by which the builders might know its proper place in the building. Applying this symbolically, the Mark degree reminded us that we all bear about us a Mark by which we can not only be recognised by the G.O.O.T.U., but also by our fellow-labourers in this mundane sphere. To some this is the mark of earnest endeavour to do their duty towards their Creator and their fellow men; in others, it is an evidence of their willingness to sacrifice themselves for the good of others; while in some few instances it offers unfortunately a proof that they are unprofitable labourers. Whatever our mark, however, may be, we must not forget that we must one day submit our work to the G.O.O.T.U., and as we know that His decision will be based on the unerring dictates of Divine Wisdom, it behove us so to regulate our actions that when the time comes, we may be found able to take our places among those other stones which he has already adjudged worthy to form part of the great spiritual edifice, eternal in the Heavens. Bro. Meggy concluded his address by expressing a hope that the brethren who had been advanced that evening might be enabled to fulfil their duties worthily, and that the Lodge which was then being consecrated by Bro. Binckes, might be instrumental in establishing more firmly than ever the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. James Pinder, the W.M. nominate, was then duly installed as the first W.M., and proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz: Bros. W. T. Christian S.W., W. T. Claridge J.W., William Groome M.O., W. G. Hallowes S.O., T. Franklin J.O., G. E. Laverack J.D., E. Brown I.G., J. G. Baxter Reg. of M., J. M. Hunt Steward. Bro. W. Gilchrist was elected Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren generally, were most admirably rendered by Bro. T. Meggy, F. Binckes, and C. F. Matier.

Bros. F. Binckes, T. Meggy, C. F. Matier, and D. M. Dewar were unanimously elected hon. members, and a cordial vote of thanks was recorded to Bros. H. W. Binckes Asst. Grand Sec., J. B. Shackleton P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, J. Constable 173, E. Dietrich M.O. 199, and O. Dietrich Org. 199, for the assistance they had rendered in the formation of the Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast provided by Bro. W. G. Hallowes, all the arrangements by the kind hostess, Mrs. Hallowes, giving unqualified satisfaction. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the brethren separated shortly after ten o'clock.

There were present—V.W. Bros. F. Binckes P.G.W. G. Sec., C. F. Matier P.G.W., D. M. Dewar G.S.O., T. Meggy P.G.M.O., J. B. Shackelton P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey W M. 199, H W. Binckes Assist. G. Sec. P.M., Old Kent Lodge, John Constable 173, J. E. Simms 173, Oscar Dietrich Org. 199, 167, E. Dietrich M.O. 199, 167, W. T. Christian S.O. 173, W. T. Claridge 173, James Pinder 173, &c.

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OUR WEEKLY BU

THE Queen, accompanied by the Prince Leopold, and attended arrived at Balmoral on Friday last, the journey from Osborne within Perth, where a stoppage of fifty-five for breakfast, was reached almost exac in the morning. There was a very platform, and Her Majesty received a The same happened at Ferry-hill, a train is shunted to the Deeside Railw where the railway portion of the jour At the latter place only a limited numb the platform, but the station-square guard of honour of the 79th Regimen saluted as Her Majesty passed to her people cheered most lustily. The wea during the greater part of the journey pected to remain in the Highlands November. On the evening of the sam Denmark left London on his return to was accompanied to the station by Princess of Wales, who took leave of h

It is gratifying to be in a position Prince Albert Victor is so far restored to he was able to bear the fatigue of the j whither, under the care of his mother Saturday last. The Princess was met Portsmouth, by the Prince of Wales a Mr. F. Knollys and Admiral Foley bein His Royal Highness. The party at on the Royal yacht Osborne, and were conv harbour guns saluting as the yacht pass is to be hoped that the pure air of the speedily bring Prince Albert Victor bac illness has been a long and trying one, t we believe, were the symptoms calcula serious amount of anxiety. It is expecte of Wales will preside, on Wednesday nex Communication of Grand Lodge, and tha two resolutions entered on the agenda vote of two hundred guineas towards sufferers by the fire at St. John, New another of one hundred guineas towar distress of the sufferers by the cataclysm Peru. This will be the first appearanc Higness in Grand Lodge since his install

Though all London is commonly said t at this season of the year, there is no perce in the number of its inhabitants, except, West End. Elsewhere, the streets are as and the foreigner who visited the metrop time, and was told that this was our holid probably wonder what it was like in the And though visiting theatres and similar tainment is not the most agreeable past during the dog days, there are found a g people who are willing to bear any amount to see a new drama, or hear good music. Th instance, is thronged every evening with t hear Offenbach's music, and see a good ball the Haymarket, and other theatres are fair by lovers of the drama, while in the way of Messrs. Gatti's Promenade Concerts at Cov Madame Liebhart's Concerts at the Agricul the latter, the series of vocal, orchestral, an certs was inaugurated very successfully on albeit the building is not one of the from an architectural point of view, the opening evening was most charming. Not

of flowers and fruit of every description. Madame Liebhart, in order to make her concerts as attractive as possible, resolved on inviting our leading horticulturists to enter into competition with one another, prizes to the amount of three hundred pounds being the inducement she held out to them. The response was very hearty on their part, and among those who were rewarded for their pains were Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co., Mr. J. Wills, of Pimlico, and Mr. B. S. Williams, of Holloway. We have already drawn attention to the taste and skill of Messrs. Radclyffe and Co. in the art of floral decoration, and in the excellence of their garden appliances and fittings. It is, therefore, with the greater pleasure we refer to the display made on this occasion, and the many prizes awarded to them. They have been adjudged the second prize for "Artificial Flowers," class 5; first prize for "Best Specimen Fountain," class 6; first prize for "Best Stand of Garden Seats and Chairs," class 10; second prize for "Fountains, Vases, Tiles, and Garden Ornaments," class 11; and first prize for "Best Stall of Garden Tools and Appliances," class 12. The value of these decorations is estimated at £10,000, and we doubt not the public will show their appreciation of the lady's enterprise by liberally supporting her. The programme on Tuesday included the British Army Quadrilles, by the late M. Jullien, and the opportunity was taken of introducing four military bands, which played the French, German, Russian, and Turkish National Anthems, each band being attired in the costume of the country whose hymn it was charged with playing. Among the vocalists engaged by Madame Liebhart are Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Annie Sinclair, Madame Antoinette Stirling, Madame Anna Bishop, and Miss Julia Elton; Messrs. George Perren, Vernon Rigby, Lewis Thomas, Maybrick, and W. H. Cummings. Among the solo instrumentalists are Signor Tito Mattei, Miss Lizzie Albrecht, and Mr. W. Ganz (pianoforte), Mr. John Cheshire (harp), Mdlle. Bertha Brousil (violin), Miss Frances Thomas (clarionet), and Mr. T. Harper (trumpet). The directors, who will, of course, wield the baton on different evenings, are Sir Julius Benedict, Mr. W. Ganz, Mr. G. B. Allen, and Mr. F. Kingsbury. Another admirable entertainment, which we have taken the opportunity of enjoying on more than one occasion lately, is that given by the Mohawk Minstrels, who have had their head quarters in the large Concert Hall of the Agricultural Hall for upwards of four years, and whose singing, both sentimental and comic, is delightful.

The Mansion House Relief Fund is progressing famously, some £55,000 had been promised up to Wednesday, of which £45,000 has already been transmitted to Madras, and additional contributions are pouring in daily. Among the latest subscribers are the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery £500, Messrs. Watney and Co. £105, Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey £105, Mr. and Mrs. Bazley £100, the London and County Bank £105, the Ironmongers' Company £100, and Messrs. Charrington, Head, and Co. £100. At the Meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, Bro. H. M. Clabon will move that a grant be made towards this relief fund of a thousand guineas, and we hope the motion will be carried with acclamation. Famine is one of the direst calamities which can befal a nation, and to assist sufferers by such visitation is a duty we owe to humanity.

The Cricket season proper is nearly over, the last great county matches having been played this week. Kent, which, thanks to the energy of its captain, Lord Harris, has risen to something like its former position, has been more fortunate this year than usual, and has scored more than one considerable victory. We remember the time—it is unfortunately a good many years ago—when the match between Kent and England was about the principal cricket event in the year, but that was in the days when Fuller Pilch, Alfred Mynn, Felix, Martingell met old John Lillywhite, Box, Guy, Parr, and others of equal calibre. There was not so much fuss made about the game as nowadays, but there was magnificent science displayed. There were fewer visitors to Lord's or the Oval, but those who did enjoyed a great treat. Then Kent headed the list of counties, a position she may hope to recover with so hard-hitting a chief as now presides over her destinies. Her career this year is concluded with a brilliant one-innings victory over Notts. Gloucestershire, which stands where Kent stood, at the top of the list, has won its last was accomplished, Dr. E. M. Grace making 19, and his brother, the champion, carrying his bat out for 25, the other not out being Mr. Gilbert. Mr. G. F. Grace was c. and b. Lillywhite for 0. Several of the South Coast Regattas have been held this week, among them Weymouth and Hastings. At the latter, the sea was so rough that in one of the sailing matches some of the boats got into the surf and were capsized, and the last four-oared race had to be left out of the programme, as it would have been dangerous for the boats to put out in such rough weather.

Several meetings, political, scientific, and other, have been held, within the last few days. On Tuesday, for instance, there was a grand Liberal demonstration at Bradford, the opening of a new Liberal Club-house affording the opportunity for the gathering. Earl Granville presided at the interesting ceremony, and his speech, and one by Mr. W. E. Forster, created a very favourable impression among the audience. Several other Members of Parliament and prominent politicians were present. Then the opening meeting of the annual Congress of the British Archæological Association was held on Monday, at Llangollen, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart. M.P., who is the President for the year, occupying the chair. On Tuesday, the annual meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects was opened in the Corporation Galleries, Glasgow, the address being delivered by Lord Hampton the President. Mr. Reed M.P., Mr. Samuda M.P., Mr. Scott Russell, and others interested in naval architecture were present, and took part in the proceedings.

We are glad to see that the magistrates are meting out severe punishment to the brutes who maltreat their wives. Two such cases were recorded in the morning papers on Thursday. In one, a labourer of the name of Knight struck his wife in the face, knocking her down, and then jumped on her face twice, the result being a pair of black eyes, and several bruises caused by the brute's heavy hob-nailed boots. Mr. Mansfield sentenced the fellow to six months' hard labour. The other case occurred in the eastern part of London. A labourer named Wright, aged 50, assaulted his wife so severely as to render her insensible for a long time, and Mr. de Rutzen very properly condemned him to six months' hard labour, and at the expiration of that period to find one surety of £10 to keep the peace for a further six months. If it had been possible for the magistrates to have added a dose of cat in both cases we do not think many people would have regretted it.

We must go back to the days of the great American Civil War, to the time when McClellan led the northern host against the Confederates at York Town, and after seven days' fighting had to take shelter under the guns of his fleet, for a parallel to the fighting which has been going on in the Shipka Pass during the last ten days in August. Suleiman Pacha is determined to either cut off the Russians and compel their surrender or exterminate them, and though the latter still hold out, it is by no means unlikely the Turk may accomplish his purpose. The loss on both sides must be very terrible. The Russians acknowledge to close on three thousand wounded, who have been sent to the rear; and the Turks speak of having buried another three thousand dead. What the Turkish "butcher's bill" amounts to we have not heard; but as Suleiman has been the assailant during the greater part of the fighting, it must be a formidable one. It is becoming daily more and more apparent that the Russians have their work cut out for them, and can with difficulty maintain themselves. As for marching on Constantinople, that, according to every account we have read, seems out of question during the present campaign. The Imperial Guard and the other reinforcements which have been ordered up to the scene of war arrive but slowly, and it may be another fortnight before the Grand Duke is able to resume the offensive, even if he be able to do so then. And when he does think himself strong enough to move, he will find probably that the Turks are equal to him in point of numbers, for reinforcements pour into Constantinople daily; while as to their fighting powers, both offensive and defensive, when led by such men as Osman and Suleiman Pachas, the Grand Duke has learnt too well, to his cost, at Plevna and in the Shipka Pass. Again, Mehemet Ali, who is said to be in command of over 100,000 men, has defeated a Russian

day may bring us the news that the Turks have gained a victory which will decide the issue of the present campaign. In Asia, too, Russia is faring badly, as Moukhtar Pacha has gained another victory, inflicting a loss of four thousand, while his own is about one-third of that number. We think the Czar must repent of having entered on the task of championing Christendom and the rights of humanity. He has thus far gained little, and lost much in the way of prestige, while his loss of men from dysentery and similar diseases must be frightful. It is most likely that for every death on the battle-field ten occur in the hospital from sickness, and if so the campaign so far must have cost the Czar little short of 70,000 men. No wonder we hear of his Imperial Majesty's illness, and that his physicians have suggested his removal to a healthier climate. As to polititал news there is reason to believe that Servia, or rather Prince Milan, is eager for a second campaign. The idea of Servia being an assistance to Russia seems preposterous. If Servia is wise, she will keep the treaty, the ink of which is hardly yet dry. She was treated generously by the victorious Turk, and her fate in a second trial of strength will not perhaps be so enviable. Sáleiman with 10,000 of his choice troops would probably overrun the whole of the principality, and make mincemeat of the unwarlike Servians. Austria makes no sign, and Germany, though the friend of Russia, will witness the overthrow of the Czar's legions with stoical indifference, or even perhaps with grim satisfaction.

MASONIC TOURISTS.

One of the most agreeable features in connection with American Freemasonry is the custom which prevails of brethren in one State or one part of a State visiting those in another or another part of the same State. Thus during the present season scarcely a week has passed, but, on taking up an American Masonic newspaper, we have read of a Virginian Commandery visiting Rhode Island, or a New York Chapter taking train and setting off to Philadelphia, for the purpose of doing the amiable towards their Pennsylvanian companions. Not so in England. Individual brethren may visit distant Lodges, but a London Lodge would never think of visiting a York or Liverpool Lodge. However, thanks to Bros. Gaze and Son, there is now an opportunity for a whole Lodge, if it is so minded, or at all events for a considerable number of brethren from different Lodges, combining the pleasure of a trip on the Continent with the still greater, because rarer, pleasure of making acquaintance with French and Swiss Masonry. These gentlemen are well-known for the valuable services they render tourists, by relieving them of the major portion of those cares to which the travelling animal, man, is liable. For the payment of a given sum, they will conduct a party of ten, twenty, or thirty people, or even more, during a Continental trip, providing them with railway, steamboat, and diligence passes, hotel coupons, and helping them through the difficulties of Custom-House inspection of luggage, and generally, in fact, doing all in their power to make the journey as agreeable as possible. By way of a novelty, Bros. Gaze and Son have issued a prospectus of a Masonic tour through France and Switzerland, which will be personally conducted by Bro. Oscar Dietrich, of the Geneva Lodge "Les Amis de la Vérité," and our No. 1524 Lodge. The party, it is intended, shall consist of not less than ten or more than twenty-five persons, and the terms, inclusive, are twenty-seven guineas. The start will be made on the 10th inst., from the Victoria Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, whence, at 7.50 p.m. on that day, they will set out for Paris, *viâ* Newhaven and Dieppe. Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to lionising the French capital under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. E. Gaze (Lodge 1351), who will enact towards the travellers the estimable part of "guide, philosopher and friend." Neufchatel will be reached on the morning of Thursday, and the next fortnight, that is, to Thursday the 27th inst., will be devoted to visiting all the places and scenes of greatest attraction in Switzerland. Among them must be mentioned Lucerne and its lake, Lauterbrunnen, Berne, where a visit will be paid to Grand Lodge, and thence to

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where they will, of course, have the op
Mont Blanc in the full majesty of its g
its famous castle will be visited, and t
will be made by way of Dijon, the
Burgundy. Paris will be reached on
and the party will return to London by
the day following. But should any
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of our French and Swiss brethren, and int
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CRYPTIC MASONRY.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Council of
Masters of Ontario, held in the Masonic Hall, Lon
on 8th August, the following Illustrious Comp
elected and subsequently installed:—
Most Ill. Comps. David McLellan M.P.G.M.,
D.G.M., G. C. Longley G.P.C. of W., E. W. Porter
James B. Nixon Grand Recorder, J. Ross Robertso
of Guard, William Gibson Inspector General Ha
Corliss M.D. Inspector General London Divi
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General Ottawa Division, J. O'Donnell Inspecto
Division, A. McKee Inspector General Manitoba D

GREAT PRIORY OF CANA

The election of officers of the Great Priory of Can
7th August, the following being the result:—
V.H. and E. Sir Knight Colonel W. J. B. MacL
Great Prior Laprairie, V.E. Vincent Blementi Gra
borough, Daniel Spry Grand Chancellor Toronto, D
Constable Picton, George Watson Grand Marshal
McLellan Grand Treasurer Hamilton, J. J. Mas
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CORRESPONDENCE.

CONDUCT OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I would respectfully ask your deliver-ce on the following matter. I mention names, but so as not to end. My reason for addressing you is partly that I may be con-med in my view of the illegality of the transaction of which I write, d partly to set right, if possible, five worthy brethern who have en excluded from a Lodge.

In January 1876, Brother the Reverend John E. Marks, of Lodge Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon, *being then in England*, as appointed the Senior Warden of the Lodge.

Bro. Marks returned to Rangoon in April 1876, but did not once end the Lodge till the month of August 1876, and in that year, on o or more occasions only (the Lodge meeting monthly), and then y under the following circumstances.

Bro. Marks' absence from Lodge being observed and commented on by the members, the Worshipful Master called upon that other to shew cause why he should not be removed from office. e response to this was resignation of membership. An influential strict Grand Officer intervened, the correspondence was withdrawn both sides, mutual apologies were made, and the Reverend Brother gan to attend Lodge with some approach to regularity. At the ction in December 1876, Bro. T. N. Seymour, a Past Warden, sed the question whether Bro. Marks was eligible for the chair, having served a whole year as a Warden. Speeches were made, d the Worshipful Master ruled that Bro. Marks was eligible. The lot was taken, when it was found that there were 13 votes in our of Bro. Marks, and 11 votes in favour of Bro. A. L. Vaillant, o a Past Warden. Bro. Marks, I omitted to state, had never n invested with the collar of the Senior Warden.

The election of Bro. Marks was believed by several members of the dge to be irregular and void, and so six brethren, including among m Bros. T. N. Seymour and A. L. Vaillant, appealed to the Deputy trict Grand Master to set aside the election. This appeal was cted, for alleged disrespectful language, but the appellants, desirous aving a ruling on the disputed point, submitted a second appeal. he meantime the installation is proceeded with, and after the allation the retiring Master brought charges against the six appel-s for using insulting expressions regarding the officers of the dge, in reality *for having dared to appeal*. These charges were d, and *nine* members of the Lodge *excluded fire* of the six appellants n-Masonic conduct. As soon as this was done, the Deputy District nd Master, who had hitherto withheld his decision, made his erance, and supported the action of the Lodge, thus rejecting the nd appeal. The five victims appeal against the sentence of sion, and are informed by the Deputy District Grand Master he cannot interfere with the economy of a private Lodge. I have ong opinion that the Deputy District Grand Master has a right t aside exclusion if there are grounds for so doing. But the ty District Grand Master does not make any inquiry; he throws his sceptre, stultifies himself, and domits himself from his high ion.

nd these brethren been guilty of any moral offence I should not troubled you in this matter, but they are men of blameless ; two of them are Past Wardens, and one of the two had month before been appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Master Masons.

oiding all verbiage and recrimination, I unhesitatingly declare these brethren have been punished for appealing; because they dared to raise their voices against Masonic irregularity and handedness, and yet the Deputy District Grand Master says, ave no power." This species of self-abdication might be ed to pass unnoticed but for its effects on these brethren. we find Craftsmen who take sufficient interest in Masonry to set faces against the election of one whom they looked upon as an nified intruder; they appeal, and are crushed. Their remedy is peal to Grand Lodge. It is a long way to Freemasons' Hall, on, these brethren might shout themselve hoarse, and yet may e heard. Their previous non-success may so have disheartened that they may not venture to appeal.

nbmit this is a constitutional question, and that whether these ren appeal or not, it is the duty of the Grand Secretary or other r officer, to take the Orders of the Most Worshipful the Grand ir, and direct a full enquiry and report to be made, and if justi-o direct that these brethren be restored, and the order of exclu-pushed.

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

tish Burmah, Rangoon, 20th July 1877.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the SOUTH WALES DAILY NEWS.

,—In your issue of the 20th inst., I noticed a paragraph headed masonry in South Wales," which contains statements and re-ns which I feel—as one having a deep interest in all that con-Freemasonry—should not remain unchallenged, as they are ding and unjust.

rtainly was unaware that the Masons of this Province—as such any stigma attaching to them in consequence of any neglect ir part in connection with the matter of which you write. For time of the lamented and untimely death of our late chief, it s in the recollection of most of the Freemasons, of Cardiff at with the exception, perhaps, of those "loving a high, social, and bore willing testimony to his high character and Masonic worth.

It is untrue, therefore, in my judgment, to say that "this meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will remove the stigma from the Masons of the Province of having received for years the best thought and most far-sighted care for the interests of Freemasonry in the Province without making the slightest recognition of them," for it cannot be said with justice that they lie under any such stigma.

I see the resolutions to be submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge are to be carried without a division. I hope they may be of such a nature as to warrant this rather bold assertion. I am at a loss to know how your informant arrives at the fact that "none but those in sympathy with the movement will attend." He is in error there, as I, for one, shall attend to my duties thereat, though I am by no means "in sympathy with the movement," as far as its objects are set forth in this paragraph.

I am, &c.,

A PRESENT PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

Cardiff, 20th August 1877.

SIR,—As a Mason of many years' standing, I read the paragraph with the above heading, in your issue of the 20th, with much interest, and I think I may say that the majority of Past Provincial Grand Officers of the province did the same. A letter in your issue of to-day, signed a "Present Provincial Officer," declares the statements in your paragraph to be "misleading and unjust." We will see in what way they are so. Can the "Present Provincial Officer" point to any Provincial Grand Lodge in which the services to Freemasonry in general, and the Eastern division of South Wales in particular, of our late chief, have been acknowledged? I think not, but am open to conviction, and if convicted will have great pleasure in admitting my ignorance of such resolution. It is, I believe, true that every private Lodge in the Province did testify "by their unfeigned and heartfelt expressions of sorrow that they were not unmindful of the great loss they had sustained," and each and every Lodge bore willing testimony to his high character and Masonic worth. The spontaneity with which every Lodge did so, in my judgment, brings out in more startling contrast the very marked omission of all reference to our late chief at the first Provincial Grand Lodge held after his decease, and it is this grave want of—shall I say — common courtesy, that the approaching Grand Lodge of Emergency has been called to remedy. If the numerous and influential Past Provincial Grand Officers who signed the requisition to Sir George Elliot, requesting him to call this Grand Lodge of Emergency, had not felt that there was some "stigma" attaching to the Province, why adopt the very unusual course of sending a requisition to the Provincial Grand Master, asking him to call such Grand Lodge? If Sir George, when he received the requisition, had not felt the justice of the request, and that a "stigma" did rest upon the province, the probability is that he would have pointed out the undesirability of calling a Grand Lodge of Emergency for the purposes named in the requisition, and have declined to summon it. Our present Provincial Grand Master, by calling Grand Lodge together to pass a resolution recording "their high appreciation of his services, and their profound regret at the irreparable loss they have sustained by his early death," has surely admitted the necessity of such a record. Your statement therefore, as regards the object of the meeting—as regards the necessity of removing "the stigma"—is not misleading and unjust.

"A Present Provincial Officer" declares your statement, that the resolutions will be carried without a division, to be bold, and goes on to say that "none but those in sympathy with the movement will attend" is erroneous, because he will attend, and is not "in sympathy with the movement." Well, some people like to be singular, some people like a little notoriety, even if they have to go counter to all men of judgment in their effort to be notorious. "A Present Provincial Officer" may be one of such. I do not envy him. He is welcome to the coveted position he seeks, and I venture to say that if he proves your statement to be incorrect by opposing the resolutions to be proposed at the special meeting referred to, he will be a long way the most distinguished Freemason in all Wales. He does not seem to hold such a position in the province at present—although a "Provincial Officer"—as to have been thought worthy to be consulted by the framers of the resolution. The sudden leap from obscurity to be the cynosure of all Masonic eyes may prove too much for his "judgment," and may thus work to his disadvantage in the future, and prevent any further promotion in the Order, for the zeal which outruns discretion may bring grief to the cause which ought to be defended. His ignorance of the objects of the special Grand Lodge is deplorable in "our having a deep interest in all that concerns Freemasonry." May I hope that he will in future make himself fully acquainted with his subject before he rushes into print, and proclaims his ignorance to all who care to read. I append the resolutions to be proposed at the approaching Provincial Grand Lodge, and am, &c.,

24th August 1877. A PAST MASTER.

RESOLUTIONS.

"That the Brethren of the Province of South Wales Eastern Division, with grateful recollection of the very eminent services rendered to Masonry by the late R.W. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot during the 11 years he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master—an office, the duties of which he performed with untiring zeal, with dignity worthy of the Craft, and with urbanity endearing him to the brethren—desire formally to record their high appreciation of his services, and their profound regret at the irreparable loss they have sustained by his early death."

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its grateful acknowledgments of the eminent services rendered to the Province by the W. Bro. Edward James Morris, Junior Grand Deacon of England, during the long period he filled the office of Deputy Pro.

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, 1st SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
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, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

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. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
860—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

TUESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, 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.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
269—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.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
980—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.
1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7 p.m.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
1334—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.
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.
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, 6th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, 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.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8 30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street.
294—Constitutional

209—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street,
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. (Inst.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bolling-lane, G
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancash
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkb
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshi
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincol
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wa
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle,
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgom

FRIDAY, 7th SEPTE

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hal
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camber
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. Georg
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-roa
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End,
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street,
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C.,
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C.,
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Pa
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N.

839—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumb
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, More
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 8th SEPTE

199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road,
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Reg
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

WEST YORKSHIRE

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefi
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley,
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, She
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castlefor
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-stre

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street,
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sh
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, B

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondw
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-st

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pontalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradi
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Hu

FRIDAY.

243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hudde
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, H

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Consti
THURSDAY—67—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-cou
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel,

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit o brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetin All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise st

MONDAY—62—St. Michel, White Swan, Dumfries.
" 70—St. Abb, Freemasons' Hall, Eyemouth.
" 83—St. Andrew, Town Hall, Crail.
" 110—St. Andrew, Daniel Inn, Aberdeen.
" 124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129—St. Mirren, 5 Mosstreet, Paisley.
" 138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 154—St. Anthony, Freemasons' Hall, 3 High-stree
" 164—Old Aberdeen, Town Hall, City of Old Aber
" 237—Govan, Masons Arms, Govan.
" 262—St. John, Abbey Hotel, Galashiels.
" 312—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 466—St. Fergus, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street,
" 539—Myrton, Freemasons' Hall, Fort William.

TUESDAY—3 Scoon and Perth, Freemasons' Hall, High-stre
" 36—St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street
" 76—Hamilton, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 115—Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street
" 360—Ancient Stirling

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GLASGOW CONTINUED.

UESDAY—254—Caledonian, 8 Bank-street, Dundee.
" 331—St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 338—St. Mary, Church-street, Inverness.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 406—St. John Dalziel, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.
" 433—St. Thomas, Eglington Hotel, Dalmellington.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 443—Neptune Freemasons' Hall, Princess-lane, Ardrossan.
" 497—St. John, Brewery Hall, Catrine, at 7 o'clock.

EDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 21—Old St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 50—St. John, George Hotel, Inverary.
" 74—St. David, Royal Hotel, Dundee.
" 86—Navigation, Commercial Hotel, Troon.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglass-street, Partick.
" 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 134—St. John, New Hall, Parkhead, Glasgow.
" 136—St. Lawrence, Freemasons' Hall, Lawrencekirk.
" 166—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie. 7 o'clock.
" 197—Solomon, Freemasons' Hall, Shore-street, Fraserburgh.
" 198—Royal Arch, Kings Arms, Maybole.
" 202—St. Clement, Commercial Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 250—Union, Chapel-street Hall, Dunfermline.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

HURSDAY—11—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Maybole.
" 22—St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 120—St. Peter, Crown Hotel, Montrose.
" 140—St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.
" 157—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Main-street, Beith.
" 165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 176—St. Andrew, Oak Inn, Denny.
" 179—St. Mungo, London Hotel, Manchline.
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-square, Oban.
" 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
" 320—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Saltcoats.
" 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.

RIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135—St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 173—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Largs.
" 217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 459—Kelburne, Cumbrae Hotel, Millport. 7 o'clock.
" 512—Thorntree, School-room, Thornliebank, Glasgow, at 6.30.
" 551—Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Lanark.

ATURDAY—28—St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" R. A. 305—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Bell's Hill, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, the 23rd of August, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell. Present:—Bro. Hammond W.M., Thomas W. Carnell S.W., Charles Foundin J.W., James J. Curtis Secretary, T. Edmonstone as S.D., H. Nevill as J.D., and T. A. Harper as I.G. Past Masters Clark S. Larlham, James Stevens, S. H. Wagstaff, W. J. Messenger, and George Waterall; also Bros. F. W. Sparks, A. Woodcock, A. Carnell, T. Fisher, H. P. Jarman, A. R. Crunch, W. Foster, Scholey, &c., and visiting brethren John Greenway 174, George Potter 177, R. J. Voisey 1329, R. Carnell 1414, and R. Farquharson who officiated as Organist. Business—Lodge opened with musical service. Bros. A. Carnell and F. W. Sparks were raised to the third degree. Bro. J. Scholey was passed to the degree of F.C. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered by the W.M., and the usual perfect working and musical accompaniment testified to the continued desire of officers and members to retain the proficiency which has characterised the Lodge throughout its existence. It is the great regret of the Lodge generally, Bro. J. J. Curtis, who has lately been promoted to the rank of Quarter-Master of the First Surrey," was compelled to offer his resignation as Secretary. Bro. W. J. Messenger P.M. having kindly accepted the vacant office, was appointed and invested by the W.M. Bro. S. H. Wagstaff stated that at the ensuing regular meeting he should give notice of motion as to the zealous services of the late Secretary, Bro. Curtis, be recognised by the presentation of an illuminated vellum inscription, expressive of thanks and regard; and Bro. James Stevens stated that he proposed to move at that meeting that a retiring pension, equal to two-thirds of the usual fees, be voted to Bro. Grant, now ill and infirm, for his ten years' service as Tyler to the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed with hymnal *finale*, and the brethren adjourned to the Canteen, where the services of Bro. A. Kethro, the worthy Sergeant Major and Sutler of the Corps, were called into requisition, and the demands of appetite appeased. A very agreeable and unanimous hour or two subsequently assisted digestion, and promoted harmony and good fellowship, and another successful gathering was added to the already large score of Macdonald meetings.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1237.—Held at Bros. Anderton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 24th inst. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Cleverley S.W., Campbell J.W., Simmonds S.D., Fenner J.D., R. W. Pearcy I.G., Townsend, Barth, Bolton &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Fenner having answered the questions leading to the third degree was entrusted. The Lodge opened in third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Cleverley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. As this is the holiday season, we cannot help congratulating this young Lodge on its position. Its members are

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The election meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, 22nd August, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Mason W.M. opened the Lodge. There were present Bros. E. S. Stidolph S.W. W.M. elect, Kemp J.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., Rev. — Hatch Chaplain, C. W. Hudson S.D., H. Faija C.E. J.D., and others. The only work done was initiating two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bro. E. S. Stidolph S.W. being W.M., T. J. Sabine P.M. being re-elected Treasurer, and W. Y. Laing P.M. re-elected Tyler. Notice of motion was given to vote ten guineas from the Lodge funds to be spent in purchasing a P.M.'s jewel, to be presented to Bro. J. C. Mason. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, 24th October. Supper followed, and some agreeable hours were spent. Visitors—Bros. T. W. Lover W.M. 1178, Stephens 1623, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., at Bro. G. Ferrar's, the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. E. Dignam W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Woolley J.W., Francis S.D., McMillan J.D. G. Ferrar I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Sec. pro tem, C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. C. Lorkin, having been interrogated, was entrusted, and on the Lodge being opened in the 2nd degree, the ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The sections of the lecture belonging to the degree were then worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Efficient stewards were nominated for the Lodge dinner, which will take place on Wednesday, the 10th of October. Brethren wishing to be present should make early application for tickets, which can be obtained of Bro. G. Ferrar, as above, or of the Secretary.

The Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 24th of August, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Gardiner W.M., Kyezor S.W., Gomm J.W., Blasby S.D. and Sec., Tucker Treas., Seward J.D., Tucker I.G.; Bros. Roe P.M., Castello, Irwin, Fisher, &c. Business—Lodge was opened at 7.30 in regular form. The minutes of last meeting having been duly confirmed, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and resumed to the first. Bro. Fisher then offered himself for advancement. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Fisher was passed. Bro. Gardiner received the thanks of the brethren for the very impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. Bro. Kyezor was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Friday, the 31st August, at 7.30 p.m.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 24th August 1877, at 8 o'clock, Bro. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor. Bros. Dunn jun. W.M., T. Goode S.W., Press J.W., Frampton S.D., Evans J.D., Francis I.G. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to 2nd degree. Bro. Woolley, candidate to be raised, was examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, ceremony rehearsed, and tracing board explained. Lodge closed in the 3rd degree. Lodge called off from labour to refreshment. Lodge resumed and closed in 2nd degree. Bros. J. U. Francis 1598 and J. J. Woolley 1604 (Wanderers) were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. T. Goode appointed W.M. for ensuing week. Officers in rotation.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Saturday, 18th August, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. C. W. Fox W.M., supported by Bros. R. W. Williams P.P.G.O. Middlesex W.M. elect 1275 S.W., J. Hammond P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524 S.D., H. Gloster I.G., and many others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting, held on Saturday, 21st July, and of the emergency meeting held on Saturday, 4th August, were each put to the meeting, and were in both cases unanimously confirmed. Bro. C. W. Fox, in an able and efficient manner, initiated Mr. H. Roffey into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Col. F. Burdett here arrived, and was received with all honours. Bro. F. Walters then took the chair, and in his usual able manner passed one and raised two brethren. Bro. C. W. Fox then resumed the chair, and presided over the Lodge for the remainder of the afternoon. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. B. Shackleton to vote ten pounds from the Lodge funds to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Saturday, 18th May 1878. The usual banquet followed. The regular toasts were given and responded to.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its first business meeting at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, N.E., on Tuesday, the 28th August. Present—Bros. P.M. Wallington W.M., Perrin S.W., Allen J.W., R. T. Worsley Sec.

ceremony was beautifully worked by Bro. Wallington, who installed Bro. Brown into the chair of K.S., the latter investing the officers with the collars of their respective offices. Bros. F. Lorkin of 408, Smyth 1524, and Hunt 1662, were elected members. To celebrate the removal to new quarters, it had been arranged that a supper should take place after the Lodge had been closed. To this about twenty-five brethren sat down and did ample justice. Bro. Wallington presided in his usual genial manner, and, after the cloth had been cleared, proposed what he termed the only necessary toast at a Lodge of Instruction, that of the Queen and the Craft. The Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction like its Mother Lodge is noted for its musical talent, and on this occasion lost none of its prestige.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Friday, the 24th of August, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present:—Bros. Hall W.M., Baker S.W., Harris J.W., Thompson J.D., W. W. Morgan jun. as I.G.; Rudderforth Preceptor, Evans, Adair, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened, the ceremony of Initiation was worked, Bro. Evans being the candidate, and the Lodge having been advanced to the second degree Bro. Baker worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, after which the Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Baker the S.W. was chosen to fill the chair at the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held it usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 30th of August, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C. Present—Bros. James Stevens P.M. W.M., Thomas Poore P.M. S.W., Saul J.W., G. W. Blackie Sec., J. W. Colmer Treas., C. Taylor I.G.; also Bros. Gladwell, Beeton, Daniel, Francis and Parker. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and minutes read and confirmed. The following sections were then worked:—First by Bro. Beeton, second C. Taylor, third Blackie, fourth Saul, fifth Francis, sixth Poore P.M., seventh Stevens P.M. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. C. FORREST AS P.G.M. OF LANARKSHIRE, MIDDLE WARD.

A MASONIC demonstration of an unusual description took place in Hamilton, on 20th inst., on the occasion of the installation of office bearers in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward. The gentlemen whose appointments were the immediate cause of the demonstration were Bro. John Clark Forrest of Auchinraith, Provost of Hamilton, who was to be installed as Provincial Grand Master; Bro. A. G. Simpson, of Carfin, to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. James Mackie, Town Treas., to be Sub. Prov. Grand Master, &c. The office to which Bro. Forrest was appointed in the course of the day, was rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. Merry, M.P., and it may be stated that it was formerly held by the grandfather of the present Duke of Hamilton. It was a high and flattering testimony to the worth of these gentlemen that representatives from no fewer than twenty-one different Lodges, in various parts of the county, assembled to witness the ceremony. From an early hour in the morning preparations were in progress for the proper disposal of the business of the day. In the forenoon the strangers from the surrounding towns and villages began to arrive, and by mid-day the town presented a lively appearance. It had been arranged that the place of rendezvous should be the front of the Palace. Between one and two o'clock accordingly, the Masons, to the merry strains of music, marched in the direction of the ducal demesne, and as they arrived in the large open space in front of the palace they were marshalled into position by Bros. Forrest and Thompson. As is customary on such occasions, the Grand Lodge brought up the rear, preceded by the oldest lodge, which on this occasion was Hamilton Kilwinning, No. 7, and so on in order of seniority. Proceeding by way of the Almada-street entrance to the Palace, the procession speedily emerged on the Bothwell-road at the head of the Muir, and then turning eastwards, marched down past the Provost's house,—the procession being joined at the Provost's by the deputation from the Grand Lodge. The following is a list of the respective Lodges, who took part in the proceedings:—

Livingstone Stonefield, Blantyre No. 599, St. Bryde, Uddingstone No. 579, Livingstone St. Andrews, Motherwell No. 573, Kilwinning High Blantyre No. 557, Clydesdale, Larkhall No. 551, St. Clair, Cambusnethan No. 427, Dalziel St. John No. 406, Larkhall, St. Thomas No. 306, Woodhall St. John's No. 305, Mid-Calder St. John's No. 272, Hamilton St. Andrews No. 233, St. Andrews, Strathaven No. 115, Airdrie St. John's Operative No. 203, St. James' Old Monkland No. 177, Airdrie, St. John's No. 166, Royal Arch, Rutherglen, Royal Arch, Cambuslang No. 114, New Monkland Montrose No. 88, Wishaw St. Mary's No. 31, Hamilton Kilwinning No. 7.

Deputation from Grand Lodge, headed by Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, R.W. Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Arriving at the Town Hall, the younger Lodges opened up and lined each side of the road, and allowed the representatives of the Grand Lodge to enter the building. The other Lodges, in the order of their seniority followed, so that the order of procession was entirely reversed as the brethren entered the hall. As soon as the brethren were seated, the Grand Lodge was opened in due and ancient form by Brother Inglis, and a selection of music having been played by Herr Schröder, organist to the Craft in the district, the ceremony of installing Bro. Forrest, as well as the other office bearers, was proceeded with, prayer having first been offered up by Brother the Rev. [illegible] Grand Chaplain. Bro. [illegible] performed the ceremony, and described bearers the nature of their duties and to their offices. Grand honours foll Lodge was called from labour to l lavishly provided by the newly-elected The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts we ponded to. Then the Depute Grand Ma "The Provincial Grand Lodge of the toast with the name of Bro. Forrest. The suitable replied. He thanked the brethren had been conferred on him that day in a important office, and remarked that he that his immediate predecessors had bee Belladrum, and the member of Parliament the present Duke of Hamilton's grandfat tions having been played by Bro. Schröde order while the Depute Grand Master and Lodge retired from the hall. This brou interest to a close.

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To direct attention, however, to the several m which have taken place within the past two Kaleidescope of Bombay, the first noteworthy c signation of the Deputy Grand Mastership, under tion, of the Right Worshipful Bro. Macintosh Ba guished brother held a similar position in the for all Asia, this voluntary act did not cause mu more than passing attention from those who v scenes." This was particularly the case when missed that he had vacated the appointment with for the elevation of so popular and talented a m Worshipful Bro. Tyrrel Leith, barrister-at-law. considered that Bro. Balfour was acting with mu retiring, so as to leave an opening for the pref who, from his energy and zeal, was regarded as p to any additional honour that could be conferred trict Grand Master, who has always had the hap ing for his officers gentlemen of intrinsic mer bearing the genuine impress of the true nobility

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THE CONDUCT OF LODGES.

N more than one occasion during the past few weeks have we thought it worth while to draw the attention of our readers to what, in our opinion, constitute ier grave departures from the laws and regulations of emasonry or serious blots on the conduct of Lodges or nbers. We began by treating of the important ques- of "Proposing Candidates." We then passed to the allot," and commented on sundry abuses which are oured, on good authority, to have taken place. Last k, we referred at some length to a series of difficulties ch had occurred in a Lodge in one of the remoter Dis- ts subordinate to our Grand Lodge. We do not care be always harping on one string; but the fact that not , but several irregularities, varying of course in degree kind, have latterly occurred, and that, in more than instance, they have been severely condemned by high ionic dignitaries is a sufficient justification for our hing once again on the conduct of Lodges, while there likelihood of the circumstances being well within the llection of our readers. Two principal reasons impel o adopt this course. If the present rate of increase in number of our Lodges is maintained, there will be an ition to our Roll of something like a hundred Lodges annum. It is, therefore, the more important that ier caution should be exercised, so as to prevent un- thy persons being admitted into our ranks, while it mes more necessary than ever that the laws which rn our Society should be strictly enforced. Where the ission of new members is so laxly regarded as to ant almost to a matter of form, it is certain that some ons will be received as members who will give trouble he rulers of their Lodges and foment endless dis- s. The necessity for this caution is obvious to all who the real interests of the Craft at heart, and none more earnest in impressing this necessity on the s of Craftsmen than the different brethren to whom ost commonly entrusted the duty of consecrating new es. These are invariably members of great ability experience, and, therefore, the advice they tender es, or ought to carry, all the greater weight. Un- nately, there is an old saying to the effect that om cries aloud in the streets, and no one heedeth her; this is found to hold good in Masonic as well as in communities. The sage counsels of our ablest rities do not receive that degree of attention to which are justly entitled, and sooner or later it will happen he interests of the Craft will suffer. With a greater er of Lodges there is, of course, a prospect of more ences and disputes arising, though there is no reason his should follow as of course. The laws which have enacted for the government of the Craft are clear, e, and sufficient; and the exhortations to observe if strictly heeded, as they deserve to be, should a deterrent effect, and make it well nigh impossible y peril to overtake us.

at, for instance, can be clearer than the law as to oposal of candidates either for initiation or joining? et, as we made it manifest in our article on the t, it is continually being set at naught or evaded. days' notice is, in too many instances, all that ers have that Mr. A.B.C., of whom personally he becomes a mere farce. The recommendation of the proposing members is taken as sufficient, and a Lodge finds itself plus a brace of members, who may, or who may not, prove worthy of the honour conferred upon them. As was well remarked the other day at the consecration of the Evening Star Lodge, it is not enough to know that a candidate is in reputable circumstances. Something, likewise, should be known of his temperament and habits, which may or may not be commendable. Mr. A.B.C. may be honourable in his business and well-circumstanced, but he may likewise be morose or spiteful in his nature; he may be of a querulous or even quarrelsome disposition, and his admission into a society, which is nothing if not harmonious in its acts and feelings, becomes an unmitigated evil. Had proper time been allowed for making the needful inquiries, the Lodge would have been spared the intrusion—for election at that short notice is nothing more—of one with whom it was difficult, or it may be impossible to agree. There is a well known proverb about certain people who marry in haste and repent of the unfortunate step they have taken at leisure. Here we have the hasty admission of a troublesome member, and there is no option but to repent at leisure of the mistake we have committed. If one unworthy brother, who will not permit himself to be repressed, can work unspeakable mischief to a Lodge, it is surely not too much to ask that the provisions of this law, which are sufficient for all purposes, should be rigidly observed. Were this done, were there no hasty propulsion, as from a catapult, of candidates into our midst, we should be spared much unpleasantness. We do not say there would be absolutely no disagreements, no quarrels, no malice, but we should certainly escape many which now occur. For instance, the P.M. who declared publicly, with all the foul-mouthed emphasis of which he was master, that he would black-ball every candidate for admission into his Lodge, should have undergone a closer inspection into his character and antecedents; had the necessary care been taken when he himself was proposed as a candidate, the chances are some evidence of his vicious temper would have come to light. In such case, there is little doubt the requisite number of black-balls would have been cast, and that the Lodge of which he is now a member would have known him not. Similarly, had due caution been exercised in other Lodges, we should have been spared the record of much unseemly conduct, of schisms existing in comparatively young Lodges, of spiteful innendoes, uttered in direct violation of our precepts, behind a brother's back. There would be comparatively little or no cliquism, whereas we are afraid to say how much of it now prevails, and in how many quarters. We are by no means of opinion that our present rate of increase is an unmixed good. On the contrary, we are fully persuaded that, unless the letter and the spirit of our Constitutions are more readily and more generally obeyed, this increase, of which some speak so boastfully, will be very detrimental to the Fraternity.

One other point, of which the circumstances described to us last week by a correspondent are an illustration, must be noted. We allude to the ignorance of our laws which prevails so commonly among those to whom we are expected to look for enlightenment. Can it for one moment be imagined that such a concatenation of deplorable events could have happened in any Lodge, no matter how remotely situated from head-quarters, had the officers

when it was impossible he could serve the full period as prescribed by law. He absented himself from his duties. In due time his eligibility to the Mastership was called in question, but the Master ruled in his favour, and he was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, by the narrow majority of 13 to 11 votes. A series of squabbles ensued, as, indeed, might have been expected. The ruling of the W.M. was appealed against, but the appeal was rejected on the ground of disrespectful language. A second appeal was submitted, but was decided adversely to the appellants. Meanwhile, countercharges against the latter had been made and adjudicated on, and five of the six appellants excluded from this Lodge; and, to crown the whole, the D.D.G.M. has declined to interfere on behalf of the excluded brethren. It is seldom the lot of a Masonic journal to record a series of such disastrous events; and though the opposite version, when it reaches us, may give a different complexion to the whole matter, it is impossible to escape the belief, that had the officers of the Lodge known what our laws and regulations prescribed, these objectionable charges and countercharges would never have happened. The least we have a right to expect of those who aspire to high office is, that they will learn their duties and fulfil them. If they are not willing to comply with this reasonable expectation, let them have the grace to remain in obscurity, where, if they cannot do much to promote the welfare of Freemasonry, they will at least have small chance of rendering it a dis-service.

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tion with the Craft. The year follo
alted and advanced, the former disti
the Royal Arch Chapter of Concor
ton, and the latter in the Albany Lod
Isle of Wight. In 1857, we find
minor office, that of Pursuivant, in
Lodge of Wiltshire; but this wa
stone to still further advancement,
he rose to be Grand Director of C
Province; in 1859 and 1860 he wa
in 1861 Prov. Grand Junior W
honours culminating in 1864, when
conferred on him the honour of the
ship. He had already given further
helping, in 1856, to promote the found
Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes
W. Master in 1863. A few years l
settled at Reading, in the heart of t
the most arduous portion of his offi
have been rendered. But whether
Metropolis, from Hants, from Wilts,
brother was not one who ever allowe
beneath his feet. No long time had
to the initiative taken by him and oth
Reading was able to boast a second
Grey Friars, No. 1101, being founde
and their auspices. Our brother ha
in this lodge, among them that of Tre
1866 and 1867 he acted as Immediate
that capacity had the honour of initiati
Lefevre, one of the members for the
1869, when Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M
P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, he app
brother to be the Grand Secretary of
it is only a month or two since
regret of all our Berks and B
felt compelled to resign his office. H
an event to which it will be necessary t
within three days of his appointment
Grand Secretaryship he again took a
the proceedings of the Grey Friars Lo
tinguished visitors who honoured the
presence being the Provincial Grand M
this occasion the business included the
Alfred Gooch, son of the P.G.M., an
the W. Master, both of which ceremon
by our respected Brother. So ably and
he fulfil his duty, that, at the banqu
Sir Daniel Gooch, Bro. the Rev. Robert
late Bro. J. Ranking Stebbing person
him on the accurate and feeling manne
discharged his office. But it is not Cr
which is so deeply indebted to the servi
He was one of the founders and first M
Chapter, No. 414, the one and only Ro
which Reading possesses, and so highly
appreciated that, in 1871, he was again
chair of First Principal. And when
Chapter was established for the P
ceived the appointment of third Grand P
the present time he fills the post of Prov
When, in 1870, the Prince of Wal
first public Masonic duty, of laying
stone of the Reading Grammar S
intendence of the arrangements necess
reception of His Royal Highness w
our brother, and the success of the day's
chiefly due to the skilfulness of his pr
latest occasion on which any special
received of him was at the memorable

nstalled as Grand Master. Our brother was one of the dditional body of Stewards on whom devolved the duty of eeing that the arrangements incident to the occasion were roperly carried out. Manifold, however, as have been he duties he has been called upon to discharge, there is ne office in which he has principally distinguished himself. Ie is deeply versed in our mysteries, and one of the blest and most precise expositors of the beauties of our ystem. There are few, if any, who are more capable than e is in working our several ceremonies, but it is more articularly as an Installing Master that he has acquired is greatest reputation. He acted in this capacity for very any years in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 663, Devizes, of hich, as we have said, he was one of the promoters. We are likewise alluded *en passant* to the praise bestowed pon him for his signal ability in rendering the same eremony in the Grey Friars Lodge. But he has also cted as Installing Master in the Loyal Berkshire Lodge f Hope, No. 574, Newbury, and at the Lodge of Economy, o. 76, Winchester, on the occasion of its holding its entenary Festival in 1861. Indeed his ability as a com-lete master of our ritual has been exemplified during the hole of his career, not only in Hampshire, Wiltshire, and erks and Bucks, with which Provinces we have seen m associated, but in Somerset, in the Channel Islands, nd elsewhere. Fortunate, indeed, is Sir Daniel Gooch in aving among the brethren of the Province over which he resides one who is so capable of exhibiting the light of reemasonry to less experienced or less studious brethren. is to such Craftsmen as these that our Society owes its iefest strength; it is to these we look that our ritual all remain intact in all its simple beauty. They are, in ct, our Remembrancers, to whom we must trust for the rfect tradition of our teaching from generation to gene-tion; and if ever Grand Lodge should think it worth hile to insist on complete uniformity in our ritual and ctures, it is undoubtedly to the limited class of brethren whom an Installing Master is so perfect a type that e duty would have to be entrusted.

The long and varied experience which our brother has quired gives him an enduring claim upon the respect of his brethren, but he is also entitled to our admiration r the services he has rendered to our charitable Insti-tions. He served the office of Steward at the Festival the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1867, and his me is on its roll of Life Governors; while in 1870 he ed as Steward for the Boys' School, and made not only nself, but likewise his wife, his three daughters, and two ns, Life Governors of that Institution. Thus, in the field benevolence, as in the field of labour, he has given un-stionable proof of his sincere attachment to the Craft.

We have said that only a short time since he tendered resignation of the Grand Secretaryship of the Province which he now resides, a position he had held with so ch honour to himself and such advantage to the Pro-ce during the last eight years. He felt necessitated to e this step by reason of the increasing demands which work made on an amount of leisure already far too re-cted. His business, like that of our Peripatetic Brother, essitates his travelling about the country, and it was r during the small amount of rest he was enabled to ch from his labours that he could devote himself to the ies of his office. Unwillingly, therefore, he withdrew n the Provincial Grand Secretaryship, but he will still ble to render valuable services to the Craft. His re-nent from active participation in the labours of Provin-Grand Lodge will in no wise affect his ability to note the welfare of Freemasonry in his other spheres nty. He can still incite, by precept and example, the bers of his Province to fulfil the obligations they have rred. He can still give the Lodges he frequents the fit of his knowledge and experience. He can still go nstalling Masters with the same accuracy and precision the days that are past. All these things it is still to him to do, nor imagine we for a single moment that oks the will any more than he does the ability to act ny capacity, be it the humblest or the most exalted of in which he has acquired such reputation. In fact, note the words in our report of the proceedings at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks Bucks, he will always do all he can "to advance the carry with him into his retirement the affectionate regard of all his fellows will surprise no one. But, though the many tributes of respect he has received are in themselves and to such a man a sufficient recompense for the untiring zeal and the conspicuous ability he has exhibited throughout his five and twenty years of service, still it must be an additional gratification to him, and especially to his family, to know that the recognition by his brethren of such long and faithful and onerous services will take a more substantial form than a vote of thanks. He already boasts several decorations which testify to the esteem in which he is held and the ability he has shown, nor is it possible that any one could have spoken more cordially or in a more unqualified manner of his achievements than Sir Daniel Gooch, but there is something further in the way of recognition yet to come. A testimonial is in the course of being raised in Berks and Bucks, in order that the memory of our worthy brother may be perpetuated, and his children and their descendants will have handed down to them an enduring evidence of his merit. To carry out this proposal, which emanated from the Prov. Grand Master himself, and was unanimously endorsed by the brethren of the Province in Grand Lodge assembled, a sum of twenty-five guineas has already been voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and a Committee, formed of the Masters of the Lodges in the Province, is now engaged in supplementing this vote with other contributions, so that the testimonial may be worthy alike of the Province and the recipient. That the brother who is thus honoured may live long to enjoy his well-earned repose, must be the wish, not only of his friends—and their number is legion—but of all who can admire a just and upright man, who has laboured diligently in the station in which he is placed, and who has devoted no small portion of a busy life to the earnest study of our glorious science. We, who must, unfortunately, distribute ourselves into a multitude of atoms, in order to arrive at the knowledge we possess of men and things—for our duty is to traverse the whole domain of Freemasonry, and be everywhere, so to speak, at one and the same moment—we, albeit our personal knowledge of the subject of this sketch is necessarily atomic, have nevertheless acquired, from many and various sources, sufficient knowledge of his career as a Mason to enable us to present his portrait to our readers. And in fulfilling this task we have experienced a great deal of pleasure. We have felt that, how inartistically soever we might discharge our duty, we should be helping the Craft universal to a better knowledge of one who has striven so ably, so earnestly, and so unremittingly to do whatever was required of him. And now we take our leave, thankful we have had this opportunity of paying him, even in this rude form, our humble tribute of respect. He has our heartiest good wishes, as he has those of all who know him, personally or by repute, for a long continuance of that honourable career he has adorned so well.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE, EASTERN DIVISION, SOUTH WALES.

ON Thursday, 30th August, a special Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales was held, under the banner of the "Glamorgan" Lodge, No. 36, at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, presided over by Sir G. Elliot, Prov. G.M., in order to repair the grave omission, at the Grand Lodge, held at Aberdare, of all recognition by the Province, as a Province, of the death of its late chief, Bro. T. Mansel Talbot. This omission was the more singular, because every Lodge in the Province had, at its first meeting after his death, very cordially recognised the high worth and sterling Masonic qualities of the chief, who, aided by his able and indefatigable deputy, Bro. Edward J. Morris, had raised the Province to a pitch of prosperity it had never reached before. The brethren, as members of the several private Lodges in the Province, having recognised by every means in their power their indebtedness to their late Prov. G.M., were pained and distressed when the first Provincial Grand Lodge held after the death, in office, of their chief, was closed without any mention of him. These feelings of grief and pain, after a short time, took the form of a numerously and influentially signed requisition to Sir George Elliot, asking him to hold a special Grand Lodge at which their feelings of respect and esteem for Bro. Talbot might have expression. The Prov. Grand Master having agreed to the prayer of the requisition, the promoters of the meeting held council, and agreed that as the services of the late lamented Bro. Talbot were at length

and of long standing in the Province being very marked. Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. D. Watson W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, attended by his Deputy, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and the present and the past Prov. Grand officers, entered Lodge. Having taken the chair, the Prov. G.M. opened Grand Lodge in ancient form, after which, in introducing the subject for which the special Grand Lodge had been convened, Bro. Sir George Elliot spoke in feeling terms of his predecessor, whom he had not seen much of in Masonic life, but whose high worth and amiable character he had had some opportunity of learning in private life. That a man of such high promise, whose loss they all so deeply deplored, should have been cut off in the prime of life was one of those events which the wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe only could explain. Passing on to the subject of the other resolution, he wished the members of Grand Lodge to know that when he received his appointment as Prov. G.M., he had offered the post of Deputy to Bro. Morris, who so long had filled the office with profit to the Province, and in such a way as to gain the respect and esteem of all Masons, and who, to his great regret, had not seen his way to accepting the appointment. He was sorry that he had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with a brother who was on all sides so well and highly spoken of. Although he should have liked to propose the resolutions himself, yet he thought that they would come better from some brother who had long and intimate knowledge of both brethren. The Prov. G.M. then explained that the Grand Lodge had been called as soon as possible, that his own absence abroad, and his Deputy's from home, with other matters, had prevented its being held sooner, that the delay had in no way been caused by want of sympathy with the object of the meeting, which, on the contrary, had his most hearty concurrence and sympathy.

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Edward S. Hill, J.P., of Rockwood, Llandaff, Past Provincial G.S.W. rose to propose the first resolution, and before doing so explained that, by Masonic custom, a Provincial Grand Lodge died with its Master, so that until a new Prov. G.M. was appointed the province remained without a head and without a Grand Lodge. It was, therefore, not possible at such a time to give expressions to those feelings which the untimely death of their Prov. G.M. Bro. Talbot naturally called forth. On the appointment of a new Prov. G.M., and the revival of Prov. Grand Lodge, every body expected that the first act of the newly constituted body would be to place upon the minutes of Grand Lodge a formal record of the feelings to which he had alluded. At the ceremony of installation of the Prov. G.M. at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and during the subsequent proceedings, he did not know what the order of the day was to be, and he, and no doubt others, anxiously waited for some motion from the chair respecting their late lamented Prov. G.M. This, however, was not done, and it seemed to some of the brethren (including himself) that it was impossible to let matters remain where they were; that to allow a brother, who had governed them for over eleven years, so just, and kind, and excellent a chief, to go to his last home without one word of regret or one syllable of gratitude appearing in the archives of the Province he had ruled so well, would be out of harmony with the feelings of its members, a lasting discredit to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and but poor encouragement to those who might come after. The result was a numerous and very influentially signed requisition to the Prov. G.M., asking him to call a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, so as to afford an opportunity of repairing this very grave omission. The Prov. G.M. was good enough to accede to this request, and the desired opportunity was that day afforded of making reparation, of which he was sure all gladly availed themselves. Bro. Hill then read the following resolution:—

"That the brethren of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, with grateful recollection of the very eminent services rendered to Masonry by the late R.W. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, during the eleven years he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master—an office, the duties of which he performed with untiring zeal, with dignity worthy of the Craft, and with urbanity endearing him to the brethren—desire formally to record their high appreciation of his services, and their profound regret at the irreparable loss they have sustained by his early death."

Bro. Hill felt sure that all who had known their late chief would cordially support the resolution, for they knew well his generous nature, his kindly spirit, rare Masonic knowledge, and his love of Masonry in all its branches, especially those represented by the charitable Institutions of the Order. After a brief account of the Masonic career of the late Bro. Talbot, he concluded with a very graceful eulogy upon the late Prov. G.M.

Bro. T. G. Hall J.P., of Swansea, P. Prov. S.G.W., said he had very much pleasure in rising to second the resolution so ably proposed by Bro. Hill. Having the honour of being the W.M. of the Lodge named after their late Prov. G.M., and in which he took a deep interest, it might naturally be expected that he should do so. He (the speaker) had been for many years intimately associated with Bro. Morris, their late D.P.G.M., and had often accompanied him and their late Prov. G.M. in their frequent visits to the several Lodges in the Province; he had, therefore, ample opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with their late Prov. G.M. From his high social position, his kind and courteous manner to all who sought his acquaintance, he was destined, had he lived, to become one of the most popular and influential men in the county, and he possessed in an eminent degree all the characteristics of a true English gentleman. (Cheers). As a Freemason he was one of the most able and accomplished members of the Craft in the Principality; he was perfectly conversant with all the rites and ceremonies connected with every degree in Masonry, and could as readily and ably perform the

with the Order, and under his rule and govern
and supported as he was by his excellent D.
he had raised the Province to such a position
before attained. (Cheers). He was just in all
brethren, and fully recognised merit, and alway
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all the members of the Craft, not only in this br
ing Provinces, that each one deplored his death
mity. (Cheers).

The Provincial Grand Master thought that, n
the proposer and seconder, nothing more coul
detracting from the force of what had been said,
ask the brethren to affirm the resolution in the n
the brethren did, very touchingly, all rising and
silence, with the sign of affirmation.

Bro. Charles Bath J.P., of Fynone, Swansea, P
to propose the following resolution:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to
acknowledgments of the eminent services rende
by the W. Bro. Edward James Morris, Junior
England, during the long period for which h
Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to which the pr
held by the Province is due, and its regret at
Province has sustained through his withdrawal
life."

Bro. Bath said that Bro. Morris had been mad
years ago, in the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea
tion to Masonry soon drew the attention of his br
made Secretary, and in successive years he filled
Warden, Senior Warden, and W. Master, in
to attract the attention of the chiefs of t
within two or three years he was made a Grand I
vince; his assiduity and devotion to Masonry becam
that, on the appointment of their late Prov. G.
once selected Bro. Morris to fill the responsible offi
it was some testimony to Bro. Morris's ability tha
was received throughout the Province with satisfa
since was known to all, and it was not necessary t
of it; he would, however, remind those who were Ma
ago of the state of Masonry in the Province at that t
know how many Lodges there were in the Province i
he knew that they were very thinly attended. Lo
uncertain times, and the Order generally was in
state. During the time that Bro. Talbot, assisted
ruled the Province, they had seen Lodges in the la
into two and even more, not only without detrimen
to each. New Lodges had been started where ther
[illegible] the work, instead of being done in a slipshod way
rably performed in every Lodge in the Province.
the Charities, this Province twelve years ago was at
low point; but under the fostering care of Bro.
judicious management of his Deputy, Bro. Morris, wh
a sort of banking account of votes, the Province ha
the most liberal contributors to the Charities, and
successful in its endeavours to obtain admission to
the children of those members of the Province wh
misfortune. (Cheers.) Bro. Bath also spoke in ver
Bro. Morris's excellent qualities as a man, who carri
of Masonry into all the relations of life. Upon re
Bro. Bath was very warmly cheered for the testim
to Bro. Morris's worth.

Bro. Alexander Bassett, C.E., Llandaff, the Senio
Province, seconded Bro. Bath's resolution in a few w
in which he confirmed all that Bro. Bath had said
influence for good which the late chief, assisted by h
exercised in the Province, attributing in great measu
ment in Masonic working to the very frequent visits
to the various Lodges. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. Whittington, Neath, P. Prov. G.S.W., coul
present occasion to pass without bearing his testim
and untiring energy of the late Deputy in promoting
Masonry in the Province, nor without publicly acknow
debt of gratitude to Bro. Morris for his invaluable ai
been Prov. G.S. During the eight or nine years he (Br
held the office of Prov. G.S. he had no hesitation i
his success was attributable to Bro. Morris, who wa
with advice and assistance. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir George Elliot Prov. G.M., in putting the r
Lodge, again expressed his regret that he had not th
personal knowledge of Bro. Morris, whose Masonic wo
eager to acknowledge.

The resolution was carried unanimously, amidst rep
applause. The business of Grand Lodge being conclu
Worshipful Prov. G. Master closed the Lodge in the u

Celtic Lodge, No. 477 S.C.—At a late meeti
P.W.P.G.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Celt
sented Bro. S. G. H. Smith with a handsome Past Mas
gold locket bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Hil
the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the ser
by Bro. Smith to the Celtic Lodge during a long caree
to the able manner in which he had for three terms he
R.W.M., and expressed a hope that Bro. Smith would
laurels, but uphold the credit which he had gained

THE ELEANOR LODGE, No. 1707.

*T*E last week gave particulars of the Consecration of this Lodge, but, owing to pressure on our space, we were compelled to rve for our issue of to-day the account of the banquet and its ndant proceedings. Before doing this, we feel called upon to r our tribute of praise for the admirable manner in which all the ngements were conceived and carried out by the promoters. Bro. ner, the W.M. designate, had spared no pains to make the gather. a memorable one, and was ably assisted by his *confrères*. The ge-room had been most tastefully arranged; the furniture and ngs were of a neat and substantial character, and even the minor ters, such as the production of the Cards of Invitation, the Sum. ses, the Menu and Toast List, Book of Words of the Songs, &c., all received the care and attention of a true artist. At the ngel," that much to be desired attribute of comfort, ample space very requirement, is at the command of the brethren. The ban. room is capable of seating 150 guests, and adjoins the Lodge. , while every accommodation is provided for brethren who are ing to take part in the ceremonies. On this occasion, the ban. was capitally served, and drew forth expressions of commendation all who were present. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Tanner to propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. In giving health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand ter, Bro. Tanner referred to the great advance made by the Order ng the last four years. He stated that the last time he had had pleasure of meeting Bro. John Hervey in Lodge was at the Con. ation of the Bagshawe, No. 1457. Many additions had been made e list of Lodges since then, and this amply testified to the favour hich Freemasonry was held. The toast then received full recog. n, after which "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was capitally ered. The next toast on the list was a most comprehensive one; cluded the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand ter, H.R.H the Duke of Connaught S.G.W., H.R.H. Prince Leo. J.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, and the rest of the Grand ers past and present. The W.M. spoke of the eminent qualifica. of the Pro Grand Master, who was a well tried Mason; while Skelmersdale was at all times most assiduous and painstaking. as most gratifying to the Craft in general to know that at the ent time it had three Princes of the Blood Royal at the head of rs. Bros. Hervey and Buss were known to all, and respected by He had great pleasure in coupling Bro. Buss's name with this . Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied. It was with amount of diffidence that he addressed the brethren. He was all would agree with the Worshipful Master that it was gratify. o the Craft to have such noblemen at the head of affairs; they preserving Masonic order. The services done by the Pro G.M. the D.G.M. were not to be excelled, if it were possible they could qualled; both were ever anxious to perform all that was required em, though it was well known their duties were very onerous. Bro. closed his remarks by thanking Bro. Tanner for the kind opinions ad expressed in reference to Brother Hervey and himself. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, rose to propose the next toast—ealth of the Worshipful Master. It had been a great pleasure to o come down to Edmonton that day to consecrate the Eleanor e, and to instal its first W.M. Those brethren who had selected Tanner to preside over them had made a wise choice. On the ion of the first Master depends in a great measure its welfare future prosperity. Outsiders always look critically into the itution of a new Lodge, and it behoved the brethren to be ially careful that they appointed a qualified brother to rule over . All would assent with him in agreeing that here a proper ion had been made. Four years ago he had installed the t W.M. as first Master of the Bagshawe, of which Lodge he is present time Hon. Sec. Bro. Tanner had the interests of asonry thoroughly at heart, and he felt sure their affairs would er under his guidance. Bro. Hervey closed his remarks by the health of the W.M., to which he would add the prosperity Eleanor Lodge, looking forward to a long career of success for d hoping that it might attain a point of high respectability, at which (added our worthy brother) a Lodge is nothing. Bro. r tendered to Bro. Hervey his thanks for the kind way in he had addressed the brethren. With regard to Freemasonry, its interests fully at heart; and with regard to the Lodge, he do everything in his power for its future welfare. He trusted tty jealousies would be permitted to arise, and that every would be made to settle any slight differences of opinion night crop up. Let the brethren emulate the virtues of the queen their Lodge was named after, and, if possible, surpass mirable qualities she was possessed of. Bro. Tanner closed marks by adjuring the brethren to cultivate Brotherly Love, olence, and Charity. The health of the Consecrating Officer en given by the W.M., which Bro. Hervey briefly acknowledged. ealth of the Visitors was next given, and in response Bro. , W.M. of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, offered a few pertinent s. In proposing the health of his Officers, Bro. Tanner re. d that he had selected those who he was sure would do what quired of them, and that to the satisfaction of every member Lodge. After the brethren named in the toast had severally , the W.M. offered the next on the list—The Masonic Charities. eat advance made by the Craft during the last few years de. d the most energetic support of its Institutions. When we look returns made during the present year, and realise that close ,000 has been raised, we cannot but express our gratification; same time we must not be unmindful of the great demands o being made on our resources. He had great pleasure in ting with the toast the name of Bro. Fred. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Binckes commenced to a toast, the importance of which had been fully recognised by those to whom had been entrusted the preparation of the list. He assured the brethren that it was to him a source of regret that he had not been able to be with them in the earlier part of the day, but at the present time his official duties pressed heavily upon him. Bro. Binckes then referred to the state of health of Bro. Little, and regretted that this prevented that brother accepting the kind invitation that had been sent him; he also stated that Bro. Terry was away on a holiday trip. He then proceeded to detail the result of the three Masonic Festivals of the year, and called attention to the scheme that had been approved by the General Committee of the Boys' School, and since sanctioned and adopted by the Quarterly Court, whereby it was decided to provide additional accommodation for thirty-two boys. He referred to the fact that they had been enabled to invest a little money, which might be considered as a nest egg, and he trusted that this nest egg would receive periodical additions. Bro. Binckes then made pleasant allusion to the great efforts he was making for the Institution with which he was more immediately connected, and feared his "shattered frame" would not be able to withstand the fearful inroads his heavy duties made upon it. Our brother closed a powerful speech by appealing to the brethren to render him what assistance they could, and not to permit him to leave that evening without adding the name of one of the members of the Eleanor Lodge to his list of Stewards for the next Festival. This appeal, we are pleased to add, resulted successfully, Bro. G. Wood, the Senior Deacon, signifying his intention to serve in that capacity. The Tyler then took the gavel and closed the proceedings. A capital selection of part songs, appropriate to the several toasts, was rendered during the evening by the Masonic Quartette. We wrote last week in high terms of praise of the musical ability of this party, and every brother present with whom we have spoken since has confirmed this opinion.

The first regular meeting took place on Wednesday last, the 5th inst., at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. The Lodge was opened at 4.30 by the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Tanner, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Thompson S.W., C. Lovebond J.W., C. Oliver Treas., R. J. Leaman Secretary, G. H. Wood S.D., C. R. Garnett J.D., J. Ramsay I.G. The visitors present were Bros. F. P. Ekin 86 P.P.G.D.C. Hants, C. Brunning 21, K. Harris 1185, J. Garrod 754, W. Symons 1185, J. Dixon 1558, C. Dove 876, C. Winsdale P.M. 69, J. Benford 754, Dr. Plaister 754. After the minutes of the Consecration meeting had been confirmed, ballots were taken for Messrs. Byers, Symmons and Taylor, as candidates for initiation; this resulted in favour of those gentlemen, and they were regularly introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Some candidates were then proposed for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards retired to the banqueting hall, and upon the removal of the cloth the W.M., Bro. J. Tanner, gave the usual Masonic toasts. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. Ekin stated that he had visited Lodges in New Zealand, Australia, India, and other parts of the world. He always found, wherever he went, that Freemasonry was the promoter of good fellowship, and he was pleased to be present this evening to visit this new Lodge. From what he had seen that night, he felt sure, if the officers would emulate their Master (whose working had, so far as his experience went, never been surpassed), they would have a Lodge equal to any in the Craft. He wished them every prosperity, and hoped the feeling of good fellowship which now prevailed would always exist in the Lodge. The initiates responded individually, and expressed the pleasure they felt in being admitted to the Order. They hoped in time to be able to qualify themselves to occupy the position the W.M. now held. During the evening some choice songs were given by some of the brethren; altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Dorset was held at Beaminster, on Thursday 30th ult. the R.Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Bro. J. Montague Guest presiding. About 100 of the leading members of the Craft were present, the meeting for the transaction of the customary business being held in the National School-room, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion by Bro. Skinner, of Yeovil. The Lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master at half-past one o'clock. The minutes of the Prov. G.L. were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on various important subjects connected with the Craft, after which he invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. W. Wyndham, No. 386 S.G.W., E. G. Legg 1357 J.G.W., Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe 707 G. Chap., Robert Case 417 G. Treas., C. T. Robins 472 G. Reg., R. N. Howard 170 G. Sec., W. E. Brymer M.P. 417 G.S.D., John Hammond 622 G.J.D., F. Travers 137 G.S. of W., W. Smith 170 G.D.C., A. H. Green 1286 G.A.D.C., Philip Montagu 707 G.S.B., Whitehead Smith 622 G.O., J. A. Sherren 170 G. Purs., Bros. Brodie, Harrison, Wallis, Bradford, Best, and J. A. Atkins Stewards, F. Long 707 G. Tyler. Shortly before four o'clock about ninety brethren sat down to the banquet, at the White Hart Hotel. The R.W.P.G.M. abundantly supplied the table, and the proceedings passed off most pleasantly. A collection was made in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, about £120 being realised, together with about eleven guineas for a brother in distress who formerly lived in this province.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—How is it that no one appears ever to have suggested the adoption of the German system in our charitable schools?

Is it because that system, which provides the children with a house, food and clothing, and sends them to the *public schools of the country for education*, would not provide for so many well paid masters, matrons, secretaries, and all sorts of other officials; or is it because the *middle class schools* of this country do not provide a sufficiently good education?

This German system is already at work in this country, and has done admirably for children of the same class as those now in our two Masonic Schools.

I fear, however, that too many persons now make these Charities of ours their means of subsistence, for such a plan as I suggest ever getting a chance of a fair trial.

Yours fraternally,

HUGH H. RIACH, 31°, P.M.,

Past Prov. G. Secretary, Oxon.

THE POOR ORPHAN COX: THE LAST TIME OF ASKING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—There is only the forthcoming election for the Masonic Boys' School in October next to serve this forlorn orphan. If he fails then, he fails for ever.

Right glad am I to announce that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire has adopted this orphan, as their *protégé* at the ensuing election. But they require extraneous aid.

Will any of the Masonic body or others send me money or votes forthwith to secure this orphan's election? I pledge my honour that such contributions or votes shall be faithfully applied. Such home factors would secure the grateful blessings both of widow and orphan.

"Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy,"—Job xxix. 12, 13.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,
4th Sept. 1877.

A WORTHY MASON.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The death of Bro. John Woon, Quarter Master, Royal Marines, of the Wellington Lodge, 784, at Deal, on the 8th of March 1877, aged 51, left his widow with nine children, and only a small annuity. One of his sons, Albert Allen Woon, has been placed on the list for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which his father was a subscriber, and some particulars of his service may interest your readers who have votes for the Institution. He commanded a detachment of his corps serving in the Arctic regions from 1850 to 1854, during the discovery of the North-west passage, and is thus mentioned in the records:—One person especially distinguished himself, not only as a sportsman, but in the execution of any service requiring unflagging energy and marked intelligence, and this was the non-commissioned officer of Royal Marines, Sergeant Woon. He did good service everywhere; but no better instance can be given of the metal of which such men as he are made than what occurred on the 4th Jan. 1852. A coloured man, serving in the ship, whilst out sporting, wounded a deer, and after following it awhile, discovered he had lost his way just as a fog came on. The temperature was very low, the man was tired, and the peril of his position caused him to lose his presence of mind, and to wander about. By great good fortune Sergeant Woon, who was likewise out in quest of game, joined him; but the poor creature was so beside himself with excitement and horror, that every endeavour to soothe him, by promising to take him safely on board the ship, failed. Fits came on, which, when they passed off, left the man quite prostrated in strength. By entreaty and remonstrance, the Sergeant induced him at last to walk a little; but, at 2 p.m., when the glimmering twilight called day of that season was fast closing in, the unfortunate man's energies entirely failed, and he sank upon the ground, bleeding at his mouth and nose, and writhing in convulsions. The Sergeant saw now that all hope of the man saving himself was at an end; and to leave him [illegible] was no alternative but to drag him to the ship—n the Sergeant dared not part with his gun, and the heaviest of a fine ship's crew. Sergeant Woon resolution set to his task. Slinging both muske he took the man's arms round his own neck, and ging his half-dead shipmate towards the "Investi was, as may be supposed, excessive; and the only had was, whenever he had dragged the body up o when he came to a ravine, to lay him down, au bottom; rather severe treatment for an invali merit of arousing the man somewhat from his lo o'clock at night the gallant marine had thus con within a mile of the ship; but ten hours of such cold, and snow, now began to tell upon him. burden no longer; and as a last resource he implor man to make an effort, and tried to cheer him rockets which the Captain of the Investigator up as a guide to the missing men. Finding, ho entreaties were replied to only by a request, "to b the Sergeant laid him in a bed of deep snow, a assistance from the ship. This was already on it met and conducted two out of three parties to w just in time to save him. He was found with and rigid in that position, his eyes open, and hi frozen as to require much force to open it for the ing restoratives down his throat, whilst his hands, much frost-bitten. His life was, however, saved courage and devotion displayed by the Sergeant d He served with the battalion in China during the w was at the storming of Canton, the taking and dest sing, and other engagements. He accompanied the North, and at the attack on the Peiho Forts, on 25 thus mentioned in the official gazetted despatch: " gallantry of Sergeant-Major Woon and Quartermast ling also attracted his notice." In March 1860, at at Woolwich, General Sir A. Blaxland Stransham, the division, presented him with the silver medal the Lords of the Admiralty for "meritorious conde his gallant behaviour while serving in China." He an annuity of £10. He saved the life of one of his of a drummer boy, about 14 years of age, at the a teries in the Peiho. The poor lad had been str round shot, which completely carried away the thigh. He was lying hopelessly in the mud, mi description flying thickly about him, when he call Major Woon to take him to a place of safety, whi imminent risk of his life, and deposited him in a b tance. On this occasion the loss sustained by his co no less than 19 officers and 190 men killed and leaving China he was presented with a piece of plat the esteem in which he was held by his comrades commissioned as Quarter-Master 13th September 18 the medal for the Arctic service, and a medal with Exposure to climate and the hardships he endured illness which caused his death, and obliged his support of the brethren for his election to our School. may be sent to Lieutenant Des Barres, R.M., W. Walmer Barracks, Kent, or to Captain Mascall R.M. the Dorcas Beneficent Society, 7 Wellington-street, S

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON (Captain R.

Of Bayard L

33 Golden-square, W.
5th September 1877.

Old Warrants.

No. 87.

No. 255 "Ancients;" No. 321 A.D. 1814, No. 225
No. 190 from A.D. 1863.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAMES PERRY, D.G.M.

THOMAS HARPER, S.G.W. JAMES

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and H ternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to th tions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the ye Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), i assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Potent Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDon Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lie Country of Antrim, in the Province of Ulster and King Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of t His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, an of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisd belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Wo Perry, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Wor

wer our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful am Stretton one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James hett his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Robothem unior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted ns aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Crown and l, Swan Street, Ye Minories, in the Parish of Saint Botholph, ate, in the City of London (or elsewhere) aforesaid, upon the Thursday in each Calendar Month, on all seasonable times and al occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to t and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and mrable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations ghout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William ton. Samuel Pritchett, and Thomas Robothem (with the consent e Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their essors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest with their powers and dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such essors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their essors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. ding the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

en under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, ifteenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand hundred Eighty and Nine, and in the Year of Masonry Five and Seven hundred Eighty and Nine.

JOHN MCCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

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

present title, No., &c. are, The "Oak" Lodge, No. 190, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.
AS MAHON, S.G.W. WILLIAM CLARKE, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable raity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Conions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of ary Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form bled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of ardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathbardle, Viscount Ballquidder, dmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, able of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County ocester, &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worl Thomas Harper, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right ipful Thomas Mahon, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful William Clarke, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with probation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within ities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby rise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., Worshipful John Cooper one of our Master Masons, The Worshipomas Brierly his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John k his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and ted Masons aforesaid, at the Swan Inn, Deansgate, Manchester (or elsewhere), upon the second and fourth Tuesday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and mrable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations ghout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise mpower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Cooper, as Brierly, and John Bostock (with the consent of the Members ir Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their s and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this nt to be of no Force nor Virtue.

en under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, xteenth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thousand hundred and Eleven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand hundred and Eleven.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, ter B. April 1757. Fol. 265.

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OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see the publication in your valuable weekly Masonic Journal, of a number of Old English Warrants. I send you a copy of our Old Warrant, No. 350, Cappagh Lodge, of Tyrone, which was only dormant a *few* years, with a small debt against it; and, on the petition of the surviving members, the Grand Lodge of Ireland were pleased to order its revival, on the payment of £7 (*price of a New Warrant*), and restore all the brethren to their Masonic privileges, who were *ipso facto* suspended when the Warrant was dormant.

The Royal Arch, and *Knight* Templars, and other side degrees (*at present defunct*), were all worked under this Old Warrant, as appears by the minute books and *certificates* of deceased members.

This Warrant is a very small one, about the size of a sheet of letter paper.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES SCOTT,
P.M. 350, Cappagh Lodge.

20th August 1877.

No. 89.

IRISH CONSTITUTION.

No. 350.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable CHARLES CHARLEVILLE, G.M., *Earl of Charleville, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland; the Worshipful* EDWARD MARTIN, *Esq., Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Capt.* CHRISTOPHER PARKER, *and* WILLIAM MARSHALL, *Esq., Grand Wardens.*

WHEREAS our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, have besought us that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free Masons, in the Parish of Cappagh and County Tyrone, near Omagh, of such persons who by their knowledge and skill in Masonry, may contribute to the well being and advancement thereof. We therefore, duly weighing the premisses, and having nothing more at heart than the prosperity and true advancement of Masonry, and reposing special trust and confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, of whose abilities and knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied: Do by these Presents of our certain knowledge, and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize and Constitute the said James Townley, Duncan Graham, and Charles Stuart, to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their successors, lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And we do hereby give and grant unto the said James Townley, Duncan Graham and Charles Stuart, and their successors, full Power and Lawful Authority, from time to time, to proceed to election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they from time to time shall think proper and convenient for the well being and ordering of the said Lodge. Reserving to ourselves and our successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland, the sole Right of deciding all differences which shall be brought by appeal before us, and our successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office, this Seventh of August, in the Year of our Lord God, 1760, and in the Year of Masonry, 5760.

Entered by me,

JOHN CALDER,
G. Secretary.

Revived by order of Grand Lodge, 6th December 1866.

CHARLES T. WALMISLEY, D.G. Secretary.

GRAND LODGE SEAL

ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 432, S.C.

The annual meeting in celebration of St. John's Day, was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 26th ult., when the following officers were installed in various chairs:—J. B. Finlayson R.W.M., E. J. Schlotel P.M., George Kidd D.M., John Guthrie S.W., W. Bremer J.W., Geo. Findlay Treasurer, A. Croll Secretary, T. H. Welch S.D., C. Keast J.D., A. Gardner S.S., F. G. Naumann I.G. The ceremony of installation was performed by P.M.'s Bros. Caldwell and Schlotel. The Lodge was visited by the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. John Hislop, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, also by Bro. Thomson, Deputy District Grand Master of Canterbury, Bro. James, District Grand Secretary of Otago and Southland, and deputations from the sister Lodges. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to Krull's Hotel, where about sixty of the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served up excellently by host Krull. During the evening, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and interspersed by songs. A scheme was mooted, with the aim of purchasing a piece of ground and erecting a new Masonic Hall, which would certainly be a most desirable object. The promoters are Bro. Joyce, R.W.M. of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, and Bro. Brown, R.W.M. of Otago Kilwinning, who will give any information as the subject or receive subscriptions

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OUR WEEKLY BUD

THERE is little to record of the r
Queen and the other members of
The weather prevented Her Majesty fr
annual gathering of the Duff and Farquh
at Braemar. However, the usual games
on this occasion by the introduction of
On Saturday, the Prince of Wales lande
the purpose of making a brief sojourn,
day Prince Leopold visited Braemar,
Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the minister in a
Queen, and having driven to Lochcalla
some sport. Lunch was then served, and
Braemar, and thence to Balmoral. The I
and her children are still at Osborne, wh
Victor is, no doubt, rapidly regaining his
said Her Royal Highness will shortly
court at Copenhagen, and that next yea
Princess will together visit Nottingham, th
will be opened in the month of May or
Art Museum in connection with South
all events, a very favourable answer has be
the Prince's private secretary, to the effec
tion shall receive their Royal Highnesse
consideration, and that the visit will, if
give them great satisfaction.

There was a large gathering of brethren
Communication of Grand Lodge on Wedn
Hamilton presided as Grand Master, and
of 200 guineas to the sufferers at St. John,
and 100 guineas to those on the coast of Per
motion was carried unanimously, and the
guineas has already been remitted to the
Relief Fund, Bro. the Grand Treasurer ha
his intention of doing so, in accordanc
precedents, without waiting for the confi
minutes.

The firework contests at the Alexandra
of the chief attractions of the season. O
was held the competition between M. Ruggi
to the late Napoleon III., and Mr. Pai
which had originally been fixed for the 18th
was a magnificent display by both comp
award of the judges was given in favour
countryman by six points to four. The
Danube is still effected every Monday,
Thursday evenings, weather, of course, p
will continue to be so for some short ti
those who have not seen this grand milita
be wise to take an early opportunity of goi
also been some grand displays of firework
Palace, where Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co
ing pyrotechnists, and their name is a guar
cellence of the display.

On Saturday last partridge shooting c
from all accounts it seems likely this will
most favourable seasons for many years
parts of the country, owing to the heavy
corn has been cut, and consequently there
to the sport that could be indulged in; bu
Kent is very favourable, and also from G
wickshire, and Worcestershire; but from th
the weather has been eminently favourable,
fewer sportsmen out, while in Scotland th
covered with crops. The birds are desc
for the most part, healthy and strong, whil
coveys of twenty birds were not uncomm
being fully sixteen.

The cricket season has

age on the first innings of 51 runs, and it was as much as Surrey, in the face of Mr. W. G. Grace and Midwinter's splendid bowling, could manage to escape a one-innings defeat. However, they contrived to obtain amongst them 53 runs, and then a few minutes sufficed, and Gloucestershire was announced as victor by ten wickets. We do not imagine Mr. Grace's batting average will be very wonderful this year, but his bowling has been admirable, especially towards the latter half of the season.

The Mansion House Relief Fund is rapidly increasing in amount, and by the time this meets the eye of the reader, considerably over £100,000—of which £80,000 had been remitted to Madras up to Wednesday—has been realized. The fund started at Liverpool had reached £12,000 up to Wednesday, and all over the country the greatest efforts are being made to contribute towards the relief of the sufferers. Among the principal contributions are—a first instalment of £500 from Exeter, a third instalment of equal amount from Dublin, a first instalment from Shrewsbury of £300, Bath first instalment of £200, the Leathersellers' Company 200 guineas, H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge £100, the Grocers' Company £1,000, the Oriental Bank Corporation £500, Mr. Matthew Whiting £250, Messrs. Blundell, Spence and Co. £100, and £28 from the pupils of Christ's Hospital, by the hands of two of the Grecians.

There has been the usual quantum of political speechmaking. Mr. Gladstone has addressed a party of excursionists at Hawarden, the greater part of his speech being occupied with the Turkish question, and there has been a large Conservative gathering at Manchester, at the Belle Vue Gardens, Mr. Birley and a large number of leading Lancashire Conservatives being present and addressing the immense assembly from different platforms. The people afterwards dispersed throughout the gardens, for the purpose of enjoying the different sights they afford, and the day terminated with a grand exhibition of fireworks.

Parochial authorities are wise in their generation, and enjoy themselves whenever they get an opportunity. Among the expenditure submitted to the auditors of the accounts of Fulham parish was the following dinner bill, the items of which are worth transcribing in full:—Dinner and dessert, 6 1s 6d; hock, £1; sherry, 7s; Madeira, 7s; champagne, £5; claret, 7s; port, 8s; liqueurs, 12s; and cigars, 5s; making a total of £44 17s 6d. The parties who dined were seven in number—namely, a churchwarden, a waterman, two rate collectors, the vestry clerk, the landlord, and a guest. It is evident the party had made up its mind to do the thing handsomely. £7 9s for wines, liqueurs being additional, is a fair allowance; and supposing the wine to average about 7s per bottle, would allow each guest drinking three bottles. But this is not the only extravagance in which the parish authorities appear to have indulged, for another bill of £14 10s was submitted for an illuminated letter of condolence to an overseer on the death of his son. The auditors are said to have expressed their intention of disallowing both bills, and very properly so. That parish officers should expend nearly £15 on a dinner, and almost as much for a simple letter, seems perfectly monstrous.

France has lost one of her most illustrious citizens. M. Thiers died after a few hours' illness on Monday. The ex-President was in his 80th year, and was in excellent health and spirits up to noon on the day he died, when towards the end of breakfast his appearance caused great alarm to his wife and sister. Medical assistance was summoned, and leeches were applied, but in vain; and the patient succumbed about six o'clock in the evening. His death has caused immense excitement throughout France. Paris especially in Paris, and letters of condolence to his widow have been sent by the Marshal President and all the leading personages in the country. The ministry had likewise resolved to honour him with a public funeral, and the President had already countersigned a decree fixing the funeral for this day at the Invalides, but difficulties have arisen occurred, and the noble intentions of the executive cannot be carried out. As, however, the deceased was Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, he will receive military honours. The departed statesman had done excellent services to his country, but he will be known chiefly as the historian of the Consulate and Empire, and the statesman who liberated France from the presence of the German conquerors by the payment of the indemnity. Whether, or rather what influence his death will exercise was looked upon as successor to Marshal Macmahon in the event of the latter resigning the Presidency, and now there seems to be no one to take his place.

There has been more terrible fighting on the Danube since last week, but whether the Turks have maintained and improved, or the Russians in part retrieved, their positions, remains to be seen. Loftcha has been taken by the Russians, and this is certainly a blow to the Turks. The Shipka Pass is likewise still held in force, Suleiman Pacha's attacks having, according to one account, been for the time suspended, while, according to another, they have been definitively repulsed. Mehemet Ali has gained some advantages on the Lom, and another Turkish General has gained a success in the neighbourhood of Rustchuk, the Russian loss being about 1,000 men. But whatever may be the course of events in the next few days—even at the moment of writing news decisive of the present campaign may arrive—it seems to be generally admitted that the war will not be concluded this year. As to the other combatants, there has been some fighting in Montenegro. Orders are said to have been issued to the Servian army or Militia, whichever it may be, to march towards the Turkish frontier, and Prince Charles of Roumania has issued a flaming address to his army, now in the neighbourhood of Plevna, in which he reminds them of the gallant deeds of their forefathers in some remote period of the past—the Prince is vague, as might have been expected, in a matter of this kind—and calls upon them to imitate those deeds in the present. Prince Charles has a Russian division, or it may be more, attached to his gallant Roumanian army, and a Russian General to act as the chief of his staff. The Roumanians will probably discover at an early date that fighting Turks is not quite such pleasant work as growing corn, or so profitable. As to Servia, it is more than probable that the Turks will make short work of it, and this time they will stand on no ceremony about occupying Belgrade and deposing Prince Milan. In Asia, more Turkish successes are reported, but subsequent accounts are vague, and do not seem to confirm the earlier. One thing, however, seems certain, that the attempt of Turkey to arouse an insurrection in the Caucasus has failed, and she has very wisely evacuated Soukoum Kaleh, taking with her troops a host of Circassians, with their families and property. All these have been transported to Turkey-in-Europe, and will, no doubt, prove a welcome addition at the present time to the Sultan, who will obtain a large addition to his army from the ranks of the immigrants.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

HELD its quarterly communication in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 31st August. Comp. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent presiding. D. Rannld Z. 67 acting as P.G.H., and G. Muir Z. 87 as P.G.J., the rest of the office bearers were in their respective places, viz.:—Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald 3rd S., G. Thallon P.G.C., Jas. Duthie P.G.S. of Works, and J. B. Hardie P.G. Janitor. The P.G. Superintendent spoke of the two new Chapters consecrated during the last month, and expressed his thanks to the Companions of the Province for the way in which they had turned out to accompany the deputation from Glasgow, and especially to the Companions of the New Chapter, Hamilton 172, for the handsome way in which they had entertained the deputation on that occasion. Comp. T. M. Campbell called attention to the desirability of all the Chapters in the Province working alike, and in strict conformity with the recognised ritual of the S.G.C. The M.E.P.G.S. said one of the points noted no doubt was an innovation; it was practised in America, and personally he saw no objection to it, but till the G.C. sanctioned it, he must say it was not proper for the Chapter alluded to to continue its use. Comps. Lamb and Wheeler thought that, in order to ensure uniformity of working, it would be desirable to establish a Chapter of Instruction for the Province. The M.E.G.Z. said this conversation was even better than a Chapter of Instruction, it elicited opinions of members of the various Chapters. Comp. McNair H. of 69 asked if it was true that Mark Masters made in the Union Mark Lodge, No. 1, were not received and acknowledged as such by the R.A. Chapter. Comp. Barrow replied that the Provincial Chapter and Daughter Chapters recognised and received by affiliation all M.M.M. made in a Blue Lodge, in strict accordance with G.L. laws, but they held the body referred to as a spurious body, and no member made by it could be received into Chapter without first abjuring his allegiance to this so-called Lodge of Mark Masters. Comp. McNair protested against such a decision. Comp. Barrow said he might protest, but he would find it quite unavailing. No legally constituted body can in any way recognise in any branch of Masonry those who have not legally received their respective degrees. There being no further business

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

OUR Grand Lodge held its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday. In the absence of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Robert Hamilton, M.D., District Grand Master of Jamaica, presided, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, acting as Dep. G.M., Captain Platt P.G.D. as Grand Senior Warden, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain as Grand Junior Warden. There were likewise present very many Grand Officers, present and past, together with a strong muster of the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. Among others we noticed Bros. S. Rawson P. District G. Master of China, R. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips and P. de Lande Long Grand Senior Deacons, H. C. Tombs and E. J. Morris of Swansea, Grand Junior Deacons, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., W. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., James Mason P.G.S.B., John Symonds P.G.A.D.C., J. A. Rucker, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes P.G.C., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Joshua Nunn, C. Godtschalk P. Prov. G.D. Devon, Colonel Summerville Burney, John Wordsworth G.S., F. Binckes P.G.S., C. F. Matier, John Constable, A. H. Tattershall, H. Browse, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last Communication, which were taken as read, having been confirmed, the Grand Master moved that the sum of 200 guineas be voted in aid of the fund which is being raised towards the relief of the sufferers by the late terrible fire at St. John, New Brunswick, and that 100 guineas be granted towards the relief of the sufferers from the "cataclysm" on the coast of Peru. The motion, which was seconded by Lieut.-General Brownrigg, was agreed to unanimously. The several grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, as detailed last week, were then confirmed. The next business was the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes, as to the title and constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence; but Bro. P. de L. Long, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, in the absence of Bro. J. B. Monckton, who is President, and Bro. Æ. McIntyre Grand Registrar, very gracefully proposed that the subject should be postponed till December. To this Bro. James Mason offered an amendment, to the effect that the postponement should be till the March Communication. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Bro. Binckes said it had been his intention, even had Bro. Long not come forward and suggested the postponement till December, to have offered the same proposition; at the same time he thought that three months was quite long enough for any person of average intelligence to make up his mind. In the end, however, Bro. Long yielded to the views of Bro. Mason, and accordingly the latter's amendment, that the consideration of the scheme recommended by the Board of General Purposes should be postponed till March, was carried. Bro. J. M. Clabon then rose and proposed the motion standing in his name, "that a grand of 1,000 guineas be made to the Indian Famine Relief Fund." In the course of his remarks, Bro. Clabon observed that the principle of Freemasonry, as he understood it, was universal Charity, and he believed the object to which he proposed the sum should be devoted was one which came within the legitimate sphere of the Fraternity. Two small sums had already been voted that evening towards similar objects, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire had set them a worthy example by voting £120 towards the relief of our Indian fellow subjects. He then expatiated on the fearful nature and extent of the calamity, and read a letter written by a lady at Kolapore, Madras Presidency, in which she described the terrible effects of the famine on the natives. As to the sum he had proposed, he had heard various rumours about an amendment to make the amount one-half, but he trusted the brethren would be unanimous. The amount in the Lodge of Benevolence could not be touched, but there was a large annual surplus in the Fund of General Purposes, and it had been able to invest £8,000 last year. He thought, therefore, they could easily afford to give the thousand guineas set down in his motion. Lieut.-Col. Creaton having seconded the proposal, it was carried with acclamation. Bro. S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, having announced that, in accordance with former precedents, he should at once remit the sum to the Relief Fund without waiting for the confirmation of the minutes in December, as he had every confidence the grant would be confirmed, and having further expressed a hope that other Provincial Grand Lodges would follow the example set them by Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire, Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in the usual manner.

We observe with regret that, whenever a grant of money is proposed, it is the regular practice for the brother who introduces the motion to express a hope that Grand Lodge will accept it unanimously. The Earl of Carnarvon did so, when he proposed the grant of £4,000 for building and endowing two lifeboats in commemoration of the Grand Master's safe return from India, and Bro. Clabon followed his Lordship's example on Wednesday, when he moved that a sum of one thousand guineas be handed over to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. For ourselves, we think Bro. Clabon's proposition was worthy of Freemasonry; indeed, we would far rather have seen the amount of the grant doubled than halved. But the practice of deprecating opposition to a motion is, in our humble judgment, at least unwise. We do not say it amounts to an attempt at dictation, but it looks very much like it. Everybody who has a scheme to propose is anxious to carry it, and he proposal. But why allude to the possibility of ment being moved, and on the strength of lay down the necessity that exists for Unanimity, in such cases as Bro. Clabon attainable, is always to be desired; but the fa some else holds one opinion, does not deprive of the right to hold and express theirs. If protest is not raised now, we may find adopted by other and less prudent brethren o tions of policy, and the limits of free discussio rowed to a one-sided exposition. We set o lutely against this way of advocating a adopted as a regular practice. We entirely Clabon of any attempted dictation, but we same confidence in the wisdom and discretio members of Grand Lodge.

IRELAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF

On Wednesday, 29th August, a Quarterly Commu Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, was held, the Right W Maxwell C. Close D.L. M.P., the Prov. Grand Ma assisted by Deputy Grand Master John Gervais Wi numerous attendance of the brethren of the mystic tie out the province. The usual formalities being obse ordinary routine business transacted, the nomination the ensuing year was proceeded with, the most com being observed, and all the elections passing off with ent as follows:—Bros. the Very Worshipful Francis E LL.D. M.D. Grand Senior Warden, the Very Worsh Knight Young J.P. Grand Junior Warden, the Very Wo Hancock Grand Treasurer, the Very Worshipful Georg Grand Secretary, the Worshipful and Rev. A. B. Chaplain, the Worshipful George C. Cochrane Grand S the Worshipful John Galbraith Grand Junior Deacon, t Thomas Osborne Marks Mus. Doc. Grand Organist, and ful M. M'Carthy Rutherford Grand Inner Guard.

Bros. Richard Harvey and Hugh Leonard M.R.I.A. w as representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge on General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and and Turner were re-elected on the Grand Lodge of Irel

A vote of thanks was eloquently proposed by Bro Kaye LL.D., and seconded by Bro. John G. Winder J.P., assented to by the meeting, to Bro. James Hesse, late tary, on his retiring from office, after which the meetin

The brethren in the evening dined at the Beresford under the presidency of the most popular Grand Master C. Close M.P., Representative of the United Grand Lodge The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and resp

The dinner and viands were supplied by Bro. Trauter style.

BOMBAY.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—A regul meeting of this Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic balla-hill-road, on Wednesday, 27th June 1877, when present—R.W. Bro. Lang W.M., J. B. Thomson I.P.M P.M., Clark D.M., A. Taylor S.M., Rodger S.W., Dr. D Houston Treasurer, Purvis Sec., Cooper S.D., Minns as Jeweller, Ogg I.G., Smith Tyler, and a numerous attend members. Amongst the visitors were R.W. Bros. Tudball, R. M. Patell, and several brethren from Sister Lodges. Lodge had been opened in due and ancient form, and the the previous meeting read and confirmed, the R.W. mated that the first portion of his duty was to car unanimous wish of the brethren by the presentation jewel to R. W. Bro. Thomson I.P.M. This presentatio should have taken place at the last meeting of the Lodge, felt glad that it had been postponed, as there were so brethren present to witness the ceremony. A large numbe not all, were aware of R.W. Bro. Thomson's worth to th Freemasonry, and of his indefatigable exertions in the inte Craft in general, and it was a pleasing duty indeed for him, of Caledonia Lodge, to have the privilege of attaching ornament on a brother's breast, worthy in every wa trusted that R.W. Bro. Thomson would long live to wear be ever left for other climes, he would continue to look u remembrance of past happy days. This was but a slight esteem in which Brother Thomson was held by the b Caledonia, but it was offered as a token of good will and a of the many valuable services rendered to the Lodge by his occupation of the Eastern chair. The R.W.M. having seat, R.W. Bro. Thomson, who was enthusiastically receiv most appropriately, thanking the R.W. Master, officers an of Lodge Caledonia for their high appreciation of his and for their kindness in conferring the honour upon h senting him with a P.M.'s jewel—a mark of their e brotherly love which he highly prized, and which on ev

etween the brethren of the Lodge and himself. Whilst further ex-ressing his obligation to R.W. Bro. Lang for the cordial manner in hich the presentation had been made, Bro. Thomson observed that e had been a number of years one of "Caledonia's" members; he ight say, in fact, from its infancy; and he hoped to continue so for any years to come. During his membership he had held every ffice in the Lodge, as his only object and endeavour was to promote s interests in every way, and this he hoped to be spared to continue o do for a long time yet. Bro. Thomson sat down amidst the warm ongratulations of all present. After the termination of this most nteresting part of the evening's proceedings, Bro. Schenck was assed to the Fellow Craft's degree, and Bro. Adams, of "Truth" odge, 944 E.C., was unanimously ballotted for and affiliated. Bro. odger S.W., being about to proceed to England, requested that some nother be allowed to act for him during his temporary absence. his being acceded to, the R.W. Master expressed his regret at eing deprived of the services of Bro. Rodger, even for a time, but ished him a prosperous voyage and a speedy return. This brought e business part of the proceedings to a termination, when the ethren retired to banquet, and enjoyed a few happy hours around e festive board. Free, full and heartfelt expressions were given nt to by brethren and guests alike at the pleasure they all perienced in witnessing the satisfactory manner in which P.M. omson's valuable and eminent services had been recognised and warded by the Lodge.

On Wednesday, 24th July, the Caledonia Lodge held its monthly eeting, in the Scottish Masonic Hall, under the hiram of the W.M. Bro. Lang. The officers present were W. Bro. Thomson I.P.M., orpe Dep. M., Taylor Sub. Master, Yates S.W., Doolittle J.W., uston Treasurer, Parvis Secretary, Brown S.D. Farber J.D., Allan weller, Enle I.G., Smith Tyler; Bros. Schenck, Rawlins, Adams, arn, J. B. Smith, &c., &c. Visitors—R.W. Bros. Rowell, Clumpha, Waite and others. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., en the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and con-ned, as also those of the standing committee. Bros. Schenck and wlins were raised to the sublime degree by the R.W. Bro. Lang, ceremony being conducted in the most impressive manner, with aid of appropriate music. The onerous part devolving on the Master, and the effective style of his delivery, combined with a rough knowledge of the legend and ritual, proved that he was in ry sense eminently qualified to occupy the chair, and perform its ponsible duties with credit and ability, and that the proud position the Caledonia Lodge would be upheld whilst he wielded its hiram. Lodge was then reduced, when Bro. Hearn was advanced to the k of F.C. To show the flourishing condition of its finances, was unanimously resolved to invest a portion of the cash balance he Lodge in 4 per cent. Government Paper, and this satisfactory [illegible] brought the business of the meeting to a close, after ch those present sat down to banquet, where the usual toasts of gation, &c. were given and responded to in a fraternal manner.

REVIEWS.

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le Brains and Lissom Fingers. By Andrew Wynter, M.D., uthor of "Curiosities of Civilization," "Our Social Bees," &c. w Edition, Revised and Enlarged. By Andrew Steinmetz, of the iddle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Hardwicke & Bogue, 2 Piccadilly. 1877.

ouch that is published now-a-days is so utterly worthless, that ppearance of a new edition of an old and deservedly popular is matter for the heartiest congratulation. The late Dr. Wynter favourably known in the literary world for his devotion to the of important social and domestic subjects. He was most nt in his researches, and had accumulated vast stores of know-. The consequence is that, when we take up one of his essays, nd the main question surrounded and elucidated by such a mass formation that we wonder how and whence he can have procured

At the same time the manner in which he arranges his facts dmirable, there is so little effort at display, and his style is so and unaffected, that it seems as though he were chatting con-ially with his readers instead of imparting to them valuable s in science. The first edition of this work made its appearance 4, and therefore Mr. Steinmetz, in undertaking the duty of ring a new edition, has necessarily found much to alter or y in the original essays, while, by the aid of more recent eries he has been in a position to furnish a considerable amount irely new matter. Some of the papers, he tells us, have been tten, and two articles have been added. Thus, as regards the ts, which, in the course of time, would of necessity undergo r change, the book may be considered as almost a new one. praise is due to Mr. Steinmetz for the manner in which he has d his duty, and while the merit of having originated the work er remain with Dr. Wynter, we feel that Mr. Steinmetz has ly followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, as will be ed from the two essays which are entirely his.

book treats of every variety of subject, beginning with an t of the remains of what was a flourishing city in the days Britain was a province of the Roman Empire, and passing on to r's Inquests, Circulating Libraries, Trade Marks, Photographic ture, and the Postal Telegraph. In the first essay, the author s what he saw—when exploring in the neighbourhood of bury—of the "Buried Roman City in Britain," and how, driving ith a friend, they came upon part of an old [illegible] divided into three compartments; the middle one being 226 feet long and 30 feet wide, the side aisles, if we may so term them, being of exactly the same length, but one only 14 feet wide, and the other 13 feet 9 inches wide at one end and 16 feet at the other. The middle compartment is paved with brick in the herring-bone pattern, but portions of tesselated floors were found at the eastern extremity of the northern lateral chamber. Archæologists are puzzled as to the nature of the building, but it has been ascertained that it stood in the angle formed by the intersection of two streets, and was entered from both of them. "Along its western façade ran the great Roman military highway which connected London with Chester, still in use and known under the Saxon name of Watling Street." A Committee of Excavation in its explorations and excavations came upon a fine hypocaust or hot-air chamber such as the Romans were in the habit of building beneath the ground floor for the purpose of warming the rooms above. This was "in almost as perfect a state as when Roman fires were first circulated through it. The pillars of tiles were in perfect order, and the soot still adhered to their sides as though the smoke had only passed through them yesterday." Other smaller hypocausts were discovered, and in one case "what we may term the stokehole of one of these hypocausts remains still intact. Three steps, formed out of single slabs of stone, sharp almost as the day they came from the stone-dresser's hands, lead to an arched opening of splendid workmanship, which directly communicated with the hot-air chamber." Hard by this stoke-hole "there was found an ash-heap—a Romano-British ash-heap," and here, of course, was discovered a number of "unconsidered trifles, but of priceless worth, as illustrating the everyday life of the inhabitants." Pieces of pottery, hairpins of bone, pieces of window-glass, boxes of birds and animals, and even oyster shells, with bone needles and ornamental fibulæ, coins, &c. In the hypocaust leading from the stoke-hole, the workmen discovered, "crouched up in the north-west corner, the skeleton of an old man, and close to him (the ruling passion strong in death) was found a little heap of coins, and among them fragments of wood and nails, evidently the remains of a small box or coffer, decayed by time, which had once held the old man's treasure. These coins, 132 in number, were all, with two exceptions, of copper, leading to the inference that he was a domestic." Close by was found "the skeleton of a woman, and huddled against the northern wall was another." In the ground adjoining was found "the skeleton of a baby, so young that its teeth were still uncut. Other skeletons, chiefly of females, were found a little eastward, while southward of this block of buildings were the lower walls and pavement of a court some forty feet square, on the north and south sides of which runs a row of chambers from ten to twelve feet square. In excavating the rubbish of these rooms stores of different substances were found; in one a quantity of charcoal, in another the bones, horns, &c., chiefly of the red deer and the ox, and the tusks of boars. On the antlers of the deer were visible saw-marks and signs of tools, and some had been turned in a lathe. Pottery, too, was found in great abundance, "including a piece of Samian ware *repaired with metal rivets*, and some not inelegant Romano-Salopian pottery, made from fine Broseley clay." Then there were keys, chains, rings, shackles, and "scores of cock's legs with natural spurs, filed evidently to fit on bronze ones. That they knew how to fight a main of cocks at Uriconium is quite evident, and those legs in all probability were those of celebrated victors." Among other relics were a leaden cock, evidently a *child's toy*, "and preserved in the museum at Shrewsbury are to be seen combs of bone, bodkins, men's studs and buttons of bronze, &c., &c., and the seal of a physician who vended a patent eye-salve, bearing the inscription, as rendered into English, "the dialibanum of Tiberius Claudius, the physician for all complaints of the eyes, to be used with egg."

(To be continued.)

"Baptism" among Indians.—The Indians in the territory (Wyoming) are the Shoshones and Bannacks. They are mostly peaceable, though in 1876 there was a good deal of ill blood stirred up amongst them by the Mormons. These polygamous "saints" started a propaganda among the Indians, holding out, among other inducements to the aborigines, that, as they were the "chosen people," they should inherit the "Gentiles'" houses when they were driven out of the country. Instantly an unwonted desire to be baptised or "washed," as the Indians call it, seized on the natives. A Mormon bishop stood up to his waist in water all day long washing his unsavoury converts. His zeal resulting in nothing, for beyond the unwonted ablutions the Indians had not the most remote notion of what it was all about, and having received their presents they returned to the agency. Still for a long time afterwards they looked upon the rite as a something which absolved them from the consequences of their acts. When caught in such familiar peccadilloes as horse stealing or petty theft generally, they would assume an air of great dignity, and indignantly reply to the soft impeachment, "Me good Mormon; me heap wash!" *From "The Countries of the World" by Dr. Robert Brown*, for September.

Mr. A. Henderson's opera-bouffe company have appeared at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, where the novelty has been the production of a three act opera-bouffe by Offenbach, the libretto by Bros. H. B. Farnie and R. Reece. The charming singing and acting of Misses Nelly Bromley, Kate Munroe and Violet Cameron was highly appreciated. Bro. John Howson, a comedian of Australian and American celebrity, has made a great hit. Several of his songs will become extremely popular. The opera was preceded by a new musical romance, entitled the Sea Nymphs, in which Miss Kathleen Corri distinguished herself; she was assisted by Mr. C. Drew, who has an excellent voice, and by Mr. Bedford. Bro. John Fitzgerald provided a very efficient band.

Bros. Lionel Brough and E. Saker have been giving an entertainment at the Royal Aquarium, to crowded and appreciative audiences

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, 8th SEPTEMBER.

194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Surrey Club, Wellesley-road, Croydon.

MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1460—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trelegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

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.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
605—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
803—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1394—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, 11th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead, at 8.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
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.)
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.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
R. A. 901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.
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.
606—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
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.)
1449—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1617—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Sp
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, S
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingha
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumber
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tred
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Penagoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newp

FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBI

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st.,
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (I
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kent
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8.
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8.
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instr
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensin

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-stre
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Ches
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMB

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-s

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sh
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

486—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1546—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradfor

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

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

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-cour
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-pla
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-stre
FRIDAY—66—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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

MONDAY—54—St. Machar, Freemasons' Hall, Aberdeen.
" 102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 204—St. Paul, George Inn, High-street, Ayr.
" 206—Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Wi
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhe
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 384—Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 503—St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 54'—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Gl

TUESDAY—76—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Thistle-street
" 122—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, High-street,
" 230—St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnoc
" 233—Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 299—Panmure, Freemasons' Hall, Hill-street, Arb
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-str
" 441—Glasgow, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John, Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmu
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—30—St. Thomas, Abbey Inn, Arbroath.
" 178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 343—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow
" 370—Renfrew County Kilwinning, 8 High-stree
" 510—Mary Hill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.

THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasg
" 88—New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Air
" 109—St. Mirin-ck, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 357—Blantyre, Craig Hall, High Blantyre.
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne,

FRIDAY—18—Dumbarton, Church-street, Dumbarton.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—On Thursday, the 6th of September, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Appleby, W.M., Franklin S.W., W. Hallows J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Upward S.D., Hunt J.D., Lovelock I.G.; also Bros. F. Hallows, Groome, Rubery, E. Abrams 1602, J. Gibbs 1602, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome candidate. Bro. Appleby worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Upward and seconded by Bro. Franklin that Bros. Abrams and Gibbs become members of this Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. P. M. Pinder, and seconded by Bro. Franklin S.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Appleby for his able conduct in the chair. Bro. Franklin will preside at the next meeting.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Met at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Millward S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Stock S.D., Hunter J.D., Wooden I.G., Christopher Tyler; there were also present Bros. Kidder, Powell, Edwards, Trewinnard, Hall, Bartle, Garrod, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a faultless manner, Bro. Powell candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd, Bro. Tolmie the 3rd, and the W.M. the 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Bartle of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Bro. W. F. Garrod of the Crusaders Lodge 1677, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Millward was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. This being the first meeting after the recess, it was hoped a large gathering of the members would have taken place; but the elements proved unpropitious (Jupiter Pluvius being in the ascendant); this must have had the effect of keeping away a great number, who would otherwise have favoured the Lodge by their presence; however, we look forward to more numerously attended meetings on future Monday evenings.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—On Tuesday evening, 4th inst., about twenty brethren of this Lodge invited Bro. W. S. Sprent, R.A., S.W. to meet them at supper at the Lodge Room, to bid him farewell, he having obtained his Captaincy and been ordered to Dublin. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G.S., who was on a holiday excursion, in Cornwall, the chair was ably filled by Bro. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., and the S.W.'s chair by Bro. C. O. G. Becker P.M. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Welch P.M. rose and remarked that he had been entrusted by the W.M. with the gavel. In his well known terse and appropriate style, he told Bro. Sprent the great regret that the brethren present, and the Lodge generally, felt at his removal from Colchester, after having been amongst them for a period of 12 years. He concluded an admirable speech by asking Bro. Sprent's acceptance of a cigarette case, which had been subscribed for by a few personal friends, who did not like him to go away without taking with him some mark of the esteem in which he was so deservedly held. Bro. Sprent acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, saying that he would ever remember the kindness that he had received from the brethren at Colchester. The cigarette case, which was a massive silver one, was supplied by Bro. H. Samuel P.M., of Colchester, and contained the following inscription:—"Presented to Capt. W. S. Sprent, R.A., on his leaving, by a few brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51. Colchester, September 1877.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 4th September. Present—Bros. Pewsey W.M., West S.W., Daniel J.W., Sayer S.D., Harris J.D., Harris I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec.; Bros. Walker, Parker, Posener, Wharman, Maidwell, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Wharman candidate. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Maidwell duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by Bro. Rudderforth and the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The votes of the Lodge for the Boys' and Girls' Schools were asked for by Bro. Daniel W.M. 65, seconded by Bro. Rudderforth, and carried unanimously. Bro. Rudderforth will be thankful for the votes forwarded to him at the above address, as Lodge 65 is anxious to carry in a deserving case. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—Held its regular monthly meeting on 29th August. G. W. Wheeler Z., J. O. Park H., Gunn J., Jas. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman T., D. Gilchrist P.Z. acting as 1st S., Wm. Harden 2nd S., J. McCarne 3rd S. The examination of officers for the ensuing year was the principal business, after which Comp. Wheeler, assisted by Past Principals Gilchrist and McDonald, conferred the three installed principals degrees on Comp. Alexander Macpherson and others of the Paisley Chapter, No. 112, at the request of the Companions of that Chapter.

in the chair. The three degrees were worked in excellent style, all the principal officers being in their respective chairs.

Panmure Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 139.—This Lodge met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday the 3rd inst., being the occasion of the seventh Installation. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. D. Trusler, the Lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.G.O., in addition to whom were present the W.M. elect, Bros. Mark S. Larlham S.W., Wm. Poore J.W., M. Spiegel M.O., J. W. Gibson J.O., C. P. McKay Sec., Geo. Lilley P.M. Treas., J. J. Joseph R.M., W. Ackland J.D., W. Mitchell Steward. The W.M. attended later in the evening, and there were also present Past Masters the W. Bro. Thos. Poore G.I.G., and Chas. Pulman, also Bros. Gush, Miller, Sheard, Burney, Steadman, Mitchell, Rawles, Cachett and others. Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, was duly advanced into the honourable degree. Several other candidates sent apologies for non-attendance, the influence of the "holiday season" being manifest in each. Bro. Poore then installed into the chair of A. Bro. Mark Samuel Larlham, who having been cordially congratulated, commenced his duties as W.M. by appointing his officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Poore S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., C. P. McKay M.O., J. W. Gibson S.O., W. Ackland J.O., James Stevens P.M. Sec., J. J. Joseph R.M. and S.D., W. Mitchell J.D., W. B. Miller I.G., W. Cackett D.C., E. Mitchell Steward. Each officer was, on investment, at the request of the W.M., addressed as to his duties by Bro. Stevens P.M. Bro. Geo. Lilley P.M. was reinvested Treasurer by unanimous vote of the Lodge. Bro. Grant's resignation of office, as Tyler, occasioned by ill health and increasing infirmity, was received with regret, and a motion by Bro. Stevens that Bro. Grant should receive a life pension, equivalent to two-thirds of the usual Tyler's fees, was carried *nem. con.* Bro. W. Steadman was then elected to the vacant office. Candidates were proposed for advancement at ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer. Refreshment followed labour, and the W.M. proved his proficiency as president at the social board. The usual Masonic toasts having been honoured, harmony prevailed, and a pleasant evening was the result.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its first meeting of the season on Saturday, the 1st September, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. H. P. Isaac W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Goode S.D., J. A. Powell J.D., De Silva I.G. Visitors—Bros. Bartle Kingsland Lodge 1693, J. Brock Emulation 299. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs candidate. Several sections were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bros. Bartle and Brock were elected members, and Bro. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday the 4th inst., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W. Present—Bros. Hurdell W.M., Docker S.W., Ben. Phillips J.W., Belfrage S.D., Hiscox J.D., Fox I.G., Bentley P.M.; Bros. Morgan, Baker, Martin, Pope, Morgan jun., Latreille, &c. Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees. Ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. 1st and 2nd sections were worked. Bros. Latreille, Phillips, Baker, Bentley, Morgan and Morgan jun. were elected members.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at 213 Buchanan-street, on Monday, 3rd inst., Bro. J. McKirdy R.W.M. in the chair, who was well supported by his officers. The work consisted of an entering, passing, and raising.

Dramatic Lodge, No. 571, Glasgow.—Met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th inst., Bro. H. W. Jackman R.W.M. presiding. Owing to the absence from town of sundry members, it being the holiday season, there was only a small attendance. One brother was passed and another raised, both ceremonies being admirably performed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Perrin W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Finch J.W., Dallas Sec. *pro tem.*, Smyth Treas., Wardell S.D., Weige J.D., Sanders I.G.; Bros. Webb, Young, and several others. Business—Lodge opened in due form; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Webb acted as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M. then opened the Lodge in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and closed down to the first, after which he called the brethren from labour to refreshment, and again from refreshment to labour. Bro. Webb worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 31st August. Present—Bros. Fenner W.M., Kent S.W., Edwards J.W., Simmonds S.D., Townsend J.D., Lane I.G., and Bros. Bolton, Hine, Crouch, Tatton, R. W. Pearcy, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., in an excellent manner, Bro. Hine being candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hine and

Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 3rd of September, at Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield. Present—Bros. S. B. Ellis W.M., Dr. W. R. Thomas S.W., Robert Renton J.W., John Clark Sec., H. J. Garnett P.M. and Treas., Chas. Hill S.D., J. E. Darling J.D., G. E. Bennett P.M. D.C., H. T. Holmes and H. Nixon Stewards, A. Hills I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. B. Westinholm, F. M. Tindall, A. Scargill, and Wm. White. Visitors—Bros. B. Saville W.M. 904, J. Fawcett, C. H. Perrot, W. C. Smith, P.M.'s of 904, and several other brethren. Business—After preliminaries, the ballot was successfully taken for a candidate for initiation; two candidates for initiation were then proposed. Bro. J. E. Townsend was passed to the 2nd degree; Bros. J. P. Hewitt and Arthur Cooper were raised to the 3rd degree. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. After supper, the usual toasts received due honour, and were interspersed with some capital songs, recitations, &c.; altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.—The eighth installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Tuesday, 28th August. Bro. C. G. Rushworth W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes and report of the Audit Committee were read and adopted. The W.M. completed his year of office by raising Bro. T. Noton to the third degree; all his work has been done in an able and efficient manner; he now vacated his chair in favour of one who may well be called the founder and father of the Lodge, who performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited the admiration of all assembled. Bro. J. W. George appointed and invested his officers, and afterwards conferred the second degree on Bro. Dr. T. Gurney. Bro. C. J. Rushworth was presented with a Past Master's jewel, one of the most valuable and chastely elegant in design that we have ever witnessed. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. J. W. George W.M., C. G. Rushworth I.P.M., C. G. C. Stahr P.M. 871 S.W., R. P. Tebb J.W., Rev. J. Fothergill Chap., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Midlx. P.M. Treas. (re-invested third time), Rev. T. W. Cave LL.D. Secretary (re-invested second time), J. Davies Assist. Secretary, J. Scott S.D., C. L. Smiles J.D., J. Sutcliffe I.G., Sjoberg D.C., Cave jun. W.S., Tremeer Organist, W. Y. Laing P.M. Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. C. Levander P.G. Secretary Middlesex P.M., C. E. Young 122 Scottish Constitution, Pitt 890, R. Jenning J.W. 907, Gordon 907, and Kimbell 1541.

The Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383.—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 4th instant, at 3.30. There were present W. Bros. Major George Barlow P.M. W.M., Col. Randolph S.W., Kenneth R. Murchison J.W., J. W. Waldron S.D., William R. Gamul Farmer J.D., Captain Hicks I.G., W. Hyde Pullen Secretary, Rev. F. Kill Harford, M.A., Chaplain, Captain N. G. Philips P.M. S.G.D., Dr. Robt. Hamilton D.G.M. of Jamaica, C. Hutton Gregory C.M.G. P.G.D., Col. Somerville Burney P.M., C. E. Hollingsworth P.M., Captain W. Portlock Dadson and W. A. Dalrymple Hay. Visitors—Bros. John Read P.M. Asaph Lodge, the Rev. Hugh Pearson Bayard Lodge, and C. R. Rivington Antiquity Lodge. Bro. Dalrymple Hay was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; Bro. John Vance, of the Shakspearian Lodge of Ireland, elected a joining member; and Lieut. the Hon. W. S. Bateman-Hanbury, of the 2nd Life Guards, proposed as a candidate for initiation. On the motion of W. Bro. Captain Philips S.G. Deacon, donations of thirty guineas each were voted to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and for Girls, and £30 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.—This Lodge met on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Swan Hotel, Halliford. Bro. W. T. Howe A.G.P. W.M., Townsend as S.W., E. P. Barlow P.M. 15 as J.W., W. Paas P.M. Treas., Lieut. Col. Peters P.M., Rev. Dr. Brette P.M., and Llewellyn Jones P.M. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Barnard was raised to the 3rd degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert of recherché description. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Lieut. Col. Peters (the father of the Lodge) returned thanks for the P.M.'s. The visitors were Bros. Hayworth P.M. 15 and 101, E. P. Barlow P.M. 15, Lewis, &c.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, 5th September 1877. Present—Bro. J. Lorkin W.M., Woolley S.W., Francis J.W., Maples S.D., McMillan J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. E. Dietrich, J. B. Shackleton, G. Ferrar, A. Little, J. Lovelock, O. Dietrich, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. B. Shackleton then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The bye-laws of the Lodge having been read, according to custom, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows:—Bros. W. Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, and E. Dietrich Secretary. These brethren acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the brethren who had held the offices during the last year. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, in replying, expressed his regret at having to relinquish the Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, in consequence of other pressing duties. An efficient audit committee was then appointed, consisting of Bros. Francis, Lovelock, and C. Lorkin, and the audit is to take place at the Havelock Tavern, on Monday evening next, at 8 p.m. Bro. Woolley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Notice was again given that the Annual Dinner of the Lodge will take place on Wednesday, 10th October, at 8 p.m.

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Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1842.—

Smout J.W., Parkhouse S.D., Poulter J.D., Ne
Preceptor; also Bros. Murlis P.M., Spiegel, Cu
Tettenborn, Stephens, Lyon, &c. After prelin
ceremonies of initiation and passing were re
being the candidate. Bro. Lyon was then elect
Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Spiegel called atten
often done to brethren who do not belong to th
not placing them in office so frequently as other
This has the effect of deterring many brethren
neighbourhood, who desire to make themselves
sible in all degrees, from attending every Friday
to be regretted as this is the only Lodge of Instr
bourhood. Bro. Murlis, W.M. of the mother
with Bro. Spiegel. So far as he had power, he wo
that there shall be no favour shown to any one i
begged the brethren of the mother Lodge to act i
this respect. Bro. Murlis will occupy the chair at

AFTER AN ADVERSE BALLC

THAT the ballot upon the application of a candi
in Masonry must be secret, and that it mus
mous approval of the petitioner, in order to give h
unquestioned law of our Institution. In the con
Craft, and in the general regulations expressly la
respecting the ballot, it is provided that all me
present at a meeting regularly called to act upon
a candidate shall vote, unless excused for some
action of the Lodge. This requirement that all
privilege of the ballot is essential to the maintena
for, if any other usage were to prevail, it would be
upon a brother who might cast an adverse vote.
Masonic organization, not long ago, when the
repeated, it having been foul at the first trial, th
declared that "friends of the candidate" were exc
and then voting himself with one or two of his offic
the ballot as clear and the candidate elected. In t
some strong provocation for the course pursued,
intention of wrongdoing, nevertheless such a cours
and the ballot was set aside by the proper authorit

The intention of Masonry is that the conscienc
each individual member shall be regarded as p
matter of the ballot, and that no brother shall be
or be made to suffer in any way by reason of hi
adverse vote. This being the case, there does no
justification for the course sometimes taken after
when the friends of a rejected candidate seem dete
the action on its merits, and to ascertain if pos
came the opposing vote or votes. Many years
Master Drummond, of Maine, expressed what seem
proper view to be taken. He said: "It is a
discuss the result of the ballot in the Lodge or
When the result of the ballot is declared, there sho
all discussion and all action until a new petition
borrow a term, it should be a *finality*. Such
among the fathers. But now the practice is, as s
ballot is declared the friends of the candidate
who the objector was. They discuss the ma
selves, if not with others. All the acts o
brother are canvassed. They see a deep mean
common things. 'Trifles light as air,' are to
tion strong as proofs of holy writ.' Sinister
unfrequently attributed to him. They feel estranged

Such ought not to be the result of an adverse ba
upon the application for degrees or membership
the right to exercise his own judgment in the m
More than this, it is his sacred duty to exercise
vote independently and conscientiously. To enabl
the manner of taking the ballot should be absol
when the result is arrived at it should be accept
finding, or reflections upon the brother or brother
voted in the negative. Any other course will
bring in discussions and heartburnings, to create p
practices subversive of the true character of the Ma

But what shall be done when it is known and
entire membership of a Lodge that two or three
only a single member, acted from some unworthy
the rejection of a candidate? Is there no way
base, cowardly ones who are Masons only in nam
be held accountable; the reasons for their course
and passed upon by the Lodge, and they be summa
it shall be shown that they have abused the privile
By no means, only provided that such brethren a
keep their own lips closed.

If in open Lodge or elsewhere they should boast
that they had cast, declaring that their action ha
on some reason that ought not to come into the ac
no doubt they might be dealt with for unmasonic
rule laid down always prevails, viz.: Every broth
tected in the right to vote, that vote to be given
ledge of any other person; the nature of that
inquired into by the Lodge, or by any individual br
Lodge; nor must he be called to account for his ad
surmises or suspicions that he may have abused th
This was the law laid down by the fathers of our
cannot be departed from without grievous risks.
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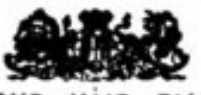


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[UESDAY, the 11th instant, will be memorable in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry, as regards the high ndes at least. Moreover, it will furnish one of the most lendid illustrations we ever heard of of the appositeness the well-known line of Horace—*Parturiunt montes, ascetur ridiculus mus.* It will be in the recollection of our aders that, some time since, a Grand Congress of the ncient and Accepted Scottish Rite was held at Lausanne. bout one hundred members attended, and the meeting ansacted its business, not only with great solemnity, but, ewise, with a fair measure of success. Scotland, however, as not quite satisfied with the position it held there. The ea of a convention of delegates of a Masonic Rite of esumed Scottish origin being held in a Swiss town pears to have sorely afflicted the minds of our worthy ethren north of the Tweed. Accordingly, invitations ere issued to all the members of all the Supreme Grand ouncils in the World, to assemble early this month at linburgh, for the purpose of strengthening, and, if pos-ble, improving the status of this famous Rite. Tuesday, e eventful day, which is to be productive of such omentous consequences, at length arrived. The Grand nited and Universal Congress of the Ancient and Accepted ottish Rite met together, under the auspices of the preme Grand Council of Scotland, 33°; and when all re assembled, and the fate of unnumbered generations Scottish Rite folk was about to be discussed, it was nd there were exactly FOUR members present. It is ost needless to say that a ghastly sense of surprise was principal business transacted at this magnificent hering from all the four corners of the wide, wide rld. A "United and Universal Congress" of FOUR, and der the auspices, too, of the "Supreme Grand Council Scotland, 33°!" We have not heard if the Congress e dissolved in tears, and, in such case, if any of the rs in question were caught up and bottled in "speerits," order that they might be preserved and handed down n generation to generation as mementoes of this tchless assembly. We do know this much, however, t when the arduous labours of the day were ended, and ecame necessary to refresh what is commonly known he "inner man," the magic number of FOUR quadrupled lf. Every one, from 33° down to Rose Croix 18°, was ted, and whereas it required only FOUR to discuss settle the Rites of the World, it took SIXTEEN to discuss banquet provided for the occasion. To those who are hmetically inclined, it will, no doubt, be interesting to r that the square root of an Edinburgh banquet in the of grace 1877 is equal to "the United and Universal gress of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" mbled in the modern Athens under the auspices of "the reme Grand Council of Scotland, 33°." O ye immortal ors of Tooley-street, hitherto unrivalled in your powers epresentation! it behoves you to look well to your els. "We, the people of England," now have a rival h of the Tweed in "We, the A. and A. Scottish Rite he whole world" in United and Universal Congress mbled!

"O fortunati nimium, sua si bona nôrint,
Quatuor insignes representatives A et A Ritûs!

trust the failure of our Latinity at this critical juncture ar story will be excused. We are so oppressed with at the majesty of the glory of this grand assembly tion. Moreover, we are nervously awaiting the issue of an event which must necessarily exercise a commanding influence over the future destinies of the nations. A "United and Universal Congress" of FOUR! A United and Universal Congressional banquet of SIXTEEN! It is simply unsurpassable.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 50.)

"A VETERAN."

"If right I read, you pleasure all require:
Then hear how best may be obtained this fee,
How best enjoyed this nature's wide desire.
Toil and be glad! Let Industry inspire
Into your quickened limbs her buoyant breath!
Who does not act is dead; absorpt entire
In miry sloth, no pride, no joy he hath."

AT this season of the year, when most people who have been engaged unceasingly in business during the previous eight or ten months are enjoying that rest to which they are so justly entitled, we who are occupied in supplying our readers weekly with the usual quantum of news find some difficulty in snatching even a few hours' respite from labour, in order to renovate ourselves for the heavier duties of the coming winter and spring. Others may betake themselves to some favourite inland or seaside resort; or they may seek a refuge from the dust and tumult of the metropolis on the Rhine, in Switzerland, or in the South of France; but we have no such luck in store for us, or we have it but seldom; and then, perhaps, it comes inopportunely, when, by reason of the weather, a holiday is spent most pleasantly within doors. Still, if we cannot be absent from our post for very long together, if we cannot often pay, albeit only a flying visit to the country, we can roam, in imagination, to our heart's content, and there is no limit to the distance we can accomplish, even in the shortest period of time that can be measured. Last week, for instance, we were in the vicinity of Reading, and we enjoyed our fancied visit amazingly. We chanced on a worthy Craftsman, who stands deservedly high in the estimation of his fellows, for he has achieved many brilliant successes in his career as a Mason. He has, as an American might say, "locomoted" a good deal in his time, and has seen more of the Royal Art and in more widely scattered districts than is the lot of most of us. This week we are journeying still further north, to a midland county, which is known for its hunting and its agriculture, and which has also many old historical associations connected with it. Its principal town will be our head quarters, and occupy, as such, our chief attention, though it is possible we may find time to spare for visiting other places in its vicinity. As our object in venturing on this trip is similar to that which induced us to take our *Reading fly* last week, our readers will doubtless excuse us if we omit all description of the hunting feats which have occurred in these parts; all particulars of the "long-wools" for which the county is so famous; all records of the famous jousts at Ashby, or of the field of Bosworth and the death of Richard. All this, indeed, they will find elsewhere, and, moreover, fighting, hunting, and the breeding of long-wools are without the scope of Masonic study. So pass we at once to sketch one who is well known by repute to the majority of our readers, and whom we will figuratively regard as our guide,

has earned no end of laurels as a Mason. He has been a Craftsman well-nigh forty years, and has borne more than his share of labour, too. We must look upon him as "A Veteran," but we must not lose sight of the fact that he is a veteran who is still on active service. He has laid aside some of the cares and responsibilities of his eminent position; that is, he has resigned one of his many important commands, but he retains the others, and is still as zealous and able in the discharge of his duties as at any previous part of his career. He is a man of singular modesty, who would far rather work all three Degrees in succession than say three words about himself. Still those who are best acquainted with him know well that he has lost none of his ancient skill and power; that he still possesses a magnificent wealth of energy, toned down, of course, by the experience of a long career and the wisdom of mature age; and that, were the necessity to arise, he is still fit and ready to renew his past, and again bear the same burdens he has once already borne so well. But to unfold the plain unvarnished tale of his career; and let the newly-initiated aspirant for Masonic honours take heed to it, and try and follow in his footsteps.

We have said it is well nigh forty years since he was received into the bosom of Masonry, in the St. John's Lodge, now No. 279, Leicester. At that time the condition of the Craft in this Province was the reverse of flourishing. The Lodge at Hinckley, one of the ancient or Athole Lodges, whose warrant had been transferred at the early part of this century from Macclesfield, was a burden to the Society; that is, its members received far more from the Fund of Benevolence than they contributed to it; while in the St. John's Lodge, it sometimes happened that the Tyler had be to within the Lodge in order that it might be opened, and, at other times, it could not be opened at all. These, with two other Lodges since defunct, were the only Lodges in the Province at the time we speak of, that is, towards the close of the year 1838. Indeed, "A Veteran" has himself placed it on record, in order to show how little efficiency was regarded in our Lodges, that among his earliest Masonic recollections is that of having been invited to stand by the side of the S.W.—who was the W.M. elect—to prompt him in opening the Lodge, while another and senior member stood by the retiring W.M. for the same purpose. No brother resident in the county was equal to performing the ceremony of installation, and in the absence of the late Bro. Sir F. G. Fowke, Lord Rancliffe's Deputy, Bro. Lawrence Thompson, of London, was engaged to perform it: it was, indeed, by the last mentioned Brother that "A Veteran" was installed on the 27th December 1841. During his year of office he was fortunate in having plenty of work thrown on his hands. There were no less than fourteen candidates who presented themselves for initiation, and one brother joined, while the Lodge met close upon twenty-three times. However, under his auspices, and those of others, the aspect of things was soon changed; for we find him installing his successor in office on 27th December 1842, and within a further period of eighteen months he presided in Grand Lodge in the absence of the superior officers, and installed the W.M. elect of the Rancliffe Lodge, Loughborough, now extinct. On 11th May 1846, the Provincial Grand Lodge held a meeting for the purpose of consecrating a new Lodge in Leicester, the John o'Gaunt, then No. 766, now No. 523; and "A Veteran," who was one of the founders, was installed as the first W.M. And it is worthy of remark that this Warrant of Constitution which was granted to "A Veteran," and, among other brethren, the late Earl Howe, was signed by "Zetland G.M." and "Howe D.G.M." On the 23rd June 1848, he was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of "his valuable services as first Master of the Lodge," an honour which, in those days, when presentations were less frequently made, and therefore more honourable, must be very highly regarded. In 1851, he acted as one of the Provincial Grand Wardens at the installation of the late Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., who succeeded Lord Rancliffe in the Grand Mastership of the Province. Subsequently he was one of two Commissioners appointed to inquire into the irregular proceedings of the Hinckley Lodge. In 1859 he was one of the founders of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, now No. 779; in 1864, of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough; in 1865, of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray; in

now existing in this Province, of which existent at the time of his initiation, our is one of the founders of six, and in the them, the first Master in addition. Of which he is held in his mother Lodge be said. He rose, as we have stated, t within three years from his initiation, afterwards a P.M.'s jewel was presented was well nigh impossible to conceive of ment being paid to any brother, at least u stances, than was paid to "A Veteran" in Owing to a variety of causes, the St. Jo fallen into a languishing state, and our urgent request of the members, accepted a second time. He was re-elected the yea during the latter period, no less than eight initiated. At the close of the second ye greatly to his surprise, presented him wi some and costly timepiece and a fine together with a beautifully-illuminated add and framed.

So far we have merely referred to our vices in connection with the governme tion of the subordinate Lodges in the will now proceed to enumerate the se honours which have been accorded labours as a Provincial Officer. In 1 of his elevation to the chair of the St. John' Grand Junior Deacon; in 1842, Grand Sen the year following Grand Junior Warde tenure of the last named office, it becam "A Veteran," in the absence of the P.G.M., when the P.G.L. was closed, and the D.P. obliged to leave immediately it was opened acting P.G.M., and in this capacity he, as w stated, installed the W.M. elect of the R In 1846, he served the office of P.G.S. W 1854, on the enforced retirement through i nineteen years' service, of Bro. W. Cooke, he P.G. Secretary. As early as 1852, our re received a patent of appointment as D. P and in that year he assisted at the Masonic Leicester of a statue of the "good" Duke o it was not till the year 1856, when the Prov. Sir F. G. Fowke's health failed him, that appointment, with full powers to act as D not for long, however, that he acted in thi this G.M., for within three months Sir Fred the patent became, *ipso facto*, void. Howeve who was the new P.G. Master, appointed " patent dated 14th October of the same year, puty, and at his Lordship's installation the Portrait presided, and had the honour of During the whole of Lord Howe's Grand Ma Province—a period of over thirteen years brother was his zealous and faithful Deputy, on all occasions in his Lordship's absence, ening and confirming that title to the love the Province which he had so quickly winning. In 1857, he was in the chair when new Bye-laws were adopted. The occupied the same position for the purpose lectures, while in 1859, he assisted his chie first stone of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, secration to the purposes of Freemasonry. a proposal to present the P.G.M.'s portrait Lodge was considered, we find "A Veteran chief *rôle*; and so did he at the consecration of Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, and the instal Howe as its first W.M.; at the consecration Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, at that Catmos Lodge, No. 1065, Oakham, and at the Bye-laws in 1869, and the resignation Grand Master. The last mentioned event templated some three years previously, bu waived his desire for retirement on condi worthy brother would continue to act as hi after having in vain attempted to induce accept the Prov. Grand Mastership. Whe became "A Veteran's" duty to announce his lo nation, he took the opportunity of expressing

read from Lord Howe, in which his Lordship expressed entire concurrence in the feeling evinced towards Veteran." The result was that our brother, having requested to retire from the Lodge, a resolution was imously adopted, in which the brethren requested his ship to recommend the M.W. Grand Master that Deputy should be appointed his successor. This done, and on 3rd January 1870 he received his nt as Prov. G. Master, and on the 10th February was installed in office, Bro. Rev. Spittal, P. Prov. G. lain and P. Prov. G.S.W., officiating. As showing steem in which Lord Howe held his successor in office, ay state that shortly after the latter was installed his ship presented him with the gold chain and jewels of he had worn as Dep. G. Master of England and Prov. Master of Warwickshire and Leicestershire, together the whole of his Masonic clothing and jewels, accomd by a very kind letter of good wishes; while only a days before his lordship's death, which took place on 2th May following his resignation of the P. G. Master. our brother received what, as he truly says, "under circumstances, was like a dying token of remembrance bust of the late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland." fulfilment of the duties of Prov. G. Mastership was ked by the same assiduity, zeal, and ability he had n in every other position he had held; but his achievets;—are they not fresh in the memory of our readers, not, are they not recorded in the annals of the Pro- ? Suffice it to say that he assisted Sir F. W. Fowke, ., officially with his Grand Lodge, in laying the foundaof a new church at Leicester, known as St. Mark's ch; that he installed Earl Ferrers, the present Grand er of the Province, as W.M. of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe e, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; and was himself ind first W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market orough, during his first year of office; and that during P.G. Mastership, which lasted only three years, a third added to the Leicester Lodges, raising the number in Province from seven at which he found it, to nine at h he left it on his retirement in 1873.

is in the power of few to point to a record of such sur- ng brilliancy. One of the founders of six Lodges, Master of three, P.P.G.J. and S. Deacon, P.P.G.J. S. Warden, P.G. Sec., P. Prov. Dep. G.M., with four- years of active service to his credit, and Past Prov. Master; the friend as well as the adviser of two M.'s, and one of the most active promoters of the Free- ns' Hall, Leicester. But our story is not yet told. In in the absence of Lord Howe, Prov. G. Supt., our y Comp. presided as P.G.H. at the formation of a incial Grand Chapter for Leicestershire. At the con- tion, in 1869, of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130, as installed as Third Principal, and in 1870, after the ment of Earl Howe, he became Prov. G. Superin- nt, an office he still continues to hold with honour nself and advantage to the P.G. Chapter. The same k applies to his connection with the Mark Degree, his difference, that he is the first and only G.M.M.M. as presided over the Province of Leicester. He was ced in the Newstead Lodge, Nottingham, on the 2nd ary 1858, and installed as first W.M. of the Fowke , No. 19, immediately afterwards. On 23rd June of me year, he received from Lord Leigh, at the time f.M., his patent of appointment as Prov. G.M.M.M. icestershire, and on 15th February 1859 had the r of advancing Earls Howe and Ferrers to this degree. noblemen did him the further honour of serving him as Prov.S. and J.G.W. respectively. But for some years Mark Masonry in Leicestershire lay dormant, was not till 1868 that the desire to obtain the Mark became such as to evidence any substantial pro- Then his patent as Prov. G.M.M.M. was renewed for her term of three years, and has since been renewed and again, as often as has been found necessary. In the Knights of Malta Mark Lodge was resuscitated, Warrant issued nominating our worthy brother as and authorising him and his principal officers to re- sh the working of the Mark Degree in Hinckley, as the "time immemorial" Lodges. That the Mark is still flourishing, is shown by the presence, in er last October, of the Moveable Grand Lodge, which ceived under the auspices of our brother's Lodge No. 19. On this occasion the Earl of [illegible]

tense gratification among the numerous friends and well-wishers of Mark Masonry.

It is very possible, of course, that "A Veteran" has filled many other important offices in connection with Masonry and its offshoots; but if we mention that in the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, he is Chief Intendant General for Leicester, Rutland, Notts, Northamptonshire, and Hunts, it will serve to show that he has earned equal distinction in the Conclave as in the Lodge, Chapter, and Mark Lodge. But these are not his only claims to the kind consideration of the reader, nor are these the only distinctions that have been conferred upon him. In 1837 a Portrait of our brother was presented to the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, and now adorns the Hall of the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, as a companion picture to that of his predecessor in the P.G. Mastership. In 1867, the brethren of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton, presented him with a handsome silver cup, gilt inside, in token of his service during the first year the Lodge was opened, while out of the proceeds of the Masonic Ball which followed the banquet given in honour of his installation, the P.G.M. and the W.M.'s of his Mother and St. John of Gaunt Lodges were made Life Governors in perpetuity of the Aged Masons' Fund of the Benevolent Institution. He is, moreover, in his own right, a Governor of the Boys' School, and on the occasion of his serving the office of Steward for that Institution in 1866, his was the largest individual list. He also many years since presented the John of Gaunt Lodge with an old engraved portrait of that worthy. However, we are fast bringing our tale to an end. Shortly after, or perhaps we may say, by way of signalising his accession to the highest office in his Province, he published an admirable sketch, as supplementary to the then newly revised Bye-laws of the Province, of Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutlandshire. It was a work for which his long and intimate connection with almost every Lodge in the Province pre-eminently fitted him. For him, indeed, the task would have certain facilities inaccessible by other brethren, for his long tenure of the Deputy Mastership and his previous service as Grand Secretary would enable him to learn with ease the most minute details of the Masonic doings in these counties. None the less, however, is he worthy of all commendation for the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled what, no doubt, must have been a labour of love. Moreover, considering that the circumstances he describes during the last thirty or forty years, enable him to say of them "*quorum pars magna fui*," he is entitled to equal praise for the extremely modest manner in which he relates his story. We now take farewell of him whom we have accompanied during our imaginary visit to this part of the Midlands. It is impossible he can be more respected by Craftsmen, or more beloved by his immediate circle of friends and relatives; nor doubt we, if anything should happen again to call for his active intervention in the business of the Province, that he would, like Cincinnatus of old, resume his post at the stern demands of duty. Happily, thanks to what he has done already, Freemasonry is too firmly established, and "A Veteran" may look forward to comparative rest during the closing years of his service. That these years of rest may be years of untainted happiness is the sincere wish of all who know him, whether by repute or personally.

We must draw the attention of our readers to the fact that a match will be played this day on the Alexandra Park Cricket Ground between the elevens of the Royal Masonic School and the Grocers' Company's School. Play will begin at 11 a.m., and we trust that our team will have the presence of a numerous body of Craftsmen to witness and cheer their efforts to achieve the victory. We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Fenner, the experienced manager of John Lillywhite's Cricket Warehouse, 10 Seymour-street, Euston-road, has placed in our hands a very handsome presentation bat, to be given to the boy of our eleven who makes the highest score. We hope the weather will be favourable, and that all who go will enjoy themselves as thoroughly as we fully anticipate the boys of the two Schools will enjoy their game. May the best team win! We are further able to state that Bros. Bertram and Roberts have kindly intimated their intention [illegible]

FACTS, SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

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WITH the limited means at my command for making full search to unravel all the puzzles, I must content myself with stringing together such facts as are within my reach, and then draw from them the most reasonable inferences. To do so with a view to be clearly understood, I shall exhibit a bird's-eye view of the state of Masonry during the 17th century, and up to about the year 1738.

During the 17th century, the "Old Charges," which Bro. Hughan has printed, were the rituals of the Craft. If any gentleman wanted to learn the Masonic secrets he had to pay about 6s 6d, he also had to present a few brethren with white gloves, and treat them with a supper. After which, he mounted "the Goat" in due form, and the Master recited to him all the cock and bull stories, together with the laws, charges, &c., contained in a MS. (for in those days, every *Mason maker* was furnished with one of these MSS.), and he wound up with "So help you God," &c. After which the word, signs, &c. were communicated.

The rituals were originally designed for initiating operative Masons, and although in some cases late in the 17th and beginning of the 18th century the non-operative members of Lodges outnumbered the operatives, yet no change was made in the ritual to denote an advance from *operative* to *speculative* until after 1717. During which period, the ceremony of initiation was all that was given, Bro. Hughan says, "I have carefully perused all the known Masonic MSS. from the 14th century down to 1717, . . . and have not been able to find any reference to three Degrees."

The Hope MS., written about the year 1700, sooner or later, has an "Apprentice Charge" not contained in the other MSS., but it was also designed for operative Apprentices only. The Harleian MS. 1942, seemingly written in the 18th century, has a new oath and new regulations, and here is the first new regulation:

"No person of whatever degree (an outsider) can be accepted a free Mason, unless he shall have a Lodge of five free Masons at least, whereof, one to be a Master or Warden of that limit, or division, wherein such a Lodge shall be kept and another of the trade of free Masonry." We may infer from the above that previous to the passing of that regulation that even less than five brethren used to make Masons. Bro. D. M. Lyon proves conclusively that no Masters' secrets were known in Scotland before Bro. Desaguliers brought them there, and that several of the Scotch Lodges were without a Master Mason during many years after the Grand Lodge of Scotland was organized.

A few extracts from the Constitution of 1723 will reveal the state of Masonry in England until it was superseded by new Regulations in 1738.

1st.—"Then [after the G.M. was installed] the G.M. shall allow any Brother, Fellow Craft, or Apprentice, to speak; directing his discourse to his Worship, or to make any motion for the good of the fraternity." Section XXXII.

2nd.—"And they [any new regulations] be also offered to the perusal of all the Brethren before dinner, in writing, even the youngest Apprentice, the approbation and consent of a majority of all the Brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory." Section XXXIX.

3rd.—"No Brother can be Warden until after he has passed the part of a *Fellow Craft*, nor Master until he has acted as Warden, nor a Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor a Grand Master unless he has been a *Fellow Craft* before his election." Charge IV. ibid.

4th.—"The Treasurer and Secretary shall each have a clerk who must be a Brother and *Fellow Craft*." Section XIII.

5th.—"Another Brother, who must be a *Fellow Craft*, should be appointed to look after the door of the Grand Lodge." Section XIII.

6th.—"If the Deputy Grand Master be sick, or necessarily absent, the Grand Master may chuse any *Fellow Craft* he pleases, to be Deputy pro tempore." Section XVIII.

7th.—"If [the Grand Wardens are] absent, the Grand Master, or the person who presides in his place, shall order private Wardens to act as Grand Wardens pro tempore, whose places are to be supplied by two *Fellow Crafts* of the same Lodge." Section XV.

8th.—On St. John's Day, "The Masters of Lodges shall each appoint an experienced *Fellow Craft* of his Lodge, to compose a committee" in the Grand Lodge. Section XXV.

9th.—"The Candidates, or the new Masters and Wardens, being yet among the *Fellow Craft*, the Grand Master shall ask his Deputy if he has examined them . . . Then the Grand Master desires the new Master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in chusing his Wardens, . . . And this Lodge being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the Grand Master's book." (Manner of constituting a new Lodge, page 71.)

We see now that a Fellow Craft could be elected Grand Master, and he could be installed as Master of a Lodge, and perform the functions of that office while yet a F.C. There was a law, as already stated, viz. "Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Craft only here" but there was no law to compel a Master to take the Master's Degree, and the Grand Lodge was not compelled to confer that Degree upon every Master of a Lodge. We have also seen that a F.C. could preside pro tempore, as Grand Warden, or Deputy Grand Master, and could also be appointed as Grand Lodge Tyler. Even as late as 26th November 1728 it was enacted, that when any officer of a Lodge could not attend the Grand Lodge, he could transfer his jewel to a Fellow Craft to represent him there. Indeed, there are but two intimations in the whole 1723 Constitution that a Master's Degree existed, viz.: the law passed in 1723, that a Fellow Craft and Master could only be made in the Grand Lodge, and "being met

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the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established
belief the Grand Lodge of York had no third
The fact is, the Master's Degree was unnecess
desirous of holding an office in the Lodge, and
Lodge, and it is therefore not improbable that
Lodges existing in 1723 there must have been
Crafts, yet there may not have been at the
Masons in the whole fraternity. Dr. Oliv
Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," says:

"Our Brethren of the 18th century seldom
first degree. Few were passed, and still fe
their mossy beds. The Master's degree was
less comprehensive than at present, and for
revival the third degree was unapproachab
at a distance."

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be more than a Fellow Craft, the Master's
regarded by the fraternity at large as a mere
And I doubt very much whether, even in 173
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Masons. During that period a Master and W
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the Fellow Craft degree was essential for aspi
and it was doubtless sought after by more
members, hence, those degrees were never s
conjointly formed part of the Lodge governme
already given, the Master's degree, except by
was wholly neglected; when, therefore, any one
raised to the Master's degree in those days, a
view" Masters' Lodge was convened of brethre
Lodges; the candidate doubtless paid a fee s
necessary expenses, such as a remuneration t
may have treated the few assembled brethren
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company may never again have assembled to
Lodge.

At last, in 1738, a Masonic genius obtained a c
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120, were also granted soon after. The appe
of the said Masters' Lodges in the Grand Lodge
a hubbub among the then grumblers. The re
Grand Stewards' Lodge, afterwards organized,
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no Masters' Lodges were chartered, but as the G
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erased from the register in 1735, by authority
Master or Grand Lodge, and at the same time
suggested that Masters' Lodges might be organiz
which is yet inexplicable, as indicated in the Lo
1738.

And now comes the question, viz.: were t
Masters' Lodges that met in 1736 at the Swa
subjected to the Lodges that used to meet in the
this I answer, not necessarily so. The organizer
Lodges were probably members of different Lod
recruiting for membership to those Masters' Lod
fraternity at large, the necessary expenses fo
organizations was paid by the Master Mason
therefore likely that the honour of holding office
should have been confined to the members of one
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content themselves with such a choice as t
Fellow Crafts at the Swan and Rummer were p
them. Besides, suppose the Swan and Rummer
Fellow Crafts as officers who did not want to
degree. Under these circumstances, it seems t
nection (if there was any) between the Lodge an
that period, must have been somewhat like the
a Lodge and Lodge of Instruction as at present e

In 1735, the Stewards' Lodge was chartered as
Whether the third degree was ever conferred in
not, the members of the first Stewards' Lodge
organized, in 1733, the Masters' Lodge charter
hence the Lodge may have been suffered to hold
time. Anderson, in 1738, placed the Stewards'
Lodges constituted in 1735 as the second Lodge
year; and in a Lodge list appended in 1760 to t
"West India and American Lodge," now known
Antiquity," the Stewards' Lodge is also place
Lodges, and is also the second Lodge constituted
proving that all English Lodges were always r
seniority of constitution.

In 1738, the Constitutions required Wardens to
the Masters' Lodges must have afterwards inc
the "Antiquity Lodge" Bye-laws of 1760 show,
Masters' Lodge met on a different night to what
an extra fee for raising, as well as an extra Tyler

The question about the antiquity of the third de
discussed in the Masonic press, but the origin of
believe has never been discussed before. To do
various questions suggested in these papers, the
and MSS. of 1735 must be searched, for informa
erasure of the three chartered Masters' Lodges,
120. Smith's Pocket Companion of 1736 probabl
Pyne's List of 1735, I am desirous of knowing wh
Lodges are mentioned in that list. "and if so, who

r when, the said Lodges began to confer the Third Degree, whether he Degree was conferred in the Lodge, or by a semi-dependent Master's Lodge? And if so, when was that Master's Lodge established? and were the two Lodges always governed by the officers of the odge? Also as to when the said Lodges began to charge one fee for he whole three degrees. I know of no one better able to undertake hat inquiry than our Bro. Hughan. I have never flattered Bro. Hughan; more than once, I have pitched into some of his theories; et, nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the Craft is more indebted o Bro. Hughan's publications for a knowledge of English Masonic istory than to all other English writers combined. If there is any erit in the questions suggested in these communications, it is mainly ue to him, for if he had not published the "Old Charges," he old Lodge Lists, and various other old matters, the topics discussed n these papers would never have entered into any one's mind. I herefore hope and trust that Bro. Hughan will supply the desired nformation, which, for obvious reasons, I am unable to furnish.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

Subtle Brains and Lissom Fingers. By Andrew Wynter, M.D., Author of "Curiosities of Civilization," "Our Social Bees," &c. New Edition, Revised and Enlarged. By Andrew Steinmetz, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Hardwicke and Bogue, 192 Piccadilly. 1877.

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"A Day with the Coroner" is painfully interesting, while in the aper on "Vivisection," Dr. Wynter takes the side of those who con-der vivisection is necessary for the proper study of physiology, ut in a foot-note Mr. Steinmetz tones down his remarks, observing hat the medical profession is itself divided as to the expediency of he practice in a scientific point of view, and, further, pointing out hat the Act of Parliament recently passed is directed against the buse of vivisection, and not its legitimate use when imperatively equired. "The New Hotel System" is admirably written, and urnishes a good idea of the Grosvenor and the manner in which it conducted. The additional conveniences which are now provided this and similar establishments which have sprung into being of te years, commencing with the Great Western Hotel, make ir first class hotels very different from what they were some irty years ago. The Clarendon and Long's and Mivart's still aintain their *prestige*, and are as much frequented as ever y their patrons. But whereas in former days these were most the only habitable hotels, and those who are not princes or bles were unable to establish a footing in them, now people of oderate means can be comfortably housed and fed on moderate rms. The details as to the underground offices are most interesting. e find mention of the bakehouse, the fish-store, the ice-house, "the m of 'Boots,'" the washing-room, the plate-room, the still-room, d the store-room, the contents of which last are extraordinary. There is a chest of cigars, for example, and not far off a hogshead sugar, or a chest of tea; mops, brushes, packets of blacklead, use-cloths, are stored away on shelves with neatness and regularity." e learn further that "it is a rule of the establishment that a cer-in article is to last a certain time, and when it is worn out it ust be brought back to the store to be exchanged for a new one. ll the *débris* are immediately chopped up and destroyed, so that ere can be no possibility of putting them into circulation again. tock is taken of the stores once a month. Thus, as far as possible. aste and theft, those fruitful sources of bankruptcy in ill-managed otels, are provided against." Then as to the butchery, "which is, fact, a butcher's shop, with this exception—that every article is repared for the spit at a moment's notice. The fowls are trussed; e cutlets are trimmed and bread-crummed; the ham and bacon e prepared over night for the morning meal; the quails have their rons of bacon fat properly fastened on, and constant forethought exercised for the advent of the irascible traveller who wants an ephaut steak in five minutes from the time of ordering it, and keeps ringing the bell until it is served. The larder is calculated to ed the mouths of Gargantua."

One of the most readable papers of the series is a notice of "the Times' Newspaper of 1798." The following in Whitehall is charac-ristic of the period, and is quoted as showing "the license which ughs were allowed in those days. A mob on the previous evening d gathered round the entrance of the Admiralty in honour of the eat victory. "They insisted on every person of genteel appear-ce pulling off their hats (*sic*). Six officers passing along were dered to pay the same compliment to the nobility, and, refusing to so, the populace attempted to force their hats off. *The officers ew their swords*, and it is said that some persons were wounded." he same night there seems to have been an unusual amount of cat-lling and abuse of the musicians at Drury Lane, "because, having en wearied with playing 'Rule Britannia' and 'God Save the ing,' they would not listen to a boisterous cry on the part of some dividual for 'Britons, Strike Home,' a demand which was silenced some one singing out in the gallery 'Why damn it, they have, aven't they?'" Then we are told that "John Hanning, the sea-an, who killed one of the press-gang at Newhaven, was discovered nging in his cell this morning," and elsewhere, that "Mr. Vernon the Treasury, and another gentleman, travelling in a post chaise, ere stopped near Merton, by two footpads, and were robbed of all eir valuables." Then there is mention of an affair of honour tween Captain H—— and Colonel A——, and also of "a forcible duction of a Miss Mitchell, by a gentleman in the County of Cork."

In another part "we have a hint, too, of a project on foot which has since been realised—namely, a tunnel under the Thames; but, in this instance, between Gravesend and Tilbury," and, again, there is quoted the following: "Among the wonders of the present day, Mrs. Siddons's late achievements at Brighton, Bath, and London, should not be forgotten. She positively performed at each of these places within the incredibly short space of ninety-six hours. The following programme of a *fête* at Maiden Castle, near Dorchester, on the anniversary of the birthday of the Duchess of Wurtemburg, shows the class of amusement which was then in favour even with the Court:—

"To be played for at cricket, a round of beef, each man of the winning set to have a riband.

A cheese to be rolled down the hill—prize to whoever stops it.

A silver cup to be run for by ponies, the best of three heats.

A pound of tobacco to be grinned for.

A barrel of beer to be rolled down the hill; a prize to whoever stops it.

A Michaelmas goose to be dived for.

A good hat to be cudgelled for.

Half a guinea for the best ass in three heats.

A handsome hat for the boy most expert in catching a roll dipped in treacle and suspended by a string.

A leg of mutton and a gallon of porter to the winner of a race of 100 yards in sacks.

A good hat to be wrestled for.

Half a guinea to the rider of an ass who wins the best of three heats by coming in last.

A pig; prize to whoever catches him by the tail."

The article on "the Restoration of our Soil," as showing what may be done by utilising our sewage, is most valuable. It seems curious to learn that what is looked upon as quite a recent discovery should be traceable to China, whose inhabitants "never fail to *return to the soil those materials that they have taken from it.*" This is explained by the circumstance that the market gardener who brings the day's supply of vegetables to the house, takes away with him its sewage. Equally surprising is it to learn that for over two hundred years there has been a district, in the vicinity of Edinburgh, where sewage manuring has been in force. There are now about two hundred acres "irrigated with the flow of the sewage of about 80,000 of the population." This land, originally worth five shillings an acre, is now worth £30 an acre. As many as five crops have been taken in a year, at an expense "of not more than one pound per acre for the labour in irrigating." But one of the most conclusive evidences is that quoted as having been given by Mr. P. Skinner Miles, of King's Weston, before the Select Committee on the Sewage of Towns. Mr. Miles, we are told, "did not content himself with building an expensive drain, but, following the lead of Mr. Alderman Mechi, he determined to collect the sewage of his house (containing thirty persons), together with the rain-fall, into a closed tank, containing about 7,000 gallons, which he ventilated by a pipe running up the chimney, which effectually took away all smell. The sewage was conducted by pipes to about twelve acres of grass, and to two acres of ploughed land, and distributed by means of a gutta percha hose. The result is that these fields have improved in value from £2 15s an acre to £5 10s, whilst the produce has been immensely increased—two crops a year, so thick that they cannot stand up, and the crop is always good, if the season be wet or dry." Other cases are mentioned, and, in the result, it is brought home to the reader in the most forcible manner that, sooner or later, if the soil is to continue to be as productive as it is now, to say nothing of its being made more so, it will be necessary that we should utilise our sewage.

In "Half Hours at the Kensington Museum" are noted the principal wonders to be seen at that magnificent home of art and science. Perhaps the most curious is that contained in the second half of the essay. We have, first of all, an account of the food of man, and then man himself is reduced to his elements. A case ticketed "Ultimate elements in a human body weighing 154 lbs." furnishes the matter for the account. "Everybody," says the author, "wants to look at his own contents, and, consequently, the glass case is generally crowded; and we fancy many an old-fashioned person is inclined to doubt that his corpus can be converted into such a 'doctor's shop' as he here sees solemnly ranged in bottles of all sizes. Can it be possible that the tank, containing sufficient water for a good sized vivarium, represents the amount of that element in an average man perfectly free from dropsy? When we are told that a human being of the mean size contains 111 lbs. of pure liquid fluid, we can understand why there are so many thirsty souls in the world. Then we see his fat in a bottle, looking like so much bear's grease, and find there is 15 lbs. weight of it. His 15 lbs. of gelatine looks painfully like the glue of commerce. Still more monstrous does it seem to think that his too solid flesh is reducible into the phosphates of lime, carbonates of lime, and the various sulphates of iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, silicum, and fluorine, which we see paraded before us with such hard, dry, chemical cruelty. But what are those large white blocks meant to represent? These are the measures of our gases. Thus we are told that a block one foot square represents the amount of oxygen in our economy, but that our hydrogen would occupy 3,000 such blocks! Good gracious! enough to build a pyramid, to say nothing of the chlorine and fluorine! We enter this department with feelings of curiosity, but leave it with wonder, and a sense of the *reductio ad absurdum* to which our chemists have reduced imperial man himself."

The picture of the Roast Beef of Old England is not particularly inviting, especially as regards the prize cattle at the Smithfield Club Cattle Show. A *Post Mortem* examination of several of the finest specimens of stock disclosed a considerable amount of disease in the internal organs, fatty degeneration of the heart being a common symptom. The paper on "Physical Education" is excellent in tone. The following is specially to be commended. "Physical force is ignored. A boy must not be whipped at school if he has done wrong, but the enlightened philanthropy of the present day substitutes an

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imposition which gives him a headache! With all our respect for the philanthropy of the age, we cannot help thinking that, as regards physical education, it has been content to destroy without building up—to push the head at the expense of the thews and sinews; and to make a clever, sharp lad, instead of a strong, enduring, and self reliant man." There is a healthy ring about this which it does one's heart good to read. Fortunately, of late years, thanks to such men as the late Charles Kingsley, Muscular Christianity has renewed its influence over young Englishmen, and the athletic training is looked upon as of almost equal moment with the mental.

We regret we have not space to continue our notice. Many of the essays which follow are equally interesting, while in several the hints and observations are of extreme value. Under the head of "The Clerk of the Weather" is given an account of the Meteorological Department of the Board of Trade and its organization. As, doubtless, many of our readers are constant travellers by rail, we advise them to read the paper describing "the effects of Railway Travelling upon the health of persons, and they will be better able to judge whether such mode of travelling suits them. The author deprecates long journeys undertaken daily, as for instance between London and Brighton. The reason, he says, is obvious, "the great nervous high road traversing the spine has to be protected from shock or motion as carefully as a transit instrument in an observatory; and in order to accomplish this, the long case in which it is enclosed is padded in every direction, and innumerable ligaments and muscles are attached to it in order that it may be automatically kept in its normal position. Now, the tumbling and jolting of the carriage are constantly calling forth this automatic action of the muscles: hence the tiredness and soreness we experience after a protracted journey." Then, "the perpetual grating and grinding of wheels upon rails keeps the tympanum of the ear in constant agitation, and the eye is tried by the rapid flight of objects." This essay, as devoted to a subject with which we become practically acquainted—many of us, nearly every day of our lives—is well worthy of being read. However, it is time we concluded our remarks. There are several other papers we should like to refer to, but we must not trespass further upon our space. Let it suffice if we add that the book is one of the most entertaining and instructive that can be imagined. Moreover, as it contains a series of papers on different topics, it may be taken up at odd leisure hours, so that the mind runs no risk of becoming fatigued, as happens to most people when they pore for any length of time over abstruse and trying subjects. It is, in fine, a work which deserves to have a place in every well appointed library, and, if handsomely bound, would do well as a prize book to boys with a taste for curious or scientific studies.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

THE *Twentieth Century* is the title of an illustrated mid-quarterly "Magazine of New Ideas for the Nineteenth," and is edited by one who describes himself as "A Comprehensionalist." The motto is, "The Future is the Present, and the Present is the Future." It has been our good or evil fortune to review many periodicals in our time, but we confess we never came across so great a curiosity as this new publication. Its object is said to be educational, and under these circumstances the Right of Translation is not reserved. As Masons, we are not altogether unfamiliar with the mysterious; but the mysteries, or whatever else they may be, which are contained in this magazine, are more than enough to drive all the Masons in the United Kingdom, including His Royal Highness the Grand Master, into the sublimest state of mystification imaginable. There is one paper, however, entitled, "Our Swiss Tour. Part II., Geneva to Martigny," the following passage in which we think will amuse our readers:—

"I have paid my bill at the Hotel de something or other, which bill was uncomplainable, considering the circumstances, and cheap if you include the conversation of the Americans you hear in the smoking-room. What a grand majesty of bewildering illumination they display in describing their affairs. The process they so aptly profess of chawing up creation you really believe they could perform without cracking a tooth. I suppose this idea arose from the extraordinary power and length of the lower jaw, so characteristic of the nation; but their brag of the impossible is charming. There are two stories, though, I have heard, in which they were beaten by Englishmen, which, if you have not heard them, will bear repetition. A Yankee was magnifying the size of a fish he had caught. 'I can perfectly believe you,' said the Englishman, 'because I often use much larger fish than the one you describe for bait.' The other was an Englishman, being importuned by a Yankee as to why he was going to New York, said 'that if the place suited him, he had some thoughts of buying it.' The Americans are to build the Millennial City, but they have not yet learned how to make constitutional bricks durable, and the splendour of their progress is transient in the premature crumblement of their foundations. They want soundness. But their patent laws are perfection—their reasoning faculties are stimulated, and the free scope for their imaginations make their progress perpetual."

But with the exception of this and a few of the minor notes, we confess the new Ideas developed in the pages of the *Twentieth Century* are strictly beyond us.

For ourselves, we prefer the class of magazine we have been accustomed to, with its quiet reading, light poetry, and good, bad, or indifferent fiction. At all events, we have some conception of what we are reading when we take up a periodical like *Tinsleys'*, the current number of which is of more than average merit. The same fiction is still current—"A Maddening Blow," and Mr. Frank Barrett's tale of "Two Knaves and a Queen." Two short stories are likewise by Fanny Power Cobbe, is exceedingly well selected the salient features in the monarch's them effectively, and in order to make the pape dacing some pleasing anecdotes. The poetic "Two Servian Love Songs," by Dr. Maurice D to any we have seen of his, and the following Weatherly, entitled "Treasures:"—

"A faded note—a lock of hair—
A flower within a book—
A little locket lying there
In long-forgotten nook.

"Trifles are these? Ah, so the
To those who do not know
For me they bring a golden d
Of long, long years ago.

"O little treasures, rarely seen,
What memories you raise!
You whisper of what might h
You sing of long past days.'

Cassell's Family Magazine exhibits the sam practical combined with light, wholesome, and As to the story of "Paul Knox, Pitman," the t May Gwynn are too much for her, and she q nonce, leaving Reuben Gwynn and her lover, I well be imagined, in a most uneasy frame of n and Wooden Stairs" is being worked into an addition are papers on every variety of sub Mr. Arthur Arnold contributes a graphic descr of to-day." A family doctor offers his "Adv tive" and very sensible advice it is, too. Th Heat Produced?" is ably answered, and there "My ascent up Mount Wellington" in Tasm writer ran a fair chance of paying dearly f Then a careful housewife gives in detail "the Yachting Cruise," and our Paris Correspond pleasant "Chit-Chat on Dress." Guy Roslyn d the Land's End," there is some "Gossip on I John Crowdy tells the reader "How to listen Elijah." A story by Elizabeth Clarton, entitled a paper on "Chamber-Music," and a poem b Watkins, headed "A Morning Concert," go a goo pleting a very capital number.

As to the *Countries of the World*, Dr. Brown stil in the Western States of North America. While of Colorado, he very kindly says little of its n we thank him accordingly. A little over two pa which we have an illustration of a "Dakota, or Si for Dakota, and then we pass on to "The Prairie the Rocky Mountains," and thence to "Wyoming. America." The illustrations, which include "Vi Cañon, Colorado," "View of the Valley of the U "View of Yellowstone Lake, Wyoming," and "Vi the Grand Cañon of the Yellowstone, Wyoming," a praise.

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ILLEGAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am surprised to learn "On the Conduct of Lodges," that a joining men proposed and elected on seven days' notice. The ca an emergency is provided is a candidate for initiatic ing member. When W.M., I refused to allow an e a case, on the ground both of illegality and inexpedi it was unnecessary, the brother being welcome as should be regularly elected. I believe I was right, to see the question decided on higher authority.

Yours fraterna

8th September 1877.

OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRON

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Riach has writte subject of "Our Schools," and to his signature at fo his Masonic titles. I have no Masonic title beyon Mason. I am very proud of it, but, at the same sensible that he, with his figures and capital letters the world like a comet with its long luminous tail—a advantages over me, who have no tail at all. Still, t have not frightened me out of my senses, and I mea for his wanton assault on the two Masonic Schools, o

o'clock a grand banquet was held in the public hall, among the guests being the Lord Chief Justice, the Bishop of Manchester, Mr. John Bright, M.P., the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the mayors of several English provincial towns. Yesterday evening it was arranged that there should be a reception by the Mayor and Corporation, followed by a grand ball, for which some 4,000 invitations had been issued. The day will be quite a holiday, and the streets along which the procession will pass will be gaily decorated. It is expected some 50,000 people will take part in the procession. We hear the buildings are on an extensive scale and worthy of Cottonopolis. The cost of erection is semi-officially reported as exceeding £80,000.

Those who take an interest in the sea serpent should read *Land and Water* for last week. They will find in it the evidence of three officers of the Royal yacht Osborne, who saw some time since, off Sicily, a kind of marine monster, together with the opinions of Mr. Frank Buckland, Professor Owen, Mr. Bartlett of the Zoological Gardens, and Mr. Henry Lee, consulting naturalist to the Brighton Aquarium. These papers are published with the sanction of the Home authorities, who, on the officers of the Osborne reporting what they had seen, caused the matter to be investigated, and invited the opinions of the gentlemen we have named, in order if possible, to settle the vexed question whether such monsters really exist.

The St. Leger was run on Wednesday, and resulted in the easy victory by three lengths of Lord Falmouth's Silvio, the winner of the Derby. His second horse, Lady Golightly, had a desperate struggle with Lord Bradford's filly for second honours, and just managed to secure them by a head. Thus first and second favourites in the betting ran first and second in the race, and justified the expectations formed of them. Though the cricket season is over, there are still some matches being played. One was recently concluded between the South of England Eleven and eighteen Hastings district, the latter meeting with a one innings defeat, the South of England, of whom Jupp made 89, and Mr. W. G. Grace 71, scoring 282, while Hastings were all down in the first innings to 88, and in the second for 102. Mr Grace took 8 wickets in the former, and 13 in the latter.

One of those terrible catastrophes which occasionally happen off our coast befel two vessels early this week off the island of Portland. The Avalanche, a new iron vessel of 1160 tons belonging to Messrs. Shaw, Savill and Co., with a crew of officers and men (thirty-one), besides five apprentices, and carrying sixty-three passengers together with a large and valuable cargo, was run into and sunk by the Forest, an American ship of Windsor, Nova Scotia, the latter also receiving such damage that she also is lost. But the loss of the vessels, however much we may deplore it, is nothing to the loss of life. Of the ninety-and-nine persons on board the Avalanche, only a mate and two seamen, who were fortunately able to jump on board the Forest, were saved, while of the crew of the latter, which all told mustered twenty, the captain and eight others contrived to reach the shore in one of the boats. Thus of the 119 souls on board these two vessels, in health and strength on Tuesday, only twelve are left alive. The unfortunate crew and passengers had, indeed, no time whatever allowed them to escape, for the Avalanche was almost cut in two, and sank within some three minutes after the collision; and as it was night time, they could not even reach the deck. In a case of this kind we shall probably never have a complete version of the particulars. The night was a dark and stormy one, and those who have been fortunate enough to escape will probably have but an imperfect idea of what happened. The very suddenness of the disaster must have appalled those on board the Forest, who could not possibly form any idea of the damage their vessel had done, and whose chief thoughts must have been occupied in trying to save their own vessel which was very soon found to be in a sinking condition. Of all calamities we can imagine nothing more fearful than a collision at sea like this on a dark night, when there was no time for thought, much less for action, and a number of poor creatures sleeping calmly in their beds are dashed into eternity without a moment's warning. Such calamities are appalling, especially when we glance down the list of passengers and find apparently whole families have perished. Of course, the usual investigation by the Board of Trade will take place, but so far as the circumstances have been described, there does not appear to be any blame attaching to any body. We must not leave unnoticed the gallant conduct of the [illegible] luggers who put out in a tremendous storm and picked up the boat in which the survivors of the ill-fated vessels were vainly endeavouring to make for the shore, but were prevented by the heavy surf. But for these fine Portland fishermen not a soul would have survived to tell of the catastrophe.

The funeral of Thiers on Saturday last passed off quietly. There was a grand gathering of people to witness the procession. Every seat in the small church, in which the greater portion of the religious service was held, was occupied, while all along the route to Père la Chaise the crowd was enormous. The usual force of military was in attendance, as the deceased was entitled, as a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, to military honours. The Deputies of the Left were all in attendance, prominent among them being M. Gambetta. Several orations were delivered at the grave, the two by M. Jules Grévy and M. Jules Simon, the late Prime Minister, being politically important. Following close on the heels of this mournful event comes the news that M. Gambetta has been condemned to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 2,000 francs, for his offence against the Marshal President and his present Ministry, committed in the recent speech at Lille. An appeal has been, we believe, lodged against the sentence, and as the law's delays are many in France as in England, it is considered possible that M. Gambetta, when elected to the legislature, if arrested, will escape punishment. However, there is ample time to speculate upon the future.

The news from Bulgaria is to the effect that more terrible fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Plevna, but, at the time of writing these lines, the result is not known for certain. The Russians, with their Roumanian allies, are said to be over 100,000 strong, with a heavy force of artillery, while Osman Pacha has, it is said, some 80,000, with about 100 guns less; but he has an excellent position to make up somewhat for his numerical deficiencies. The first news was favourable to the assailants, and it was rumoured in Bucharest that Osman had been severely beaten, yet it turns out he has not suffered quite so severely. The engagement thus far has been an artillery one, but, in order to recover Plevna, it will be necessary to deliver an attack with infantry, and then, no doubt, the "butcher's bill" will be a fearful one. The Roumanians have acquitted themselves respectably in their first engagement, so we are given to understand, and the Czar has sent Prince Charles a number of St. George's Crosses for distribution among his troops, but what are the Roumanians fighting for? Turkey has never molested her, and Prince Charles's manifesto published on the eve of entering upon active operations is about the clumsiest political proclamation we ever remember to have read. As for Servia, she very wisely seems to hold aloof from the war. She was to have begun on Thursday, but we have not heard of her having done anything yet. As to Suleiman Pacha, he is still in the Shipka Pass, but Mahomet Ali Pasha, albeit he moves far too deliberately, is driving the Russians before him. He has inflicted sundry defeats on the army of the Czarewitch, and if he moves faster will be enabled to cause a great diversion of strength from the assailing Russo-Roumanian force before Plevna. He has already driven his opponents over the Jantra, and may perhaps be able to force his way to Sistova, when the Czar and his Grand Dukes will find themselves awkwardly situated. From Asia, there is little to record. A few minor engagements of no importance have taken place, and a score or two of men have been killed and wounded; but the Russians find Mouktar Pasha too strong to be attacked, although the Grand Duke Michael has announced that he is now about personally to conduct the operations. And the question we are all asking ourselves is,—How long must this bloodthirsty work be allowed to go on?

The fifteen sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun, Bethnal Green, on the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock. Bro. Barnes will occupy the chair, and he will be supported by Bros. Austin S.W., Webb J.W., and Musto I.P.M.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—In sickness it was a momentous matter to find an easy, ready, and reliable remedy for outward disfigurations and inward disorders before the inestimable discovery of these preparations. No family need now be at a loss for successfully managing sores, sores, diseases, ills, bruises, wounds, &c. Holloway's medicines are very available printed directions for using which should be attentively studied in the [illegible] Holloway's treatment. Sooner or later the [illegible] will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. This searching Ointment [illegible] all those malignant humours which aggravate many diseases of the skin, often prevent the [illegible]

Old Warrants.

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ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

[SEAL.]

LAURENCE DERMOTT, D.G.M.

JOHN FEAKINS, S.G.W. THOMAS HARPER, 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), and these in ample form assembled, namely, the Right Worshipful .... (four lines cannot be made out) .... GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Feakins, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, 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 brother, namely, the Worshipful Thomas Doncaster, Esq., one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Mr. Wm. Rogers his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. William Bradley his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Queens Head (or elsewhere), in the borough of Wiggan and county of Lancaster upon the next Wednesday on, or before, Full Moon of every Calendar 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, Thomas Doncaster, Esquire, Mr. William Rogers, and Mr. William Bradley (with the consent of the members of your Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and instal 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 instal 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. 235

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this 26th day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Six.

JOHN MCCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

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[SEAL]

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To all whom it may concern.

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No. 205
8th April 1778
Entered.

Warden, and The Worshipful Richard Sarra to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Ac at the Market House Inn, Plymouth, or else Devon, being first duly Registered in virtue of date on or about the sixth of April 1778, and our Predecessors to certain Brethren th tered in the Books of our Grand Lodge in upon the First and Third Monday in every able times and lawful occasions: And in the congregated) to admit and make Free Masons Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Roya Nations throughout the known World. An authorise and impower our said Trusty and Anthony White, Dennis Cogan, and Richa Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nom their Successors, to whom they shall deliver them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Successors shall in like manner nominate, Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installation every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continua ever. Providing the above named Brethren sors, always pay due Respect to this Right W otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our G this Twenty-seventh day of December, in the thousand Eight hundred and Four, and in the thousand Eight hundred and Four.

(Signed) ROBT. I

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[SEAL.]

The present title, No., &c. are, The Harmony mouth.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTOR

AT the regular meeting of this Preceptory, E. Preceptor Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead interesting paper on the History of the Order of as regarded the City of York, endeavouring to links connecting the Order with that of Freema

INTERESTING TORPEDO EXP

A MOST interesting series of experiments in t is announced to take place off the East Cliff, near Ramsgate, during this month. These expe ducted under the management of Mr. Michael (well-known in connection with the direction of brother, Bro. Captain Boyton), who will have th of the leading scientific authorities on the su strations will consist of both day and night of actual operations in torpedo warfare, offe They will include an attack on, defence and de clad fleet, constructed of sloops and boats c cient to demonstrate effectively the value force of the explosive engines, and the fa tances at which they may be worked with saf The event promises to be no less interesting fr of view than imposing from the magnitude of th spectacular effects designed to give it a frame strations are fixed for Thursday, 20th inst. at 11 o'c

Bro. W. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B. will of ing Master at the Installation Meeting of Lodge, No. 811, to be held this day at th Brighton.

R.W. Bro. Sir W. Wyndham Burrell, was installed as P.G.M. in June last, w meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on Tuesday next, at the Royal Pavil

Early next month, a new Mark Lodge, the St. Wilfrid Lodge of Mark Master consecrated at Alford, Lincolnshire, by Sutcliffe, Grand Mark Master Mason of t

We are authorised by Grand Secretary announce that the Grand Lodge of Mark for England and Wales, and our Colonies cies, has been formally recognised by the Royal Arch Chapter of the United State case of English Arch, who are likewise will render it unnecessary for them to rece been obliged to do in order to be admitted

writing this letter:—(a) A love of change for the sake of change; (b) A preference for the German system of education over the English; (c) Hostility towards the "many well-paid Masters, Matrons, Secretaries, and all sorts of other officials," who "make these Charities of ours their means of subsistence." I will deal with these *seriatim*.

(a) A love of change, for the sake of change.

There is an old proverb, which Bro. Riach, with his figures and capital letters, may consider unworthy of his notice. This proverb enjoins on people the necessity of leaving well alone. Before we dream of changing the system at present in force in our Schools, we shall do well to ask ourselves the plain question, Does it work satisfactorily or not? If the answer is in the affirmative, then I say, leave well alone. While we are pottering over the introduction of a new system, which may, or may not answer, we are losing ground; and when, in the order of things, the requisite changes have been made, it will cost us something to make good all deficiencies. To speak more precisely. Heretofore, we have followed the English boarding school system in its most approved form. That system has answered well, as is evidenced by the success of our pupils in various public competitive examinations. Suddenly we make a change. We keep the boarding house, and look for the education at our public middle class schools. That is, instead of concentrating our efforts in the endeavour to fit our boys and girls for the battle of life, we distribute them. We shall have them trained morally in the boarding house, and mentally in the middle class school. But this cannot be done at once. We must give our educational staffs "notice to quit," and pending this notice the training will proceed as now. In due course, however, the pupils will commence under the new system, and it will necessarily take them some time to become accustomed to it, and still longer to benefit by it. It may be, however, the middle class system and our own are equivalent, which is a strong argument against any departure from the latter; or the middle class may be inferior, which is a still stronger argument against any change. Bro. Riach must be able to show there is a manifest superiority of the one over the other, before he advises our School authorities not to leave well alone.

Possibly Bro. Riach may argue—I have a great respect for the particular proverb you quote, but I cannot admit that it furnishes a reason for not doing something else which may be of greater benefit. I have just said that before insisting on his proposal, he must show a manifest superiority of the new plan over the present as regards education; but he must go still farther, and show the financial advantages of his scheme. I imagine he will have some difficulty in doing this. We have yet to be told that it will cost less to maintain our children in a boarding-house, and have them instructed at middle class schools than to pursue our present system. We have a right to assume that the cost of clothing and maintenance will be the same. It will still be necessary to have in the case of the girls a staff of matrons, and in the case of the boys a staff of wardens to take charge of them in the house. As to cost of education, the terminal fees at the Middle Class Schools Corporation, Cowper-street, City-road, are £1 15s each boy, or five guineas per annum; but for German and the classics extra charges are made. Taking, however, the cost of the ordinary curriculum as our guide, we shall find that the total charges for 200 boys will amount to 1000 guineas per annum. The salaries of the educational staff at Wood-green for 1876 amounted to £1031 17s, *matron inclusive*, and though there were only 186 pupils, still it must not be overlooked that, with a resident staff of masters, the cost of 200 would not exceed that of 186. Next year there will be 216 boys, and they together would cost, at five guineas each, 1,080 guineas; or, in round figures, £100 more than was paid last year for masters and matron. At the Camden Middle Class School for Girls, the fees a short time since were five guineas per annum. At this rate 200 girls will cost £840 in the aggregate, whereas only the sum of £637 10s was paid in 1876 for the salaries of educational staff, and of matron and assistant matron, and the wages of servants. In this instance, the advantage is still more manifestly in favour of leaving things as they are.

There are two other points which must not be lost sight of. At boarding school, the masters and mistresses have an opportunity of studying the character and disposition of the pupils entrusted to their charge. At a day school, they have time to hear lessons and award marks, and this is all that can be expected of them, considering the numerical strength of the classes over which they are placed. At boarding school, the relations between masters and boys, matrons and girls, are those of parents towards their children; at day school, they are magisterial. Finally, boys who are herded together in a good public school, as far as my experience goes—I am an old public school man myself, and have devoted many years of my life to tuition—make hardier and sturdier, and, generally speaking, more useful men than mere day school boys. There is a significance in the saying attributed to Wellington, that Waterloo was won at Eton. We are going ahead so rapidly in matters educational, that we are apt to lose sight of the important fact that boys and girls require physical and moral, as well as mental, training. Cricket and football and athletic sports, generally, are as necessary a part of a boy's education as the three R's, and it is because sports form part of the boarding school curriculum that it has the advantage over the day school.

(b) A preference for the German system of education over the English.

I cannot blame Bro. Riach for holding that the German system is better than ours. I, too, have a great respect for it, knowing well that it answers admirably. As regards knowledge, the average German boy is better informed than the English boy of equal standing. But looking at the youth of the two nations, not from a single point, but from all necessary points together, I say that English boys are men, and German boys are children. The former may not be so apt at writing theses, so well read in history, or so well versed in modern languages, but they can ride, shoot, run, walk, and do generally those things which knit the frame well together and make strong men of them. This is the result, not of any physical superiority, but of our school training. The German system is admirably suited to the genius of the German people, and ours, I believe, to be equally well suited to that of the English people; but I think it would be a mistake to alter what has answered so well for so many generations. Here, again, I say, let us leave well alone.

(c) Hostility towards the "many well-paid Masters, Matrons, Secretaries, and all sorts of other officials," who "make these Charities of ours their means of subsistence."

I consider these expressions of Bro. Riach's are wholly unjustifiable. The stipend of the head master of our Boys' School is about the same as that of a second class Government clerk, and perhaps one-half of what is paid to the secretary of an insurance company. Yet the demands on the master's time, to say nothing of the cares and responsibilities of his office, are far heavier than in the case of the Government clerk or the secretary. Far be it for me to say the latter are overpaid; but well and ill are relative terms, and if the clerk is well paid, the master is ill paid. The Craft provides the wherewith to carry on the School, but it is the master who trains the boys, and it is to him we look that the boys under his charge shall grow to be honest and honourable men, and useful subjects of Her Majesty. The other masters and the matrons, too, have their duties, and they discharge them efficiently. The stipends they receive are no more than they would receive elsewhere in similar positions. As for the "secretaries, and all sorts of other officials," Bro. Binckes with one clerk, and Bro. Little with two clerks, do all the work of their respective offices. We should still need their services, even if the pupils attended the middle-class schools, for it is they by whose energy we hope and expect to obtain the necessary means to carry on the Schools. They are, everywhere and always, in Lodge and out of Lodge, pressing the claims of these charities upon the notice of the Craft. One this year was able to have announced for him a subscription of about £10,000, the other announced a list of over £13,000. The time and labour they bestow on their official duties is not excessively remunerated, and Bro. Riach when he comes to revise his letter will see and, I hope, acknowledge that he has judged hastily.

But I must not forget that you, Sir, have claims on the forbearance of your correspondents. I shall close my remarks, therefore, for the present, having confidence that should any other points strike me, which may seem of public interest, you, with the courtesy you invariably show, will accord me space to insert them.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD PUBLIC SCHOOLMAN.

FREEMASONRY IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

A Honolulu paper just to hand gives some interesting Masonic tidings. It says:—

At the last regular monthly meeting of Lodge le Progres de l'Oceanie No. 121, A.F. and A.M., held on the 28th ult., after the usual business was concluded, his Majesty the King, who filled the position of Worshipful Master during the last year, was made the recipient of a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured to the order of the Lodge in San Francisco, and garnished with a turquoise, a sapphire and pearls. It bears the following inscription:—"Presented to his Majesty Bro. D. Kalakaua, Past Master of Lodge le Progres de l'Oceanie No. 124 A.F. and A.M. by its members. Honolulu, H.I., A.L. 5876." The presentation was made by P.M. John O. Dominis, who spoke as follows:—

Worshipful Past Master Bro. Kalakua,—Our Lodge "Le Progres de l'Oceanie" has done me the honour to deputise me, in their name, and in their behalf to present you with this Past Master's jewel, as a token of their appreciation of your services to the Masonic fraternity, and to their Lodge in particular, as Worshipful Master for the last year of Le Progres, and as a kind and fraternal memorial of the high personal regard which they individually entertain for you.

The occasion is one of those few instances in life when due and genuine homage is offered to the man, and not to his surroundings; when the upright Mason and the skilful Master receives at the hands of his fellow-workers in all the works of Brotherly Love, relief and truth, that meed of acknowledgment which he has richly earned by his faithful practice of the precepts of the Order, and his correct and impartial government of his Lodge as its master. As such, and in that spirit, I now invest you with this jewel, satisfied that in honouring you the Lodge has honoured itself, and that the memory of this occasion will be another of the many bright links that bind you to the Masonic Order.

You see that some of the brethren, yourself included, wear the crape that tells of some one dear who has gone to that higher Lodge "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." I would not have alluded to that circumstance on this occasion, were it not that that "loved and lost one" was your own brother, and to assure you that while we respect you as a Master Mason, and honour you as a W.P. Master of "Le Progres de l'Oceanie Lodge," we truly and most sincerely sympathise with you in the great loss you have sustained.

His Majesty was very evidently and completely taken by surprise, and said in substance:—

Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren,—The presentation of this valuable gift, and the manner in which it has been done, has indeed taken me by surprise. I am not aware of anything that I have done during my incumbency of a single year that could warrant the gift of this very beautiful jewel. Nevertheless, you will please accept my sincere thanks for the token of your esteem, and I assure you that I will ever cherish it with a high appreciation

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OUR WEEKLY BUL

THE Court is still in Scotland, but southward on Wednesday, when Princess Beatrice left Balmoral for Loch proposed to make a stay of about a wee been engaged as Her Majesty's reside strictly private, and consequently, whe drove to Ballater Station, there was no attendance, it having been signified to t the presence of the soldiers would not Achnasheen, where the railway portio came to an end, the inhabitants of the *en masse*, and gave the Queen a right hea the manner of Highlanders. The rest o done by posting. Unfortunately, the we settled, and rain fell shortly after startin evening. On Wednesday next, the Princ Marquis of Lorne will visit Isell Hall, as and Mrs. Wyndham. The following day, ness will go by train to Carlisle, for the a bazaar in aid of the Infirmary. The v at the Hall till Monday, and will then Castle, where they will be the guests o Muncaster. In both cases, a distinguish invited to meet the Princess and her Leopold is the guest of the Earl and Co bane, and is expected to remain with the Great preparations are being made for ness's reception, and it is expected he with an address by the municipal author The Prince of Wales will be the gues Wombwell, Bart., at Newburgh Park, wh on Monday, and where he will have som Princess of Wales is still at Osborne, and any news to the contrary, we presum Prince Albert Victor, is progressing favo complete recovery of his strength.

A meeting of the Royal National Lifebo held on Thursday last, at John-street, Ad Lyall presided. Rewards to the amou voted to the crews of different lifeboats had rendered during the past month, whil were likewise given to the crews of shore saved life from wrecks on the coast. contribution of £2,000 from the Count memory of her late husband Don Ram acknowledged. This will be used for t permanent endowment of a lifeboat to be n Cabrera. The Institution's instructions tion of persons apparently drowned have into Chinese by Dr. M'Gowan of Shangha

Up to Wednesday evening the sum o been received by the Mansion House Rel £115,000 had already been remitted to the later contributions are £500 (furthe £300 from Dover, £500 from Belfast, School, £350 from Harrogate. The May has invited subscriptions from his fellow has already been successful to the exten Great Yarmouth a subscription has be while at Dundee, over £1,000 was collec Hall, on the occasion of the meeting calle for the purpose of considering what steps towards alleviating the distress of our subjects. The Provost himself headed the

Thursday was the day fixed for the ope Town Hall at Manchester. We shall give week, but every preparation had been *éclat* to the occasion. The mayor was the r but all the notabilities of Manchester, and

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, 15th SEPTEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
M. M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers Tavern, Marsh-st., Walthamstow.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amherst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1636—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.
903—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
434—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
488—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
633—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
730—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1007—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1180—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1433—Pitsalan, Wyrnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 6 p.m. (Instruction.)
1503—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
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, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
394—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
930—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A.—Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Launceston. (Consecration.)

WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.
190—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.
801—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
892—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
981—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
983—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
989—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, 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.
1237—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1253—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
434—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1327—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
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.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 6.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
433—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
963—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1382—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.

FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
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.)
1086—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 146 Fleet-street, E.C, at 7. (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.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 6. (Inst.)

424—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.)

SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 408—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. 82—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
394—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
409—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 237—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

1316—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
260—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
287—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1445—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

269—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
682—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1084—Ecclesehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesehill.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 827—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Methan.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—128—St. Mirren, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 128—Flowers of the Forest, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 20 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—67—Forbe's Rosemy, Forbe's Arms Inn, Fraserburgh.
" 127—St. Mary, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 289—St. James, Town Hall, Dufftown.
" 532—Rothes, Town Hall, Leslie.
" 543—Union, Royal Hotel, St. Andrews.
" R. A. 9—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Hill-street, Arbroath.
THURSDAY—23—St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 66—St. Ninian, Freemasons' Hall, Market-street, Brechin.
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-square, Oban.
" 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.
" R. A. 35—Union, King's Arms, Maybole.
FRIDAY—31—St. Mary Colinton, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 53—St. Andrews, Freemason's Hall, Castle-street, Banff.
" 111—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Hawick.
" 116—Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 471—St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 496—St. Munn, Kelmuir-by-Duncon.
" 541—Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Lanark.
" R. A. 109—Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys Inn, Johnstone.
SATURDAY—29—St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 6 p.m.
" R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Bell's Hill, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 13th of September, at Bro. W. G. Hallows, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., J. Hunt J.W. and Secretary, Appleby S.D., Groome I.G.; also Bros. W. T. Christian, Simms, Weston, Rubery, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, minutes of the last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. Ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. Bro. Appleby worked the 1st and 2nd section of the 1st lecture. Bro. W. G. Hallows was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

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Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—In May last year we had the pleasure to record the consecration of this Lodge, which holds its meetings at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill; to-day we are called upon to give particulars of the first anniversary meeting, which took place on Saturday last, the 8th inst. In order that the proceedings of the day should not be of too heavy a character the members held an emergency meeting on the 11th August last, consequently the principal feature on the agenda paper was the Installation of W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, when Bro. John Newton took the chair, he was supported by Bros. Frederick Brown S.W., Webb J.W., Perceval S.D., Knill as Sec., and Wyatt I.G. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Jas. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., C. F. Matier Hon. P.G.W. G. Lodge Greece, W. H. Bateman 12, W. J. Beedell 12, J. E. Middleton 29, S. H. Rawley 174, G. J. Hilliard 174, J. Appleby 174, Heddon 174, John Constable 185, F. Brown 765, W. Gardiner 780, H. Reed 733, W. H. Wallington 860, F. Meen 1185, C. Searell 1382, J. Whalley 1382, W. W. Morgan 1385, T. Hamer 1426, E. W. Braine 1471, W. J. Parish 1604, Frederick Binckes P.G.S. Sec. R.M.I.B., &c. Bro. Newton having opened the Lodge, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and those of the emergency, were read and confirmed, and the auditors delivered their report. The Wardens then vacated their chairs in favour of Bros. Middleton and John Constable, and Bro. Jas. Terry, acting as Director of the Ceremonies, presented Bro. Frederick Brown to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of Installation. Bro. Newton then commenced the ceremony, and after obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony was completed. On the re-admission of the brethren, the appointment of officers took place:—Bros. C. Webb S.W., C. J. Perceval J.W., E. G. Legge Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Wyatt S.D., Beedell J.D., Knill I.G., Jones D.C., Carr W.S., J. Verry Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Newton, and we need scarcely say that the work of the day was performed admirably. Some propositions for joining were then handed in, and the Lodge was closed. At the banquet, which was very well served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the W.M. Bro. Frederick Brown presided, and conducted the after proceedings in a most happy and genial manner. After grace had been sung, he gave the first toast, Her Majesty the Queen, which was followed by a new song, entitled "The Queen and the Craft," well rendered by Bro. Beedell. The M.W. the Grand Master was next proposed, and was followed by the part song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The health of the Pro Grand Master received due honour, and Bro. Bateman favoured the company with "Sunny Days will come again." With the toast of the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was associated the names of the two Past Grand Stewards who were present—Bros. F. Binckes and Middleton. Bro. Binckes gave an amusing description of what he considered the anomalous position in which Past Grand Stewards stand. With respect to the two worthy noblemen who were at the head of our Order, no word of eulogy from him could enhance the esteem in which they were universally held. The next toast, the Worshipful Master, was delegated to Bro. Jas. Terry, who paid a just tribute to Bro. Brown for the energy displayed by him in acquiring a knowledge of what was required to enable him satisfactorily to fill the position he now held. Bro. Brown on rising to reply thanked Bro. Terry for the kind way in which he had commended the toast to the brethren, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. All who knew him were well aware that from his entrance into the Order he had made it his study to carry out his duties thoroughly, and with advantage to the Craft at large. He had the best interests of Freemasonry at heart, and hoped he might always be able to promote the welfare of the Fraternity. He looked a young man, but he had travelled over many lands; of this he had become assured, that where the precepts inculcated by a proper knowledge of Freemasonry were best understood, and most perfectly practised, they had but one tendency, and that was to promote good fellowship. Bro. Brown concluded his remarks by saying that the welfare of the Lodge should merit his best consideration, and he trusted his exertions might receive the approval of the members. In proposing the health of the Past Master, Bro. Brown said that their worthy Bro. Newton was so well known to all present that very few remarks need be offered by him in presenting the toast for their acceptance. Moreover, Bro. Newton bore on his breast tangible marks of the respect in which he was held. The jewels he wore had been presented him for the energy displayed by him in promoting the welfare of his fellows; his heart was ever open to the cry of charity, and his was no halting benevolence. Bro. Brown then alluded to the sketch of Bro. Newton that had appeared in these columns, a sketch which (he added) was written in glowing terms, but in his opinion not highly coloured. He remarked that the jewels a Mason wore might be regarded as the outward and visible signs of what a brother had done. He had been deputed to attach one more such sign on the breast of Bro. Newton, which he hoped would be considered yet another evidence of his Masonic worth; and though the last, he trusted it would not be regarded as the least in his esteem. He sincerely hoped it might recall to his mind pleasant reminiscences of his connection with their Lodge, and tend to remind him of an important episode in his Masonic career. After a song, "Nancy Lee," from Bro. Large, Bro. Newton replied. He was sure, after the very eloquent way in which Bro. Brown had proposed the toast, that all would agree with him that he (Bro. Newton) was in a very awkward position. He must, however, in the first place return thanks for the hearty manner in which Bro. Brown's remarks had been received, and for the support he had at all times had from the members during his term of office. Looking back over the past twelve months, he was reminded of what had tended to the formation of the Loyalty Lodge. It was an offshoot of the Sincerity, in which Lodge he saw many young Masons who were anxious to advance, and who were necessarily precluded from taking that position they were so desirous to attain. He felt it a pleasure to assist those who displayed a desire to help and he felt assured that in course of time the
be second to none in London. Bro. Brown had
young man, and that he had travelled; he (B
travelled far afield, but wherever he met with
fellowship it almost invariably turned out
Masons. Whatever he could do to advance t
masonry he was always ready and willing to
Secretary of the Lodge he would strive to ad
opinion of the Craft. He thanked the brethren
presented him, at the same time he thought the
he could possess was the knowledge that he ha
the members, and he could look on their gift wi
it was a token of their respect. In giving the h
the W.M. said, we were taught in Masonry that
ficial. The members of the Loyalty Lodge were
Visitors at their board. He then detailed the va
those who were present, and called on several
said: Last year he had read an account of the
Lodge; he little thought at that time it would dev
the brethren at the first anniversary meeting. He
congratulations for the success the Lodge ha
dered his best wishes for its future prosperity. W
the brethren had not been unmindful of its claims;
the number of visitors present that evening woul
overlooked. Bro. Constable: Was present on the
to which Bro. Matier referred. With respect
which Bro. Brown had referred to his efforts, he
what he had said before—his motto was, Deeds
had been the means of setting a good example, he
was one that would be largely followed. After
Bro. F. Brown. No. 765, Bro. Rawley said he w
the Lodge, after a year's existence, in such a ha
condition. As an old member of the Sincerity L
Bro. Newton that there was but faint hope o
many brethren who were members, and therefore
able that aspirants for office should join new
would have a better chance. Bro. Rawley then re
that had been raised during the present year f
viz., £40,000. The Benevolent Institution, when
a list of about forty subscribers, whereas now
10,000 supporters. As an old Mason, he was gr
tinuity of such progress. Bro. Morgan was the
had been placed No. 6 on the list of those called
respond to the toast, and was to be followed by an
which the W.M. had graphically designated as "
previous speakers, had been present at the consec
and was pleased to witness its prosperity. With
been said in reference to the Charities, though no
could remember what was said at one of the f
ings he attended, where a speaker remarked that
raised annually for each of our Institutions, and t
what ridiculed. The idea, preposterous as it thes
far from realisation. £40,000 had been raised t
efforts of "A Zealous Officer" and "Our Hercul
by the Craft at large, the amount might be colle
sure all present would help. All would agree with
spent a most pleasant evening, and he, on behalf o
thank the Lodge for the hospitality they had exhi
was the next to respond. He belonged to a Lod
bered 120 members; his was essentially a class Lo
was to be careful in the selection of those who desir
would rather they excluded many good men than
Bro. Wallington next offered a few remarks, but h
been somewhat taken out of his sails by the
However, he would join with all in expressing
prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Brown here remar
thought he ought to let Bro. Wallington off so che
known him as a worthy and competent Mason, o
ready to impart the knowledge he possessed for
younger brethren; he could not ask him to sp
would request Bro. Wallington to oblige the compa
this request Bro. Wallington responded, and sang "
in his well-known earnest and effective manner. Th
Charities, and was ably responded to by Bros. B
who acknowledged the great interest taken by
three Institutions, and thanked the members fo
which they had supported them. The toast of
replied to by Bros. Webb and Carr, and the call fo
a pleasant day's proceedings to an end. Some
were rendered during the evening, and gave unqua

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, The
hall-street, on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., a
Bros. Powell W.M., Maidwell S.W., Hewlett J.W
Andrews J.D. Grammer I.G. and Sec. The ceremo
degree was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer candidate.
third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture wer
Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Campb
413 (Glasgow) was elected a member, and the Lo
form.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, N meeting held at the "Whittington," Moor-lane, o
12th inst., Bro. Ager occupied the chair. There w
Pelton S.W., Gomm J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Prece
Loewenthal I.G., Trigge, &c., Christopher Tyler. Th
second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Trigge acting
opening and closing of the Lodge in the different
the calling off and on to labour and refreshment

the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 7 p.m.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 10th inst. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Isaac S.W., Powell J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Halford S.D., Gibbs J.D., Pearcy I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Cook, Millward, Mayne, Trowinnard, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting confirmed. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree; Bro. Tolmie worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree; Bro. Millward answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the 2nd degree; the ceremony of passing was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Millward candidate. Bro. Tolmie worked the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down. Bro. Isaac was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Met at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. West W.M., Daniel S.W., Sayer J.W., Maidwell S.D., Fraser J.D., Forrest I.G., Campbell, Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, Wharman, J. Posener, D. Posener, Walker, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Bro. West, Bro. Posener candidate. Bro. West vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hollands. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Maidwell duly passed. Bro. Hollands vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maidwell. Bro. West answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. West was raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. West was congratulated on his excellent working. Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge will, in this Lodge of Instruction, have the opportunity of working in the position they occupy in their Mother Lodge. It is proposed that the ceremony of installation and the investiture of officers shall be rehearsed on the off Tuesday in the month.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, corner of Church-road, Islington. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., C. Lorking S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Stock S.D., Brand J.D., Gibbs I.G., R. Pearcy Prec. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Elliston candidate. Several sections were then worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. The sum of £10 was voted from the funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Killick W.M. 1693. Bro. Thompson 1693 was elected a member. Bro. C. Lorkin will preside at the next meeting

East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.—The first meeting after the recess was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 6th inst. The W.M. (Bro. W. Sharp) was supported by his officers, John Close S.W., George Yaxley J.W., C. H. Woodward Sec., and the members of his Lodge to the number of over 40. The ballot was taken for four gentlemen as candidates for initiation. Of these two were in attendance, and received enlightenment as to the mysteries of the first degree. The third degree was conferred upon Bro. Silvester, in a manner that was most impressive. The W.M., in a few well chosen remarks, proposed a vote of £10 10s from the Lodge funds in aid of the fund being raised for the sufferers from the dreadful famine in India. This was voted unanimously, the brethren feeling that they could not do better than emulate the good example Grand Lodge set them the previous night. The petition of a widow of a brother who was one of the founders of this Lodge in 1839 (to become an annuitant of the R.M.B.I.) having been signed in open Lodge, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The evening was spent in harmony, and all left with the regret that the time had passed so rapidly.

Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, the 11th of September, at the Masonic Hall, Saltergate, Chesterfield. Present—Bros. W. W. Jendwine W.M., R. H. Robinson S.W., R. J. Smithson Sec., John Gould J.D., H. W. Smith Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. F. Hule, G. A. Rooth, W. M. Howitt, J. W. Fearn, S. Foulds, Geo. Haslehurst; also Bros. W. Knighton, J. G. Knighton, J. Humble, Ridgway, W. T. Jones, Wilde, and T. B. Ross. The business consisted of the raising of Bro. T. B. Ross to the degree of Master Mason. This was the first occasion of the members assembling in their new quarters in Saltergate. The Lodge room is a handsome apartment, 43 by 25 feet; it forms part of a new building which is to be used as a Gentlemen's Club.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. W. Goss W.M., W. Seward jun. S.W., W. Gomm J.W., H. C. Tucker Treas., B. Blasby S.D. and Sec., H. C. Tucker J.D., C. Costelow I.G., J. C. Roe Preceptor. Past Master Bro. W. Gardiner; also Bros. Kyezor, Rand, &c. Visitors—Bros. Metcalf, Erwin, Dorey, Weare P.M. 279, P.Z. 279, P.P.G.J.D. Leicestershire and Rutland, &c. The Lodge was opened at 7·30, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. second and third degree, and resumed in the first. Bro. Gardiner offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Tucker having replied to the necessary questions, the Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker was duly passed, the members and visitors being unanimous in their expression of satisfaction at the impressive and eloquent charges of Bro. W. Goss, who is W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge. Bro. Metcalf was duly elected a member. Lodge was resumed in the third degree, and closed down. Bro. W. Seward jun. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed a hope that he might be found worthy of the honour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. George Weige W.M., Brown S.W., C. Lorkins J.W., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, Sanders S.D., J. Lorkins J.D.; Bro. Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Crouch, Christian, Defriez, Allen, Morgan, Perrin, Young, &c. The Lodge was opened at 7.30, and the minutes of last meeting duly received confirmation. Bro. Christian offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened up to the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in an effective manner by Bro. Weige. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down to the first, when the second and third sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A discussion ensued as to the time that would best suit the members for commencing the business, and this resulted in notice of motion being given that this Lodge of Instruction begin work in future at 7.30.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 10th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. Wolgemuth W.M., J. Gallant P.M. as S.W., Kipling P.M. as J.W., Johnson P.M. Treas., W. Platt P.M. Sec., Argyle J.D., Skinner I.G., P.M. W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Ackerman, having shown his proficiency, was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree by Bro. W. Smeed. The W.M. then occupied the chair and passed Bro. Boucher. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Withers, Bowyer and Bliss. The latter gentleman, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a substantial repast, provided by Bro. Garwood. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. W. Smeed responded for the Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. The toasts of the W.M., Wardens and Officers were given. Bros. Gallant P.M. New Concord, and Scott Wolsey Lodge, responded for the visitors.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The election meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. W. T. Lover W.M. presided. He in an able manner raised Bro. Edworthy, and passed Bro. E. Robinson. The elections resulted in favour of Bro. F. Garbett J.W. being W.M., F. H. Ebsworth Treasurer, and J. W. Laing being re-elected Tyler. The usual five guinea jewel was voted from the Lodge funds to Bro. W. T. Lover for his efficient services. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 4th October (installation meeting), at 4.30 p.m. There being no banquet or refreshment, the brethren separated directly Lodge was over. There were present during the evening, besides the brethren named:—Bros. W. Batchelor S.W., Fred. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Stock S.D., J. Porter J.D., T. Simpson I.G., J. A. Smith I.P.M., and some dozen others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, &c., C. W. Fox W.M. 1326, L. Van Boolen 1275, E. Mallett S.W. 141, Stephens 1623, &c.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Met at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 7th inst. Present Bros. Kent W.M., Townsend S.W., Smith J.W., Simmonds S.D., Crouch J.D., Lane I.G., also Bros. Tatten, Hine, Fenner, Hogarth, Cloverley, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in an able manner, Bro. Tatten being candidate. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Townsend was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week; after which Lodge was closed in form, and adjourned till next Friday, at 8 p.m.

Star Lodge, No. 1275.—On Friday, 7th September, the installation meeting was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. H. J. Green W.M. raised three brethren to the third degree, and completed his year of office by installing Captain R. W. Williams S.W. and W.M. elect, for which he received a vote of thanks. His work was correctly described by two veteran Masons—the Treasurer and Secretary—perfect. He afterwards had a Past Master's jewel given him, of the value of ten guineas; part voted from Lodge funds, the remainder subscribed by a few of his friends connected with the Lodge. The newly-installed Master soon proved his proficiency by the superior manner in which he initiated a gentleman into the mysteries of the Order. Some propositions were received for candidates for initiation. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, 7th December. The usual banquet followed, and a happy evening was agreeably spent. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. C. W. Williams S.W., W. Kipps J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, Major W. E.

Organist, G. S. Elliott Assist. Sec., J. Gilbert Tyler. The following Past Masters were present—Bros. W. Ough P.G.P., C. J. Hogg P.G.S., H. Keeble, J. J. Limebeer, and H. J. Green, besides some twenty other members. There was also a large number of visitors—Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex, M. Clark, Butler, Dennis, and others, whose names we could not ascertain.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at the "Mitford" Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Officers present—Bros. Wilkins W.M., Simms S.W., J. Clark J.W., Myers I.P.M., Walters Sec., F. Trebeck S.D., S. L. Green J.D., Partridge D.C., G. C. Young Org., Goddard I.G., S. Clark W.S.; also visitors—Bros. Koch P.M. 820, Somers P.M. 1602. The Lodge was "called off," and proceeded to Bro. Crighton's, the "Prince George" Tavern, Park-road, Dalston. The Lodge being "called on," the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, and Bro. W. H. Meyers, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Wilkins to the Installing Master, G. E. Walters W.M. 1598, who rendered the impressive ritual in a most able manner. The W.M. having been duly installed, was saluted by the brethren present, and the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. Wilkins I.P.M., J. Clark S.W., S. L. Green J.W., Walters Sec., Goddard S.D., Partridge J.D., S. Clark I.G., G. C. Young Org., Rainbow D.C., Howard W.S. The various charges of the installation and those to the Wardens were delivered by Bro. Walters in a masterly manner throughout. Bro. J. B. Press, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, being in attendance, was entrusted and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. J. B. Press was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a well served banquet. After grace had been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by some good songs by the brethren. In the course of the proceedings the I.P.M., Bro. Wilkins, was presented by the Lodge with a jewel. For this he thanked the brethren; he should always consider it as a great mark of their esteem. Toasts of the Visitors, Officers, &c., followed by that of "The Tyler," brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.—This Lodge, which meets alternate months, assembled on Saturday last at the Surrey Club House, Croydon, where most comfortable arrangements were made both for labour and refreshment. The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock precisely. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Mallett, Bro. Turquand, founder and first W.M., presided. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Turquand proceeded to put the usual questions to Bro. Meat, who was a candidate to be passed to the second degree. The balance sheet was then read by the Secretary, and the brethren expressed themselves satisfied with the prosperous condition of the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Turquand proceeded to instal Bro. Dr. Parsons Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year. The impressive as well as accurate manner in which Bro. Turquand performed the ceremony is worthy of the utmost praise, and justly entitles him to rank as one of our most competent expounders of the ritual of the Craft. Bro. Dr. Parsons Smith, who is also one of the founders of 1556, and has ably filled the chairs of Junior and Senior Warden, with grace of manner and fluency of speech then invested and addressed his officers:—Bros. Gray S.W., Lambert J.W., Turquand P.M. Prov. Grand Steward Treasurer, Frances P.M. Secretary, Lowrie S.D., Foss J.D., Abbott I.G., Cooper D.C., Chumley Steward, and Sherrard Tyler, all of whom thanked the W.M., and expressed their desire to fulfil their duties to the utmost. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Becker P.G.D. Prince of Wales Lodge 259, Masterman P.M. and Pitt 890, both founders of the Addiscombe; Wilkinson 205, Rhodes 146 P.G.O., and several other brethren well known in the Province of Surrey. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the banquet served. The usual toasts having been proposed and drunk with enthusiasm, were responded to in short but pithy speeches, and the company broke up, after having spent a most enjoyable evening—no less harmonious than jovial.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held its usual meeting at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Francis W.M., Brown S.W., McMillan J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Pollock J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. Woolley, G. Ferrar, R. George, Little, Gilchrist, Brand, Brasted, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. G. Ferrar having answered the usual questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd degree was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the W.M. passed Bro. G. Ferrar in a very able manner. Bro. Gilchrist, assisted by the brethren, then worked the sections of the lecture. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The report of the Audit Committee having been read, it was unanimously accepted.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York, when the W.M. Bro. Thomas Cooper P.P.G.D.C. presided, supported by the whole of his officers and about thirty brethren. The business consisted of two passings and one raising, after which Bro. Appleyard presented to the Lodge the original sculptor's models of the busts of Her Majesty and the late Prince Consort, executed by the late eminent sculptor Earle, himself an active and eminent Freemason. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Appleyard for his valuable and interesting gift. Several presentations have been already made to this young Lodge, including a portrait of [illegible]

author, from Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M., a on embellished with Masonic emblems, from Bro. and several other Masonic curiosities. At assembly for refreshment, in reply to the toa Sergeant-Major Wyatt, of the Scots Greys (now made some interesting remarks regarding mil alluded to the fact of the former existence of a L ment, and the loss of the warrant at the perio Waterloo. The health of the W.M., proposed by (Bro. T. B. Whytebread), was received with the and the W.M., in reply, spoke in warm terms of t he had received from all around him, and of universal spirit of cordiality and good feeling whi terised the meetings of the Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis.—A meeting held on Tuesday, 11th inst. Bro. Wm. Kyle R. Bros. John Dick acting S.W., James Kyle acting J Craig and Bell; and a number of distinguished One gentleman received the Entered Aprentice de officiating. The R.W.M. having to leave upon in Bro. William Bell took the chair, and then raised Master Mason degree, when a brother was advance degree. Bro. William Bell then proposed a vote Thomas Halket for the very efficient way in whi the degree. A number of visiting brethren (tw abroad) expressed the pleasure they had had that eve sent at St. John's Lodge, to witness the way in whic done. Afterwards the Lodge was closed in due and

St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27.—Met on Thursda street, Bro. Dr. G. McInnis in the chair, who initiat men into the Order. The Lodge afterwards adjour ment, when Bro. D. M. Neilson responded for Bickerton for the P.G.L., Bros. Cowern 341, McBea Wheeler 73 for the visitors. A very enjoyable eve Bro. R. Fraser, the well known vocalist, contributed one of them an impromptu composition.

Star Lodge, No. 219.—Met in their own ha Glasgow, on the 10th inst., when Bro. Jasper Marti sided. There was one gentleman for initiation, whic ably performed by Bro. Harley of 534. Bro. Marti raised, the Lodge requested Bro. J. Booth R.W.M. of the Master Mason degree on four brethren, which usual careful style.

Athol Lodge, No. 413.—Met on Tuesday, at street, when Bro. Neblon R.W.M. was well supported and members. There was also a goodly assemblage one coloured brother from Salem Lodge, Ohio. The of passing and raising.

MANY of the more thoughtful Freemasons of Son thinking it rather late in the day to hear the echo favour of the dead and the living which ought to ha more than a year ago. It is the glory of the Masonic the genius of the Craft to that eternal fitness of things from incongruities as harmony shudders away from when, at the meeting of the Provincial Grand L Aberdare, soon after the death of the late Provincial G Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, the opportunity was pern without the slightest recognition of the very eminen either that deceased brother or of his equally eminent E. J. Morris, a sense of discordancy vibrated through th province, and that vibration has sustained itself up t moment. It was rightly designated a "grave omissi who, soon after the Aberdare meeting, originated a questing the Provincial Grand Master to convene a spe of Provincial Grand Lodge, and that there should, eve been a tardiness in doing simple justice to acknowled most unaccountable, and has not tended to modify gravity of the omission. Justice, like charity, is mos when prompt and opportune, and the savour of each other things that are kept on hand too long, comes to but appreciated when served up laggingly and long afte hope, for the sake of the Craft throughout the provi gloomy morning of dilatoriness which has unmistakably the new Masonic *régime* will broaden into a brighter and day. We are quite sure Sir George Elliot has the welf masonry firmly at heart, if he be only inspired aright b move in an executive capacity around and about him.—*Daily News.*

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MISCONDUCT IN A LODGE.

OUR readers may possibly be somewhat surprised at our so soon reverting to a theme to which we have latterly devoted a considerable portion of our space. The fact is, one of those dear little birds, which habitually flutter about the ears of journalists, has been kindly whispering to us and urging us to deal out our censure with strict impartiality. He has pointed out that while it is undeniable there is, unfortunately, great room for censure in the conduct of our English Lodges, there is also even more to condemn in the conduct of those located north of the Tweed. He has, further, chirruped to us, in appropriately melancholy notes—such notes as we may imagine the birds of the air gave utterance to when they began sighing and sobbing over the death of poor Cock Robin—we say he has chirruped to us with such clearness as the mournful nature of the case permitted, the story of a desperate conflict—in common parlance, a free fight—which took place, less than a year ago, in one of the subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The narrative is not a pleasant one, but journals do not always enjoy the pleasure of recording what is agreeable. If we are to fulfil our mission worthily, we must take the sour and the sweet together, and offer them both to our readers. But to unfold our little tale, and we doubt not our friends will give us credit when we declare that we write it in sorrow, not in anger. We are far too kindly disposed towards our Scottish brethren generally to say, intentionally, anything that could possibly give offence. But the interests of the Craft demand that we should speak out clearly and emphatically, and, after all, we are only repeating the tale as chirruped to us by our kind little birdie, and birdies are innocent of all harm to their Masonic friends. There is in the important Province of Glasgow a St. Vincent Lodge, No. 553 on the roll of Grand Lodge Scotland, which has not enjoyed a long life as yet, though a life sufficiently long to allow of its having earned for itself a most uncomfortable notoriety. It is usual, of course, when a Lodge is constituted to enact a code of bye-laws, but this business does not appear to have gone as smoothly as could have been wished. A petition was presented by certain brethren, who were dissatisfied with the enactments, to the Laws Committee of Grand Lodge, and the said Committee set itself to institute the usual inquiries with a view to arrange the differences which had arisen. No notice, however, was taken by the R.W.M. of the Laws Committee's letter, and it was determined to remit the matter to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Forthwith, a Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of inquiry was appointed; a day was fixed for examining into all the circumstances, and it having been shown that the bye-laws had been properly passed in open Lodge, that a proper record of such passing was entered on the minutes, and that due notice had been given to the members of the Lodge whenever the bye-laws would come under consideration, the Committee unanimously adopted a resolution embodying these circumstances, and concluding thus:—"We therefore declare the Bye-Laws of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, to be law, and hereby order the regular meetings of said Lodge to be at once resumed." The Lodge had been convened, in order that the report of the Provincial Committee—which consisted of Bros. Barrow D.P.G.M., Baird S.P.G.M. Treas., Morgan Int. Sec., Bain B.B., Balfour D. of C., with Jack, No. 128, Thomson No. 383, Lentitt No. 413, and Gil-Barrow and his colleagues, therefore entered the Lodge, and were received with the customary honours. The R.W.M. Bro. McDougall tendered his gavel to the Acting Grand Master, Bro. Barrow, who at once occupied the chair, and proceeded to explain what they had done. But this was a far more difficult task than Bro. Barrow could have anticipated. In fact, he was not allowed to complete his explanation, for the dissatisfied brethren who objected to the Bye-laws, a Bro. Stevens and others, were continually interrupting him with some disrespectful comment. Bro. Stevens, however, was repeatedly cautioned by the acting P.G.M., and "informed that if he persisted in his conduct, he would be conducted outside the Lodge." Bro. Barrow then resumed, but the interruptions were renewed with such persistency that the Wardens were called upon to remove Bro. Stevens; but the latter, having given "his word as a Mason he would say no more," was allowed to remain. This Brother Stevens, however, had a way of his own of keeping "his word as a Mason," for hardly had Brother Barrow started again, when this singular specimen of a St. Vincent Craftsman and his followers renewed their interruptions, such disgraceful expressions as "Rotten Prov. Grand Lodge," "You have no authority to come here," "Damn your authority," &c., &c., being freely indulged in. The Wardens were thereupon ordered to remove Bro. Stevens, when "there ensued one of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed inside or even outside a Masonic Lodge. Steven's follower's leaped the forms, and tore the Wardens and Prov. Grand Office Bearers from their men, knocking them about in the most free manner." There was, in fact, as we have said, a free fight, in the course of which the Prov. G. Treasurer was knocked down, and Bros. G. Bible Bearer and Director of Ceremonies were nearly strangled, the latter likewise losing his scarf-pin. Others were similarly treated, and the language addressed to the P.G. Deputation is described as having been of "the most obscene and disgusting character." No wonder the acting P.G.M. declared "the Lodge St. Vincent closed, and meantime suspended." Nor will our readers be surprised to learn that an extraordinary meeting of Prov. G. Lodge was summoned eight days afterwards, and that after due consideration of the circumstances, and such defence as Bro. Stevens and his followers were able to offer, the following sentence was passed by a large majority, namely, sentence of suspension from all Masonic privileges for, in the case of "Bro. Stevens, 5 years; Bro. Hugh M'Lean, 2 years; Bro. M'Indoe, 2 years; Bro. Allan M'Lean, 2 years; Bro. Graham, 1 year; and Bro. Groves, 1 year." In the defences that were offered, Bro. Stevens expressed his willingness to apologise, but with classic elegance and firmness declared "he was not, however, going to have the St. Vincent Bye-laws shoved down his throat." Bro. Graham was "sorry if he had done wrong, but was not aware of it," as though taking part in knocking a Prov. Grand Treasurer, and helping to half strangle the Bible Bearer and Director of Ceremonies were a perfectly innocent and legitimate amusement. Bro. M'Indoe naively excused himself on the score that "he was quite a young Mason; had never seen a Mason made; thought he was doing right in resisting P.G. Committee, as he was taught to defend a brother Mason." Quite right, Bro. M'Indoe, but not to defend one brother Mason in Lodge by helping to knock other brother Masons down. Moreover, the Bible Bearer gave a slightly different version of the affair, and said that he "endeavoured to remind Bro. M'Indoe of his obligation, when

less pit." However, the sentence of suspension as against the Lodge was removed, the Warrant was returned to the R.W.M., and the P.G. Lodge closed. The matter was then referred to the Grand Lodge, and at the Quarterly Communication held on 7th May, on the motion of Bro. W. Officer seconded by Bro. Daniel Robertson, it was resolved, by a large majority, that the sentence of suspension be removed, and it has been removed accordingly.

Shall we offer any comments on these disgraceful proceedings or leave them, as they are, in all their naked infamy? We prefer the latter plan, and shall merely add that the course of action adopted by Grand Lodge Scotland is as contemptible as apparently it is inexplicable. The Lodge, in which a tithe of what we have described is possible, should be struck off the roll with all imaginable publicity.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 51.)

A GRAND STEWARD.

"Give me that man
That is not passion's slave, and I will wear him
In my heart's core, ay, in my heart of heart,
As I do thee."

IT is well nigh impossible to express in fitting terms our admiration for those who pursue the tenour of their way quietly and unostentatiously, rendering services wherever they are most sorely needed, supporting institutions of a beneficent character which it is known most urgently require support, and generally doing these acts of kindness, which are, perhaps, more frequently observed in theory than in practice. It is undeniable that Freemasons as a body have eminently distinguished themselves in the field of charity. We in England, for example, have erected and support three magnificent institutions; and the amount of good they have done in alleviating the distresses of aged members and widows of members, as well as in promoting the welfare of the orphan, is incalculable. It is unfortunately true, and all who are acquainted with the inner life of Freemasonry will verify our statement, that the credit of supporting these Institutions is not shared equally among all Craftsmen. There are many brethren who never trouble themselves about the obligations they have contracted. They have the means, but not the will to contribute, and under these circumstances they have no part in the credit which belongs to our Society. But when we have struck these out of the reckoning, we shall find a large majority of members who practise that particular virtue of Charity which is so strenuously enjoined on them from their very entrance into our ranks. And, albeit the motives which actuate this majority, may vary in degree and character; though some may give from a regard for self-interest, and others for the sake of ostentation, still the general result is worthy of the highest praise, and is so recognised by the world at large.

Among the many liberal and conscientious supporters of our Charitable Institutions there is one who, without fear of giving offence, may be selected as a pattern for imitation by the general body. We do not say there are no other brethren whose services are not as efficient, or whose zeal is not as conspicuous; but go into what Lodge or what Province we may and it will be difficult to find one who more fully and faithfully represents the ideal of a thorough Mason. It may be he has no special aptitude above his fellows for the peculiar duties of the Lodge, though he has achieved distinction in more than one, as well as in the Province in which he resides. We may not claim for him that he is a brilliant expositor of our mysteries. He knows, of course, as all who are Masons know, that the system of morality, which we call Freemasonry, is veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. He understands the allegory, and can explain the meaning and application of the various symbols, but we have never heard that he has devoted any time to the study of the more hidden mysteries of our Science. This, indeed, is not to be wondered at. His labours have taken quite a different direction. The bent of his mind is practical rather than philosophical, and he has generously illustrated the beauties

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highest degree beneficial to the whole body of pupils. A keen desire is excited among them to excel in this necessary but unaccustomed branch of education, and "Our Boys," therefore, taking them as a school, speak more clearly, accentuate more correctly, and modulate their voices so as to convey the meaning of the writer more accurately than the boys of most other schools with which we have been brought into contact. That our brother is doing "Our Boys" an inestimable service is unquestionable, and we should like to see his example more generally followed in other similar institutions. In order to complete the list of his claims under this category, we may add that he is also a Vice-Patron, both of the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so that as regards the gifts he has given to our Charities, and the position he has attained in the regulation of their laws, he may be said to have distributed his attentions among the three with tolerable impartiality. But worthy as is the record we have presented thus far, there is one feature which characterises him in particular. We have already, on many previous occasions enlarged on the very onerous duties which fall to the lot of those brethren who take upon themselves the functions of a steward at one of our festivals. Canvassing for subscriptions goes smoothly enough when you are simply dealing with your friends, but it is most unpleasant to ask and be refused, to meet with vague promises, which you feel from the very first are merely meant to put you off, while in some cases the refusal is accompanied by such an exhibition of discourtesy that you are oftentimes on the verge of repenting that you ever entered on so unpleasant a mission. Hence, when we find that this or that brother has served, perhaps, half a dozen stewardships, we feel that he is a man of no ordinary determination, and that the interest he takes in the success of our Charities is of no ordinary character. What then, shall we say of him who has taken upon himself the responsibilities of this difficult office, not once or twice, or even half a dozen times, but at three or four and twenty different festivals? And yet our brother has not only done this, but we believe that while he has health and strength left him, he will go on serving stewardship after stewardship till it will be well nigh impossible for him to wear the distinctive jewel and its appendages to which he will be entitled. However, let it suffice to mention what he has done. We may judge of his future by his past. Only the other day, when the establishment of a Preparatory Boys' School was on the carpet, our brother was to the fore with the promise of a handsome subscription. Thus the disposition to be of service will be ever present in our brother's mind, and his intimate friends know better than we do what that means.

Pass we now to note briefly the most important features in his career as a Mason. We shall not enter so minutely into detail as we have done in some few cases, for the obvious reason that we have dwelt with just pride on that particular section of Masonic duties to which he has most energetically devoted himself. Yet our readers must not run away with the idea that these are his only claims to their love and esteem. He has occupied the chair in three different Lodges, and has had his services fully and feelingly recognised by those whom he ruled with much ability and unexampled courtesy. He has been rewarded for these services with Provincial honours, having filled the office of Prov. G. Sup. of Works and Prov. G.J. Warden of West Yorkshire. He now fills a subordinate office in a Metropolitan Lodge of high rank, and by virtue of his connection with that distinguished body, is one of the Stewards of Grand Lodge for the current year. He has shown himself a worthy member of the Royal Arch, and has attained such perfection in the Mark degree that he only awaits the ceremony of installation to be in a position to dub himself Grand Mark Master Mason for the Province of West Yorkshire. He is also a member of Rose Croix 18°, and of the Order of St. Lawrence, and, no doubt, as years roll on, we shall find him playing a still more important rôle in the various branches of Masonry. But how great soever the further distinctions that may await him, they will only serve to set off still more brilliantly the unsurpassable honours he has already won.

To attempt to prolong this sketch much further would be almost as sensible a proceeding as to think of gilding refined gold. It may, indeed, be taken for granted that one who devotes himself so strenuously, and with such marked disinterestedness to the more laborious duties of a Mason [illegible] towards whom he encounters in the social circle. We have frequently met him at those occasional gatherings in Great Queen-street, when a few choice spirits indulge in pleasant converse over the topics of the day; when the light but friendly joke treads close on the heels of the weightier apophthegm; and learned theses on the properties of the triangle give place in their turn to equally learned disquisitions on Institutional management. We speak, therefore, with some experience when we say that no one is more welcome on these occasions, simply because there is no one more universally respected or more affectionately regarded. That he may long live to enjoy the respect and affection of worthy Freemasons, and of the circle in which he moves, is the earnest hope of all friends of Freemasonry!

CHURCH RESTORATION.

The Freemasons of Thirsk have shown, since the establishment of a Lodge in their venerable town, a desire to emulate their ancient brethren in the acquisition of that knowledge peculiar to their traditions; and for some time past they have had in connection with their Lodge (Falcon 1416) an Archæological Association, which has worked very well, and been productive of much pleasure as well as practical good. Thirsk possesses a noble church, and the late esteemed vicar, the Rev. B. Lamb initiated a movement for its restoration, which was heartily taken up in the neighbourhood. The present vicar, the Rev. C. E. Camidge, who is an old Mason, being a P.M. and P.Z., as well as P. Prov. Grand Chaplain for the West Riding of Yorkshire, has brought things to a successful issue, and the re-opening of the building for divine worship, has been fixed for the first week in October, the opening day being Tuesday, the 2nd proximo. We hear that a dispensation has been granted to the brethren of the Falcon Lodge, to form in Masonic procession on the occasion, and we also learn that they will formally present to the church a valuable collecting plate, for which they have subscribed. There is likely to be a large muster of brethren on an occasion so interesting for many reasons.

THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS *v.* GROCERS' COMPANY'S SCHOOL.

There was a pleasant gathering last Saturday afternoon on the Alexandra Park Cricket Ground, when the first eleven of "Our Boys" went forth to battle valiantly and, as the event proved, most successfully, for the honour of the Institution. We should have been better satisfied had there been a stronger muster of brethren and their friends, but the enthusiasm of those present made amends for the smallness of their numbers, and as the weather was favourable, we do not remember an occasion on which we enjoyed ourselves more thoroughly. The opposing team hailed from the Grocers' Company's School. They were a nice genial set of young fellows, but, as will be seen from the score, not exactly foemen worthy of our steel. It is possible they may have felt somewhat nervous, or they may have got out of practice during their separation for the holidays; but whatever the cause of their failure, it is clear they were over-matched and were terribly beaten. Indeed, as regards the result, all interest in the game may be said to have been over when our first wicket fell, with five runs to the good and nine more batsmen to be disposed of. But there were two or three prizes to be awarded among the most successful members of the home team, so that each player was on his mettle, and the spectators had their reward in the shape of some excellent boy cricket all round. The Grocers', though hopelessly defeated almost from the very first, played a losing game with true British pluck. Their fielding was loose now and again, but leather-hunting soon becomes tiresome work, and the wonder is not that our Boys made the score they did, but that they were not more successful still. But we must now pass to the game itself, the score of which is appended.

Play was begun at 2 p.m., on a splendidly level but somewhat slow wicket. Our Boys having won the toss, elected to put their opponents in, and thereupon Mr. Matthews and H. Turner took up the defensive, against the bowling of Mr. Gardner, A.K.C., and Scurr. But no stand was possible. Wicket after wicket fell with extraordinary rapidity. Mr. Gardner took three with three consecutive balls, and soon the Grocers' were out for the insignificant total of 24, of which only 15 were made from the bat. "Extras" headed the ledger with nine, and Oram was not out 8. The bowling analysis shows the following result:—Mr. Gardner 8 overs, 4 maidens, 5 runs, 4 wickets; Scurr, who bowled 3 wides, 7·5 overs, 1 maiden, 6 wickets, 10 runs. After the usual interval, Mr. Gardner and Sessions went to the wickets, and soon began to punish the bowling. Runs came freely, and when the first wicket fell (Sessions), our boys were already 5 to the good. Godsmark, when he had made 6, unwisely stepped out to a shooter, and was b Oram. W. Davies retired gracefully. C. H. Turner b Oram, without scoring. Mr. Gardner, who all this time had been playing prettily and effectively, was then joined by Scurr, our Captain, and the game progressed. Runs came apace, Scurr offering a skilful defence, and Mr. Gardner hitting in all directions, when a shooter discomfited the latter, after having made 69, the highest score of the day, in 1 hour 35 minutes. Clemence followed Mr. Gardner in and out. J. B. White then partnered Scurr,

caught at slip off Mr. Matthews. Ellis was quickly c and b Mr. Matthews. Wellington then joined the Captain, who almost immediately afterwards was bowled by a slow, having played a careful innings of 26. Nutman only made 3, but H. Wood and Wellington scored tremendously, the latter punishing the bowling most severely. His principal hits were a five, two fours, seven threes, and Wood's wicket having at length fallen to Mr. Matthews, when he had made 15, Wellington carried his bat out for a most successful innings of 65. Total for the innings was 231, so that "Our Boys" were the victors by 207 runs. The following is the analysis of the Grocers' bowling:—Mr. Matthews 24. 2 overs, 3 maidens, 5 wickets, 100 runs; Oram 25 overs, 5 maidens, 5 wickets, 90 runs, 2 wides; H. Turner 2 overs, 10 runs, and 3 wides; F. Turner 2 overs, 9 runs, 1 wide. Subjoined is the full score.

GROCERS' COMPANY'S SCHOOL.

Mr. Matthews ...	b Mr. Gardner	...	4
H. Turner	c Wellington, b Scurr ...		0
E. Oram	not out		8
Thompson (Capt.) ...	b Mr. Gardner		0
Phillips	b Mr. Gardner		0
Clemmans	c Godsmark, b Scurr ...		2
Horncastle	c Nutman, b Scurr ...		0
Thornett	b Scurr		0
F. Turner	c Wellington, b Scurr ...		0
Grimbley	b Mr. Gardner		1
Newman	b Scurr		0
Extras	... ...		9
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Mr. Gardner ...	b Mr. Matthews		69
Sessions	b Oram		11
Godsmark	b Oram		6
W. Davies	c H. Turner, b Oram ...		0
Scurr (Capt.) ...	b Mr. Matthews		26
Clemence	b Oram		1
J. B. White... ...	c Grimbley, b Mr. Matthews		12
Ellis...	c and b Mr. Matthews ...		1
Wellington	not out		65
Nutman	c F. Turner, b Oram ...		3
H. Wood	b Mr. Matthews		15
Extras	... ...		22
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As the hour of six had arrived, the stumps were drawn and the boys marched off to the Palace, and devoted themselves to the pleasures of the table with a zest peculiar to schoolboys. As we announced last week, Bros. Bertram and Roberts had kindly arranged to entertain our young friends at a meat tea, and in the name of all interested in our School we express to them our warmest thanks for the liberality with which they fulfilled their promise. And while this most enjoyable entertainment was going on in one part of the Palace, Bro. Binckes, with Dr. Morris in the vice-chair, received at dinner all who had leisure to remain of the small party of brethren and friends who had been spectators of the afternoon's sport. Among those present were two of the Misses Binckes, Mrs. and Miss Constable, Miss Hurst, and Mrs. Matier; the Head Master of the Grocer's School, Bros. C. F. Matier, J. Constable, S. B. Wilson, Rowe, W. W. Morgan, and a few others. Bros. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and Fenner, who had witnessed the operations of the afternoon, were unable to stay and accept Bro. Binckes's hospitality, but, as will be seen hereafter, they left their mark behind them. Dinner over, the party adjourned to the room where the boys were assembled. Bro. Binckes presided, and, the guests having seated themselves, rose and addressed the meeting at considerable length. Having expressed his gratification at the victory achieved by "our boys," he went on to speak of the value of athletic training generally, and, in particular, pointed out the wisdom of the old saying, to the effect that in order to have a *mens sana* it was absolutely necessary there should be a *corpus sanum*, and a *corpus sanum* can only result from healthy physical training. Our boys, he remarked, had shown themselves adepts at the fine old English game of cricket, and had gained an overwhelming victory over their adversaries of the Grocers' School. So signal, indeed, was the defeat of the latter that, much as he (Bro. Binckes), sympathised with "our boys," he was almost disposed to hope that in the return match the tables might be turned, and the vanquished of to-day prove the victors of the morrow. At all events he hoped that the match would be more closely contested. Having thanked the Head Master of the Grocers' School for bringing his team that day, and having congratulated the team itself on the pluck they had shown in the field under such depressing circumstances, Bro. Binckes then distributed the various bats and balls which had been handed to him for presentation to the most successful members of the winning team. The ball presented by the Crystal Palace Lodge, No 742, to whichever of the two clubs won the match, was handed to Scurr, Captain of the Masonic Eleven. The bat presented by the same Lodge to the highest score was given to Wellington, not out 65; Mr. Gardner, who had scored 69, being ineligible as a Master from receiving it. The bat which we announced last week had been placed in our hands for presentation to the highest scorer by Bro. Fenner, of John Lillywhite's Cricket Warehouse, was entrusted to the Captain of the Eleven for the use of the Club. A bat given by the Lewis Chapter, No. 1185, Wood Green, was handed by Comp. Rowe to Scurr, who had made

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REVIEWS.

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South Australia; its History, Resources, and
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marine township which has sprung up in Holdfast Bay—to celebrate the foundation of the colony." Differences arose at the outset as to the selection of a site for the capital, an influential party being in favour of fixing it on Encounter Bay, outside the Gulf of St. Vincent. But the views of the Surveyor-General, Colonel Light, prevailed, and the site chosen was that on which now stands the city of Adelaide. At the beginning the difficulties were enormous, and were nearly proving insuperable. Mr. Harcus traces these to the initial error in seeking to establish a dual Government by Governor and Resident Commissioner, which failed to work well, and was the cause of serious dissensions among the officials. Governor Hindmarsh only held his appointment fourteen months, when he was superseded by Colonel Gawler, during whose administration "the colony passed through the greatest trials and difficulties it has had to encounter. Financial embarrassments—the results of folly and extravagance—threatened and almost accomplished the complete destruction of the settlement. Money was scarce, and labour, which ought to have been productively employed in developing the resources of the colony, was concentrated in the city, where men, instead of producing something from the land, lived on each other. To save the colony, Colonel Gawler commenced extensive public works, to pay for which he drew upon the Lords of the Treasury, and had his bills returned to him dishonoured." However, this difficulty was tided over by the Imperial authorities advancing the money as a loan, but the Home Government were dissatisfied with Colonel Gawler's administration, and he was one day summarily ejected from office. "Captain George Grey, a young officer who had been exploring in Western Australia, on May 10th 1841 walked into Government House and presented to Colonel Gawler a commission appointing him (Captain Grey) Governor of the Province in succession to Colonel Gawler." Captain Grey's administration was distinguished by prudence and economy. He cut down the wages of Government *employés* to the lowest point, and thus forced the labour, which had been too much concentrated in the city, into the hands of private employers. The result of this was that workmen went into the country, and the land was brought under cultivation. "The necessaries of life became cheaper; and, although money was not over plentiful, beef, mutton and flour were cheap, and there was neither want nor complaining amongst the people. Governor Grey's administration will always be remembered with satisfaction and gratitude. He first inspired the people with a feeling of self-reliance, and taught them to live within their means" Colonel Robe, his successor, was unfortunate. He was always in hot water with his subjects, and was no doubt only too glad to be relieved. Sir Henry Young followed, and the most important event which marked his governorship was the opening of the River Murray for navigation. Sir Richard Graves McDonnell was very popular with the colonists. During his term of office Constitutional Government, with two branches of legislature, both elective, was established. The railway system was extended, the electric telegraph erected, and exploration was materially advanced. New and valuable copper mines on York's Peninsula were discovered, and farming operations extended and improved. Sir Dominic Daly, who succeeded, and was likewise very popular, died in the colony, deeply mourned by all classes. During Sir James Fergusson's administration, telegraphic communication between Australia and Europe was established, and on his promotion to the Governorship of New Zealand, Sir Anthony Musgrave was entrusted with the reins of Government.

The Act constituting the colony provided that a local government should be granted as soon as there was a population of 50,000 souls. At first, its affairs were managed by a Board of Commissioners in London, represented in the colony by the Resident Commissioner. This, however, as we have seen, did not answer well. Difficulties and most unseemly quarrels arose. At the same time, the executive power was vested in a Governor and Council of Eight, all appointed by him—four being official, and four non-official. This lasted till 1851, when the first Constitution was granted. This authorised the formation of a Legislative Council of twenty-four members, of whom one-third were to be nominated by the Governor, and the other two-thirds elected by the people. It was required, both of members of Council and the electors, that they should possess certain property qualifications. This Council, which had power to make laws, but could not touch the land, worked well, we are told, during the few years of its existence, but the people very soon began to agitate for fuller parliamentary representation, and in 1856 an Act received the Royal assent, which, albeit it has been slightly modified in some formal particulars during the last year or two, remains substantially the same as when it first became law. This Act provided for two branches of Legislature—a Legislative Council of eighteen, and a House of Assembly of thirty-six, increased by Electoral Act of 1873 to forty-six members. There are certain qualifications necessary for members of the Council, and for those who elect them. They are chosen, one-third every four years, and the whole colony votes as one Constituency. If a member dies or resigns before the completion of his quadrennial term, the vacancy is reported to the House, and a new election takes place. The House of Assembly is elected triennially, the colony being divided into eighteen electoral districts, each of which returned two members, but, as we have said, the number of members has been latterly increased to forty-six, and there has been a new arrangement of districts. The qualifications for an elector, and also for a member of the Assembly are that he shall be a British-born or naturalised subject of the Queen, and of the full age of twenty-one years, and his name must have been on the register for six months. Judges and ministers of religion of every denomination are, however, disqualified from sitting in either House. The mode of election is now by ballot. The Executive consists of the Governor and six Ministers of State, five of whose titles are fixed by law, while that of the sixth depends on the Governor. Each Minister receives a salary of £1,000 per annum. Each has a staff of officers, with a confidential secretary, who is a permanent officer, and there are likewise other important Government officials, such as the Auditor-co-ordinate, except in one important respect. Money bills must originate in the House of Assembly. In fact, the Government of the colony is administered much in the same fashion as our own, but all Acts passed by the Colonial Parliament must either be assented to by the Governor, or sent home for the approval of Her Majesty before they can have the force of law. But the Colonial Parliament is wise enough not to pass Acts likely to be repugnant to the principles of Imperial Legislation, and therefore it is, practically, left to manage affairs in its own fashion. The following passage on the feelings of the colonists towards the Mother Country is worth quoting:—

"There is no country in the world where more political freedom exists than in South Australia. The English Government have given us this great Colony to do the best we can with it—to people it, and to develop its resources. We pay nothing to the Mother Country for the privileges we enjoy; all our public funds are spent in the Colony, and for carrying on its advancement. The confidence reposed in us has not been misplaced. We have caused no anxiety to the Home Government, and that Government has exercised no arbitrary power over us. We are, as I have said before, a practical democracy, and yet there I not a more loyal people in the British Empire than we. We are proud of our nationality and privileges as Britons, we are unwavering in our attachment to the Person and Throne of the Queen. We are as much interested in all that relates to Her, and to the safety, dignity, and progress of Great Britain, as the people who live in Middlesex or Yorkshire are. We have always resented the representations made by a knot of fussy people in England, who have taken upon themselves to complain of the grievances of the Colonies, and to threaten the Home Government with their secession from British rule. We know little of these grievances; we seldom complain of ill-treatment, and we deprecate, as an insult to our inextinguishable loyalty, any hint that we wish to separate from the grand old country, of whose history we feel proud, and with which it is our highest boast to be identified. We have shown that the most liberal political institutions are not incompatible with the profoundest loyalty to the Queen and Government."

This agrees essentially with statements by Mr. Anthony Trollope in his work on *Australia and New Zealand*. That gentleman tells us that an Australian is indignant at the bare suggestion of a separation from the mother country; yet, almost in the same breath, and with a singular disregard for this feeling of loyalty, he adds that this separation is inevitable. But to return to Mr. Harcus and his account of the political feelings which prevail in the colony. His description of an election is extremely vivid, and especially of the "political amenities," which candidates and members exhibit towards each other. Candidates, it seems, as a rule travel in company on terms of perfect good humour and fellowship, but on the platform they attack each other with great freedom of speech, but it is done in a Pickwickian sense, and keen political strife does not "generally destroy personal friendship and good fellowship." There is little political rancour as in other countries, "not that our public men do not feel strongly on political questions, but we are so closely mixed up in social and business life, that we cannot allow political asperities to pass beyond the region of politics. I have often seen two or more gladiators, denouncing each other in the House in the strongest language allowed by the rules of Parliamentary debates, meet immediately after in the refreshment room, when one would smilingly say to the other, 'Have a drink?' and the men who a few minutes ago were figuratively flying at each other's throats, are bobnobbing like old friends, as they probably are. This is one of the pleasantest and most creditable features in a political life.

Chapters IX. and X. are devoted, the former to a sketch of the Local Government, with its Corporations and District Councils, its Road Boards, &c., &c., and the latter to the Judicature, showing the Constitution of the Supreme and inferior Courts. Then follows a sketch of the Land Laws, showing how the land is apportioned, how sold, and the evils inseparable from the system, with the steps taken to reduce their effects to a minimum. The method of combining agriculture with stock breeding is exhibited in the case of the Hill River Estate, the property of Mr. C. B. Fisher. This property is 60,000 acres in extent, lies north and south, in a valley between two tiers of hills, the eastern being treeless, the western lightly timbered with Sheaoak and gum. The valley, on an average, is seven miles broad and about twenty-five miles in length. The soil is a rich deep chocolate washed from the surrounding highland. The station is divided into four different establishments, namely, the wool shed and drafting yards, seven miles down the valley to the north; a new series of farm buildings, two miles to the east, being prepared for harvest; another large farming establishment nearer home; and the homestead, a stone residence and stabling, surrounded by well-kept grounds, orangery and orchard, comprising in all twelve acres. The kitchen-garden of four acres produces every kind of vegetables. The drafting yards are complete of their kind, and are flagged in the race and crushdens with slate obtained on the property. The buildings for the shearers are of stone, divided into dining, sleeping, and cooking departments, and there is a separate stone cottage for the overseer. The number of sheep shorn is 50,000, the shearing floor accommodating 40 shearers. The wool is of the Merino combing description, the clip last year (1875) being "from 9 lbs. in the wether to 3½ lbs. in the lambs in the grease, or an average all through of about 7 lbs., for which an average of 14½d was obtained." There are about 200 cattle of superior short horn blood, and it is intended to obtain a bull and begin that department of breeding. New farm buildings are being erected handy to the cultivated land, comprising a quadrangle, 10 feet high, of stone walling 120 feet long each side, roofed with galvanised iron, sloping inwards and divided off into 10 × 10 loose boxes for horses, with all needful accommodation. A well and trough for watering occupy the middle of the square, which will be further built over so as to accommodate 200 horses. The other buildings consist of the men's stone buildings, overseer's residence,

other necessary compartments at the rear. The cultivated land is in large fields, one of which is three miles long, and contained, in 1876, 4250 acres of wheat, besides 40 acres of peas grown for horse food, and a quantity of barley, and 180 acres new land turned up for fallow. Then follows a description of the farming operations, and then of the results achieved, which are stated as follows:—"The land under wheat last year was 3050 acres, which yielded at the rate of fifteen bushels, thirty-five acres of peas yielding forty bushels per acre, and sixty acres of barley giving thirty bushels. The quantity of wheat cut for hay last year for home consumption was 600 tons, and this year 800 tons will be required. The wheat grown on this farm took the Challenge Cup, value £50, in Adelaide, for the best 100 bushels in 1873; the prize at the late show for the best bushel, with a sample of purple straw weighing sixty-eight pounds; and the present harvest, at the time of my visit, promised to eclipse any former effort." Further particulars of the farm are given, and of what it is intended to procure; and lastly come the rules of the establishment, to which every man binds himself to conform. Those relating to the hours and wages of labour are, "Working hours: all hands to rise at 5 a.m., when the bell rings; horses to be fed, watered and cleaned; breakfast at six; all teams to be afield at seven; dinner hour at noon; work to commence again at 1 p.m., to continue to six in summer and five in winter; supper at seven; horses to be fed and watered at half-past eight, and the dining room to be cleared and locked up at 10 p.m. Wages: first class men will be paid at the rate of 20s per week; second class at 18s; third class at 16s. Any one, by good and industrious conduct, can raise himself to the highest class. Wages paid every fourth week and at no other time." Strict regulations are added as to disobedience, drunkenness, and smoking near stables or stacks.

Chapter XIV. is devoted to an illustration of the merits of the Real Property Act, for which the Colony is indebted to the persistent energy of Sir R. R., then Mr., Torrens. The chief excellence lies in the wonderful simplicity with which titles are registered, and the security it affords to owners of real property when once their titles have been registered. Then come accounts of roads and railways, and the various schemes, past and present, which have been, or are under contemplation, while the whole of Chapter XVI. is occupied with the highly important subject of "Mines and Mining." Several instances are mentioned of the success of some of these speculations. Thus, as to the Moonta Mines, we read: "From the time that ore was first found, the mine was sufficiently remunerative to pay all expenses of working. Not a penny of capital was ever subscribed; and within two years a dividend was paid. The Company is a public one, and the property is divided into 32,000 shares. Their price is now quoted at £19 per share. Thus a property, which cost the shareholders nothing, is now valued at over £500,000. On these mines dividends have been paid, amounting to £728,000; and last year" (i.e., in 1875) "six dividends were paid—two of 20s, one of 15s, and three of 10s, amounting for the year to £136,000. In addition to this, very expensive buildings and machinery have been constructed out of the profits, and at the present time a very large population is employed on the mines." As to the Wallaroo mines, we are told, "Fifteen years ago Wallaroo was an almost uninhabitable sheep run, on which there were only a few shepherds' huts; now it has large smelting works, railways, jetties, three large and increasing townships, a whole fleet of colliers carrying coals from Newcastle, New South Wales, to the smelting works, churches, schools, reading-rooms and libraries, two newspapers, and a population of about 20,000 souls." On the previous page we had read that the latter was a property of immense value, and that "only three years ago the proprietors agreed to pay a fine of £18,000 to the Government for the renewal of two of their leases, and it said that the profits of one year more than covered the amount of the fine." These and the principal mines which are enumerated produce copper, but gold has been found, and Mr. Harcus believes that it will be found in large quantities, and yield abundantly. Bismuth, also, has been found at Balbannah, some twenty miles from Adelaide, and the property is likely to become valuable. There are, further, "iron ores of a rich per centage of the best iron" in great abundance "within an easy distance of the seaboard;" and what is of great importance, "in many places the ironstone is found in the midst of large timber, from which charcoal for smelting purposes could be obtained without stint." Having discussed the difficulties of navigating the Murray and Darling Rivers, showing what was done by Sir H. Young, what has been done since, and the different proposals now before the public, Mr. Harcus furnishes a most interesting chapter on the Trans-Australian Telegraph, the difficulties in completing which sorely taxed the energy and powers of this colony, and of which alone, if they had done nothing else, they have every reason to be proud. The work was terribly trying. Accidents of various kinds befel the adventurers, to whom the work of erecting the line was entrusted, and many of these brave fellows suffered severely for their daring. But though this Telegraph was not completed within the time specified in the contract, it was completed in two years, and this must be regarded as an unexampled feat, when we remember that the greater part of the country it traverses was previously unexplored. Mr. Todd, who carried the work out, says, "Thus the great work, notwithstanding all disasters and mishaps, was successfully completed within two years, and he thought he might with confidence assert that no line passing through a similar extent of uninhabited country, where the materials had to be imported and erected over such long distances, or country representing similar natural obstacles, had been constructed in the same short space of time." And the work was undertaken at the sole cost of a people numbering at the time less than 200,000 souls. Well may Mr. Harcus add, "The audacity of the enterprise was no less than the success with which it was carried out."

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The installation meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, took place on Thursday; Bro. G. Ward Veny is the new W.M. Full

PROVINCIAL GRAND LO

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Gra held on Tuesday afternoon in the Mas Brighton. The R.W. Prov. G.M. Sir Wal Bart. M.P. presided, while among the membe Lodge were Bros. W. John H. Scott Dep. P.M. 40 Prov. S.G. Warden, C. J. Pocock Warden, Rev. E. Walker W.M. 811 Prov. G. P.M. 311 Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freema Secretary, R. Bramwell P.M. 271 Prov. J.G P.M. 271 Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies, T. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Walter S G. Sword Bearer, Alfred King 271 Prov. (P.M. 315 Prov. G. Pursuivant, C. Sandeman P.M. 732, Byass P.M. 1465 Prov. G. Stewar Tyler, Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., R. W. H. Giddy P.M. 315 and 1141 P.P.G.S.B., George Smit W. Dawes P.M. 341 P.P.G.R., W. Marchant P P.M. 315 P.P.J.G.W., J. Terry Secretary R.M Thomas Price P.M. and Secretary 56 P.P.J.G P.P.S.G.D., George Smith P.P.G.P., Robert W. R. Wood P.P.S.G.W., W. Hudson P.P.J P.P.S.D., W. H. Hallett P.P.S.G.W., W. S Horsley G. Reg. and P.G. Secretary, Geo. J. M. Cunningham P.P.G.S.W., S. R. Legg P.P cock P.P. Assist D.C. Among the visiting Bros. Edward Bright P.M. 271, C. J. Smith Ellman P.M. 1303, S. T. Foat W.M. 315, W. W. Styles Sec. 38, Edw. Taylor S.W. 1141, 1466, C. H. Henty W.M. 38, C. W. Hudson J. 56, G. McWhinnie W.M. 1466, H. Whally Nich S.W. 811, J. P. M. Smith Sec. 271, W. B. Philp G. W. Clements 1636, L. W. D. Williams J.W W.M. 1465, E. E. Sanders 27; Mark Tanner P. S.D. 38, R. Turner 38, H. Hauxwell I.G. 731, ner J.W. 311, R. B. Higham 217, E. Bridgers 3 271, G. W. Argliffe 946, B. Bennett J.W. 732, J. Curtis P.M. 315, S. R. Ade P.M. 315, G. C day 1465, J. H. Farncombe P.M. 311, C. Vaugh W.M. 1110, A. Taylor S.W. 1110, W. Smithers W.M. 811, S. H. Soper 732, W. G. Sharp P.M. 315, J. A. Newman 732, J. C. D'Albiac 271, T. W. H. Hughes Assist. Tyler 811, S. Solomon W Davey S.W. 732, W. Roe 1636, W. T. Almond 1 315, S. Ridley Treasurer 732, J. T. Chappell 73 W. R. Wood jun. 1636, R. T. Nye I.G. 1636. June meeting were read and confirmed. A lette Farmer P.P.D.G.M. in acknowledgment of the vo to him at the last meeting for his past servic Lodges in the Province having been called, th mittee appointed to revise the bye-laws was pre The report of the Finance Committee was also p resolved to grant the sum of £100 towards the the relief of the sufferers by the Indian fami Grand Secretary read statistics relative to th masonry in Sussex. This was followed by a sh R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who congratulate sent upon the prosperous condition of the San which he hoped soon to visit personally. The follo the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing y Dixon P.M. 271 Prov. S.G.W., C. P. Henty W. R. Croskey P.M. 1303 P.P.G.D. Prov. G. Tre Davey J.W. 39 Prov. G. Chaplain, C. A. Woolley Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman P.M. 732 P.P. tary, T. S. Byass P.M. 1465 P.P.G.S. Prov. G.S. D P.M. 851 P.P.G.S. Prov. G.J. Deacon, G. A. Wa G.S. of Works, J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 P.P.G. Ste C. Sandeman P.M. 315 P.P.G. Steward Prov. A P.M. 916 P.P.G. Steward Prov. G. Sword Be P.P.G.O. Prov. G. Organist, W. Read P.M. 56 P G. Pursuivant, A. R. Cromber W.M. 40, J. Farn T. Nell P.M. 315, W. G. Sharp P.M. 1141 Prov. Thomas Hughes Prov. G. Tyler.

The meeting was followed by the usual banque Sayers and Marks, caterers who never fail to give faction. The Chairman (Sir W. W. Burrell) gave "Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of W England," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Car "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G Grand Lodge, Past and Present." Bro. Giddy p of the "R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Sussex," to which the President responded. Bro the "W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sus Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present." Bro. Sco T. S. Byass proposed "The Visitors," to which Br Bro. George De Paris gave "The W. Masters Sussex." Bros. Foat and Frank Holford respo Scott proposed "The Stewards." Bros. C. Sande responded. The Prov. G. Tyler's toast terminate During the evening the toasts were agreeably inte selections given in excellent style by Bros. Fra Fox, and Henry Taylor, while Bro. W. Roe wa accompanyist.

Eboracum Lodge, 1611.—At the cl meeting of this Lodge, on last Monday week, th amongst themselves a subscription list in aid of t Fund, and two of the brethren volunteered to ser

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BRO. HUGH H. RIACH'S FANCIES AS TO OUR MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had many reasons for concluding that Bro. Hugh H. Riach had lost all interest in our Masonic Institutions, but it seems that he has discovered a "*more excellent* way" than having buildings set apart for the instruction of the children, and has come to the conclusion that the present establishments are mainly supported by certain brethren, because of ensuring *them a living!!!* A more absurd and, in fact, un-Masonic lot of fancies than are to be found in Bro. Riach's letter I never met with since the first days of Masonic journalism, and, almost feeling assured that some one has made *free* with his name (the letter in all probability being a forgery), I prefer waiting to see if the authorship is denied before in any way seeking to answer it. I may, however, make bold to say, and to *challenge contradiction*, that there is not one of our officials but who could have done better in some business or profession, in a financial point of view, than in connection with our Institutions; hence, the imputation on their characters is most undeserved, and palpably carries with it its own refutation. "Hercules" himself could have earned more in a year, were he in a profession or business, than all his petty biting flies put together.

Yours fraternally, P.M.

COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in announcing the completion of the Installation Engraving, as by the time this letter appears in your columns I shall have returned to London with the finished plate ready for the hands of Messrs. McQueen, the eminent printers. I have for nearly the last five weeks been incessantly occupied with the engraver here in revising, &c., &c., and I sincerely hope that the result will receive the favourable approval of the brethren generally. If all goes well, in your next issue, I trust the Craft will have an opportunity of reading your verdict on the work.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD J. HARTY.

Paris, 17th September 1877.

DOINGS IN PARIS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE Générale Assemblée du Grand Orient closed its annual meeting on Saturday last, with a sumptuous banquet, at which there were present the delegates of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and many distinguished visitors.

This session was at first thought to be one that would have been forbidden by the Government, which has already closed many Lodges in the Province on account of the character of the business transacted therein. But this has been conducted with the utmost care and Masonic dignity, and has terminated without having been at all interfered with, though many anti-Masons have endeavoured to avail themselves of the occasion to inflict a humiliating blow upon the Fraternity

The first meeting took place on Monday, the 10th instant, under the presidency of the M. Ill. Bro. De St. Jean, who was once more re-elected Chairman of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," by 163 votes. Bro. De St. Jean is well-known as a most industrious and highly-esteemed Mason, who brings to the discharge of his high and onerous duties all the qualities of an experienced chairman, and seems, indeed, to be destined by his re-election each successive year to revive, as it were, the abolished "Grand Maitrise." Eleven retiring members of the Conseil de l'Ordre were also re-elected, and Bro. Dr. Collineau, by 136 votes, was called upon to fill the chair left vacant in the Conseil by the lamented death of Bro. Armand, to whose Masonic memory the Grand Lodge then drew an impressive and heartfelt "*batterie de deuil.*"

It is quite unnecessary to follow the General Assembly through all its work, which consisted of the appointment of Grand Officers, examination of accounts, both of the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence, or "Maison de Secours," the Budget for the ensuing year, and so on. All these are mere formalities, which absorb much time, and are uninteresting almost to all, save those whose duty it is to supervise the business part of Freemasonry. The important feature of the Convent of the year A.L. 5877 is the decision arrived at, and the resolution passed by the General Assembly almost unanimously, by which the words of Art. 1st of the Constitution have been amended. Known as the Vœu IX., or question, after having been simply dismissed at many previous Convents, was last year allowed to stand over; and it was then resolved, in order to ascertain the feeling of the Lodges upon the advisibility of maintaining or repealing the Constitution of the so-called "ambiguous," if not obnoxious article, the matter should be discussed by every Lodge under this "Rite," and the resolutions passed thereon should be forwarded to Grand Orient assembled in Convent. This sort of polling, or rather Masonic plebiscitum, had taken place in and out of France, and a majority of more than 200 Lodges had pronounced for the revision or repeal of the said article. It was therefore for the solemn discussion of this important motion, the only one upon the order last Thursday, that the meeting was so largely attended, and that so much earnestness was exhibited. Well knowing that a majority of the Conseil de l'Ordre proper, that is, the authorities of G.L., was not altogether favourable to the motion, its promoters did all in their power to secure the best means of elucidating their views and if possible to convert their brethren. The Assembly was divided into nine bureaux or committees, each bureau appointing a delegate to make known its opinions and advance its arguments. These committees had to elect one of their number to make a general report, and propose a formal resolution to the vote of the General Assembly. The resolution as proposed and carried, almost unanimously, ran as follows:—

"Whereas Freemasonry is not a religion, and has therefore no doctrine or dogmas to affirm in its Constitution, the Assembly adopting the 'Vœu IX.' has decided and decreed that the second paragraph of Art. 1st of the Constitution shall be erased, and that for the words of the said article the following shall be substituted.—1. Being an Institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive, Freemasonry has for its immediate objects—search after truth, study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence. It has for its principles—utmost liberty of conscience and human solidarity, and its motto is—Liberté, Egalité, et Fraternité."

Now, to understand the import and appreciate the tendency of this change, one must recollect that the second paragraph thus expunged was in the following words:—

"Freemasonry has for its principles, the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the solidarity of mankind."

This sort of declaration of faith, placed as it was upon the first lines of the book of Constitution, has been the subject of great controversy, as well as the cause of many regrettable decisions in the admission of candidates. Some W.M.'s would see in it a binding and obligatory rule for strictly examining the latter upon their religious belief or persuasion, while others, availing themselves of Art. 2 of the same Constitution—which says that: "Freemasonry respects all religions and political beliefs whatsoever, and excludes no one because of his opinions,"—would, on the other hand, be disposed to allow the candidate to ventilate, in his answers, should he choose, his unbelief in open Lodge. On one side religious, and perhaps orthodox opinions would be insisted upon for admission, while on the other quite the reverse might be required from the candidate. Surely such a state of things is most lamentable, and altogether against Masonic tenets and law. The root of such abuse of the letter and the spirit of the Book of Constitution could be particularly traced in the injudicious practice of having, as an essential part of the ceremony, the candidate examined and questioned before being admitted to light by any (and as many who may choose to do so) of those present in Lodge, upon his general belief; and his duty to God, his neighbour, and himself. To obviate this evil it would perhaps have been better simply to adopt from the English ritual the form of admission, and thus do away with those moral trials and confessions which, often protracted, become more vexing, if not more dangerous than anything else. But still the inconsistency in the words of the Constitution would have nevertheless remained, as a protest against the reform. Hence, therefore, the resolution passed to meet those abuses, a resolution which, whatever may be now said about it, cannot fail at first to be misunderstood, and even condemned by a portion of the fraternity, especially those who have but little or no knowledge of French Masonry, its rites and ceremonies. Perhaps many brethren will be so far mistaken in their appreciation of the decree of this last Convention as to pronounce it to be a subversive encroachment upon the ancient landmarks of the Order, aiming at nothing else, as has unfortunately been already insinuated in some high Masonic quarters in England, than the instant suppression of the G.A.O.T.U. from French Masonry. Admitting fully that the matter is one requiring a complete explanation, and a thorough investigation of its Masonic bearing and consequences, it is evident that it will be desirable subsequently to examine all details and considerations which, in true Masonic comprehensiveness, may tend to justify or condemn the step taken by the General Assembly of the Grand Orient. Meanwhile, let the brotherhood know at once that no anti-religious motives could be found in the Committees, not even among those where the original supporters of the motion were in a majority. And they thought it, on the contrary, wise, prudent, and dignified to elect as "rapporteur" a brother who professionally belongs to "religion." Thus, "Nuper sub modis, nunc super," it was the Rev. Bro. Desmons who, as chairman, made the report and framed the resolution passed by the General Assembly. Bro. Pasteur Desmons, of the Lodge St. Géniès de Magoire, with marvellous lucidity and Masonic force of reasoning, refutes, in his report, all objections, all extraneous reasons that might even prevail upon the Assembly, and without the least difficulty proves that prior to the Constitution of 1854 the ambiguous paragraph never existed, and that such a declaration of faith does not exist in many foreign Masonic Constitutions. His report carried the vote of even those members who, for "local and momentous" motives *only*, systematically were opposed to the motion. The clerical character of the chairman, his undoubted Masonic sincerity and faith, his great honesty of purpose, and his liberal comprehensive views, all these, coupled with his natural modesty and eloquence, tended to give an immense weight to the resolution. Surely our esteemed Bro. André Ronsselle, one of the Conseil de l'Ordre

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FIFTH APPLICATION.

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The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who is now in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataracts, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time has been a pension of £44 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he has had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they are now quite exhausted. Consequently he cannot possibly provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and it will be a great comfort to him in his now declining days to see the lad elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health, Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167) in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY shortly afterwards joined the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1869; and he is still a subscribing member to both these Lodges. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits, and he has, besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he has contributed to the funds of the Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

The case is strongly recommended (among others) by

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. BAGSHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.
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* Bro. THOMAS J. RALLING P.G. Sec. Essex.

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OUR WEEKLY BU

THE Queen has returned to Balm sojourn at Loch Maree. The reached the Castle on Saturday, and Secretary, arrived on Tuesday, the d return, as Minister in attendance. La Leopold arrived at Taymouth Castle, o and Countess of Breadalbane. Grea been made at Aberfeldy for the rece Highness, and among those who contrib to the success of the proceedings were Tay and Lyon Lodge, No. 276 on the r erected one of the three triumphal arc display so imposing. The Aberfeldy V in attendance, and so were the pupi School. It is supposed the Prince wi Coutts and Lady Lindsay, of Balcarres, and that on Friday next he will be pr meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf C of which he is Captain.

On Thursday last, the Prince and crossed over from Cowes to Portsmo Yacht Osborne. The former landed a Marlborough House, while the latter r On Saturday evening, the Prince and Folly Theatre, and on Monday he star Hall, near York, the residence of Sir Bart., whose guest he was to remain till y His Royal Highness left King's Cross the ordinary train, and reached York a f 5 p.m. While the saloon was being deta train being made up for the remainder o Prince had the capacity and constructi explained to him by Mr. Leeman, M.P quit the carriage. In due course, the Coxwold, the other occupants of the R Colonel Teesdale and Sir George Wombw had been made at decoration at the little st waited to inspect these and expressed to had the management of the train servic his gratification at the reception accorde Highness departed in company with his assembled at the Hall to meet the Princ Calthorpe, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Dorchester, Viscount and Viscountess Gre &c. Thursday was devoted to partridg though birds were plentiful poor bags wer the lateness of the harvest. On Tuesday, his host paid a flying visit to Captain R. retiring, visited the annual show of the cultural Society. As His Royal Hig expected, there was a large and enthusias visitors. Yesterday he was to be present a in Duncombe Park, the seat of the Ear and visit Rivault Abbey. To-day, it is leave Newburgh, and proceed northward where he will be joined by the Princess.

Up to Wednesday evening the Indian Fund at the Mansion House had reach £192,500, of which £155,000 had already Madras, so that by to-day the amount o have been greatly exceeded. Among the c ceived on Wednesday were £1,000 from t Lloyd's, with a further sum of £1,300 contr the members; Birmingham, third instalm Leicester £1,000, Cheltenham £600, Co Cutlers' Company 100 guineas, the Na 100 guineas, Messrs. Huntley and Pal don Assurance Company £100, while at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, under of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G grant of £100 was made towards the Fu

likewise, is raising its own fund, and has already remitted £15,000 to Madras.

Nothing further has been learnt as to the terrible collision which occurred last week in the Channel. Only a few bodies have been recovered, and the usual inquest is being held, but the danger to navigation from the floating hull of the Forest, which stands up endwise some twenty feet out of the water, is very great. Several attempts have been made to get rid of this obstruction, but up to Thursday afternoon without effect, though H.M.S. Defence and several torpedoes had been sent out by the Admiralty with a view to sinking it. Torpedoes and powder bags, however, made not the slightest impression. If we cannot destroy a wreck which cannot fire a broadside in return, how will our ships of war fare on the day of battle, when they can be fired at in return for any similar compliments they may pay their adversaries.

The theatrical profession has lost, in Mr. Henry Compton, one of its most respected members, one, who if he did not stand in the very foremost rank, was one of the ablest and most natural of dry humourists. Mr. Compton, or to mention his proper name, Mr. Mackenzie, was born in 1812, and was, therefore, sixty-five years of age at the time of his decease. He was best known in such characters as Touchstone, &c., &c. He retired from the stage early in the current year, and a farewell benefit, which was a brilliant success, was given him. Her Majesty had likewise sent him privately a donation of £50, but during the few months that have elapsed since then, his state of health had been gradually growing worse and worse, till last week all hope of his recovery was gone. Lovers of the drama will miss in Mr. Compton a most perfect actor, and society a most respected and respectable member.

The chief interest of the week has been directed to war and political news from abroad. Marshal MacMahon's tour in the Provinces of France has been brought to an end, and he has returned to Paris, very far from pleased, it is said, with the result of his journey. As in this country there is no knowing what may happen from day to day, it were useless to think of predicting the probable course events will take, but we cannot think the Marshal President has a bed of roses to repose on. To be talked and shouted at wherever he goes must be most uncomfortable; and then to feel that if he had only left M. Jules Simon in office, he would have been enjoying perfect peace, and taking part in the sport to which he is known to be so partial! However, he has no doubt acted conscientiously in all he has done, but whether he has acted wisely seems questionable. Of the Gambetta prosecution we hear nothing exciting at present, nor are we as yet near enough to judge of the result of the approaching elections. Prince Bismarck and County Andrassy have met at Saltzburg, and no doubt discussed the difficulties of the Eastern question. Every one, of course, will be on the *qui vive* during the next few days, to learn what the result will be of this conference, whether it will have a tendency to protract or to shorten the war, whether it will lead to intervention or mediation; in short, whether anything or nothing will be the outcome of it. From Pesth we hear of a semi-official announcement that neither Germany nor Austro-Hungary will take the initiative as regards intervention between the combatant powers, till one or other of them demands such a step. The same announcement says that the Cabinet of Vienna has reason to feel every satisfaction at the present situation arising out of the Turkish victories. Meanwhile the greatest excitement prevails in Hungary, the people everywhere manifesting the most intense joy over the victories of the Sultan's troops. It is evident from this that any attempt at intervention on the part of Austria would be fraught with extreme danger to herself, not so much from without as from within.

The news from the seat of war in Bulgaria has been terrible during the past week. The Russians have made another supreme effort to capture Plevna. The operations commenced on the 11th inst. in the presence of the Czar himself, his brother the Grand Duke Nicholas being in chief command. After a four day's cannonade of Plevna and the Turkish redoubts that encircle it, several columns of infantry advanced to the assault, the Grivica redoubt being the special object against which the Russo-Roumanian forces directed their efforts. But the Turks were quite prepared, and as the Russians came within short range, poured upon them a most terrible fire which swept the... and the Roumanians in another, managed to obtain possession, the latter of the Grivica, and the former of two outlying redoubts. But the Russians were not long allowed to remain in possession of the latter. Osman Pasha soon led his troops against the captured strongholds, and at length in the sixth assault succeeded in driving the Russians out. It is announced by the Grand Duke Nicholas himself that as the result of all this terrible fighting the Russians have sustained losses to the extent of 300 officers and 12,500 men, while the Roumanian loss is 60 officers and 3,000 men, or, together 16,000 killed and wounded. There are reports of other engagements in the same neighbourhood, and the Roumanians—who still hold the great Grivica redoubt—have failed in an attempt to carry another position. As to the rumoured defeat of the Russians along the whole line, there does not appear to be any truth in it. For the Shipka pass there has been more fighting. For a short time Suleiman Pasha held Fort St. Nicholas, but the Russians were reinforced, and he was compelled to retire. Mehemet Ali is slowly advancing, and a great battle in the neighbourhood is expected shortly. From Asia, little or nothing; and so ends our tale for the week.

The annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire has, we understand, been fixed to take place at Richmond, under the banner of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo. Efforts are being made to provide special train accommodation for the brethren who attend.

A meeting of the Prov. Priory (K.T.) of West Yorkshire, was held yesterday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, under the banner of the De Furnival Preceptory. A report will appear in our next.

From New Zealand we have a few items of interest to record:—

There was an unusually large meeting of Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 348, I.C., and visitors on Tuesday evening, 17th July, at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, the business being the installation of officers. Ten representatives of the Hauraki R.A.C. from the Thames were in attendance. Comp. E. T. Wildman P.K., of the Thames, assisted by Comps. W. Climo P.K., and R. M. Mitchell P.K., also of the Thames, officiated as installing officers. Comp. W. Lodder was placed in the chair of first Principal, Comp. W. R. Robinson in the second chair, and Comp. A. Brock in the third chair; Comp. J. H. Burns was invested as C.H. and M.E., Comp. H. G. Wade as Registrar and Treasurer, Comp. the Rev. C. M. Nelson as R.A.C., Comps. Dawson, Nicool, and Dyer severally as C.V.'s, and Porter Janitor. The Chapter was beautifully decorated, and the ceremonies were very successfully conducted by the P.K.'s and Principals of the Hauraki (Thames) Chapter, No. 454, I.C. Masons will understand the unusual character of the gathering, when we say that no fewer than twelve principals took part in the installation. The attendance of so many members from the Thames tended materially to the success of the proceedings. After the installation, a *récherché* banquet was provided by host Hood, of the Masonic Hotel, in the large dining-room. It was evident from the quality and quantity of the viands that host Hood had determined that the reputation of the hotel should not suffer in his hands. About thirty sat down at table, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. While the banquet was in progress, the Chapter-room was cleared, and dessert spread in it. The Chapter and visitors adjourned upstairs, and a very agreeable evening was passed, with toasts, songs, &c.

When our advices were penned (1st August 1877), the Auckland brethren English Constitution were feeling very jubilant at the news received by telegraph that the Auckland District had been formed, and that Bro. G. S. Graham had received the appointment of District Grand Master. In reference to the inauguration of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Auckland, under the Scottish Constitution, Bro. T. L. Murray, R.W.M. of the Lodge Sir Walter Scott, Thames, has received a communication from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the new Grand Secretary, informing him that the Grand Lodge had, at their Quarterly Communication, held on 7th May, unanimously appointed Bro. F. Whitaker to the office of Prov. Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand, and that his commission would be forwarded without delay. A plan was on foot for having the installations of the two District Grand Masters held on the same day, and having a Grand Masonic gathering. There is further talk of the building of a Masonic Hall in Auckland, and this time there seems a probability of the idea being carried out, in spite of the hard times in which the colony seems to be plunged.

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LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

JAMS. READ, S.G.W. PETER FEHR, 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 Most Potent and Puissant Lord the Right Honourable William, Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of County of Antrim, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful James Read, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Fehr, 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 impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Brother William Trimlett one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Gordon his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Lee his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house of Brother Phillip Serjants, the Black Horse, in Coventry Street, near the Hay Market, or elsewhere in London, upon the first Tuesday 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
No. 225 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 Trimlett, James Gordon, and William Lee (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 fourth day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Four, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-four.

ROB. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

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

The present title, No., &c. are, The Temperance Lodge, No. 169, Deptford.

No. 93.

No. 278, "Ancients;" No. 351 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 246 A.D. 1832, and No. 204 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

JAMES AGAR, Deputy Grand Master.

JOHN BUNN, S.G.W. WM. AUG. HOWARD, J.G.W.

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No. 278 (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 Thomas Overton, Esquire, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Nicholas Thomason his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John McGiveron his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Plumb and Feathers, Cock Gate, Manchester, upon the first Wednesday in every month, or elsewhere in the said town of Manchester, 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 our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, T Thomason, and John McGiveron (with the c of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and in whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. A in like manner nominate, chuse, and install t &c. Such installations to be upon (or nea during the continuance of this Lodge, for ev named brethren, and all their Successors, a this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherw of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our this seventeenth day of April, in the year of Seven hundred ninety and three, and in th thousand Seven hundred ninety and three.

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ROBERT LI

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Caledonia masons' Hall, Cooper-street, M

No. 94.

No. 284, "Ancients;" No. 359 A.D. 1814 A.D. 1832, and No. 209 from A.D. 186

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To all whom it may concr

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancie TERNITY of Free and Accepted Masons (accord tions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and i Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Nobl Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Earl of Tullibar and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glen Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Constabl cleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and E Murray of Stanley, in the County of Glouceste MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Th Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipf Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Righ Cranfield, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (wit consent of the Warranted Lodges held within of London and Westminster), Do hereby auth Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., Th Cook one of our Master Masons, T
No. 284 Reeves his Senior Warden, and t Martin his Junior Warden, to Form Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the by the name or sign of the Crown and Cus County of Buckinghamshire (or elsewhere) o every month, and on all seasonable Times And in the said Lodge (when duly congregate Free Masons according to the most ancient a of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations t world. And we do hereby farther authorise a Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Co James Martin (with the consent of the Memb nominate, chuse, and install their Successors deliver this Warrant, and invest them with thei as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors nominate, chuse, and install their Successor installations to be upon (or very near) ST. Jo continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Provi Brethren and all their Successors always pa Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise thi Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and Seal of our Gr this thirteenth day of July, in the Year of o Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the Year of Eight hundred and thirteen.

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ISAAC BARRITT, D.G.M. pro tem.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H. 27th May 1794. Entd. Edwd. Harper.

[SEAL.]

The present title, No., &c. are, The Eton Windsor.

The ceremony of installation will be we evening, the 27th instant, in the Gre Instruction, No. 1426, at [illegible] Hall

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, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

46—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1166—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
M. M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

TUESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' 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.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
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.)

253—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.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
906—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1235—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

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. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston.
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheston Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

FRIDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
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.)
1288—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

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.

SATURDAY.

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

MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
807—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
430—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
760—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1285—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

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.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

1462—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, Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—233—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—62—St. Michel, George Hotel, Dumfries.
" 65—Stonehaven, Mill Inn, Stonehaven.
" 102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 103—Union and Crown, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 125—St. James, Masons' Arms, Newton Ayr.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 293—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Rothesay.
" 317—Camperdown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrock-street, Dundee.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—323—St. Mary, Town Hall, Kirkcudbright.
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.
" 466—Broughty Castle, Freemasons' Hall, Broughty Ferry.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Bryde, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A.—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—505—Burns' St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
" 510—Maryhill, 157 Main-street, Maryhill.
" 532—Rothes, Town Hall, Leslie.
" R. A.—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—140—Operative, 47 Queensbridge-street, Dumfries.
" 282—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Thornhill.
" 312—Bruce and Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Bannockburn.
" 334—St. John's, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-street, Pollockshaws.
" 195—St. John's, Lennox Arms, Lennox-town.
" 216—St. John, Town Hall, Stow.
" 244—Union, Black Bull, Stonehouse.
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 347—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.
" 399—Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilburnie.

SATURDAY—305—St. John Woodall, Freemasons' Hall, Bellahill, Holytown.
" 458—Busby, St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis.—Held their regular meeting in their own hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., Bros. Kyle R.W.M. in the chair, Brownlow S.W., Jas. Kyle J.W., supported by P.M.'s Nelson, Fletcher, Bell and McMillan. After the minutes were read, applications were received from four gentlemen for admission into the Lodge, there being no objectors they were admitted and initiated by Bro. Wm. Bell P.M., in his usual able style. Lodge having been resumed to the F.C. degree, four brethren received that degree from Bro. Halket P.M. 102. It was then agreed to hold a Funeral Lodge on 9th October, in memory of Bro. Thomas Ramsay P.M. of this Lodge. The Lodge afterwards was placed in the hands of the J.W., and the brethren spent an hour both profitably and pleasantly.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present—Bros. H. P. Isaac W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., R. H. Halford J.W., R. G. Tolmie Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., R. Pearcy S.D., A. Trewinnard J.D., Droscher I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Gibbs, Elliston, Killick, Stock, &c. The preliminary business having been gone through, Lodge opened in the second degree; Bro. Stock answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, doing his work in a very impressive manner, and giving the traditional history; Bro. Stock acting candidate. The W.M. worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by

Elliston of New Concord Lodge No. 813 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Powell S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 18th September 1877. Bros. Sayer W.M., Daniel S.W., Wharman J.W., Fraser S.D., Walker J.D., Harris I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Forrest, Croker, Fraser, Holtham P.M. The Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Forrest answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Forrest was duly raised. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by Bro. Walker and the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Croker, of Tranquillity, and Bro. Fraser, of Sincerity, were elected members. Bro. Daniel was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the standing orders with regard to working the installation be postponed till the first Tuesday in October, to give Bro. Daniel an opportunity of working on Tuesday next, 25th September. The Lodge was congratulated on having held its meetings so regularly during the summer months, thus tending to prove its "Prosperity."

Chapter of Paradise, No. 139.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Monday, the 17th of September, at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield. Present—Comps. G. E. Bennett E.Z., A. Scargill H., Wm. White J., S. B. Ellis Scribe E., H. J. Garnett P.Z. Treas., B. Saville Scribe N., S. Hayes Prin. Soj., John Clark 1st Asst. Soj. Past Z.'s Comps. Dr. M. M. de Bartolomé, E. Drury and W. Roddewig. Visitor Comp. J. F. Moss E.Z. 296. The Chapter having been formally opened, two brethren were elected, and three candidates exalted, the ceremonies being efficiently rendered. Two brethren were then proposed as candidates for exaltation at next meeting. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were given and a most pleasant evening spent.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C. In the absence of Bro. Pelton, who had been elected at the last meeting, Bro. Sayer occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Gomm S.W., Walker J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., John Constable P.M. Treas., Bone S.D., Croaker J.D., Ager I.G., Christopher Tyler; John Peartree W.M. 185, D. Posener P.M. Upton, Harris Sec. of the Lewis Lodge, Benson, Abbott, &c., &c. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to the rehearsal of the third ceremony. The task was accomplished with marked ability. The three sections of the lecture were worked, Bro. Constable dictating the responses. Bros. Lewis and Abbott were elected members. The former, in expressing thanks for the honour, observed that he is a member of and visits many Lodges of Instruction, but does not remember one in which the work is done in so pure and perfect a manner as that he had the pleasure and gratification of witnessing this evening. He had known Bro. Constable by repute, but never before enjoyed the pleasure of meeting and hearing him work. He was sure that any one desiring to perfect himself in the duties of Masonry, and could attend this Lodge, would not fail to succeed. He himself was determined to be a frequent attendant. The Lodge was then adjourned to Wednesday the 26th inst. at 7 p.m.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked on 23rd September, at seven o'clock precisely, at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green. Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 will preside. Bros. Austin P.M. No. 933 S.W., Webb J. W. 1607 J.W., Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 I.P.M.

First Lecture.—Bros. Hallett W.M. 781, Shepherd S.D. 1349, Durell W.S. 1349, Hogg P.M. 1349, Williams 933, Webb J.W. 1607, Rudderforth D.C. 12.

Second Lecture.—Bros. Holloway W.S. No. 1158, Burr 1158, Musto P.M. 1349, Ives 781, Ellis 933.

Third Lecture.—Bros. Myers P.M. No. 820, Job I.G. 1076, Taylor W.S. 554.

Bro. Wm. Musto P.M. No. 1349 Hon. Sec.

York Lodge, No. 236.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, at York, on Monday, after the disposal of the business on the summons, it was unanimously resolved to vote a sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge towards the Indian Famine Fund.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, Bro. McKirdy R.W.M. in the chair. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. The work consisted of one passing and two raisings, both ably performed by the R.W.M.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 17th inst., and was fully attended. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Daniel Trusler, and the following officers and brethren were present, viz.—Bros. C. P. McKay S.W., W. R. Sheadd J.W., James Stevens P.M., Thos. Poore P.M. Sec., W. Smith J.D., W. McMurray I.G., E. Mitchell W.S., W. Steadman Tyler; also Bros. Blogg, Whittaker, Lilley, Lambert, Pascall, King, Richardson, Green, Ash, Treves, Wiltshire, Sanders, Kerr, &c., and visitors from Kurrachee, India, Bros. [illegible] P.M. Hope Lodge, No. 250 and John Barrie P.M. Harmony Lodge, No. 485. Minutes of previous Lodge been confirmed, the W.M. announced the re Deacon, and appointed and invested Bros. W J.D., E. Mitchell I.G., C. A. Blogg Orgu Steward. Mr. George Malley was introduced Order. Bro. Ash was passed to the second candidates for initiation were taken, and unanimously in favour of the reporting from time to time in the Masonic periodicals, for restoration of the Lodge jewels and orna for more effectively providing musical accom monies. The distinguished visitors from their satisfaction with the only English work and complimented the Lodge on its proficienc in due form, and a frugal repast followed the

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instructi Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Fri the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present— S.W., Tucker J.W., J. C. Roe Preceptor, Gard and S.D., Erwin J.D., Costello I.G., Kyezor, M others. Visitors—Bros. J. Constable 185, A. 1693, W. W. Morgan and W. W. Morgan jun. Lodge being opened in the first degree, Bro. Bro. Constable worked the first section, and assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called then resumed, after which the four visitors we honorary members of the Lodge, and sever compliment. Bro. Roe was appointed W.M. and the Lodge was closed.

St. Augustine's Chapter, No. 779, A —A meeting of this Chapter was held at the inst., at which were present Comps. W. Kell Rev. John Deeton and H. Etherington Smith, matt H., W. Carrick Crofts J., and others. to instal the principals and invest the officers performed by the Grand Supt., the officers e —Comps. E. F. Mammatt M.E.Z., W. Carr Faulkner J., Walter S. Allen E., Rev. John I Blood P.S., Allen Treasurer. A ballot havin candidates for the Order, one of whom, Bro. B 779, being in attendance, he was exalted; the Bro. Blood, performing his duties most efficien the three lectures being given by M.E. Co —the senior P.Z. of the Chapter—for whose se the thanks of the Companions was accorded. A the decease of the late respected Comp. Lo Chapter, was recorded on the minutes, and a ordered to be transmitted to the family of th man highly esteemed by all those who knew h and a P.P.S.G.W. of the Province. The Chapt due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, N held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 18th Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Br J. Lorkin S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Dallas Secreta Williams S.D., Weige J.D., G. Brown Prece Finch, Perry, Beedell, Jorss, F. Brown, &c. Th in due form. The minutes of last meeting read F. Brown, as candidate for raising, answered th and the ceremony was impressively worked. from labour to refreshment, and again to labo opening and closing the Lodge in the second practised. Bro. Beedell 1607 and Bro. Jorss members, and the Lodge closed with prayer.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A perous Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Ho Wednesday. Considering that this was the mo of the year, the installation of Bro. H. R. Jones ance of brethren and visitors was not so num been expected. The following were present:— S.W., W. A. Morgan J.W., H. Wilson Treasurer A. N. Newens S.D., A. B. Walker J.D., F. W. W Huntley I.G., and J. J. Holland W.S.; R. Walk Neal, F. Knipter, W. Springett, G. Clark, G. H Denham. Amongst the Past Masters were Newens, G. Howick, J. G. Carter, J. G. K Gray. The visitors were:—Bros. C. Digby No. kintosh No. 4, and Bro. F. Reed. The minutes o ing having been confirmed, Bro. R. Walker was of Fellow Craft, Br. Boddy being in the W.M.'s c positions in the Lodge were filled by Bros. H. R Kowney J.W., A. N. Newens S.D., and Bro. A. B. H. R. Jones was then impressively installed int Bro. P.M. Boddy, as installing Master, called for the brethren by the manner in which he perform solemn ritual. The W.M. then invested his office H. Wilson Treasurer, John Frost Secretary, W. A. N. Newens J.W., A. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Holland I.G., F. W. Wardroper W.S., S. C. S. Steed Tyler. The Secretary read a letter fro retiring W.M., regretting his absence on account gratulating the W.M. elect. A letter was also Limebeer, Secretary to Mount Edgcumbe, No. Bro. A. A. Denham was duly raised to the that Lodge on 9th June last. Bro. Gray sub

a vote of thanks was certainly due to Brother Boddy for the efficient way in which he had carried out the ceremony of installing Bro. Jones into the chair. He should move that a vote of thanks be accorded Bro. Boddy, and that it be entered upon the minutes. Bro. J. G. Carter P.M. seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Wilson gave notice of motion of an alteration in No. 3 bye-law, and Bro. C. W. Gray also said that he should move at the next meeting "That the consent of the Wandsworth Lodge be given to the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Lodge." The brethren then retired to the banquet, which was served in elaborate style by the host, Bro. Dougherty. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and Craft," remarking that the loyalty of Masons was founded on a just appreciation of Her Majesty's virtues and moral qualities; and he could assert, without fear of contradiction, that no one had greater respect and love for the Queen than Masonic brethren. (Hear, hear.) He trusted they would have the pleasure of drinking her health for many, many years. (Applause.) The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The health of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," together with the "Deputy Grand Masters." The W.M. spoke of the advantage that accrued to Masonry from having so generous a brother—and there was not one kinder hearted—as the Prince of Wales. That he possessed many amiable and excellent qualities no one could deny. (Hear, hear.) The toast was heartily drunk with Masonic honours. Other toasts having been given and responded to (including that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Boddy"), the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Charles Digby. Bro. Digby replied in appropriate terms, thanking the brethren for the hearty way in which the health of the visitors had been received. He was sure that with Bro. Jones as W.M., the "working" of the Wandsworth Lodge will excite the admiration of all true brethren of the Craft. (Applause.) The brethren soon afterwards separated, having enjoyed a thoroughly happy evening.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Smith S.W., Hogarth J.W., Hine S.D., Simmonds J.D., Lane I.G., Townsend Sec., Campbell, Bolton, Pearcy, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Campbell, having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Campbell acting as candidate. Bro. Hogarth worked the 2nd section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then resumed to 1st degree, when Bro. Smith the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday the 21st instant at 8 p.m.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., Bro. Kingham, S.W. and W.M. elect of the mother Lodge in the chair, Bro. Willing being S.W. and Bro. Smith J.W. There were present Bro. Adams P.M. P.G.P., the Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. Willing P.M. No. 1507 and W.M. No. 177, Bros. Smith, Raney, Scales, Lambert, Edmunds, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Sillis candidate; after which Bro. P.M. Adams, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section. The ceremonies of passing and raising were next rehearsed, Bro. Willing was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., McMillan S.D., Brasted J.D., Dignam I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Sec., and Bros. G. Ferrar, Pollock, G. Davis Batchelor, Maples, Oscar Dietrich and Morgan. The Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 p.m., and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. G. Davis was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge being then opened in the third degree, Bro. Davis was raised in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the sections of the lecture. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and Bro. C. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A letter of condolence was voted to a Bro. of the Lodge. Notice was again given that the dinner of the Lodge would take place on the 10th October next.

AMERICAN KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper, by the last mail, contains two half-page illustrations of a Knights Templar procession through the streets of Cleveland, Ohio; the parade presenting a most imposing appearance. The accompanying description of the event explains the woodcuts:—

The twentieth Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar of the United States, was opened in Case Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, 27th August. Early in the morning visiting Commanderies began to arrive, and Oriental Commandery, of Cleveland, assisted by Hansel, them to their various head quarters. By noon the streets were alive with knights, bands of music, and thousands of spectators, many of whom were from abroad. An unusually large number of ladies were in attendance, many going with their husbands from distant cities. The hotels were all crowded, and accommodation was afforded in private families. In the evening the streets were alive with people. The principal feature was the reception at Case Hall, where a concert was tendered by the Oriental Commandery of Cleveland. There was a magnificent audience collected. After an overture by the orchestra, Sir Knight Spaulding, chairman of the Reception Committee, made a few remarks, introducing Sir Knight W. G. Rose, Mayor of the City, who gave an address of welcome on the part of the City. He was followed by Sir Knight Brown, who gave a welcoming address on the part of the Oriental Commandery. Sir Knight C. C. Keifer, of Toledo, followed with an address on the part of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. The concert followed, and was received with great pleasure. During the evening about twenty bands were giving serenades at the various State head quarters.

On Tuesday there was a grand parade of State, local and visiting knights. It was not only successful as an immense pageant, but also on account of its completeness. There were by actual count while marching 4,435 men in the line and 56 bands of music. The procession was the most beautiful of its extent that has ever passed through the streets of Cleveland. The handsome uniforms, brilliant banners and glistening instruments of the richly attired bands were splendid in the sunlight, and the movements of the bands and Commanderies in line were remarkable, as a rule, for grace and precision. Perhaps as well-drilled a body as marched was the Cleveland police, leading the procession. The movements in passing under the arch approaching the City Hall were finely done, and the sight at that point was particularly imposing.

The procession occupied one hour and forty-five minutes in passing the City Hall, and as the last division passed by, the grand officers again took their carriages, and followed in the line.

When the right of the line reached Erie-street the left was just passing up towards Prospect, so that it reached the entire distance from the square formed by Erie, Prospect, Wilson, and Euclid, a distance of fully five miles. It was half-past eleven o'clock when the right of the column halted. After the entire command had been formed on the north side of Euclid Avenue, the captain-general and his staff rode down the line to the left, and escorted the grand officers in carriages to the right, the divisions, beginning at the left, falling in in proper order, thus reversing the procession. When the grand officers reached the right, Oriental Commandery, the Grays, and police escort fell in and preceded them to the place of holding the session of the Grand Commandery, in the new Court Building. The divisions marched to convenient streets and disbanded, and the parade was at its close.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning the knights repaired to the Fair Grounds attended by an immense crowd, and eleven Commanderies engaged in a competitive drill for prizes. Each Commandery was allowed thirty minutes to drill. The prizes were awarded as follows:—To Detroit Commandery, No. 1, first prize, a beautiful banner; Raper, No. 1, of Indianopolis, second prize, a silver libation set; and to Monroe, No. 12, of Rochester, N.Y., a set of Commandery jewels. The prizes were the gift of Oriental Commandery of Cleveland. Six United States Army officers acted as judges.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. J. W. WIGZELL.

A VERY large number of persons assembled, on 8th July, for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. J. W. Wigzell; the assemblage, including spectators, being roughly estimated at three thousand persons—a number that would certainly have been augmented if it had been possible to publicly announce any definite information of the time of the funeral. Deceased having recently resided at Wanganui, had during his illness expressed a desire to be laid among his departed friends and brethren in his native home. The Awarua, bearing the body, was sighted yesterday morning, and about 11 o'clock the Lady Barkly was despatched to tow the steamer into port, a task that was accomplished by about 3 p.m. The lateness of the hour of arrival necessitated an alteration in the order of proceedings, and instead of the remains of our late townsman being taken to the residence of his relatives, they were conveyed direct to the Cemetery. On the arrival of the vessel at the wharf, the coffin was placed in the hearse waiting to receive it, and a procession was formed, in the following order:—

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The members of the N.V. Fire Brigade were in uniform, wearing crape on their arms; the Friendly Societies were in mourning regalia; while the Volunteer Companies were in full dress uniform. The first of the long line of private carriages was filled by members of the Masonic fraternity, of whom the deceased during life was a well esteemed and worthy brother, and at one time an office bearer in the Southern Star Lodge. At the Cemetery, the Church of England burial service was read by the Rev. J. Leighton; after which Mr. Brighten, Secretary of the Oddfellows, read a portion of the ritual prescribed by that order for such sad occasions; *the Masons, in silence*, deposited several sprigs of acacia in the grave; and then, in the deepening twilight, the mourners departed, leaving all that

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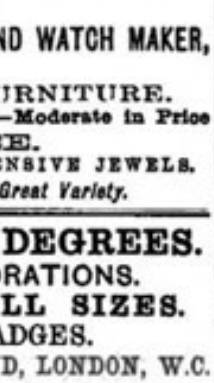
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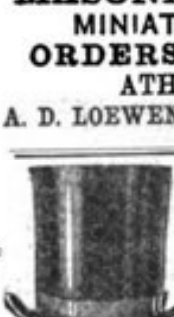
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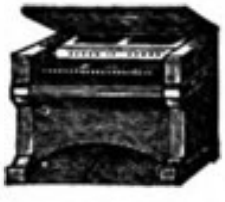
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ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AND FOR OFFICE.

A GLANCE at the Grand Lodge Calendar will suffice to show that the period of our holidays is about drawing to its close, and that, in a very brief time, the great majority of our Lodges will be in the full swing of work. It would seem therefore not inopportune to offer a few remarks on two important matters—the eligibility of persons who offer themselves as candidates for admission into our ranks, and the eligibility of members for office in our Lodges. We are aware we have touched on these two questions already more than once, but under existing circumstances we trust our readers will excuse us for again dealing with them. An apology, indeed, is hardly necessary, seeing that the future welfare of our Society is regulated, for good or for evil, according as we regard these points seriously or with indifference. Those eminent brethren to whom the duty of consecrating new Lodges is so often entrusted, never lose an opportunity of cautioning the officers and members of the Lodge against the careless acceptance of candidates, and what they do invariably, we certainly may take upon ourselves to do occasionally.

And first, then, as to candidates for admission, either as initiates or joining members. Some short time since we pointed out, with an emphasis which the importance of the case appeared to us to demand, that the law as to the proposing of candidates was very carelessly observed. If we may be permitted to use such an expression, in many cases applicants for initiation are rushed through the portals of the Lodge just as though Freemasonry had no other end in view than to include as many members as possible. In the instances we refer to, members, in fact, were called upon to vote for a candidate of whose antecedents they probably knew nothing, and about whom hardly sufficient time was allowed to make the necessary inquiries. Having faith in the discretion of the proposers, brethren voted affirmatively for a person, who might turn out a worthy addition to our ranks or who might not. We pointed out, further, that if only the provisions of our law were observed, the chance of electing an indifferent person would be reduced to something like a minimum. Now, we do not think so ill of any brother as to imagine that he would wantonly propose a candidate who was unworthy of associating with other members of the Lodge. We assume, therefore, that all whose names are placed on a notice of meeting to be balloted for are reputable persons, that is, they stand well before the world as regards character and means; but it is a great mistake to suppose that these, though they are essential requirements, are the only ones we have to take into account. A man may be morally and pecuniarily acceptable, but it by no means follows that he will be a benefit, much less an ornament, to a Lodge. He may, for instance, be a cantankerous personage, or, worse still, inclined to quarrel on the slightest provocation. He may be ready to take offence where it was impossible that any offence could possibly be intended. He may be given to scheming for his own ends, inordinately ambitious, or prone to cliquism, in all which cases we opine he would be unsuited to become the associate of the other members. Before all things, it is necessary that complete harmony should prevail in a Lodge, otherwise the sense of fraternity, which binds brethren together, will be conspicuous by its absence. How is it possible to fraternise—is always objecting to what you say, who makes a point of opposing every proposition which does not emanate from himself, who is ready to misinterpret a brother's meaning, and who thinks he is doing all the good in the world by organising a faction or clique in furtherance of his own peculiar views. There must be discord in a Lodge where a man of this disposition is admitted to the rights and privileges of membership, and, therefore, though his moral character may be unimpeachable, and though his means may be even princely, yet is he not one whom, under any circumstances, we should be inclined to vote for. We like to see a man have the courage of his opinions. There is nothing pleases us so much as to find a young brother modestly advancing his own views in support, or it may be, in opposition to some measure that was being discussed, even though his opinion might differ from our own. We can hardly bring ourselves to take a deep interest in one who agrees with everybody, though we would far rather associate with such a person than with one who differed always on every subject with every one of his fellows. Differences of opinion deserve to be respected, for it is out of these differences, in fact, by reason of them, that we look to having a question discussed in all its bearings, and trust to arriving ultimately at a just appreciation of what must be done. Here, then, we have shown various sufficient reasons against the indiscriminate admission of all candidates, even though we began by assuming that all those who offered themselves would come justly under the denomination of "reputable." How can we have charity where there is no harmony? How can a Lodge expect to flourish where there is little or no harmony? These are points to be considered in the case of our Lodges, as in the case of clubs, as indeed they must be considered in the case of all societies whose members meet together for the purpose of friendly intercourse. Reputability alone is not a sufficient reason for the admission of a person into Freemasonry, though the absence of such a qualification is reason enough for his absolute rejection.

And if we lay some stress, as we have done, on the importance of weighing well the idiosyncrasies of mere candidates, how much more important is it we should lay even greater stress on the qualifications of those members who aspire to office. If a mere member may cause an interruption to the harmony of a Lodge, how much more likely is it that an officer, especially in the higher grades, may cause harm, even to the extent of destroying the Lodge itself. If we insist with so much earnestness on the fitness of members, *à fortiori* must we insist with even greater earnestness on the fitness of officers for the posts they aspire to fill. It is no doubt very pleasant, from one point of view, to have a master who is well furnished with the good things of this life, and whose means in fact are very considerable; yet he may be a vulgar man, or an overbearing man. His acts may incline to be arbitrary. He may think more of his own aggrandisement than of the welfare of those he has been called upon to govern. We have unfortunately had, during the last year or two, more than one case in which members in high places have sadly forgotten the respect due to themselves, and when people think lightly of this we may be sure they will evince no particular degree of respect for others. In fine, as the season of action has approached, as there are likely to be more new Lodges and more new members in the course of the next six months, it behoves us to so demean ourselves that we may be able to render each a good account of his stewardship. So that we may [illegible]

Freemasonry. Above all things, let us be careful whom we admit into our Lodges, or we may suffer for this want of proper caution.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 52.)

VIR *VERI*TAS.

"You know me all, a plain blunt man,
That love my friend."

IT is one of the great merits of Freemasonry, a merit on which it is impossible to enlarge too often, that it includes admirable representatives of all classes and conditions of men. Kings, and Emperors, and Princes have thought it not unworthy their regal and imperial splendour to enrol themselves in our Fraternity. Right Reverend and Reverend members of different priesthoods have sought initiation into our mysteries. Members of the naval and military services, as well non-commissioned or warrant as commissioned officers, are among our members. Every other profession and every section of that powerful middle class, which is considered the back-bone of our empire, is freely and numerously represented. We have, indeed, both in the former and in the current series of our Masonic Portraits, described representative members of well nigh every class of Freemason, from the Peer Statesman, who acts on all necessary occasions for His Royal Highness the Grand Master, with so much dignity, ability, and geniality, down to his humbler Masonic equal the well-to-do tradesman. It is, indeed, to this universality that Freemasonry is indebted for its chiefest strength. There is no other society in the world, none other, in fact, has ever existed, in which men of different social rank, of different mental calibre, and differing from each other in respect of wordly means, are wont to meet together on a footing of perfect equality. This equality, be it understood, is not of that sickly sentimental character about which a certain class of theorists is accustomed to rant with such conspicuous folly. We do not profess that absolute equality which demands that all men shall share and share alike. Our creed has in it no leaven of communism. On the contrary, we recognise those social distinctions which have existed, and will exist always, in all organised communities. We are proud of those members who have acquired fame by reason of their superior mental powers or superior training. We delight to place them in positions of honour, in the sure belief that in doing so we are acting justly, as well by ourselves as by them. Ours is not a servile, but a respectful adulation of greatness. Our equality amounts to this. We exact of all our members an equal loyalty to the institutions of the country in which we live or are sojourning, and equal respect for the laws; we pay equal homage to all religious and political professions of faith; we demand of all the same unquestioning obedience to our Chiefs and the ordinances they enact for the general good of Freemasonry; while all our members, according to the good that is in them, are equally eligible for promotion to offices of eminence and influence. This is the well-defined, well-ordered equality which we profess so proudly, an equality which allows both of prince and peasant becoming members of our body, without, in the one case, any loss of rank, or, in the other, any assumption of a position which does not rightly belong to them. We have our liberty, equality, and fraternity; but our liberty is not the license of an absurd visionary; our equality is defined both by reason and common sense, and our fraternity is directed towards the advancement of all, instead of to the promotion of some and the subversion of other interests. Herein, as we have said, consists the merit of our Society, that it includes men of all ranks, who are all equally required to exhibit loyalty towards our country and its rulers, obedience to our own laws, and respect for the Creator and his creatures.

But our present purpose is not to define the intent and meaning of Masonic principles so much as to describe the career of a respected member of our body, who has belonged to it many years, and who, in every position he has occupied, has shown himself to be conscious of the trust reposed in him when he was accepted as worthy of initiation into our

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he might have demeaned himself. It is with him the programme, the whole programme, and nothing less than the programme. So we find his efforts directed, not only towards attaining, if possible, such distinctions as a worthy Freemason has the opportunity of winning, but likewise towards carrying out that special task which every well-intentioned brother is ready to enter upon; we mean, of course, the task of assisting our Charitable Institutions, and endeavouring to promote their welfare. In this respect our brother has shown that his acts are in complete harmony with the teachings of Freemasonry. The good seed at his entrance into our society has fallen on good ground and brought forth abundantly. Though a Mason of twelve years' standing only, he has served the office of Steward to one or other of our Festivals no less than half-a-dozen times. Thrice has he fulfilled this duty on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which he is also a Vice-President. He has acted twice in the same capacity of Steward for the Boys' School, and once for the Girls' School, while he has further constituted himself a Life Governor of both these Institutions. We are speaking within the mark when we say that, by his admirable efforts on these several occasions he has been the means of putting into the coffers of our three Charities the highly respectable sum of £600; and as he is yet in his prime, and possesses the same enthusiasm for whatever is Masonic, we doubt not but in the course of the next ten or twelve years—and may he live so long, and even longer to realise our prediction!—we repeat, we doubt not but he will exert himself as successfully in the same excellent cause. One thing is certain, he needs no pressing to induce him to undertake a labour of this kind, and his love of "thoroughness" is almost certain to carry him through successfully.

We have now almost completed our portrait. True, there is one evidence we have omitted, of the esteem in which he is held among his brethren. It is within the recollection of our readers that some short time since the Baroness Burdett Coutts presented three chairs to the Lodge which bears her name, and that the presentation was made in the Lodge room. On this occasion, and in the arrangements preceding it, our esteemed brother took a very conspicuous part, and in order to recognise the exceeding merit of the services he then rendered, the members of the Burdett Coutts Lodge presented him with a very handsome Secretary's jewel. Next in order to the consciousness of having rendered a service, comes the gratification of feeling that such service is appreciated. Our brother, as we have said, needs no inducement to do his duty, but he is manly enough to feel deeply grateful when his fellows exhibit some token of their thankfulness for the manner in which he did it. However, not to dwell longer on this pleasing incident in a uniformly successful career, those who are best acquainted with our hero are aware of the many admirable qualities which distinguish him, qualities which, in our humble fashion, we have made some attempt to portray. They know how passionately fond he is of Masonry, how diligent in all his Masonic duties, how determined to have everything done well and completely, and how, in the hours of relaxation from labour, he loves to enjoy himself sensibly, and contribute to the enjoyment of others. They, and we, all know this; and, accordingly, in presenting this picture to our friends, we feel that however imperfectly we may have discharged our function, how inartistic soever may have been our treatment, the likeness of this sterling fellow cannot be mistaken. We are pleased to have had this opportunity of expressing our own sense of his merits, and we trust he has still many years before him to continue the work he has begun so fortunately, and continued till now so satisfactorily.

The All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, was consecrated on Friday, 21st September, at the Town Hall, Poplar, by V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c. Bro. William Henry Farnfield was installed first W.M., and he appointed Bros. John Dennis and White S.W. and J.W. respectively. Bro. Fenner P.M. No. 162, is the Treasurer, while Bro. Bracebridge was appointed Secretary. There was a large attendance of brethren.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction.—It has been determined

CRITICISM CRITICISED.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE writer in the Freemason's Chronicle tries hard, in the issues for 4th and 11th August, to confute my conclusions about American Masonic mothership (see the issue for 28th July), and to prove the Philadelphia notions of *her* mothership. But, after wading through his two papers, I found that my friend had neither proved nor disproved anything; all that he did was to find fault with my arrangement, style, &c.; and where I said *not proven*, he tried to make out a *may be*. I, however, think that *may be* and *not proven* "is much of a muchness."

My Brother's first terrific onslaught is rather amusing. I stated that an article by Franklin, in his paper of December 1730 says, that there were then several Masonic Lodges in the province, and that this newspaper statement was received as evidence that there were several Lodges there in 1730. To which I replied:—

"The article I referred to was a burlesque, &c., on Masonry. Franklin, therefore, could not have been a Mason in 1730, and he could not have known whether they were Masonic Lodges, or secret societies of some other kind."

"This, unfortunately for Bro. Norton (replied my critic) is one of the most lamentable *non sequiturs* it has been our misfortune to read. Where, Bro. Norton, is your logic when you affirm, without the possibility of proof, that because Franklin published in 1730 a burlesque on Masonry, therefore he could not have been in 1730 what we have, on his own evidence, he was in the month of June 1732?"

Franklin belonged to the Masons in 1732, but he was not a Mason in 1730, and now, my erring Brother, listen to reason. Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, first described to me the nature of the 1730 Franklin's article, when he added "Franklin could not then have been a Mason." Bro. MacCalla afterwards sent me the said article; I left in the Boston Temple for three weeks; it was copied there, and read by several of our prominent Masons, and all endorsed Bro. Meyer's opinion. And now, notwithstanding the sharp rebuke of my critic, I am not ashamed to re-affirm my opinion that Franklin was not a Mason in 1730. But more of this anon.

Franklin advertised himself as a G.J.W. in 1732, and he styled himself G.M. in 1734, and my opponent imagines that the character of Franklin is sufficient to establish his allegations as facts.

Upon that point I beg to differ. I know as much of Franklin's life and writings as my opponent. I respect and venerate Franklin for the good he has done for humanity. But, like other men, Franklin was not always immaculate. Shakspeare said, "One man in his time plays many parts." Franklin also played many parts, and we should discriminate between young Franklin and Franklin the sage. Franklin himself admits some of his indiscretions when he was young, and the trick he played to Keimer, his first Philadelphia employer, when he was twenty-two years of age, of first burlesquing and ridiculing Keimer's effort to start a newspaper, and when by these means he had succeeded in ruining Keimer, and the latter had to sell out to Franklin the rights and machinery for a mere trifle, Franklin chuckled over the success of his trick. I suppose that this is called one of "the tricks of trade," but it was a trick, and Franklin certainly acted against the golden rule, "Do as you would be done by." This fact shows that Franklin went in for success, and that he was not over scrupulous as to the means to be used to gain his point. When Franklin was twenty-four years of age, or, in other words, in 1730, for the sake of selling a few more copies of his paper, he either invented, or got some other one to invent, a *Masonic exposé*. Now if Franklin had then been a Mason he would not have published a true *exposé*, and if he had then been a Mason, he would not have palmed off on the community a false *exposé* in order to bring the brotherhood into contempt. So, in either case, Franklin could not have been a Mason in 1730, and hence he could not have known Masonic Lodges from other secret societies.

I am, however, strongly inclined to believe that the "several Lodges" was a pure invention of Franklin. First; In 1730 Boston was twice as old as Philadelphia. In 1639 it had already founded the Harvard University; and the Boston City Hall has records of 1650. In 1733 Masonry was introduced into Boston by Price. Whether he was really appointed G.M. by the Viscount Montague is immaterial. Suffice it to say that his statement was believed by the ten Masons he found in Boston; that Andrew Belcher, the son of the Governor, acted as D.G.M.; that in 1736, and on several other occasions, Governor Belcher himself dined with the Masons, and walked or rode on St. John's days in the Masonic processions, and yet Boston maintained but one Lodge up to 1750. Now Philadelphia was not settled before 1681, and they want me to believe that in 1730 it already had several Masonic Lodges.

And Second; Henry Bell's letter claims that Bell was the originator of the *first* Philadelphia Lodge, in the autumn of 1730, and that it was then a mere self-constituted affair, and Franklin says that on 3rd December 1730 there were several Lodges there. Now both statements may be false, but both cannot be true, and which of the Philadelphia witnesses am I to believe?

Having shown that *young* Franklin was not over scrupulous as to means he used in carrying a point, I have a right, therefore, to ask for evidence with regard to Franklin's claim of being a G.M., &c. Franklin did not pretend that his G.L. was authorised by Cox, or as to whether Cox had ever examined the Philadelphians as to their claimed Masonry. Price also knew nothing about a connection between Cox and Philadelphia, and I really can see no reason whatever that because Cox, who doubtless was initiated in England, and who, therefore, could not have known when he left America whether those who may have claimed to be Masons were really so (for the

paper in 1732 called their *turn out* a Masonic G.L., that therefore Cox must have authorised Philadelphian Masonry while there is not even a shadow of tradition that Cox, after his return, had ever troubled himself with Masonry even in his own home in New Jersey.

On the other hand, we know that both Lodges existed in England, as well as in other places, both before and after 1730, and that in many cases they styled themselves Grand Lodges, &c. More or less of the brethren who were made Masons, both before 1717 as well as after 1717, in legal, as well as illegal Lodges, doubtless came over to America. Governor Belcher, for instance, claimed to have been made a Mason in London in 1704. In 1730 six signatures were attached to a petition sent to Price from Plymouth, New Hampshire, for a charter; the proof they gave of being Masons was, "We have our Constitutions, both in print and MS., as good and ancient as any that England can afford." The said Lodge, however, was not chartered until 1733, when G.M. Tomlinson himself inaugurated the Lodge. In 1750 Halifax, N.S., opened a Lodge, and they did not apply for a charter to Dermott before 1757. In 1752, six clandestines opened a Lodge in Boston, and made Masons: it was not chartered by the G.L. of Scotland before 1756. Franklin himself mentions the formation of such a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1734. I am informed that a communication by a clergyman appeared some years ago, in C. W. Moore's Magazine, that he had seen in the archives of a Boston church a document purporting that a chartered Lodge existed in Boston in 1720, but, notwithstanding the statement of a clergyman, Bro. MacCalla disbelieves it, *and he is right*. There may have been a Lodge in Boston in 1720, but I must see the document ere I can believe that it was a chartered Lodge. Another clergyman wrote a history of Rhode Island, in which he stated that certain Jewish Rabbis opened a Lodge in Newport, R.I., in 1660, or thereabouts, and conferred the third degree there in the synagogue. Now, that bubble was pricked by Grand Master Gardner, and I have, therefore, a right to ask whether that Lodge of 1732 in Philadelphia was not also a spurious Lodge?

Franklin called it a G.L., and what of it? Anderson styled all the kings and prophets in creation "Grand Masters." Preston called (in addition to the above) all the pre-1725 Masters of the York Lodge "Grand Masters." St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, at Edinburgh, also called itself G.L. The first English edition of Bro. Findel's history styles Daniel O'Connell G.M. Dr. Belknop, in 1795, referred to Prince Hall as the "G.M. of the African Lodge," and our Boston coloured brethren also laboured under the notion that Prince Hall was a Prov. G.M. Bro. Fort transmogrified the *task master* appointed by a French King to look after the public buildings into a Masonic Grand Master, and, last, Price not only claimed to be G.M. in 1733, but he also claimed to be Grand Master in 1768, by virtue of his claimed appointment in 1734 as G.M. of all America. The truth is, Franklin was pleased to magnify, in 1732, a self-constituted Lodge into a Grand Lodge, which his successors in 1735, and so forth, never pretended to claim, for, if they had, Bro. MacCalla would have given evidence of their claimed titles.

The Cox Philadelphia theory forcibly reminds me of an American lawsuit. Thus:—John Smith died intestate, and two men claimed John as their father. The younger, whom I shall call A, produced his mother's marriage certificate, to John Smith, properly attested by authorised officials. The elder, or B, not only produced no similar certificate, or even a certificate of marriage to any other of the Smith family, but he even did not know whether his mother had ever seen the deceased John Smith. It furthermore seems that the mother of B used to correspond with a certain Harry Smith; some love letters even passed between them, and Harry, at one time, claimed that he had married her. B, however, found out that Harry was a braggard, and as no other evidence existed of his mother's marriage with Harry, he discarded Harry and fastened himself upon John. B reasoned thus, "My mother was respectable (though she was a flirt in her younger days), she called me Smith, my father's name must also have been Smith. Now, John's surname is Smith; therefore," said he, "John Smith is my father." Upon this chain of circumstantial evidence he claimed that his mother was married to John Smith, and that the marriage with the mother of A was illegal.

The lawyer of B was what we call in America *smart*, and was accustomed to bamboozle juries, as lawyers are very apt to do when their cause is weak. He began with belittling his antagonist; he found all manner of fault with his opponent's method of pleading. "Where," said he, "is your logic gone to, that because we cannot produce a marriage certificate that therefore John Smith never married my client's mother." He also spiced and peppered his speech with terrific exclamations, such as, unfortunately! lamentably! misfortune! *non sequitur*, &c.; he assured the Court that the more he pondered over the matter the more favour it found in his eyes, and that he had made out a very strong case of circumstantial evidence, and the tenour of the whole was eminently respectable. True, he said, some links in the chain may be wanting, "but we must not be too exacting in the matter of positive and direct evidence." And he wound up his speech with a pathetic appeal to the Court to award the estate to B, because he *may* be the legitimate son and rightful heir of John Smith deceased. The Court, however, thought otherwise, and awarded the estate to A.

My critic is pleased to call my disbelief in Cox's fathership of Philadelphian Masonry a "new theory," while, in reality, the Cox theory originated only a little over three years ago. The truth is, ever since 1792, when the Massachusetts Constitution and History was printed by Bro. Harris, Philadelphia had full faith in the fathership of Henry Price, and she never as much as dreamed about any claim on Cox, though Cox's appointment may be found mentioned in

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length reached Albany in King George's Sound, "where they had been expected, but long given up for lost." A quotation from Mr. Eyre's own journal describing his feelings at the supreme moment of success is worth reproducing. "For a moment as I stood gazing at the town below me, that goal I had so long looked forward to, had so laboriously toiled to attain, was at last before me, a thousand confused images and reflections crowded through my mind, and the events of the past year were recalled in rapid succession. The contrast between the circumstances under which I had commenced and terminated my labours stood in strong relief before me. The gay and gallant cavalcade that accompanied me on my way at starting, the small but enterprising band that I then commanded, the goodly array of horses and drays, with all their well-ordered appointments and equipments, were conjured up in all their circumstances of pride and pleasure; and I could not restrain a tear as I called to mind the embarrassing difficulties and sad disasters that had broken up my party, and left myself and Wylie the two sole wanderers remaining at the close of an undertaking entered upon under such hopeful auspices." But the result of this exploration was worthless from a pastoral point of view, though the dogged courage which impelled Eyre to persevere in the face of such difficulties must always be remembered. Thirty years later the same country was traversed, but from the opposite direction, by Mr. John Forrest, who with a small party crossed it without much inconvenience, and in doing so, repeatedly encamped on Eyre's old camping ground, which seemed to have remained exactly as the latter had left it.

The next exploration of any moment was undertaken in 1844 by Captain Sturt, whose object was to find out what the central part of the Australian continent was like, the idea being that it contained an inland sea. Captain Sturt was accompanied by Mr. J. H. Browne, now a wealthy squatter, Mr. J. McDouall Stuart as draughtsman, and some others. The party endured the severest trials. A Mr. Poole succumbed to privation and disease, and was buried in the distant bush, but it was only when Captain Sturt had lost the use of his limbs that the party reluctantly turned back, and reached Adelaide after an absence of eighteen months. Several expeditions were undertaken between 1857 and 1859 with small result, but in the year latter, Mr. Stuart, the companion of Captain Sturt, commenced that series of journeys which at length terminated so successfully. In the first instance, as Mr. Harcus records, Stuart went out as the agent of two gentlemen interested in pastoral pursuits. On the strength of the information thus obtained, the government resolved on fitting out an expedition, and gave the command of it to Stuart. This proved a failure, and so also did a second expedition. A third time, however, did Stuart place his services at the disposal of the authorities, and for the third time they were accepted. The party was numerous and well fitted out. Pushing on from the terminus of Stuart's former journey, they at length, on 10th July 1862, struck the Adelaide River, and knew that the hour of their triumph was at hand. The following extract from Stuart's journal is requoted: "July 24. Started twenty minutes to eight, course north. I have taken this course in order to make the sea coast as soon as possible, which I suppose to be distant about eight and a half miles; by this I hope to avoid the marsh. I shall travel along the beach to the north of the Adelaide. I did not inform any of the party except Thring and Auld that I was so near the sea, as I wished to give them a surprise on reaching it. . . . At eight and a half miles came up in a broad valley of black alluvial soil, covered with long grass; from this I can hear the wash of the sea. . . . Stopped the horses to clear the way whilst I advanced a few yards on to the beach, and was delighted and gratified to behold the water of the Indian Ocean in Van Diemen's Gulf before the party with the horses knew anything of its proximity. Thring, who rode in advance of me, called out, 'The Sea!' which so took them all by surprise that he had to repeat the call before they understood what was meant; hearing which they immediately gave three long and hearty cheers. . . . Thus have I, through the instrumentality of Divine Providence, been led to accomplish the great object of the expedition, and to take the whole party through as witnesses to the fact, and through one of the finest countries man would wish to pass—good to the coast, and with a stream of running water close to the sea."

The importance of this journey cannot be over-estimated. The whole continent had been traversed from South to North. It showed that it was practicable not only to cross it, but also to find water at easy distances; and it led to the erection of the trans-Australian Telegraph line, by which all our Australian Colonies are brought into daily communication with the rest of the world. Mr. Stuart was liberally rewarded by the Colony, and on returning to England to end his days, he received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society. But the hardships he had endured had told upon his constitution, and he did not long survive to enjoy the honours and rewards of his labour. The next important expedition was entrusted to Colonel Warburton, its object being to search for cattle country west of the telegraph line. When twelve months had passed without any news of the expedition, one of the party turned up in one of the northernmost stations in Western Australia, and reported that the Colonel and his party was encamped many miles away, with a short supply of camel's flesh. Assistance was at once sent, and just in time to save their lives. The Government of Western Australia showed the greatest kindness to the party, supplying them with all that was needed, and then sending them on to Adelaide, where the Colonel was received with enthusiasm, and on visiting England was likewise rewarded with the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, and was made a C.M.G. The last expedition, of which a brief account is given, is that of Mr. John Forrest, a West Australian, who was commissioned by the Government of that colony to find a way to South Australia by the centre of the Continent; or, in fact, near the line which Colonel Warburton had contemplated. Mr. Forrest was accompanied by his brother, two assistants and two blacks and after passing successfully through

welcomed by the master. The news was at once telegraphed to Adelaide, and it was resolved that the party should have a public reception, in order to show West Australians how thoroughly appreciated was the kindness they had shown to the party of Colonel Warburton.

Mr. Harcus next directs his attention to the subject of "Colonial Industries," and, in treating of these, lays great stress on the importance of having cheap and certain lines of communication established in the colony, so that the produce may be easily and quickly conveyed to the coast for exportation, or to the various townships for consumption. Among the industries to which the author refers in particular are the preserving of meat (now become a most important trade), the manufacture of leather, and that of wine, which was, in the first instance unsuccessful, but which is now better conducted, and likely to prosper. We next come to the question of "Immigration," and the author sketches briefly the necessity that now exists for the introduction of more man-power into the colony, the steps which are now being taken by the South Australian Government to that end, and the inducements which the colony is able to hold out to intending immigrants. Wages, it seems, are fifty per cent. higher than they are in England, and thousands may find employment without the slightest fear of reducing the price of labour. Mr. Harcus then introduces an explanation of the Provisions of the Immigration Act from his "Handbook to Immigrants," published a few years since. This explanation contains all that is needful to be known by persons who go out at their own expense; as to "Land Orders granted to Shippers, Companies, Associations, or Societies," as to "Assisted Emigration" and "Ineligible Candidates;" as to cost of passage, "Voyage Outfit," &c.; and he concludes by giving details showing the present flourishing condition of the colony. Chapters XXII. and XXIII. are devoted, the former to questions affecting the different religious communities which have found a home in the country and the position they occupy; and the latter to the state of education, and the means provided for its liberal maintenance and extension. In Chapter XXIV. Mr. Harcus sums up the position and prospects of the colony, which, in his opinion, and speaking after an experience of many years' standing, he believes has a magnificent future before it; all that is needed being that it should be more extensively known.

So far we have had to deal only with the history of the colony and a description of its resources, capabilities, and necessities. This occupies the lesser half of the work. There are still considerably nearer 300 than 200 pages, which are filled, for the most part, with a mass of statistical matter. There is, first of all, a "Supplementary Chapter," containing all needful information as to "The Northern Territory" belonging to the colony, its mining industry, its climate, indigenous vegetation, conchology, &c., much of what is contained in it being derived from papers written by thoroughly competent persons and edited by Mr. Knight. Then there is an "Additional Chapter," which is, in fact, Mr. G. A. Giles's "Paper on Central Australia." Then follow two other chapters, on the flora and fauna of the colony, the former by Dr. R. Schomburgh, director of the Botanical Gardens, and the latter by Mr. F. G. Waterhouse, curator of the Museum. These are followed by an account, from the pen of Mr. J. B. Austin, of "the Mines and Minerals" of the colony. From this we gather many important particulars. The history of mining operations dates from the year 1843, when the Kapunda Mine was discovered on Captain Bagot's sheep run, about fifty miles from Adelaide. In January of the next year about ten tons of rich ore were sent down, and caused considerable excitement. In 1848 the first steam-engine was used for pumping the water from the mine. In December 1849 smelting was commenced, and more recently the production of copper has been successfully carried on. The quantity of ore raised from the opening of the mine to the time when it was made over to an English company averaged 2,000 tons annually, the yield from which was about 19 per cent. of fine copper. The Burra Mine, situated about 100 miles from Adelaide, was discovered in 1845. During the first six years an average of about 13,000 tons per annum was shipped to England. For some years the yield was small, but under the vigorous management of Captain Saunders, efforts are being made to clear out some of the old workings and open out new. The total yield for the first twenty-one years of this mine being opened was 215,132 tons, giving an average of 22 per cent. of fine copper, worth over £4,000,000. The gross profits amounted to £882,436, of which £776,160 was paid to the shareholders in fifty-five dividends, or £315 on each £5 share. On the Wallaroo mines, which, though unproductive at first, have become a wonderfully valuable property, the total quantity of ore raised in the fifteen years they have been opened is 290,669 tons of 21 cwt. each, the average of the first five years being only 8,000 tons a year, and of the five years to 1874, 26,000 tons a year. At the smelting works belonging to the proprietors of these mines, both those at Wallaroo Bay, and those on the Hunter-river, New South Wales, 58,777 tons of copper, had been made up to 1874. This included a portion of the Wallaroo Mines and of 197,394 tons as purchased from the Moonta and other mines. The total number of miners and labourers employed in the Wallaroo Mines is 833, and their weekly wages are at the following rates:—Tributers £2 2s, tutworkmen £2, underground and surface labourers £1 13s, and boys 4s 6d to 18s. As to the Moonta Mines, during the fourteen years they have been open, the total ore raised (21 cwt. to the ton) has been 255,089 tons 1 cwt. Amount realised on ore sold, £2,761,787 18s 1d; working expenses, £1,710,906 9s 6d; expended on buildings, £137,608 3s 9d; Dividends paid to shareholders £928,000. The number of persons employed is 1525, including eighteen officers in the mine, and three in the Adelaide office. These are not the only mineral resources of the Colony, for there are silver, lead, iron, bismuth, and gold mines in various districts, but they will serve to illustrate the value of these resources.

The remaining portion of the volume is occupied with a very

paper by Mr. Chas. Todd, Postmaster General, on "South Australia; its Observatory and Meteorology." The information contained in these will be found to be of immense value, but any attempt to give an idea of them in the limited space at our command would be futile. We must, therefore refer the reader to the articles themselves for such particulars as he may be anxious to learn.

There is a considerable number of illustrations, from photographs taken by experienced artists, and there should have been, in order to have made the work complete, a carefully-prepared index, though we admit the fulness of the Contents Table to some extent neutralises this defect. However, the work is most exhaustive, and Mr. Harcus is deserving of our thanks for the evident pains he has bestowed upon it. Nor must we withhold our meed of praise from the different gentlemen who have placed their papers and essays at his disposal, or from the Government of the Colony, under whose sanction the volume is published. In conclusion, we urge upon those of our readers who take an interest in the Colonies of our mighty empire to read and mentally digest the contents of Mr. Harcus's work, for seldom have we met with any similar history which has proved to be so complete and exhaustive in all its details.

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A LITTLE companion of this kind is of use to all classes of people, but especially to the journalist, who, having frequently but little time allowed him for the revision and correction of his MSS., is occasionally guilty of misquotation. But the editor has done something more than compile a list of the most familiar passages which writers and speakers are in the habit of introducing, with greater or less propriety, into their writings or speeches. In cases of doubt or error as to the proper reading of a passage he gives the different or correct version. Wherever, likewise, there has been a difficulty in tracing the authorship of any of these familiar passages, he furnishes a careful note embodying all the best and latest information thereon. The little volume, therefore, contains something more than a list, alphabetically arranged, of *Familiar English Quotations*. The list is furnished, where necessary, with annotations, and these annotations, throw a considerable amount of light on the meaning, application, and authorship of sundry familiar passages as to which doubts have existed or exist. An index completes the little volume, which, as we have suggested, will be invaluable to speakers and writers who are often in need of some familiar passage to give point or effect to their speeches and writings.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—On Thursday, the 27th of September, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. Hallows W.M., Hunt S.W. and Sec., Upward J.W., Pinder P.M. Preceptor, Franklin S.D., Delvalli J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also P.M.'s Bros. C. Carter, C. B. Carter, Groome, Cleverley. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and advanced to the second and third degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. F. Hallows acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Delvalli acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Cleverley 1107 was elected a member. Bro. Hunt was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bros. C. Daniel, G. F. Burge S.W., Brown J.W., C. E. Ferry Sec., E.W. Braine S.D., Mathews J.D., Chicken I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. L. A. Leins, Carruthers, J. L. Mather, Davey, Arnold, Cornwall, Chivers; and Bros. Sladden, Feltham, Fox, Miller, Hawkins, Henson, T. Roberts, Jewell, C. Rich, Boston, W. Wright, Cownie, English, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Sladden, Lynch, and Mitchell were raised to the third degree, and Mr. J. J. Harwood, who had been previously ballotted for, was initiated. Praise is due to the W.M. and Officers for their working. Bro. A. G. Souttar, late a member of this Lodge, was elected a joining member. Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. solicited votes for the Boys' School, in aid of Alfred Stevens, a son of the late Bro. Stevens, a P.M. of the Lodge. A discussion then took place respecting the revision of the bye-laws. A sum of two guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased Bro. The W.M. next urged the claims of the Indian Famine Fund, to which other Lodges had contributed; his appeal resulting in the sum of five guineas being unanimously voted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 61 in number, partook of an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The W.M. in appropriate terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Carruthers P.M. then rose: the toast he had to propose was that of the W.M., all he could say in his praise would be superfluous, as the brethren had seen his working that evening; he hoped they would give him a hearty reception on his reappearance in the chair. The W.M. thanked Bro. Carruthers for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner they had received the toast. Whenever they required his services, they were at their disposal. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors." All were pleased to see them. They had hitherto given, and always would give, a hearty welcome. Bro. Pinto Leite W.M. 795 returned thanks for the hospitality accorded to him by the Lodge, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. In proposing the health of Bro. Harwood, the initiate of the evening, the W.M. regretted that he, through illness in his family, had been compelled to leave. However, he would be 15 guineas. The W.M. then said he h toast of the Past Masters. They were a ing. Their presence and support evinced any position the Craft might require. was followed by Bros. Arnold and Lewis, his remarks. He, the W.M., had done h who had occupied the chair; he had also lished a good feeling amongst the membe he leaves the chair, he was sure he woul of every brother in the Lodge. The toa given; the W.M. was proud of them; I appreciate their qualities. He hoped to see the chair. After a response from Bro. B given, and the brethren separated. Br G. W. Miller, &c., sang some excellent The Visitors were—Bros. W. C. Hollands J. Fowler 1154, W. Evans 1382, W. H. G. P.M. 185, Pinto Leite W.M. 7935, Blake Levy 188, &c.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruc Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 25th Septemb Daniel W.M., Wharman S.W., Brown J.W. Forrest I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Holl Gloss, West, &c. The Lodge was opened the previous meeting were read and co opened in the second degree. Bro. W tions, and was entrusted. The Lodge degree, and Bro. West was raised. A lowered, the ceremony of initiation was candidate. The second section of the lect Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Gloss 212 were elected members of this Lod L. A. Leins, P.M. 65, having engaged to wo lation on Tuesday, 2nd October, it was prop should occupy the chair on the second Tues

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Metropolitan Chapter of Impr meetings will be resumed on Tuesday eveni the Jamaica Coffee House, Change Alley, proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock.

William Preston Lodge, No. 76 first meeting of the season on Thursday, th Terminus Hotel. Present—Bros. W. E. New S.W., C. Cutmore J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Se Treasurer, Kidman S.D., Drake J.D., G. Past Masters Pringle, Miller, Braun. Visito P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, Kenning, &c. This well k ceeded to business at 5 p.m. The W.M. raise J. H. Brookes, and afterwards initiated Mr. ballot was then taken for W.M., which result pated, in the unanimous election of Bro. S. D. and Wm. Worrell were elected respectively T The report of the Audit Committee was pres factory to the members, there being a large Lodge. The business being ended, the Lod usual banquet followed. The ordinary rou through, and the one of the evening, viz.—th mitted by the W.M. in appropriate terms. Lodge upon the unanimous election of so S. D. Ewins, who would in every sense maint Lodge, and efficiently perform his duties. toast was received with applause. Bro. Ew the brethren for having elected him for the for their hearty response to the toast; he ass all in his power to contribute to the harm strive to do honour to their choice. "The Vi by Bros. Frances, Kenning and others. The re in quick succession, and the brethren separ hour, after having enjoyed a pleasant even vocal strains of several talented members.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, N held its weekly meeting on 25th of September, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. J. Lo S.W., Defriez J.W., Dallas Sec., Smyth T Young J.D. Past Master Wallington Prece F. Brown, Pullen, Carr, &c. Business—The Lo form, the minutes of last meeting read and con of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pullen acti Lodge was called from labour to refresh resumed Masonic duties. Bro. Defriez worked fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the b 1607 was elected member of this Lodge Brown the S.W. was chosen W.M. for e appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lerkin, for h chair.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, weekly meeting on Wednesday last, the chair H. Marston, who was supported by Bros. Ha J.W., Dodson S.D., T. H. Pate J.D., Abell Bro. W. Long Preceptor, and a fair asse Visitors—Bros. Rickwood, Köhler, Lipscomb, Re After the Lodge had been opened, and the gone through, Bro. Marston advanced the Le and Bro. Köhler presented himself as a candi

gratulated by the brethren for the way he had conducted the proceedings. The Lodge having been lowered, the 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Abell, assisted by the brethren. The whole of the visiting brethren named above were elected members. Bro. Hallam will preside at the next meeting.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933.—The meetings of this Chapter of Instruction commenced on Monday, 17th September, at Comp. Yetton's, the "Rising Sun," Globe-road, Mile End, under the able preceptorship of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.Z. 554 and 933. There were present on that evening Comps. Yetton P.Z. 933, Verry P.Z. 554, Cundick H. 933, W. H. Myers H. 820, Musto J. 933, Hollington N. 933; also Comps. Bowron, Defries, Land, Mole, &c. The meetings will be continued every Monday evening during the winter, at 8 o'clock. Any Companion wishing to work up in Royal Arch Masonry cannot do better than attend this Chapter of Instruction. An inspection of the miniature furniture, &c., will well repay a visit.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—The brethren of this prosperous Lodge assembled on the 20th inst., at the Spotted Dog, Upton. This being the last meeting of the season prior to the adjournment to April next, there was an excellent gathering. Bro. George Brown, the W.M., filled the chair, with great ability, and was most efficiently supported by his officers—Bros. W. Lyons S.W., Webster J.W., Oldroyd S.D., Andrews J.D., Wybrow I.G., and Lane W.S. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Maw, Leeds 1042, George Hine 1637, W. G. Kent 1297, and A. Giles 1420. The little business transacted was quickly got through, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent and substantial repast was served, to which ample justice was done. The customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given in appropriate terms, and heartily responded to. During the proceedings, a most pleasing incident occurred, the Treasurer presenting to Bro. Posener, the I.P.M., in the name of the Lodge, a handsome silver teapot, bearing a suitable inscription, at the same time explaining that it had been voluntarily subscribed for amongst the members of the Lodge as a slight token of respect, to mark the sense of the Lodge and testify to the very able manner in which Bro. Posener had discharged his duties during his term of office.

The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—Met (after the summer adjournment) at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday last, at 6 o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., J. A. Reid S.W., H. Woods J.W., C. E. Smith S.D., W. L. Banman J.D., W. Beard I.G., S. E. Scott 1563 acting Preceptor, J. E. Shand Secretary; and Bros. Edell 108, Walters S.W. 538, Swaguan 1563, Ward, and others. Lodge opened in usual manner, and ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; the questions leading to 2nd degree were answered, and the Lodge advanced and passed a brother. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, after usual questions had been answered, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed to 1st degree, and Bro. S.W. Woods was elected W.M. for next meeting, 8th October, at 6 o'clock. Three members of the Club were elected members, after which Lodge closed in due form and adjourned.

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.—The seventh installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton, on Thursday the 20th inst. The Lodge was opened shortly after 4 o'clock by Bro. G. Soper W.M., J. S. Badkin S.W., J. L. Cogan J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Tr., W. Lutwyche P.M. Sec., A. McMillan S.D., W. Finch I.D., S. D. Spargin I.G., High D.C., T. H. Eyre W.S., J. McDavitt Org., and W. Verry Tyler. Also Bros. J. Paul, A. W. Westcott, J. H. Ball, T. Harwood, E. C. Bishop, J. Godfrey, G. Anscomb, G. R. Rickard, J. Ginn, J. J. Norton, C. O. Thurston, F. J. Henderson and J. Waterfield. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The auditors report was unanimously accepted. The ballot was taken for T. D. Birch as a member, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. Henderson and Waterfield were then raised to the degree of M.M. The Wardens then vacated their chairs in favour of Bros. Stephens and Cosworth, and Bro. Lutwyche presented Bro. J. S. Badkin to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Soper then commenced the ceremony, and after obligation, a board of installed masters was formed, and Bro. Badkin installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. appointed his officers as follow: Bros. J. L. Cogan S.W., McMillan J.W., Finch S.D., Spargin J.D., High I.G., Eyre D.C., Bishop W.S., McDavitt Org.; he also invested Bro. Soper Treasurer, Lutwyche Secretary, Verry Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were then rendered in an admirable manner by Bro. Soper. A notice of motion by Bro. Stephens, to raise the joining fee from £4 4s to £7 7s, was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was well served by the host, Bro. T. Harwood. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Soper, alluded to his strenuous exertions during the past year to place the Lodge on a sound financial basis; there he was happy to say had been crowned with success. At the same time he presented him with a most elegant P.M.'s jewel, which he sincerely hoped he might be long spared to wear. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bros. J. Pinder P.M. 15, Hobbs W.M. 749, Cresworth W.M. 813, Groome W.M. 861, and Felton W.M. 1316. The Secretary, in a humorous speech, acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Cogan S.W. replied for the rest of the Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening's proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. McMillan, Hobbs, Herold, Felton, &c., and a recitation by Bro. Cosworth met with great applause. Visitors present:—Bros. B. J. Kenat 813, W. Geist 1426, E. Hunt 1469, H. J. Peart 22, J. Pinder P.M. 15, Hallows J.D. 861, T. Franklin S.D. 1662, H. T. Back 55, F. Fradd 101, T. J. Cosworth W.M. 813, J. Conbro 1150, F. Green 861, T. W. Hobbs W.M. 749, H. J. Felton 1056, G. W. M. Felton 1316, and Frank Herold 1056.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 27th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. Stanway W.M., Spiegel S.W., Freeman J.W., Blackie Secretary, Colmer Treasurer, Saul I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Poore, Foulger, &c.; also Bros. Cadiot, Parker, Hunter, Harper, McMurray, Bisset, Nissen, Leibessaut, Wyler, A. E. Gladwell, Berrie W.M. 1293, Lewis, Hamer, Beeton, Goodman, R. E. Gladwell, and others. Business—Rehearsal of the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 2nd. Bro. Seex P.M. unavoidably being absent, Bro. Stanway vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Berrie W.M. 1293, who then addressed the Lodge. Bro. Foulger P.M., the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Poore P.M. The ancient charges having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Foulger took the obligation, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. Upon the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Foulger was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees and appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Saul S.W., Freeman J.W., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., Cadiot I.G. Bro. Berrie then addressed the W.M., Wardens and brethren, and the whole ceremony was performed by him in a most effective manner. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Nissen being the candidate. Votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes to Bro. Berrie and Bro. Foulger P.M., for the efficient way in which they had performed their respective duties. Bro. Nissen was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Berry W.M. for the ensuing week.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Dalston, on Thursday, 27th inst., and was attended by a large muster of brethren, both members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, opened the Lodge in good time, and after the preliminary business, raised three brethren, passed two, and afterwards initiated four. The work was done in capital style, and gave great satisfaction to the visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, Bear W.M. Guelph Lodge, Birds Eye of Connecticut, U.S., F. Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and many others. Five propositions for initiation were handed in, making, with two gentlemen already balloted for, seven candidates for next meeting. After labour of three hours and a-half, refreshment was much needed, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed the repast, served up in the usual manner of mine host, Bro. Ferrar. The usual statutory Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and were heartily responded to. Bro. Matier returned thanks for the Visitors, and Bro. Binckes made a forcible appeal for further aid to all the Charities, which met with a quick response, Bro. Ernest Dietrich offering himself as Steward for the Boys in 1878. The Tyler's toast at an early hour brought this most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Havelock Tavern on Wednesday evening, 26th inst., at 8 p.m. Present:—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Brasted S.W., McMillan J.W., Maples S.D., Brown J.D., Woolley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Sec., and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Lee, Gilchrist, Symes, F. Boensen, Hodgkinson, Moon, Little, Spencer, G. Ferrar, E. George, Polack, Marsh, C. Lorkin, Streeton, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. F. Beensen being the candidate. After the Lodge had been called from labour and had resumed, Bros. Lee and Gilchrist worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro E. P. Hodgkinson was elected a member. Bro. Brasted was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. W.M., supported by the Wardens, Officers, and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, also those of the audit meeting. Bros. Crumbie, Watts, Bartlett, and Whitcomb were raised to the third degree. Bros. Craddock, Roffey, and Pooley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. C. O. Pook, W. McCliner Butt, J. Chapman, and C. Goodwin were duly initiated into the Order. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. T. W. Adams, W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and installed into the chair. The new Master having been saluted according to ancient form, invested his officers:—G. S. Elliott S.W., J. Howes P.M. J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, Johnson S.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. J.D., A. Black W.M. 186 I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., W. Malthouse W.S., T. McButt Steward, Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. A petition on behalf of a distressed brother was signed and recommended to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Various matters of interest to the members were discussed, and the Lodge was closed until Thursday, 15th November, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by the worthy host. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The healths of the Wardens, Visitors and Officers were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable evening. Among the visitors present were—Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Captain R. W. Wilkins P.P.G.O. Middlesex, J. Mason P.G.S.D. Middlesex, H. J. Green P.M. 1538 and P.M. 1275, Louis Beck W.M. Bothesay Lodge, C. W. Fox W.M. 1320, H. Massey P.M. 619, Thomas P.M. 181, W. [illegible]

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MR. GLADSTONE, it seems, in the United Kingdom whor to honour. It was very recently, visit to Loch Maree, that a party o from Stornoway were conveyed by under the auspices of a Rev. Mr. Church, with whom the idea origina to see the Queen. As fortunately t of Her Majesty taking her usual drive having passed between the Rev. g Ponsomby as to time and other ma excursionists had the satisfaction of journeyed some miles to see. The pleasure she experienced at having b their very loyal wishes; and the com National Anthem, and the Rev. M been introduced to his Sovereign, the off on its return home amid the mo enthusiasm. On Thursday last the companied by her husband the Mar over from Isell Hall, where they were the Hon. Mr. Wyndham M.P., to Ca of opening the Bazaar in aid of the f land Infirmary. On reaching the an and members of the Corporation wer station to receive the Royal party, and entered the carriage provided, a pro and made for the New Viaduct whic graciously pleased to declare open. made towards the Infirmary, where H was received by the Bishop of the D Carlisle, and other clerical dignitaries officials of the Infirmary. Having inspec party made a move to the Victoria Ha was to be held. Addresses by the May and the Infirmary having been presente Royal Highness formally declared the Princess was then conducted to an adj luncheon was served, and then, having a the Bazaar, the Royal party returned Isell Hall. On Saturday another visit w for the purpose of seeing the various ob the city, and also to present the prize students of the Art School. She then in towards which she had contributed a st of Robin Hood, which was purchased of Greystoke Castle, for 200 guineas. then distributed, addresses were presente of Lorne having complimented the Ma of the arrangements, and thanking him Princess for the reception accorded and her husband returned to Isell Ha she and the Marquis of Lorne becam Lord Muncaster at Muncaster Ca of Connaught has been enjoying Balmoral, and Prince Leopold having c to Taymouth Castle, has since been the g and Lady Lindsay at Balcarres.

The Prince of Wales's visit to Yorkshi nated on Saturday, was a most enjoyable Sir George Wombwell, had prepared a mo gramme. Among the incidents of the v Duncombe Park, the seat of the Earl of H the Prince lunched, and afterwards plante a memento of his visit. He afterwards in of Rivaulx Abbey, and having taken tea, re gone, *vid* Helmsley. Before leaving New Royal Highness also planted two sp *Wellingtonia Gigantea*. On his return

Wombwell, and the train left the station for King's Cross amid hearty demonstrations of Yorkshire loyalty. On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales with their children left Clarence House for Abergeldie, where they were most joyfully received, and where it is proposed they shall remain for some time, to enjoy that rest which, after the illness of Prince Albert Victor, they most sorely need. It is gratifying to learn that the young Prince is now restored to health, and the bracing air of the Highlands will no doubt complete his recovery.

On Wednesday evening, the Indian Famine Relief Fund at the Mansion House reached the magnificent sum of a quarter million sterling. Among the principal donations recently given were second instalments of £1000 each from Hull and Dundee, third instalments of £600 from Halifax, £500 from Aberdeen, £300 from Bath, and £500 from Nottingham, fifth instalment of £1000 from Birmingham, £500 from Kendal, £250 from Keighly (first instalment), Kidderminster, Southport (second donation), ninth instalment of £100 from Southampton, &c., &c., &c. A communication was also received from the Earl of Beaconsfield to the effect that Her Majesty's Government had under consideration the necessity of making a grant towards the relief of the sufferers out of the Imperial Exchequer. The amount already transmitted to Madras is £200,000. We may also mention among the contributors the names of the Princess Alice and her husband, the Grand Duke of Hesse, who have forwarded a cheque for £50.

The preliminary examination, before Sir James Ingham at Bow-street, of the detective officers has at length been brought to a close. All of them, with Mr. Froggatt the solicitor, have been committed for trial; bail being accepted in the case of Inspector Clarke and Mr. Froggatt, but refused in behalf of Meiklejohn, Druscovich, and Palmer. The trial of the four prisoners in what is known as the Penge mystery terminated on Wednesday evening at a very late hour. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against all four, but recommended the two women, Mrs. Patrick Staunton and her sister, Alice Rhodes, to mercy. The scene at the close was of a most painful character, the two women, but especially Alice Rhodes, swooning away. Justice Hawkins presided, and the Attorney General conducted the case on behalf of the Treasury.

A sad calamity has occurred at Washington. On Monday the West and North Upper Halls of the Patent Office were destroyed by fire. How the disaster originated does not appear, but it is estimated that property to the extent of half a million dollars has been consumed by the flames, and among them models of some of the most important inventions extant, together with the records relating to them. All the offices subordinate to the Department of the Secretary of the Interior, with the exception of the Patent Office, were located in the building. These documents fortunately were all saved, but in a lamentable state of confusion, which must necessarily interfere for some time to come with the transaction of business.

We are now so far advanced in the year that with the exception of one or two racing fixtures, there will be little to record. But one great, and if accomplished, an unparallelled feat in pedestrianism is now in progress. We allude to Gale's great walk at Lillie Bridge. Gale hails from a place near Cardiff, in Monmouthshire, and has already accomplished great things in walking, such as excelling the celebrated feat of Captain Barclay of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours. His object is to outdo this by walking 1.500 miles in 1,000 hours. He commenced on 26th August, and has continued walking well ever since. He did the one-and-a-half miles which completed the thousand miles on Saturday evening in 15 min. 20 sec., which is a shorter time than he has taken in any of the other distances. He feeds heartily and seems very sanguine of success; the only discomfort he experiences being a twitching pain at the back of the knees, but especially the left one. He weighed 8 st. 10 lbs. at starting, and on Wednesday morning scaled exactly 8 st. 2½lbs. The walk will be completed on Saturday afternoon next, the last mile and a-half being down for 5 p.m. All who desire to see a rare display of endurance and British pluck should visit Lillie Bridge during next week. To walk every hour day and night for six weeks is something more astounding than a 500 mile walk in six days; and those who went and cheered the American Weston at the Agricultural Hall ought to go and cheer Gale, who is a

France over the approaching elections to the Legislative Assembly. It seems to be the general idea that the Anti-Presidential party will secure the victory, and people are already beginning to speculate as to what will happen. Both sides have issued manifestoes, and are bracing themselves up for the struggle, but it were unwise to speculate as to what will take place with so variable a people as the French.

The most important news from the seat of war relates to the weather, which it seems has already broken up. This will make the work of campaigning well nigh impossible, while the provision of supplies will tax the ability of the Russian empire to the utmost. Again, seeing how terrible was the task of keeping our small army of 25,000 men from starving in the Crimea, where the distance supplies had to be conveyed was only four miles, we may try and picture to ourselves what it will be to feed 250,000 men, with a strong complement of horses; to say nothing of the conveyance of ammunition and other material of war. The Turks will fare better, for their bases of operations are much nearer; or, for the matter of that, they can fall back on their fortresses. It is, of course, possible, and indeed probable there will be further fighting during this campaign, but we do not imagine that the position of the opposing armies will be seriously altered. Plevna was too hard a nut to crack last week, and now that Osman Pasha has been reinforced, and received a large convoy of ammunition and provisions, his position must be impregnable, even if he be not able to assume the offensive and drive back the Russians. The latter, indeed, are said to have experienced another repulse, with the loss of four guns and seven or eight thousand men, but the rumour had not been confirmed at the time of writing. There has also been an engagment between Mehemet Ali Pasha and the army of the Czarewitch, in which the attack of the former failed for want of support. The battle, however, does not appear to have produced any marked result. The fighting still goes on in the Shipka Pass, where Radetzky holds his own against the determined onsets of Suleiman Pasha. It seems to be a case in which neither is able to do much more than retain the positions he holds. A few days since there was a talk of the Czar leaving the theatre of the war, for which purpose the Empress, it is said, would visit Bucharest, and so give her husband an excuse for joining her, and then they would go and winter in Livadia. It is probable his departure will be a relief to the chiefs of his army, but whether his return home under present circumstances will be gratifying to his people, remains to be seen. Servia has very wisely resolved, for the moment at all events, not to break the solemn treaty of peace made with the Porte in the early spring of the year; but fear of the consequences has more to do with this than any other cause, except it be, perhaps, the influence of Austria. But it matters not to what reason we attribute her present peaceful disposition, it is gratifying to know that the theatre of the war is not yet extended. Greece, too, who many people seemed to think was on the point of attacking Turkey, holds her hand. Germany and Austria appear determined to leave Russia to fight it out, and they hardly seem to sympathise even with the misfortunes of her allies. But this is only the latest illustration of a very common practice among friends and allies, when one is not unthankful to witness the sufferings of others.

The ceremony of installation will be worked on Tuesday, 16th October, in the Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201, held at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, commencing at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Long W.M. 733, will be installing Master.

Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M. No. 65, will work the ceremony of Installation at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday next, 2nd October, at 7 p.m., when a goodly muster of Masters and P.M.'s are expected to attend.

MR. AND MRS. GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—On the 1st of October next, the St. George's Hall will be re-opened by Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, whose entertainment in the provinces has met with more than usual success. We are requested, however, to state that an announcement in some of the local papers that Mrs. German Reed does not intend to undertake another provincial tour is erroneous. The season will commence with the last amusing novelty, "A Happy Bungalow." Mr. Corney Grain introduces a new Musical Sketch, and "A Night Surprise" concludes the programme. We

CORRESPONDENCE.

FACTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND QUESTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can satisfy so much of Bro. Norton's inquiry, made towards the end of his paper of 15th inst., as to Master Masons' Lodges and Smith's Pocket Companion for 1736. I have by me at the moment a copy of the latter, kindly lent by Bro. W. Spencer. On turning to the list of Lodges at the end, I find the following:—

"116. Bear and Harrow, Master Masons' Lodge, Butcher-row, second and fourth Fridays. 117. King's Arms, Master Masons' Lodge, in the Strand, third Monday and fifth Sunday. 120. Oates's Coffee House, Masters' Lodge, in Great Wild-street, first and third Sunday."

The above do not essentially differ from the description of the same three, in Pine's List for 1734, as reprinted by Bro. Hughan.

There is one entry in Smith's list, 1736, on which I should esteem it a favour if Bro. Hughan would throw some light. It is the following:—

"115. Scots Masons Lodge, Devil, Temple Bar, second and fourth Monday."

This list is anterior to the constitution of the Scottish G.L., which was established in 1736. Is "Scots Masons Lodge" titular or descriptive? That is, is it the style and title of the Lodge bestowed upon it because, perhaps, the members were chiefly Scotchmen who were working Freemasonry according to the rite of the English Grand Lodge? Or, does it mean a Lodge of Scotch Masons, who, having no Grand Lodge of their own, had the protection of the English Grand Lodge extended to them, and at the same time were permitted to work in accordance with their own rite? Perhaps Bro. Hughan will kindly offer a solution of this mystery, and oblige,

Yours truly and fraternally,

"Q."

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am anxious to correct a little mistake which appears in your last number of the CHRONICLE.

In your report of "Confidence" Lodge of Instruction, I am represented as Secretary of the *Lewis* Lodge 1185; such is not the case, as I am only a M.M. in that Lodge, and at the meeting in question the word Secretary was not at all mentioned. I do not know how the error got into print.

Lower down in your report a second mistake occurs, you say Bros. *Lewis* and Abbot returned thanks, &c. For Lewis—please read *Harris*—the report otherwise is perfectly accurate.

I am, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,

KENNETT HARRIS,
Lewis Lodge 1185.

P.S.—Our much respected Brother and P.M., Arthur Leared, is Secretary of our Lodge.

K.H.

26th September 1877.

Old Warrants.

No. 95.

No. 68, "Ancients;" No. 91 (at the Union 1814), No. 78 A.D. 1832, and No. 65 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS 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, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, 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 Malcolm Gillies Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon 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 empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Andrew Brown, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Joseph Bossy his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Edward Haynes his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the White Horse, Hare-street, Bethnal-green (or elsewhere) in
No. 68. London, upon the first and third Monday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions

Free Masons according to the most Ancie
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named Brethren, and all their Successors,
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Given under our Hands and the Seal of ou
this sixth day of June, in the Year of our
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NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3, Letter C. & E. 15th Feby. 1758.

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No. 96.

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the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., GRAND M
Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esquire
The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Esq.,
and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq.
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his Junior Warden, to form and hol
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[SEAL OF THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.] [SEAL OF
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NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F. Folio 207.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

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

MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
188—Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
43—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
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.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
462—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
587—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1134—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R. A. 963—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.

TUESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

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, E.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—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.)
1807—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
538—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
774—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Gute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1332—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1484—St. Cloth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
1510—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, at 7. (Instruct.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Sucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
218—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-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, Wordship-street, Hull.
1078—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.
1364—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.

THURSDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

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. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
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.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
349—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
394—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
395—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Ket Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—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, Bullring-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.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1630—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
705—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.)
1066—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 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1256—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

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.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
986—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1526—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1567—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 389—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. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Freemasons' Hall, Eland.
1341—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
388—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kendall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1049—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

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EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
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.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—62—Thistle, White Swan Hotel, Dumfries.
" 110—St. Andrew, Daniel Inn, Aberdeen.
" 124—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 154—St. Anthony, Freemasons' Hall, 3 High-street, Inverurie.
" 164—Old Aberdeen, Town Hall, City of Old Aberdeen.
" 262—St. John, Abbey Hotel, Galashiels.
" 333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 26 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
Grand Conclave, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Edinburgh, at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 7—Hamilton, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 30—Ancient Stirling, Baker-street, Stirling.
" 40—Ancient Freemason ' Hall, Hankins-court, Dundee.
" 66—Doric Kilwinning, 44 Church-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 177—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Coatbridge.
" 254—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, 8 Bank-street, Dundee.
" 331—St. Peter, Partland Arms, Galston.
" 339—St. Mary, Church-street, Inverness.
" 406—St. John Dalziel, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.
" 579—St. Bryde, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.

WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 219 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 21—Old St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 50—St. John, George Hotel, Inverary.
" 67—Forbes Roebearty, Forbes Inn, Fraserburgh.
" 78—St. David, Royal Hotel, Dundee.
" 86—Navigation, Commercial Inn, Troon.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 126—St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128—St. John, Public Hall, Parkhead, Glasgow.
" 168—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie. 7 o'clock.
" 190—Royal Arch, Kings Arms, Maybole.
" 202—St. Clement, Commercial Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 250—Union, Chapel-street Hall, Dunfermline.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R. A. 67—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—140—St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.
" 157—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Main-street, Beith.
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-square, Oban.
" 290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
" 455—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.

FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135—St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 173—St. John, Hunters' Hall, Largs.
" 175—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-street, Greenock.
" 217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 243—Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 32 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 335—Argyle, Drill Hall, Duncon
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—455—Busby St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.
" 544—St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, Glasgow.—Held their annual meeting in the Star Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 19th September. Sir Knight Wm. F. Shaw M.E.C. presiding. Sir Knt. John Walker was proposed for affiliation, and unanimously accepted, after which the M.E.C. proceeded to create and instal as Knights of the Temple Comps. W. H. Beckerton, R. Mercer, and James Shirs. Comps. James McLeish S.W., J. McDade M. The following Sir Knts. were then elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. F. Shaw M.E.C., Thomas Clanachan D.C., J. O. Park G., J. Goldie Recorder, James A. Fergerson T., P. Hepburn Prelate, R. Mercer S.W., W. Hardon J.W.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—This body held its annual meeting, 24th September, in St. Mark's Hall, when the following Comps. were unanimously elected: Thomas Brownlie Z., Colin McKenzie H., D. Leeds J., R. Morrison S.E., D. Hodge S.N., G. Holmes Treasurer, A. Holms first S., Wm. Fergerson second, Wm. Sibold third, R. Gardner Janitor, D. Paton Supt. of Works, J. B. Bell and James Thornton Auditors. In accordance with previous arrangements the members of Chapter 73, who conducted their election in the other Hall, then entered, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N. installed them, together with the following Officers of No. 73, namely—David Gilchrist Z., W. Gunn H., Wm. Pitt J., James Balfour P.G.S.E. S.E., Wm. Macgregor S.N., Wm. Harden first S., J. Guire second, A. Nicholson third, W. Lindsey custodian of the first veil, Wm. Jamieson Janitor. The Comps. of the two Chapters then spent a short time at refreshment. Comp. Brownlie acted as Chairman, and Gilchrist of 73 as Croupier. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Comp. Wheeler, as senior officer present, responded on behalf of the P.G. Chapter. The toast of the respective Chapters was duly honoured, and responded to by the newly installed Z.'s; that of the Past Principals was replied to by Comps. Bell and Wheeler, the latter gave the Sojourners of the two Chapters, replied to by Comps. Holmes, Wm. Fergerson and Wm. Harden. Altogether a very enjoy-

opened an Excellent Lodge, with J. M
conferred that degree on Bros. John Mc
Mitchell. He then proceeded to open th
H., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting as J., R.
2nd S., J. Cox 3rd, when the same three
On this occasion Comp. McCulloch ga
the 1st Sojourner, and Comp. Mercer h
his pupil. Amongst the visitors was Co
Chapter, No. 49, Cendar Rapids, Ohio, U

Alexandria Chapter, No. 121.
Saturday, 22nd September, at five p.m
Jardine Z. presiding, who opened a Lod
McKenzie S.W., D. Bruce J.W., when f
to that degree. A Lodge of Most Excell
when Comp. Wheeler, Z. of 73, advan
Stewart R.W.M. of No. 321, and three o
Comp. J. Duthie P.Z. of 67 acting as Co
opened, J. Duthie P.Z. 67 as Z., P.
McLeish J., McKenzie S.E., D. Brae
acting as 1st Sojourner, and J. Dunn 2n
four gentlemen were duly exalted to the
the Chapter were given to Comps. Duthie
Glasgow to assist in the working. This w
those Comps., who expressed their willi
that lay in their power to forward the int

St. Andrew Lodge, No. 465.—
Thursday, 20th inst., in their Hall, Ga
R.W.M. in the chair. Bros. J. Clark S.W
Rodges Sec., J. Herron Tr., J. Douglas S
good attendance of members and visitors
Bros. Robertson of Mount Hermon Lod
U.S., who was introduced to the Lodge an
Petitions were presented and sustained f
Mr. A. Cleland, who were initiated in a
R.W.M. The Master then gave notice
would propose in the Bye-laws on that d
the Lodge to the 2nd degree, and asked
to pass a candidate for him. Bro. Robb the
degree at the hands of Bro. Wheeler, w
thanks of the Lodge for the way in whi
reply, he said he knew their Master wa
ing the degree as himself; still, if it would
part of his duties, when there was plenty
always pleased to be able to render any lit
was then closed in due form.

The De Furnival Preceptory of
Met at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on
There was a good muster of Sir Knights.
Hamilton Gell was admitted and installed
Ellis was elected as Preceptor, and Sir Kni
for ensuing year. The Prov. Prior V.E. Si
his Prov. Officers were received under the a
roll was called, and well responded to.
meeting of Prov. Priory were read and confi
elected, and the Prov. Prior appointed his
Other business having been transacted, the
The Sir Knights were entertained by the D
tea and other refreshments, when the usual
most enjoyable evening passed. It is two
met, so we take it that the invitation of the
a very timely one, especially as the meetin
enthusiasm for the Order, and we may now
great progress in West Yorkshire. The ar
ing, which were made by the Sheffield
successfully carried out.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, N
held its usual meeting at Bro. Yetton's, the
green, on the 23rd inst., when the Fifteen Se
Barnes W.M., Austin S.W., Webb J.W., Mye
opened in due form, and the minutes of th
confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the s
then resumed in the first, when the section
following brethren: 1st Lecture—Bros. Hall
Fieldwick, Williams, Webb, Rudderforth; 2
way, Burr, Musto, Ives, Ellis; 3rd Lecture
and Taylor. Bro. Myers proposed that a
Barnes be recorded on the minutes for his ki
would not say for the able manner in which
the sections, for that was a stereotyped phr
knew Bro. Barnes was aware that whatever
was done well. Bro. Webb seconded the
carried with acclamation. Bro. Barnes,
thought Bro. Myers made a mistake whe
Barnes's) kindness in taking the chair that
it as a duty, not only of his, but of every m
might be possessed of more knowledge tha
could to impart it. Bro. Barnes thanked t
assisted him in the working and hoped he

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The installation meeting of this, one of the most flourishing of the Lodges in the Eastern district of the metropolis, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 20th inst. Bro. G. Ward Verry, who for the last six years has worthily filled the office of Secretary, was the W.M. elect. Amongst those who were present on this occasion were Bro. John Hervey Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary; P.M.'s James Terry, Henry Lloyd, Ashburner, W. Crutch, Toye, and a large contingent of the members, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Newton P.M. 174, Seddon Org. 174, E. Killaway 192, J. L. Culpin 749, M. Christian 860, J. Perrin P.M. 1056, T. Cook 1056, G. Brooks P.M. 902, J. Quincey 1349, W. W. Morgan 1385, Clarke 1625, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. William Toye, who was supported by his officers. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the auditor's report was submitted; it showed the funds were in a most satisfactory condition. Bro. Toye then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Terry P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who had kindly offered to act as Installing Master. Bro. Henry Lloyd, as Director of the Ceremonies, introduced Bro. G. Ward Verry, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, the ceremony was proceeded with. After the salutations, the following were invested as officers for the next year:—Bro. C. K. Crouch S.W., A. Lazarus J.W., James Terry P.M. Treasurer (re-elected ninth time), John Berry P.M. Sec., Defries S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Hadley Prestage I.G., Chitson and R. C. Davis W.S., Jones D.C., Gilchrist Tyler. After some matters of interest to the members had been discussed, the W.M. requested the assistance of the brethren present to secure the election, in October, of Eleanor Elizabeth Spurgeon, daughter of a deceased member of the Lodge, who is a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Reference was also made to the promise the Lodge had given the Baroness Burdett Coutts to support the case of the son of the late Bro. George Belmore, a candidate for the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed. After a short adjournment the brethren re-assembled and partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Lloyd. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Verry remarked that, in consideration of the lateness of the hour, he should not occupy much time in introducing the toasts, but would at once call upon the brethren to drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and with it he would couple Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master was proposed. All around that table knew the interest he had taken in the welfare of the Order ever since his introduction into Freemasonry, and all would unite in wishing him health to preside over us. With the next toast—the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers past and present—was associated the names of Bros. Hervey and Buss. The W.M. said that he felt it a very great honour that had been paid him, and also the Lodge, by Bros. Hervey and Buss, who had found time, notwithstanding their multifarious duties, to come so far East. He trusted it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of welcoming them in the Burdett Coutts Lodge. Bro. Hervey, on rising to reply, said he should leave Bro. Buss to speak for himself. It was gratifying to him at all times to come among his brethren and fellows, and it was especially gratifying to him to be so cordially received. This was not the first time he had visited the Burdett Coutts Lodge, indeed he had had the pleasure of placing the senior P.M. in the chair. With regard to the Grand Officers, all were men who had done good suit and service in the Craft; and it was eminently satisfactory to them to know they were held in such estimation. Bro. Hervey closed his remarks by again thanking the brethren for the way in which he had been received. Bro. Buss said that the Grand Secretary had so fully expressed himself, that little was left for him to say. He had watched, with deep interest, the progress the Lodge had made since its consecration, and he hoped it would continue to prosper. With regard to the present W.M., he was actuated in all he undertook by a firm desire to advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and it was gratifying to see so competent a brother in the chair of the Lodge. He (Bro. Buss) had been present at all the installation meetings, and he was convinced the Lodge never had a more deserving brother at its head. Bro. Verry was thoroughly competent, and under his guidance it could not fail to prosper. Bro. Toye, in brief but happy terms, proposed the health of the W.M., who on rising said: It was a rule with him, when in a difficulty, to endeavour, as speedily as possible, to get out of it. He could at all times manage to speak for others, but it was not such an easy matter to speak for himself. He trusted that during his year of office he might have plenty of work to do. Every Lodge, from time to time, requires an accession to its list of members, to fill up those voids that are created, necessarily, by a variety of causes. He thanked Bro. Toye for the kind way he had offered the toast, and the brethren for the way in which they had received it, and concluded by expressing a hope that they might have a prosperous year under his Mastership. The next toast on the list was the health of the I.P.M., to whom the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Toye had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge, and all wished he might live long to wear the jewel amongst them. Bro. Toye would thank the brethren; he could not offer many remarks, but for quantity he would endeavour to make up with quality. He had tried to do his best, and he was proud to know he had met with their approval. If he could not feel he deserved all the kind things that were said of him, he was none the less mindful of the kindness that had prompted them. The toast of the Visitors was next offered; each speaker who replied complimented the Lodge on the satisfactory position it seemed to be in, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality. Bro. James Terry replied for the Past Masters; he commenced his remarks by discoursing, most eloquently, on the modesty of that august body. He next reviewed the special qualifications of each one, and said they were all pleased to enrol Bro. Toye as one of their number. He commented on the energy displayed by the W.M. in all matters he undertook, convinced that Bro. Verry would continue to assist them by his persistent advocacy, and that in this respect all present would warmly support him. The Officers was replied to by Bro. Crouch, and the Tyler then bought the meeting to a close. Bros. Davis and Hadley Prestage entertained the company with excellent songs.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday last, 27th Sept., at 7.30, Bro. Hill being in the chair. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer candidate. The second ceremony was also rehearsed, the Preceptor, Bro. Webb, acting as candidate. The Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis S.W., assisted by the brethren.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Pearcy S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Kidder S.D., Cleverly J.D., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hall I.G., Christopher Tyler, Simmonds, Burtle, Millward, Cook, Isaac, Cleverley, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millward being candidate. Bro. S.W. worked the first and second, the W.M. the third, and Bro. Isaac the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cleverley of Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107, was elected a member. Bro. Pearcy was unanimously voted to the chair for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until Monday next, the 1st of October, at 8 p.m.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 21st September. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Hogarth S.W., Hine J.W., Cleverley S.D., Kent J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Townsend, Smith, Crouch, Campbell, Harlow, Pearcy. Lodge was opened, minutes read and duly confirmed. Lodge was advanced to second degree. Bro. Smith answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Smith acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degree; Bro. Fenner was unanimously elected Preceptor to the Lodge. Bro. Hogarth was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. F. Brown W.M., Ellis Sec. and S.W., Webb J.W., Beedell S.W., Maidwell J.D., Westwood I.G. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Wyatt offered himself as candidate, and was regularly raised by the acting W.M., who on the completion of that ceremony resumed the Lodge to the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Webb, Bros. W. W. Morgan and W. W. Morgan jun. were elected as honorary members of the Lodge, which compliment having been acknowledged by those brethren, the Lodge was closed. The S.W. was chosen to preside at the following meeting, and he appointed the officers in rotation. The monthly meeting of the Charity Association in connection with this Lodge was then held, and a ballot taken for a life governorship, which ballot resulted in favour of Bro. Appleby.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, the 22nd of September, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, Bros. Powell W.M., Stock S.W., Gibbs J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treasurer, Fenner S.D., Groner J.D., Braated I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. S. Waters 700, Garrod 754, and Osborn 1602. Business—The Lodge was duly opened, minutes confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. J. Brook candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Byett candidate. The 4th section of the 1st lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bros. Waters, Garrod and Osborn were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. Stock, that Bros. Pearcy and Killick be elected hon. members; this was unanimously carried. Bro. Stock was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Chigwell Lodge, No. 453.—On Saturday last this Lodge held its last regular meeting for the year, at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex. After the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed the W.M., Bro. G. Corble P.G.J.W. Essex, proceeded to the business of the evening, which composed the raising of Bros. Buck and Drummond, and the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Egan, who was obligated and installed into the chair of King Solomon; the whole of the ceremonies being rendered in a very efficient manner. After the newly made Master had received the salutations of the brethren, he appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. G. Corble P.G.J.W. I.P.M., W. H. Glass S.W., R. Martin J.W., W. Holloway S.D., W. Wrenn J.D., Child I.G., J. Glass Treasurer, R. Mohn Secretary. There were present Bros. H. Sayer P.M., J. Tanner P.M., C. F. Hogard P.M., F. J. Cox P.M., and D. Reid P.M., Bros. Buck, Percival, and Drummond. Visitors—Bros. Edgar P.M. 554, Tucker J.W. 177, M. Pratt 624, W. J. Buck 1196, T. Nicholas J.W. 1457, J. Perry 869, Bradgate 55, W. Giles P.M. 55. Before the Lodge was closed a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Corble, as a token of respect for the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year. The Treasurer reported the Lodge in a prosperous condition, and it

SHAMROCK AND THISTLE LODGE, No. 175, GLASGOW.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HIGGINS.

THIS worthy brother, who has been an active member of the Lodge for above twenty years, during 15 of which he has served the office of Senior Steward, was presented by the members with a very handsome marble timepiece and gold Maltese cross pendant, on which was a suitable inscription; also, for the use of Mrs. Higgins, a handsome watch-chain and locket, set with diamonds. The hall was crowded with the members and deputations from other Lodges, Bro. Higgins being much respected in the Province. G. W. Wheeler representing 73, A. Bain P.M. with a large deputation from 103, Dr. Lewis R.W.M. 156, P. Hepburn S.M., R. Jock 128, Bros. Findler R.W.M. 338, R. Smart R.W.M. 347, and McNaught R.W.M. 556. Bro. D. Ronald R.W.M. of 175 having opened the Lodge, called the brethren off to refreshment, and then proposed the Sister Lodges, which was responded to by each of the Masters present, in appropriate terms. He then, most eloquently, made the presentation. Bro. Higgins, in his reply, said he was quite unable to do justice to his own feeling of gratitude for this splendid testimonial to his humble services. He found he was getting very much unlike his Mother Lodge, for the older she got the stronger she got, while he found that he was getting feebler. The R.W.M. said, in compliance with a time-honoured custom, he should ask the Masters and Wardens of the deputation present to preside in turn in his place. Bro. Burn and the Warden of 103 then took the chairs. Bro. Burn called on Bro. J. Johnson to sing, and took occasion to direct attention to the late visit of Bro. General Grant to this city, and the debt we, as Freemasons, owed to him for his exertions to spread happiness by freeing the slaves. Dr. Lewis R.W.M. of 156, Kilbarchan, on taking the chair, said it was a night of coincidents, for at that moment the Lodge resembled the Grand Lodge of England, as the Master and Wardens were brothers in blood as well as in the Craft, and it was not an every day occurrence to see three brothers of one family in the three chairs of a Lodge, but he had five of his natural brothers all Masons, and four of them were initiated by himself.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday last, when Bro. Jackson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the W.M., Bro. Thos. Cooper P P.G.D.C. and P.M. 236, ably performing the ceremony. At its conclusion the Lodge was lowered, and a Lodge of Instruction was formed, Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W. occupying the chair and working the second degree. At refreshment, after the close of the Lodge, Bro. Appleyard, the Treasurer of the Lodge Famine Fund, announced that he had already paid over the sum of £10 10s to the Lord Mayor of York, and he expected the subscription to realise £15.

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THE THEAT

DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, BARBAZON THE CONSCRIPTION.
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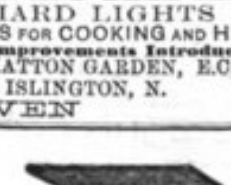
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BRO. NORTON'S CRITICISMS.

WE are always willing, within the limits of reason, to place our columns at the disposal of Bro. Norton, or, indeed, of any brother, who has anything to say of interest to the Masonic community. But Bro. Norton will no doubt see the propriety of restricting any controversies that may arise out of such communications, especially when they relate to matters which are not of primary importance to the English Confraternity. The question whether the introduction of Freemasonry into America dates from the Coxe Deputation of 1730, or the Price Deputation in 1733, is not of that supreme importance to us that we can afford unlimited space in our columns for its discussion. While then we shall, on the present occasion, offer some few remarks on Bro. Norton's criticism of our articles on the "Credibility of Early American Masonic History," for the purpose of showing that he has failed to understand the temper and tenour of our arguments; and while, also, we shall afford him, as indeed we should afford any other correspondent whom we esteemed equally, or even less than we do Bro. Norton, the opportunity of reply, we must take this opportunity of pointing out that the discussion must not be further prolonged. We have but a modest space at our command for the discussion of general questions; and if we devote too much of it to one subject, we must do so to the exclusion of others of equal, or it may be of greater, importance. Having said thus much as to the continuance of the argument, we pass at once to Bro. Norton's criticism.

We will, in the first place, point out an error into which our correspondent, like many other correspondents, has fallen. He speaks of our articles as though they expressed the opinion of an individual. They are necessarily written each by a single person, but the views they enunciate are the views of the CHRONICLE, that is, of a body corporate, with a policy and opinions of its own on all general questions. It cannot be denied that the writer of every leading article has the opportunity of expressing his own ideas in whatever he writes, but when it is accepted editorially—and the appearance of his article in these columns, is evidence of such acceptance—then the individuality ceases, and the ideas of the person become the ideas of the journal. In the second place, we do not think it possible for Bro. Norton to find any more impartial medium for the discussion of such a matter as this credibility of early American Masonic history than an English Masonic journal. It is impossible for us to incline more favourably towards Philadelphia than towards Boston. It does not concern us, personally or impersonally, which of these twain is the Mother City of American Freemasonry. What we are interested in elucidating is the truth as to certain documents of greater or less value to all interested in the history of Freemasonry all over the world. Every one must see that a Bostonian would naturally espouse the side of Boston in any controversy until at least irrefutable evidence were given that the views of Boston were wrong. On the other hand, a Philadelphian would naturally espouse the cause of Philadelphia, until or unless it were proved that the cause of Philadelphia was unsupportable by fair argument. An English Masonic journal, however, which has no prejudice for or against either of the contestant parties, is sure, insight, not on any inclination towards either of the parties. It will endeavour to eliminate what is trustworthy and acceptable, not because it loves Philadelphia more and Boston less, but because it is anxious to subserve the interests of truth. We do not think less well of Bro. Norton, we do not esteem him less, because he adheres to the opinions he has more recently arrived at as to Boston being the Masonic Mother City of America; but we do not attach any greater value to those opinions merely because he has re-affirmed them, for the simple reason that nothing he said in his paper of last week has in the slightest degree changed our idea of their value. For instance, he still continues to lay great stress on the assumption he made in the first instance, to the effect that Franklin could not have been a Mason in 1730, because he published a burlesque on Freemasonry. We have said, and we repeat, that this is a most lamentable *non sequitur*. This is not argument, but assertion; and, albeit Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, and several prominent Masons are of the same opinion as Bro. Norton, we fail to see how the mere opinion of living men can demonstrate what is undemonstrable with the evidence before us. What is of still greater importance is, that it does not, as we have said, make the slightest difference in respect of the value of this testimony whether Franklin was or was not a Mason in 1730. He was beyond all question a journalist whose interest would so far accord with his duty as to induce him to insert in the columns of the journal of which he was the proprietor only such intelligence as would be not only interesting but trustworthy. We have in existence the original of the Coxe Deputation, among the archives of G. Lodge, England, and we have it stated in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, later in the same year as to date than the Deputation, that "there are several Freemasons' Lodges in this Province," &c.; and it has been stated by Bro. MacCalla—and his statement has not been denied—that at the banquet after G. Lodge on 29th January 1731, Coxe's health was drunk as "Provincial Grand Master of *North America*." Bro. Hughan inclines to the belief that Lodge No. 79 in Pine's list of 1734, &c., &c., will turn out to be the Philadelphia Lodge which met at the Hoop, in Water-street, in the fall of 1730. This, of course, remains to be proved, but a man accustomed to deal with circumstantial evidence would take the existence of the Coxe Deputation, the reference to Lodges of Freemasons being holden in the Province, and the undenied statement about the recognition, in January 1731, of Coxe as P.G.M. of North America, together with Bro. Bell's letter, bearing date 1754, as being strong in favour of the Philadelphia Mothership of Freemasonry.

We must pass now to Bro. Norton's statements about Franklin and his trustworthiness at this period. We have read, in a recent issue of the *Keystone*, a series of extracts from the *Pennsylvania Gazette* already referred to, relating to Philadelphia Grand Lodge. We take our respected contemporary's words for the correctness of these extracts, and, relying on such correctness, we find that announcements about Masonry were made in Franklin's paper at frequent intervals. All these extracts point to the continuous existence of a Grand Lodge in the Province, and make us more than ever inclined to repose confidence in the first announcement of all, that "there are several Freemasons' Lodges in this Province." As we know from events which occurred elsewhere in the Masonic world about this period, that

Lodges existed as announced in the paper, but whether or no there was a Lodge of Freemasons at this time in Philadelphia, and in such case, whether there is a connection between this and the Lodge No. 79 already referred to. In order to satisfy his mind as to the mothership of Philadelphia, Bro. Norton is bent upon exacting the same evidence regarding the existence of Lodges as we look for in these days when everything is in apple-pie order. The object we had in illustrating the certainly imperfect arrangements in America during the first half of last century by known irregularities which occurred during the first half of this in one of our Indian Lodges does not seem to have struck Bro. Norton. We say, if it were possible for irregularities to occur in 1823-31 in what is probably the best organised Masonic government in the world, how much more must we expect to find even greater irregularities at a time when Masonry was hardly yet organised as to its government, in what was then a remote colony, and when communication between the latter and the mother country was infrequent. But notwithstanding all this we still find preserved in the archives of the mother Grand Lodge the original Deputation to Coxe, and we have in a Philadelphian newspaper of the time concurrent testimony to there being Freemasons' Lodges in the Province. Ought not reasonable men to be satisfied with these two facts as to the existence of Freemasonry in Philadelphia in 1730, and not only that, but of there being some kind of Masonic Government there, how imperfect soever it may have been. We feel we shall not satisfy Bro. Norton until we can produce the Lodge warrant, with Coxe's signature at foot, granted to the Lodge held at the Tun or Hoop in Water-street; but our readers generally, both at home and abroad, are fortunately not so unreasonable in their expectations as our worthy and respected friend. There is this also to be borne in mind, and it is important this should not be lost sight of. Even if Bro. Hughan and other historic experts fail to establish the identity of Lodge No. 79, as per Pine's list, with the Lodge in Water street, Henry Price of Boston will never be more than the *second* in order of seniority of the English American Provincial G.M.'s. Thus, Pennsylvania will always share with New York and New Jersey the honour of having had placed in Masonic charge of them the first Provincial Grand Master ever appointed by any of our Grand Masters over any portion of what was then our British American Colonies, and what is now the United States. All the casuistry in the world will fail to disturb this, which is an established and duly-authenticated fact. It was not till three years later that Henry Price received his Deputation. That it is easier to find more traces of his work than of Coxe's is the most natural thing in the world. Three years is time enough for an institution to raise up unto itself a number of friends or foes; indeed, we are inclined to believe that Price's Deputation is a direct outcome of the Coxe Deputation, seeing that during these years Freemasonry was making rapid strides in all directions, and what was being done in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania would sooner or later find its way into Massachusetts, and *vice versâ*. But, and we repeat it with due emphasis, it is impossible to disturb the fact that the Coxe Deputation preceded that of Price, and whatever American city is privileged to call herself the mother city of American Freemasonry, *it cannot possibly be Boston*. And there are many things which point to Philadelphia as entitled to this privilege—even Bro. Norton's determined argument that Franklin, though a Mason in 1732, was not a Mason in 1730. Pray listen to this, Bro. Norton, and read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it with all that intellectual force we know you possess. If Franklin was not a Mason in 1730, but was in 1732, *he must have been made in the interim*. He cannot have been made by virtue of Price's Deputation, for that was not granted till the year 1733. He *must have been made in a Lodge*, occasional or regular, and such Lodge must have been held, under some authority such as we know Coxe to have possessed. Therefore, the fact of Franklin being a Mason in 1732, but not in 1730, would be proof positive that the Coxe Deputation had been in operation some time during the period for which it was granted, and the election of a G.M. in 1732 as announced by Franklin is testimony to the continuity of its existence.

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TEMPLARS AND FREEMASONS

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ORDERS IN THE CITY OF YORK.

WE acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a highly interesting paper on this subject, by E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, E.P., which that worthy Sir Knight read on the 11th ult., before the members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101. To say that it is highly interesting would hardly be paying a just compliment to the author, who is known for his ability and diligence in making researches into whatever is of moment to the cause of Masonic study. His theory is a very ingenious one, and though we cannot say he has succeeded in establishing it, still it involves no very serious improbabilities. What he suggests may have taken place, though there is no direct evidence in support of it. Bro. Whytehead begins by mentioning the leading facts connected with the establishment in 1118 of the Order of the Temple, its rapid increase in numbers, wealth and power, and its doughty deeds of heroism in Palestine. He then passes on to the period when, by reason of its influence, it had come to be regarded as "a dangerous factor in the political squabbles" of the day, and "the avaricious King of France, and the unprincipled Pope who occupied the chair of Jupiter Capitolinus of Rome," combined together to work its destruction. How and by what means they succeeded in France, is a well known fact in history. In England, too, in the reign of the feeble Edward II., it was suppressed, though not with the same violence as in the neighbouring kingdom, while in "Portugal and Scotland the Knights found altars of refuge, and there the brethren were protected." However, it is to the suppression of the Order in England to which the author directs his attention principally. In 1309 Clement V. issued two Bulls to Archbishop Greenfield, "then occupying the metropolitical chair of St. Peter at York, one excommunicating the Order in the Province of York, and the other commanding the Archbishop to institute an enquiry into the conduct of the Knights, in concert with the Bishops of Durham, Lincoln, Chichester, and some other leading ecclesiastics." We are further told that "the King of France also wrote, urging the Archbishop to action." Greenfield, however, was a good as well as a sensible man, and he "wrote declining to act against the Knights, and objecting to the interference of other ecclesiastics in the affairs of his Province." The year following, however, he seems to have changed his mind, for we read "he thought it advisable to take some steps in the matter, and called a Council, in May, to examine the Templars then immured in York Castle." There were Knights who had been taken at certain Preceptories or houses in the West, East and North Ridings, to the number of twenty-four, their names being as follow:—

Wm. de Grafton (senior) Preceptor of Ribstan; Ralph de Roston, Thomas de Stannford, Henry de Kereby, Thomas de Belleby, of Penhill; Robert de Langton, Wm. de la Fenne, Preceptor of Flaxflete; Richard de Keswyk, Stephen de Radenbalgh, Priest of Westerdale; Michael de Lowseby, priest of Sorenty (Diocese of Durham); Godfrey de Arches, Preceptor of Newsham; John de Walpole, Ivo de Etton, Henry de Craven, Roger de Hugyndon, Henry de Roudyf, Gulfred de Wylton, Walter de Gaddesby, Richard de Ripon, Thomas de Thresk, Wm. de Midleton and Walter de Clifton.

The examination ended in nothing. They denied the monstrous charges made against them. A further capture of Knights was made at a later date:—

William de Grafton (junior), John de Usflet, Edmund de Latimer, John de Poynton, Richard Engayne, Ralph de Buleford, Stephen de Stapelbrigg, and Walter le Rebel.

But the result of this examination was the same. In 1311 a Provincial Council was assembled to examine into the whole matter, and in the result the Knights submitted to its authority, and readily acquiesced in the sentence passed upon them, which was, not to the effect that they should be tortured or burnt, but that they should be sent to religious houses to do penance for their errors. Here they conducted themselves with so much propriety that, in 1312, they were all released, though many elected to remain and lead monastic lives. Bro. Whytehead then lays stress on the following point, which may, indeed, be regarded as the germ of his theory. He says:—

Order with that of Freemasonry in England, and especially at York. We have seen that the Archbishop of York spread his protecting ægis, as it were, over the fraternity, and disposed of them in religious houses. We know that the science of Architecture or Freemasonry (synonymous terms in those days) was preserved amongst the monastic mediæval builders. We know that these Knights, undergoing penance, would most likely be ordered to perform severe menial work, such as assisting the Masons. What then more probable than that finding themselves so nearly allied in religious belief and mystic observance, the Masonic Fraternity should have taken the Knights under their fostering care, and permitted and even aided them, in secret, in their ceremonies It is in York, I believe, that we have the oldest evidence of the connection between Templary and Masonry, and there seems to me to be a greater probability of such an association existing in York and its neighbourhood than elsewhere, for the reasons I have already set forth.

He then very properly reminds his readers that, though the Order was suppressed, "it does by no means follow that it was extinguished;" and his idea is, that many members of the body continued to work—of necessity, in secret; that for greater security they may have allied themselves with the architects or Freemasons of those days, and as these are the operative predecessors of our present speculative Freemasons, so there is, through this connection of the Templars of the 14th century with the architects or operative Masons of the same period, a direct connection between ancient and modern Templary.

On the Continent there are several bodies claiming to be descended from the Order, but none I think with better ground than, if as good as, ourselves. There is a great gap in the history of the Order from the time of its suppression up to towards the close of the last century, but we must remember that its secrecy was essential to its existence, and that the history of Freemasonry itself is not, so far as actual records go, of a very much clearer description.

He then passes to the modern Templars, and, as showing the intimate connection between Freemasonry and Templary during the latter part of last century, he gives the following copy of an old certificate, still preserved in the archives of the York Lodge.

"GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

Be it known to all our Masonic Brethren throughout the whole earth that Mark Anthony Robinson, of the City of York, Yeoman, hath been initiated into our Mysteries in the undermentioned Degrees by Us particularly attested. And We recommend him (after due examination) to be received into any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the same Degrees.

Given at the City of York, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of All England, the thirtieth day of December, A.D. 1779, A.L. 5779.

Admitted to the first Degree on the 26th day of January A.D. 1779.	Francis Smith Deputy G.M. John Coupland Senior G.W. Thomas Bewlay Junior G.W.
Raised to the second Degree on the 20th day of February A.D. 1779.	William Siddall G.M. John Coupland Senior G.W. Thomas Bewlay Junior G.W.
Raised to the third Degree on the 27th day of September A.D. 1770.	William Siddall G.M. John Coupland Senior G.W. Thomas Bewlay Junior G.W.
Raised to the fourth Degree, or Royal Arch Mason, on the 27th day of October A.D. 1779.	William Siddall. John Coupland. Thomas Bewlay.
Knight Templar the 29th day of November A.D. 1779.	Francis Smith G.M.

JOHN BROWNE,
Grand Secretary."

In confirmation of this Christian degree being part of ancient Freemasonry, there is given the following extract from the minute-book of the G.L. of England at York:—

(At an Emergency Meeting of the Grand Lodge of All England, held Tuesday, 20th June, 1780).

"It was ordered That the Grand Lodge of All England, comprehending five degrees or orders of Masonry, shall from and after St. John's Day next, be assembled five times in a quarter, to wit, one night in the degree of Entered Apprentice, one night in the Fellow Craft's degree, one night in the Master's degree, one night in the degree or order of Knight Templar, and one night in the most sublime degree of Royal Arch * * *"

and also from the same book a record bearing 18th February of the same year, marking the proceedings of the "Grand Lodge of Knight Templars," and the formation and raising of the Royal Encampment when Sir Francis Smyth was "elected to and invested in the high dignity of Grand Master and Grand Commander of the Order of Knight Templars in England." On this occasion a Bro. Francis Clubley, who had been approved at a previous Encampment, was initiated, and made a Knight and Companion of the Order, and "admitted a member of the Royal Grand Encampment of All England." It was afterwards ordered

passed the ballot, and that the fee for initiation into the Order be ten shillings and sixpence to the fund, and one shilling to the messenger. There are also quoted other minutes from the minute-book, dated 18th May, and 6th July 1780. In the latter we find that a petition from Rotherham was presented for a warrant for a K.T. Encampment, signed on behalf of himself and the other Knights by Josiah Beckwith, to whose signature is appended a Mason's mark. The minute book closes with a copy of the Warrant granted in accordance with the "prayer of these Knights, authorising them to hold a 'Lodge of Knights of the Holy Tabernacle of St. John of Jerusalem, at the Druidical Lodge in Rotherham;' the Warrant bearing date 6th July 1780." Accompanying this are a series of "instructions, and principia," and orders, to make annual returns to the Grand Lodge at York, together with copy of a letter from Sir Knight Beckwith, containing Report of "the opening of a R.A. Chapter, and also a Lodge of Knight Templars, both under York Warrants, and the giving of the degrees to candidates," in the course of which it is recorded "that Brother James Simes, of Sheffield, was *re*-made a K.T." This, as Bro. Whytehead remarks, is important, as showing that York was regarded, or we should say, perhaps, regarded itself, as the Head Quarters of Templary, and that a member made under any other authority was "*re-made*" before he could be admitted. In 1791 the York Sir Knights asked for and obtained a Warrant of confirmation from the Grand Master of the Order of Knighthood in London. This Warrant, which is now in possession of the Hull Sir Knights is as follows:—

Initium Sapientiæ Amor Domini.

In the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

THOMAS DUNCKERLEY G.M.

In the East of London, a Place full of Light, where reigneth Silence and Peace, but the Darkness comprehendeth it not.

To them whom it may concern, greeting.

Know ye that we Thomas Dunckerley, of Hampton Court Palace, in the County of Middlesex, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Royal Exalted Religious and Military Order of H.R.D.M., K.D.O.H., Grand Elected Knights Templar of St. John of Jerusalem, &c., under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, having received a petition from Sir John Watson and several Noble Knights residing at and near the City of York, of Time Immemorial, humbly requesting a Patent of Constitution to open a Conclave or Chapter of Encampment at the City of York. And we do hereby grant to the said Sir John Watson and the other Noble Knights Petitioners and their Successors full power and authority to assemble on the 14th day of March next ensuing, to instal Knights Templar, &c., at their Field of Encampment aforesaid, or at such other time and place as they and their successors, with the consent of us and our successors, for the time being shall appoint. With such powers, privileges, prerogatives, and immunities, as do from antient usage and of right belong to regular established Conclaves or Chapters, and to make Knights of the Order, subject nevertheless to the antient statutes and ordinances of our predecessors, or that may hereafter be enacted by us or our successors in a Grand and Royal Conclave.

Given at London aforesaid in our Grand Field of Encampment this 11th day of March, Anno Tuæ 5795, Anno Domini 1791, Anno Ordinis 673, Anno Cordis 477.

R. W. WHALLEY G. Chancellor.
W. HANNAM Acting Grand Master.
WM. EARLE Principal G.Scribe and Registrar.

The patent is engraved, only the names and dates being in writing, and Bro. Whytehead concludes from this and the title of an ancient ritual in the possession of the York Lodge, that the ceremony was of a mixed character, and included several degrees now worked separately. The title of the Ritual is "Royal Union Band of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Order of Aaron, &c."

The York brethren worked under this warrant for some years, but no minutes of their proceedings are in existence, nor is it known where it assembled, or when it was broken up, though the Falcon Inn is mentioned as the place where, and 1809 or 1810 as the time when. The Warrant was purchased, so the author was informed by the Registrar of the "Antient York Conclave of Redemption at Hull," by some members of the Order at Hull, and they continued working under it for several years. It then became dormant, but was revived in 1862, when a Warrant of confirmation was applied for and granted. Subsequently some York brethren, who had taken the degree at Hull, applied for a Warrant, which was granted 15th December 1868, and under this the Ancient Eboracum Encampment, No. 101 is

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Bro. Sir R. C. Musgrave, P.M. 339,
Bro. J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, Carl
Bro. Rev. J. Thompson, 1074, Kirkb
Bro. Rev. W. E. Strickland, 1267, E
Bro. J. Lemon, P.M. 327, Wigton, P
Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, White
Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, Co
Bro. J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, Herring
Bro. J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, W.M.
Bro. Godfrey, 1074, Kirkby Lonsdal
Bro. T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, Whiteha
Bro. M'Kay, 129, Kendal, P.G. Assis
Bro. J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119, P.G. S
Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002,
Bro. J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, Harri
Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, Whit

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Bro. Moffatt, 1660, Fri
Bro. Nelson, W.M. 129
Bro. Jebling, W.M. 412
Bro. Brough, 812, App
Bro. E. Clarke, P.M. 1
Bro. Salisbury, P.M. 8

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was made, amounting to over £18, five guineas of which will be devoted to an extra vote in perpetuity for Skiddaw Lodge, for one of the Royal Masonic Schools, in accordance with a rule of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the remainder to the "Indian Famine Relief Fund." After church service, the procession was re-formed in inverted order to the New Market Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Stephen Thwaite, Old Hall Inn, assisted by many of the wives, daughters, and sisters of the members of Skiddaw Lodge, who cheerfully gave their services. The hall was beautifully decorated and fitted up, but proved totally unsuited for the purposes of a large dinner, the excessively bad sounding properties of the place rendering speechifying and singing most difficult tasks.

Colonel Whitwell, M.P., presided, and proposed in succession "The Queen, the Patroness of Masonry;" "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," responded to by Bros. Captain Sewell and Captain Dodgson, 1002; and "The Bishop and Clergy of the diocese," which was acknowledged by the Rev. J. Thompson and Rev. C. H. Gem. After the chairman had given "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," which was enthusiastically received, Bro. Morton gave, in very complimentary terms, "The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which Col. Whitwell, as a Past Grand Warden of England, replied to. The remainder of the toasts were as follow:—"The Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master," proposed by the chairman; "Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Officers past and present," proposed by Bro. Lemon, and replied to by the Chairman; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. Holme, of Kirkby Lonsdale; "The W.M. and Past Masters of Skiddaw Lodge," proposed by Bro. M'Kelvie, of Whitehaven, and acknowledged by Bro. Lamonby, in the unexplained absence of Bro. W. Taylor, W.M. of the Lodge; "The Masters of Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. Talbot, of Kendal, and responded to by Bro. Paiteon, W.M. 119, Whitehaven; "The Visiting Brethren from other Provinces," proposed by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, and acknowledged by Bro. Ockenden, Lodges 1512 and 1656, Hampton, Middlesex; "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," by the Chairman.

Bro. Frears, of Whitehaven, P.P. Grand Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and the following glees and part songs were sung by several of the Cockermouth and Carlisle brethren:—"God bless the Prince of Wales" (Masonic version); "Hail, mysterious, glorious science;" "Oh, who would not a Mason be?" "Three cheers, brothers all, for the Craft we adore;" "Brothers all, of every nation," &c. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion a little before six o'clock. It is twelve years since the last Provincial Festival was held at Cockermouth, when Skiddaw Lodge was the youngest in the two counties, and the spread of the Craft may be judged from the fact that there are now above 1,700 Lodges under the English Constitution, whereas at the time mentioned there were little more than 1,000 Lodges.

MASONIC PROCESSION AT THIRSK.

THE occasion of the re-opening of the noble old Parish Church at Thirsk, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, on Tuesday last, was celebrated by the members of the Falcon Lodge of Freemasons in that town by a Masonic procession, for which a dispensation was granted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Invitations had been sent to the neighbouring Lodges, and at 10 o'clock a.m. there was a muster from various quarters at the Masonic Hall—a most substantial and convenient building, erected on one side of the Castle Green, mainly through the instrumentality and aid of the first Master of the Falcon Lodge, the late Bro. F. Bell, of Thirsk. Arriving at the spot, the visiting brethren experienced a hospitable reception at the hands of Bro. Anderson, the W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, who was ably and actively aided and abetted in his endeavours by his officers and brethren. At 10.30 the Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the dispensation having been read, the brethren were marshalled in procession; and, preceded by a Tyler with a drawn sword, marched to the Parish Church, the bells of which were ringing out a merry peal. Seats immediately below the chancel had been reserved for them, and soon after their arrival the choir and clergy entered in procession singing the processional hymn. Just before the commencement of the service, the W.M. of the Falcon Lodge advanced to the chancel and presented to the Vicar, Bro. the Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. P.Z. and P.P.G. Chaplain, who is also the Chaplain of the Falcon Lodge, a beautiful alms dish, the gift of the Lodge. There was a very large attendance of the nobility and gentry of the county, the large church being completely filled by them and by the church dignitaries. The service was choral, the organist being Bro. John Camidge, of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, the accomplished organist of Beverley Minster, the sermon being preached by the Archbishop of York. At the close of the service, the brethren returned in procession to the Lodge room, whence they again proceeded to the large parish school room, where they sat down to a public luncheon, presided over by the Archbishop. During the course of the speaking after lunch, Major Worsley, of Hovingham, proposed the health of the Masonic body, saying that it was an impossibility to be a good Mason and a bad man. The principles of Masonry were expressed in two words—Brotherhood, Charity—and if these two words were fairly brought into operation in active life the world would be different from what it was. Bro. Anderson, the W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, made a suitable response; and, at the close of the proceedings, the brethren returned to their Hall, and closed the Lodge.

Amongst the Lodges represented on the occasion, besides the Falcon Lodge, were York 236, represented by Bros. H. F. Gamidge P.P.G.O., J. Gainforth, and J. T. Seller; DeGrey and Ripon, 837, represented by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Palry, and several of his officers; Anchor, 1337, represented by Bro. T. S. Walton P.M.; Ebor cum, 1611, represented by Bros. T. B. Whytehead S.W., and A. T. B. Turner, &c., &c. We noticed amongst the company and clergy many members of the Masonic body, who, however, did not join the procession.

The Masons of Thirsk may be congratulated on a very happy and successful day, the weather having been most beautiful. The attendance of Masons would have been very much larger, but for the fact of the Prov. Grand Lodge holding its meeting at Richmond on the following day.

The restoration of the Church has cost £4,500.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My former letter was intended to have been read, not as an "assault" upon either of our Charitable Schools as they exist, but as a suggestion of a means of giving them a more extended usefulness without a proportionate increase of cost, by following a system very much in favour with many of the most active members of the Craft with whom I have the honour of being acquainted. I regret that your two correspondents should have misunderstood my intentions, and I think that they would not have done so had they followed much that has recently appeared both in your columns and in those of another Masonic journal.

Such being the case, I am not called upon to answer at any length the letter of "An Old Public Schoolman," but would simply venture to ask him how he calculates that if the education of 200 *boys* at a Middle Class School would cost 1,000 guineas per annum at a charge of 5 guineas a head, the cost of 200 *girls* at the same rate per head would only come to £840 per annum? I would also point out that in his calculation of the cost of *education alone* at the two Masonic Schools, he has entirely omitted interest upon money invested in the buildings and land occupied, and this comes to no mean sum in the course of a year. Only one more point—the class of boys who are educated in the Masonic School is not such as usually either ride or shoot; these two branches of an English boy's education do not therefore call for our special care in the Masonic Schools.

I would beg to observe, in reply to "P.M.," that in his opening sentence he has drawn conclusions without first ascertaining facts; that I am not at all anxious to disown my former letter; that I am not aware who the "Hercules" he refers to is, and that if I were, I should retort that it was a pity "Hercules" had not done the best he could for himself in some business or profession.

In conclusion, Sir, I may say that had I not felt obliged to take some notice of letters addressed to you, in consequence of a letter of mine you had been kind enough to insert having been to a great extent misunderstood, I should certainly have declined to take any notice of your two anonymous correspondents, neither of whom is able to write without introducing some amount of personality into his letter, a course most reprehensible in any newspaper correspondence, especially when the person whose letter is the subject of criticism has openly given his name, while his critics carefully withhold theirs. I of course decline to continue this correspondence.

Yours fraternally,

HUGH H. RIACH, 31° P.M.

P. Prov. G. Secretary, Oxon.

BROS. "Q." AND JACOB NORTON'S QUERIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—1. Bro. "Q." asks for light (if possible) to be thrown on an entry in Smith's List of Lodges, A.D. 1736, viz., "115 *Scots Masons Lodge, Devil, Temple Bar.*" In the absence of any evidence to the contrary, I think we are safe in assuming that it was simply a Lodge wherein Scottish Freemasons congregated, *hence its title.* We have virtually a similar arrangement at the present day, as a "*Jewish Lodge*," "*Polish Lodge*," "*Greek Lodge*," &c. There were many Lodges at work in Scotland before the advent of the Grand Lodge in 1736, and so to find a "*Scots Masons Lodge*" in London A.D. 1734 should not be considered strange. The Lodge is named in the lists of Rawlinson, Pine's (1734), but *omitted* in Smith's of 1738.

2. Brother Jacob Norton wishes my opinion as to his supposed discovery about "*Master Masons' Lodges*," and though busy just now, I have endeavoured to gratify my friend by carefully examining the matter, the result being that I consider his views on the subject to be based upon a *misapprehension*, and consequently *erroneous.*

3. The third degree was worked by several Lodges, other than those named in Pine's List, 1734, &c., even as early as 1724, and not as he supposes by those only which are called "*Masters' Lodges*." No. 73, Lincoln, in Rye-Laws of 1732, provided for a brother being

London, in 1730, and 83, London, in Bye-Laws of 1731, enacted that the sum of seven shillings and sixpence was to be paid by every brother "who shall pass the Degrees" of F.C. and Master Mason.

Neither of these, and others I might mention, are alluded to as being "Masters' Lodges," though, of course, the minutes of such degrees were kept distinct in the records, as by those to which Bro. Norton refers. A "*Masters' Lodge*" now, as respects constitution, would mean no degrees to be given by such at all; just as with the *Grand Stewards' Lodge*, warranted A.D. 1735, and since then placed at the Head of the Roll, the members of which must be Master Masons (hence Masters' Lodge), and no "work" is allowed to be performed. There are other Lodges virtually in the same position, which charges such high fees that practically they do no work (and do not wish to), being Masters' Lodges. One I know of has fixed seventy-five guineas for its initiation fee! It is probable that this is the meaning of a Masters' Lodge, though I cannot say so for any certainty. At all events the guess of Bro. Norton, though ingenious, is not in accordance with the facts. I think my good friend must try again.

Yours fraternally

Truro, 3rd October 1877. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

A WORD MORE FOR POOR COX.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The chances for the orphan Cox are trembling in the balance, 400 more votes are said to be required for the candidate. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire has taken up the case this time, but instruct, in their circular, voters not to fill in for *Cox*; so that at the last moment the votes may be available for some other candidate. I protest against this; my votes shall not be made available in this fashion. I have sent my personal votes direct to the Secretary, filled in *for Cox*.

I recommend every voter in Devonshire, or elsewhere, who will lend a helping hand to the orphan Cox to do the same. Fill up your voting papers for Cox.

I would resist to the utmost of my power the disingenuous design, *pro re nata*, to throw over Cox at the last moment. Let every available vote be polled for Cox, and then we will borrow, as we now beg, or purchase, if we can, to secure the lad's election. But he is not to be thrown overboard *ad libitum*, at the last moment, at the caprice of any one.

Since *Cox* has been a candidate, 400 votes were borrowed from Devonshire, which have since been repaid. If it comes to the worst, let Devonshire borrow 400 votes to get Cox in; and most certainly they will be repaid. But the *legerdemain* proposal of getting the voting papers for Cox, but not filled in, and then to learn at the last moment that it was impossible to get him in, and the votes were applied to another, is a piece of strategy that will not avail with me. I thank most cordially those who have promised me support; a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and the success of the orphan will be secured.

Fill up your voting papers in Devonshire and elsewhere for Cox, and let not his election be lost by a manœuvre.

Yours very truly, DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough.
3rd October 1877.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I be permitted to again bring before your readers the name of George Samuel Cox, who is a candidate at the forthcoming election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys?

If the poor boy is not successful on the 15th instant, he will be unable, on account of age, to again offer himself for election.

The case is a most deserving one, and is strongly recommended by, amongst others, Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe P.G.M. Devon, Vice Patron; Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Devon; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn*, P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Vice Patron, Long Melford, Suffolk; Bro. Hughan*, P.G.D. Vice Patron, Truro, Cornwall; Bro. Constable*, P.M., Vice Patron, 13 Size-lane, London, E.C.; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace*, P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire, Laughton, near Gainsborough; Bro. Rodda*, P.P.G. Registrar, East Stonehouse, Devon; Bro. W. M. St. Aubyn*, 1 Brick-court, Temple, E.C., and the Charity Committee of the Province of Devon.

Proxies will be thankfully received by any of the brethren whose names are marked thus *, or by

Yours fraternally,
J. EDWARD CURTEIS, P.M. 189, P. Prov. S.G.W. Devon,
Vice President of the Institution.

St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon, 3rd Oct., 1877.

THE CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I gather from your issue of last week that this Lodge of Instruction is about changing its quarters for the third time within the course of a few months. This seems to me to be a suicidal mode of proceeding. Surely it is possible to engage a respectable and proper room where the Lodge can meet and do its work. Why does it not arrange to pay a moderate rental instead of leaving the landlord of an inn to make his profit out of the refreshments he supplies? The occupant of a public house has a right to charge something for the use of a portion of his premises, which represent a certain annual value. Let the Lodge do this out of its funds and present a Life Subscribership instead of a Life Governor-

diligent attendant. I do not like to s
when it is one of those special Lodges
ceremonies and rites.

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To the Editor of THE FREEM

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I received
the four Masonic Publications, soliciting
the Girls' School. Among the name
the case, I find the name of one give
Lodge. This brother has been struck
since the 9th April 1873, for arrears;
times during his membership, and th
Charities. I think such a case ought t
harm to our Charitable Institutions.
greatly oblige,

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SWIMMIN

To the Editor of THE FREEMA

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—A letter of the
London Swimming Club, which appeared
last, on this subject, ought to be in the ha
in boys' schools, and in the hope that
columns for the special benefit of our Sc
copy. If it only called forth an expressi
the subscribers, the result might be that
this important subject.

Yours fraternally,
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3rd October 1877.

[We have pleasure in reproducing the
ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

To the Editor of THE SP

SIR,—Now that the exodus has set in
I would point out to those who have bee
swimmer that this is an accomplishment m
season of the year than at any other. Th
weather in July so thinned the attendance
that any one who is really in earnest ab
only to take advantage of the slack season,
stant attendance at any bath attain a no
well as a valuable aid in perfecting physi
the attempt prove abortive, the clear tepid
a rough towel will amply compensate f
coppers.

It is a matter of great rejoicing to us
rapid strides our cause is making. It is
couple of champions and about a dozen, more
were all that could be found to make up a
now the temptation of a couple of medals
100 entries—all paying an entrance fee. "
Race" proved that we have a plethora of an
swim five miles, but do it in good time (19 f
of an hour of the amateur champion), ma
done 10, 15, and 20 miles for the honour of
Cavill's speedy long journeys are something

Those who have paddled knee deep, wai
them, by coming amongst other beginners
one even more awkward than themselves,
courage to persevere. I have often seen an
a certificate in general competition at the Ge
shivering at the sea side, afraid to duck
developed man would learn to swim in a few
there is an attendant who will teach swimmi
lights of the profession. We are still willi
beginners or improve those who have passe
and our chairman is able to initiate even th
swimming. Unfortunately, because it is grat
Those who come as enthusiasts, and do not s
and fail to show up again. Did any one ever
or skating in one lesson? Others cavil at
which our bath is situated, neglecting to obse
the bath for tuition purposes, the immense bo
water, and the entire absence of "hat-touching
would look frightened if any one (especially
holders) made a mistake and tipped him si
West-end, passing compliments as to the wea
"professional" is good for a shilling. Why al
I cannot conceive (the School Board Acts shoul
Mothers would send for a doctor if their b
usual time, and why not see they are taught
cannot swim himself, can stand up in the w
chin up. How about the Registrar General's s
drowning? Over 2,000 per annum. Bereaved
some qualms of conscience.

In conclusion, let me say that any one (ladie
a gratuitous voucher by sending a stamped and
our Secretary.

Faithfully y
THE HON. SEC. LONDO

City of London Baths, Barbican,

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY *IN ANGLIA*.

THE Yorkshire College will be consecrated at Sheffield, at two o'clock, this day (Saturday 6th October), by M. W. Frater C. Fitzgerald Matier IX° S.M. in *Scotia*. The Chief Adept who will be inducted, Bro. S. B. Ellis VIII°, is well known to most of the inquiring Masons of the day, as one of the seekers after truth, and has made himself conspicuous in Yorkshire by the establishment of a Masonic Library in Sheffield. From the large number of candidates and their high Masonic qualifications a splendid future must be in store for the Society in Yorkshire.

Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney. Amongst the officers and brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. W. Robinson W.M., Joseph Wright I.P.M., H. Smith P.M. Sec., G. Stacey P.M. Org., W. T. Morphew S.W., F. J. Holland S.D., A. Boehr J.D., T. Collings I.G., and S. Steed Tyler. The brethren were—Bros. J. W. Holland, L. Eykn, S. Pardoe, J. Rowe, F. Forss, W. Maddox, H. J. Carter, E. Goodman, R. S. Russell, J. Harrison, A. B. Weston, E. Stokes, and G. Cook. The following were Visitors: Bros. R. T. Whitley P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, W. D. May P.M. 1638, J. Featherstone 1656, W. Allan 1158, S. Fane 1158, J. Hoey P.M. 316, R. T. Sumner 1360, and A. A. Denham 1044. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly confirmed, Bros. Carter, Maddox, Goodman, and Forss were ably passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the I.P.M. Bro. J. Wright being in the chair. The W.M. having now taken the chair, invested Bro. F. Holland as J.W., the Junior Warden elected at the last meeting having removed to an inconvenient distance from the Lodge. The W.M., in a eulogistic speech, proposed Bro. R. T. Whitley P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex as a joining member. Bro. Past Master Wright seconded, and the ballot proved unanimous. Bro. H. Smith Sec., read a letter, sent to the W.M., from Bro. Slinn, of the Star and Garter Hotel (where the Lodge is now held), stating that he found the business of the Lodge clashed with his own, and therefore he wished the brethren to change their place of meeting as soon as possible. At the same time he wished the Lodge every success and prosperity. The W.M. said he only received the letter after the summons had been issued for convening the present meeting. Of course the brethren did not wish to burden Bro. Slinn, by interfering with his business, through holding the meetings at his house, but he (the W.M.) would say that large amounts had been spent at Bro. Slinn's hotel during the last seven times that the Lodge had met. (Hear, hear.) He should propose that a committee be formed to consider where the Lodge should be held. Bro. J. Rowe thought there would be a difficulty in finding a suitable place in Putney. There were several houses convenient for holding inquests —(laughter)—but none suitable for a Masonic rendezvous. Bro. H. Smith said he had seen Bro. Slinn that afternoon, and he had no wish to inconvenience the brethren, he did not desire to hurry them away. A committee was then formed to consider the question. Mr. W. Smith, of Upper Norwood, was proposed by Bro. Breach, and seconded by Bro. Past Master Wright as a new member; and Mr. W. Court, 11 Schofield-terrace, King's-road, Fulham, was also proposed by Bro. Harrison, seconded by Bro. Maddox. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. E. Stokes. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. and received with Masonic honours. That of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. Past Master W. D. May, Past Master Whitley, Past Master Hoey, and J. Featherstone, W. Allan, S. Fane, R. T. Sumner, and A. A. Denham. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 1st inst. Bros. Pearcy W.M., Trewinnard S.W., Renshaw J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Hawkins S.D., Gibbs J.D., Powell I.G., Christopher Tyler, and Bros. Crawley, Wing, Hall, Bartle, Garrud, Mitchell, Millward, &c. Preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., in a faultless manner, Bro. Crawley candidate. Bro. Tolmie worked the 5th section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Renshaw J.W. Bro. Mitchell answered the usual questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Mitchell being candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. W.M. worked the 1st and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hawkins, of Lodges Prosperity, 65, and Kingsland, 1693, and Bro. Wing, of Strong Man Lodge, 45, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Trewinnard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Monday next, the 8th inst., at 8 p.m.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday last, 28th ult. Present—Bros. Hogarth W.M., Hine S.W., Crouch J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend S.D., Smith J.D., Lane I.G., Bolton, Campbell, Kent, Wallington, &c. Lodge opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wallington candidate. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wallington, P.M. and Preceptor of Dalhousie Lodge 860, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Hine was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was

St. John's Lodge, 3 bis.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., in their own hall, 213 Buchanan-street. Present—Bros. Kyle R.W.M., D. M. Neilson I.P.M., William Bell, Thomas Fletcher, James McMillan, Robert Craig P.M.'s of the Lodge, W. Cochran Sec., Brownlee S.W., Stuart as J.W., and a large number of visitors, including several distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The R.W.M. having to leave, Bro. Wm. Bell P.M. was called upon to preside, when three candidates were admitted into the Order. Bro. Nicholson asked the Lodge to initiate a member for the Gael Lodge, and this being the first one made for that Lodge, the request was complied with, and the ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. William Bell P.M. Bro. D. M. Neilson I.P.M. having entered the meeting, the acting R.W.M. requested him to take the chair, and an agreeable hour having been spent upon harmony, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, to meet again on Tuesday, the 9th, to hold a funeral Lodge in memory of the deceased Bro. Thomas Ramsay P.M.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—Held their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. J. Kinnaird R.W.M. in the chair, supported by G. McDonald I.P.M., J. Bannerman D.M., G. W. Wheeler C., J. Finley R.W.M. 333 and J. McInnis R.W.M. 408. The Wardens A. McLeod sen. and W. T. Kay jun. were in their places; the Secretary Bro. Richards read the address of condolence to the widow of Bro. Wm. Walters, late Treasurer, which was adopted, and a deputation appointed to wait on her with the same.

The Union, No. 332.—Met on Monday, at 213 Buchanan-street, Bro. McKirdy R.W.M. presiding, when two Fellow Crafts were duly raised by the Master.

St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347.—Held their quarterly harmony meeting in their own hall, Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, on Friday, 28th Sept. Bro. J. Conningham I.P.M. read a telegram from the R.W.M., apologising for his absence, in Dublin. There were three candidates for initiation, which ceremony was admirably performed. Deputations from the following Lodges were then received:—No. 116, headed by Bro. Hamilton R.W.M.; No. 275, by Bro. D. Ronald R.W.M., and Albert Edward No. 592, with Bro. Nisbett R.W.M. at their head. There were also Bro. Wheeler, representing No. 73, Bro. McKirday R.W.M. No. 332, Bro. J. McInnis R.W.M. No. 400, D. B. Bell of No. 3 bis, and a great many others. In responding to the toast of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Nisbett said, as a member of Grand Committee, they had a deal more to do than those called Grand Officers. Grand Lodge was passing through a trying ordeal. Whether it would be for weal or woe would depend very much whether the Lodges in the West did their duty. He had no doubt it would be for weal, but it would require all their energy to remedy what the East had been misdoing for years. Each of the Masters heading the deputation then took the chair in turn, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Comfort for every one.—It is essential for health that every organ of the body be fully competent and duly prepared for the natural execution of its appropriate functions, which cannot be the case under great transitions of temperature, unless some corrective medicine be taken occasionally. When the chilling winds of spring are succeeded by summer heat, and this again gives place to autumnal chills, the liver and skin can only be maintained in efficient action by some such alterative medicine as Holloway's noted Pills, which regulate the circulation, cool the system, and fortify the nerves. In our variable climate, and in near-by districts, occasional doses of these purifying, cooling and aperient Pills will prove most efficient preservers of health.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, SARAH'S YOUNG MAY. At 8.0, ENGLAND. At 10.45, THE CONSCRIPTION.
COVENT GARDEN.—At 8.0, PROMENADE CONCERTS.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.15, BY THE SEA. At 8.0, ENGAGED, and MY PRECIOUS BETSY.
ADELPHI.—At 7.0, AFTER DARK. At 10.0, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.
LYCEUM.—At 7.0, A MARCH HARE HUNT. At 8.0, THE DEAD SECRET, and SHOULD THIS MEET THE EYE.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, MISCHIEF MAKING. At 7.45, GUINEA GOLD.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, GOOD FOR NOTHING. At 8.30, THE MOONSTONE.
STRAND.—At 7.0, TIMOTHY TO THE RESCUE. At 7.45, FAMILY TIES, and CHAMPAGNE, A QUESTION OF PHIZ.
GAIETY.—At 7.40, AN EVASIVE REPLY. At 8.15 A MUSICAL BOX. At 9.30, BOHEMIAN GYURL.
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CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, THE PINK DOMINOES.
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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 October 1877, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follows, and to elect Thirty-five Girls into the School by ballot from a list of Fifty approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Bro. C. F. Matier,

That the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron, with its attendant privileges be awarded to Bro. John Constable, in recognition of his services to this Institution.

By Bro. Henry Browse, V.P.

That in consideration of a legacy of Fifty Pounds bequeathed to this Institution by the late Bro. Charles John Vigne, his daughter Miss Catherine Ann Vigne be, and is hereby elected, a Life Governor of the Institution.

By Bro. Henry Browse, V.P.

That a gratuity of twenty-five guineas be awarded to Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the senior clerk in the Secretary's office, in recognition of the attention he has given to the increased duties entailed upon the Office since the abolition of the Collectorship.

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FIFTH APPLICATION.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who is now in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time has been a pension of £44 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he has had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they are now quite exhausted. Consequently he cannot possibly provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and it will be a great comfort to him in his now declining days to see the lad elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health, Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167) in 1846, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY shortly afterwards joined the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868; and he is still a subscribing member to both these Lodges. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits, and he has, besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he has contributed to the funds of the Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

The case is strongly recommended (among others) by

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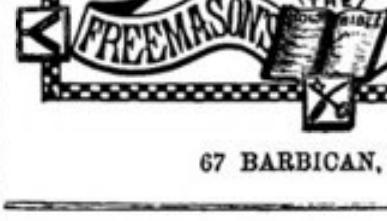
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OUR WEEKLY B

THE Queen, who on Thursday las Lord Mayor, in which she exp of gratitude that the public had so the Indian Famine Relief Fund, is sti Prince Leopold returned from St. An Monday, she visited Braemar, with t who is reported to have looked less the Princess Beatrice. Having d Shooting Lodge the Royal party lun joyed a short stroll up the hill side, r The Duke of Connaught reached Saturday afternoon, and on driving Aberfeldie, was very warmly greete Prince of Wales and party went on Fr on the Invercauld Moors. The resu was 70 brace of grouse and some Edinburgh, in command of H.M.S. S Bay for Marseilles, in order to meet h to Malta, where she will reside for so Highness will then rejoin the fleet un

Up to Wednesday evening the In Fund had already exceeded £300,000, has been remitted to India for distribu ferent famine districts. Among the are 14th instalment from the Lord Ma Doncaster £500, Keighley, 3rd instal ham, 3rd instalment, £300, Cambri £300, Reigate, 2nd instalment, £250,

number of amounts collected in various churches and chapels.

The lyric stage has sustained an irreparable loss by the somewhat sudden, though not unexpected, death of Mdlle. Titiens, who passed away peacefully early on Wednesday morning. The afternoon previous she had been in excellent spirits, and a gracious message from the Queen had contributed much to cheer her up. But in the evening she became faint and slept several hours, awaking only to fall into the sleep eternal. This gifted songstress studied music at Vienna, and on returning in 1847 to her accustomed residence in Hamburg, made her first appearance before the public in the character of Lucrezia Borgia. On the 19th May last she appeared for the last time at Her Majesty's in the same character. She had been engaged in England during nineteen successive seasons, and had justly won for herself the respect and esteem of all classes for the social qualities she possessed as well as their admiration for her great musical talents. Her voice was a soprano of the richest quality. Of her singing it is impossible to speak too highly, while her acting was almost equally worthy of praise. Nor were her talents confined to operatic singing only, for she was as great a proficient in oratorio, her rendering of "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Rejoice greatly," being magnificent. The year before last she visited the United States, and occasionally she revisited her native Germany; but generally the most tempting offers, which were again and again made to her, failed to induce her to leave the country of her adoption. As our readers are aware, Mdlle. Titiens had been ill for some months past, and had undergone an operation, which it was hoped might prove successful in restoring her to health. It was only when this had been done, however, that it was discovered a second operation would be necessary, and a fatal termination to her illness was thenceforward anticipated, though the end came, as we have said, very unexpectedly. Mdlle. Titiens was about forty-six years of age, during thirty of which she had been before the public, first in Germany, and from 1858 continuously in England. She was one of the most eminent of *prime donne*, and Mr. Mapleson must feel her death most acutely, not only as one of the principal mainstays of his company, but also as one of his most intimate personal friends.

The daily papers are filled with letters respecting the condemnation of the Penge murderers. Many, and among them Mr. Charles Reade, appear to think the conviction will not stand, because the judge did not comply with the wishes of the jury by furnishing them with a copy of the indictment. Others maintain that this refusal cannot make the slightest difference in the value of the verdict. Then, again, while the two men attract no sympathy for their fate, the public appear to think that the sentence is too severe in the case of the two women, and especially in the case of Alice Rhodes, who was rarely at the residence of Patrick Staunton. There is a certain degree of force in this latter view, but no doubt the whole of the facts and the evidence will undergo a most careful review by the Home Office authorities, while the eminent judge before whom the case was tried will assuredly be consulted, particularly as to the recommendation of the jury.

Mr. Gladstone has been at Nottingham, where he has expounded his views on the Eastern Question in particular, and public affairs in general. He does not appear to have altered or modified his opinions as to the action of Russia in attacking Turkey; but we think he would be acting more wisely if he followed the example of the Ministers, and remained a silent, though watchful, spectator of events.

One of those cases which occasionally form the subject of a trial in one of our Law Courts, of an attempt to extort money by threats of publishing private correspondence, was recently tried before Mr. Justice Hawkins, in which two foreigners, Theodorides and Gorlero by name, were concerned, the prosecutrix being Miss Slade, niece of Sir Adolphus Slade. Theodorides and the lady had been engaged to be married, but the engagement was broken off. Miss Slade destroyed the letters she had received from the defendant Theodorides, but the latter did not do so, and the letters and the box in which they were contained passed into the possession of Gorlero. Subsequently £500 was demanded under a threat of publishing the letters if the demand were not satisfied. Evidence having been given of the facts, and the judge having summed up the case, the jury found a verdict of Guilty against both prisoners, who the verdict of the public will be "served them right," while a feeling of admiration will be shown towards the lady who had the courage to resist such a demand.

The great pedestrian feat of walking 1500 miles in 1000 successive hours at the rate of a mile and a half in each hour, starting at the commencement of each hour, will, if all goes well, be completed by about half-past five this afternoon. As the undertaking has neared its completion, the greatest interest has been excited among the public, and last Sunday it is reckoned there must have been quite 20,000 people present during the day to witness the performance, and cheer Gale in his effort to beat Time. Let our readers try, if they can, to realise what it must be; what powers of endurance, and, above all, what pluck it must require, for a man to walk for within a few hours of six weeks at the rate of a mile and a half an hour, with intervals of rest never exceeding three quarters of, and latterly little more than half-an-hour. The mere attempt to walk thirty-six miles a day for forty-two consecutive days, would tax even an unusually strong man, though, he would probably be able to enjoy some twelve hours' continuous rest on each day. But Gale has never flagged in spirits, or failed in his appetite till now, nor has he suffered so severely in his legs as might have been expected with so prolonged a strain on his system. We hope that those of our readers who have not witnessed any of his walks will go to Lillie Bridge to-day, and cheer the man who, in walking, has done what Captain Webb did last year in swimming, and that is, has surpassed all the grandest efforts ever before accomplished.

There is a lull in the warlike operations in Bulgaria. Rumours, of course, appear nearly every day to the effect that this or that army, the Russian or the Turkish as the case may be, has made an attack on this or that position; but these rumours are not often confirmed, and the belief is gaining ground that we must wait some time before hearing of any great struggle. Plevna is to be regularly besieged, under the direction of General Todleben, of Sebastopol memory, and reinforcements of the Imperial Guard and other Russian troops are being rapidly pressed forward towards Plevna and to strengthen the Czarewitch, who is no longer being pressed by Mehemet Ali. Indeed, the latter has withdrawn to his position on the Lom, as the rains have rendered any forward movements impossible, and have also, as a matter of course, rendered it difficult for him to obtain supplies. In Asia there are said to have been two more engagements, in one of which the Russians were defeated, while the result of the second was not known at the time of writing, though it was believed to be in favour of the Turks, on whose General the Sultan has very properly conferred the title of "Ghazi," that is, "the Victorious." The Montenegrins have gained further successes, as might well be expected, seeing that they have no particular force opposed to them, while the Turks, it is believed, have established a communication with the Roumanian side of the Danube. If so, the Russians will have to look sharply after the lines by which all their supplies of men and material are forwarded. As regards Servia, we hear on the one hand, of military preparations to aid Russia, and on the other, of threats by Austria that if this petty principality should engage in a second wanton war, it will go hardly with her. Considering the generous terms of peace accorded to Prince Milan in March last, and that he seems to have no idea what honour means, we cannot but think that Austria has acted both wisely and becomingly.

A concert was given on Wednesday, 26th ult., by the members of the City of London Orchestral Union, at the Schoolroom, Woodland-street, Dalston, under the conduct of Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, who was assisted by Bro. Moss and others. The novelty of the entertainment—it consisted entirely of instrumental music—seemed to be fully recognised, and from the applause which followed the efforts of the performers, we feel sure their endeavours to please were appreciated.

An influential committee has been formed amongst the musical, literary and dramatic friends of Bro. Dr. Joseph J. Pope, No. 946, who are desirous of testifying their appreciation not only of his professional kindness, but also of his social worth. It is intended to present him with a testimonial at the Royal Surrey Theatre, which (by the kindness of Bro. Holland) has been placed at the disposal of the Committee), on Thursday evening, 11th October; it

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1233—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
907—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
340—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
362—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
392—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
397—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
503—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
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, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1503—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
R. C. 13—Red Rose, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
554—Yarboro-gh, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 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.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

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.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
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—Manoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

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.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, at 7. (Instruct.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (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.)

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, Reading.
1209—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1246—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Black Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1563—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 11th

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street,
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamst
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-s
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, La
205—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Alders
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regr
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars,
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-av
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road,
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-r

35—Medina, 83 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sur
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill,
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumbe
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Londo
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, I
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighto
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, I
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdo
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Ne
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale,
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lanc
1099—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance E
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under L
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worceste
1369—Bala, Penagoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic H
1457—Bagshaw, Bold Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at

FRIDAY, 12th OCT

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' I
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W.,
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. Ge
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-r
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-ro
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile En
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-stre
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria P
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, n
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N

58—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. M
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge,
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchang
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockfer
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, N

SATURDAY, 13th OCT

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, R

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

WEST YORKSHI

SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stanal

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-s
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-stree
R. A. 405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street,

TUESDAY.

405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wak
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Ke
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leed

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street,

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, S

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street,
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliam
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-pl

EDINBURGH DISTR

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writ
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Wat
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hal
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, H
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-stree

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During the Tourist Season, for the ben
brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic
All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherw

MONDAY—54—St. Machar, Freemasons' Hall, Aber
" 102—St. Mark, 213 Buchanan-street, Gl
" 204—St. Paul, George Inn, High-street,
" 206—Garthland, St. Winnock, Eagle Inn,
" 218—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall,
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgo

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TUESDAY—76—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Thistle-street, Sterling.
" 122—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Perth.
" 230—St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 299—Panmure, Freemasons' Hall, Hill-street, Arbroath.
" 413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 85 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.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 303—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—58—New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
" 109—St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 185—St. Adrian, Town Hall, Pittenween.
" 334—St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 557—Blantyre, Craig Hall, High Blantyre.
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-street, Pollockshaws.
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" 399—Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbarnie.
" 553—St. Vincent, 221 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Bellahill, Holytown, at 7.
" 26—St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 6 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Friday, the 28th ultimo, at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge. As is well known, this Lodge has a very strong muster roll, and, consequently, its meetings are always characterised by a large amount of work and a good attendance of members. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. Chambers Roe, has been most deservedly popular with the brethren, and the new W.M., Bro. Walter Goss, whose unanimous election to the chair at the last meeting—which we recorded in our issue of the 4th August last—was looked upon as a worthy successor to a worthy Mason. Bro. Roe opened his Lodge soon after one o'clock, when there was a strong muster of members and visitors. He was supported by his officers. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. called on the Audit Committee for their report. This showed the funds were in a most satisfactory condition, a balance of £121 10s 8d standing to the credit of the Lodge. The W.M. then examined Bros. Joseph Edwin Carter, George Webb and William Slater; this proving satisfactory the Lodge was advanced and the three brethren named were raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bros. Thomas Clarke, Edward Francis Wyer, Edward Spencer Pearson, William Deakin Becket and Thomas Rands, the five brethren whose names appeared on the agenda as candidates for the second degree, answered the usual questions, and in due course were passed. The next item on the programme was the installation of Worshipful Master, and Bro. Roe completed the duties of his year by installing his successor, performing the task in a manner that gave the most unqualified satisfaction. The brethren having been re-admitted, and the customary salutes given, Bro. Goss invested his officers:—Bro. Charles May S.W., W. Gomm J.W., J. Smith P.M. Treasurer, W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, Blasby S.D., Erwin J.D., Costelow I.G., Hale P.M. W.S., Tarling D.C., Ackhurst A.D.C., Gilbert Tyler. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Robert Thomas Talbot, James Joseph Gunner and Charles Coombes, and resulted in their favour; all three gentlemen being present the new W.M. had an early opportunity to exhibit his proficiency, and by the faultless way in which he performed the ceremony gave assurance to the brethren that the *prestige* of the Lodge for able Masters would be upheld during the forthcoming year. After the regular business had been transacted in accord with customary demands, Bro. Goss rose, and said:—Brethren, before closing the Lodge I regret to say that I shall be unable to remain with you to banquet. A very distressing circumstance has overtaken me; one with which I am sure you will all deeply sympathise; it is the loss of my dear and only brother. In saying thus much I feel convinced I am spared further remarks upon the subject. However, before vacating the chair I desire to say a few words; and these I wish to direct particularly to the initiates of the evening. They have this day joined a society of which they previously knew little or nothing; let me hope that they may become ornaments of our time-honoured Craft. I further wish to impress upon them the necessity of advocating the genuine principles and tenets of our Order, more particularly I wish to impress upon them that they should remember a true Mason is always a gentleman. This in itself will prove of service in guiding them as Freemasons to maintain the dignity of our Order. And now, brethren, I have a duty to perform; a duty which, in the ordinary course, would have been carried out at the banquet table; but as I unfortunately, and to my deep regret, cannot join you there this evening, I have been requested, as an old and esteemed friend of Bro. Roe, to place upon his breast the jewel you have so kindly voted him. In so doing I have only to add that he has more than earned it; no officer has ever carried out the functions appertaining to his appointment more efficiently than our esteemed Bro. Roe; hence it is sufficient for me to perform this act of duty, and place this well-earned honour upon his breast, hoping he may live long in the friendship of you all to enjoy the lustre it sheds upon him, as a pledge of your kind regard. After a few remarks from Bro. Roe, who expressed the sympathy of all present with Bro. Goss in his sad bereavement, the Lodge was closed. A brief adjournment then took place, previous to the banquet, which was served in admirable style by host Stanbury. The dishes were placed on the table with a celerity we could wish more frequently practised. We are not "huge feeders;" we think forty minutes, or an hour at most, ample time for gastronomic purposes. We too often have to complain of the chilliness that pervades the surroundings at Masonic banquets, and confess a predilection for hot to us important features. As we have frequently remarked, much of the pleasure we look to enjoy from our after dinner proceedings is marred by the lateness of the hour at which the cloth is cleared. However, on this occasion all went merry as a marriage bell. Grace having been said, the presiding Master, Bro. J. Chambers Roe, gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, and Bro. Roe briefly introduced the other Loyal toasts; after these had received full honour, the acting W.M. again rose. He had now a most delicate task to perform. Every member would join with him in the deep regret he felt at the absence of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Goss and he were old friends, and he knew how anxiously his companion had looked forward to the day of his installation as W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Bro. Goss last evening called at his house, and consulted him as to what course he should adopt under the painful circumstances in which he was placed. The advice he gave was, that he should attend the Lodge, go through the business of the day, and then beg the brethren to excuse him. Bro. Goss had acted upon this advice, and the brethren had seen how well he had sustained his part in the proceedings. Bro. Roe concluded by calling on the brethren to drink the health of their W.M. in a manner consonant with the melancholy cause which had enforced his absence. Bro. Beasley P.M. then said: Brethren,—Our acting W.M. has for the moment placed the gavel in my hands, and you all know to what use I am about to put it. We are sorry to see the Master's place occupied this evening by the I.P.M., but you would not agree with me were I to say that we were sorry to see Bro. Roe where he is. We are one and all indebted to Bro. Roe; in every way has he been successful. He has during his term of office ably worked the ceremonies, and well carried out the duties. He had a large balance when he began the year, but he left a still larger one when he left the chair. Bro. Beasley closed his remarks by calling on the brethren to do full honour to the toast. Bro. Roe rose with a very great amount of regret, regret on this occasion for his enforced position; he would much rather have seen the W.M. in his place. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Beasley for the way in which he had proposed it. He had had a very happy time of it during the past twelve months, and what work had fallen to his lot had been to him a labour of love. He would at all times willingly exert himself to advance the Order and promote the best interests of the Lodge. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the acting W.M. said that unless new blood was introduced no Lodge could go on successfully. Vacancies necessarily would occur, and these vacancies must be filled up. The Royal Alfred had always been a progressive Lodge, and he trusted it would exist as long as the Craft should be recognised. That evening they had enrolled three candidates, and he called upon all present to drink to their health and prosperity. After a song, capitally rendered by Bro. Hamilton, Bro. Gunner replied. It had long been his desire to be enrolled a member of the Order, and he trusted he should prove himself a worthy member of the noble Craft. Bro. Coombes hoped that by assiduity and a firm resolve to acquaint himself with the principles inculcated by its teachings he might be found worthy of the confidence the brethren had shown when they permitted him to enrol himself under the banner of Freemasonry. Bro. Coombes thanked the acting W.M., and expressed a hope that he might long be known and respected by the members. The next toast that received recognition was the Visitors, and with it was associated the names of Bros. Morgan and Constable, who replied; the latter Bro. calling attention to the eminently satisfactory position in which the Lodge stood in regard to funds, and while fully recognising the support the brethren had always accorded the Charities urged them to still further exert themselves. Bro. Constable next acknowledged the fact of the W.M. having undertaken a Stewardship for the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, and expressed a hope that some of the brethren might be induced to represent each of the other Charities. He was sure the Lodge would nobly assist them, by voting a portion of the large balance in hand, notwithstanding that they had already given ten guineas to the W.M.'s list. The toast of the Past Masters was replied to by Bro. Hale, who, in answer to Bro. Constable, remarked that the Royal Alfred had always supported the Institutions; he directed attention to what had been done by Bro. Littlewood, who had taken up £90 from the Lodge, which invariably assisted those of its members who acted as Stewards. Bro. Brown also referred to what the Lodge had done for the Institutions; he was of opinion it would always hold its own; any way, they were Vice Presidents twice over, and would not be wanting when called upon. These remarks were fully endorsed by Bro. Hilton, who would give five guineas to be placed on the W.M.'s list. Bro. Gardiner was gratified to know that the I.P.M. was one of his candidates; three of the officers who had been appointed that day were his initiates, and he was pleased to know they had turned out such worthy supporters of the Order. The remaining toasts comprised the Officers, to which Bros. May, Gomm, Hilton, Blasby, Costelow and Tarling replied; meanwhile a list was passed round, and the W.M. announced the amount set down thereon as £39 15s; this will be handed to Bro. Goss in support of his Stewardship. Bro. Beasley remarked that he, too, was a Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School; he was at the head of a very charitable Lodge, and he was sure he should be supported by its members. He should be happy to offer himself as a Steward at the after Festival of the Boys' School; he was already a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution. The Tyler was now summoned, and a pleasant day's proceedings was brought to a close.

Percy Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 114.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Thursday, 20th September. The attendance of brethren was not so numerous as usual, owing to distant engagements of several members, who, however, forwarded their apologies for absence. Amongst those were the R.W. Bro. Major General

V.W. Bro. F. W. Harrison, the W. Bro. W. Smallpiece, Bros. Colonel Martin, Dr. La Fanque, R. Eve, T. Tyler, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. Wells, who was supported by Bros. W. M. Piggott S.W., Charrington J.W., Edgar Drewett P.M., Davies, Michaux, Neales, Seymour and others. By request of the W.M., the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. and P.G.J.O. advanced into the degree Bro. R. D. Onslow, M.P. for Guildford, and subsequently installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Piggott, into the chair of A., both ceremonies being worked in *extenso*, and the addresses to the Master and Officers impressively delivered. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Charrington S.W., Mason J.W., Eve M.O., Bolling S.O., Davies J.O., Michaux R.M., Smallpiece P.M. Treas., Drewett P.M. D.C., Piggott Sec., Seymour I.G., Neate Tyler. The Deacons' offices were left open for the ensuing meeting. The Lodge unanimously voted the sum of two guineas to the Indian Famine Fund, and transacted necessary routine business. On the proposition of the I.P.M. Bro. Wells, supported by the newly installed W.M., the thanks of the Lodge to the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, for services on this and former occasions, were unanimously voted, and he was requested to accept honorary membership in token thereof. Bro. Stevens briefly responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt in receiving so honourable a mark of approval, and his desire to be, in the future as he had been in the past, of service to the brethren generally and to the Lodge in particular. The Lodge was then closed, and, after attending the meeting of the Percy Craft Lodge, which was opened immediately subsequent, the brethren re-united at the banquet table, under the presidency of Bro. Davies, W.M. of the Craft Lodge. Bro. Piggott, the W.M. of the Mark Lodge, occupying the position of S.W. Bro. Michaux surpassed his customary excellence in the provision of viands and wines, and this important fact, coupled with a strong desire on the part of both Lodges to promote harmony and good fellowship, ensured a most successful and agreeable evening, the brethren separating at last with mutual congratulations that Craft and Mark had so happily joined forces. We commend this arrangement where circumstances may permit.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M. Bro. Thos. Tunstall was supported by his Wardens and a number of P.M.'s and members, including Bro. Jno. Bowes P.M. P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Bro. T. W. Ockenden of Lodges 1512 and 1656. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. After some routine business, five guineas was voted to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, on the motion of Bro. Bowes. Labour concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where an excellent supper was supplied by the host, and enjoyed by the company. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been considered. The Visitors received consideration at the hands of Bro. Pickthall S.W., and was eloquently responded to by Bro. T. W. Ockenden. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The first meeting since the vacation was held on Monday, 1st instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. in the chair. Bros. M. Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. Sec., H. Hymans S.D., A. J. Campion J.D., Baker I.G.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, I. Abrahams; Bros. Genese, Cohen, Riebold, Bottenheim, G. Bean, Blanks, Benjamin, Hulbuth, Aaronson, Verdun, Brown, Walenski, Van Stavern, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. M. Spiegel J.W. The resignation of two members was accepted with regret. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. replied for the Grand Officers. The W.M. then proposed success to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, for which Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President, returned thanks; and then proposed the toast of the acting W.M. Bro. Dodson, who had always most ably presided over them; to-night was no exception. Bro. Dodson said that at any time he might be called upon his services were at their command. The Visitors was the next toast given; all the members were pleased to see them. Bro. Abrahamson returned thanks. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. acknowledged the toast of the Past Masters. That of the Wardens was next honoured, the acting W.M. stating that he had some experience, but he had never seen better working; he was sure, by attention to their duties, they would in due course occupy the chair. After replies from Bros. Miller and Spiegel, the W.M. gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The latter brother is a P.G. officer, known and respected by all. The Treasurer was absent in Brussels, he also was worthy of our regard and respect. He had sent a letter regretting his absence, but hoped to meet the brethren in health and prosperity at their next meeting. This toast was followed by that of the Officers, which was duly responded to. Some excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Mallette, Benjamin and Lancaster. The Visitors were—Bros. Hudson 439, Abrahamson 898, M. Goldstein 898, Morzlak 898, Lancaster 1044, Blackett 318, Stunt 1641, Mallette 655, Australia.

Lodge of Instruction.—Through the exertions of the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, a Lodge of Instruction has been opened in connection with the Wandsworth 1044. At present it meets every Wednesday evening (the third Wednesday in the month excepted), at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. J. G. Carter P.M. and Pre-

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.— satisfaction the members of this new Monday last, listened to the Report of tion took place on Wednesday, 30th the Lodge has been in existence very enabled to declare itself free from al formation. The brethren were summ chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Char by Bros. S. Rawley and Clarke as W officers were in their respective plac opened, and the minutes read and co Auditors was then submitted and rece The Lodge was now opened in the se Thomas and E. J. Emery answered the degree, were entrusted and retired. Th and these two brethren were raised to th was then made that the W.M. would degree to Bro. Adolphus George Langfo the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, but who prevented his being present at subse Lodge; moreover, he was now about t leaving this country, was anxious to adv formalities requisite on these occasions Langford was examined and in due course brought into request for Mr. John Alle initiation, and for Bro. Richard Stevens as a joining member. In both cases was the W.M. initiated the first named. H ceremonies in his quiet, but eminently e to produce a deep impression on all the degrees. Bro. Thos. Mortlock, one of t formally presented an elegantly bound c also a copy of the Bye Laws of the Lodg for the time being. Both books bore a st greatly admired by the brethren presen Master for the ensuing year was then pro kindly acted as Director of the Ceremo George Huggett as the W.M. elect. T taken, the brethren under the rank of inst to retire, a Board was formed, and the cer the re-admission of the brethren, and the appointment and investment of officers foll S.W., Anning J.W., S. Rawley P.M. T Secretary, Kendall S.D., Maud J.D., Clark W.S., Steedman Tyler. Several commu after which a suggestion, emanating from sidered; it resulted in a collection being Famine Fund, and a sum of over £2 was r present. The Lodge was then closed. T during the evening as visitors:—Bros. H. ford 174, G. T. H. Seddon J.W. 174, T. F. Moss 212, H. Williams P.M. 227, D. Aylie J. G. Stevens P.M. 933, J. Taylor P.M. 933 Morgan 1385, J. L. Mather W.M. 1580, W R. Webb 795, &c. An adjournment took plac made for the banquet. On the re-assemb pressed their gratification at the way the tab of the room were ready for inspection, allotted seat pointed out to him. This is and one we should like to see more freque where space is limited. Bro. Huggett pr right and left by Bros. John Hervey, Grand Bro. Lacey. The dinner was capitally se lateness of the hour, was, to our mind, However, as to the quality of the viands the in their expressions of satisfaction. Th several toasts were given in rapid success for the Grand Officers. On rising he said hour of the evening I will not let one mom ledge the reception given to the toast by t room. I think it an honour to have my n noblemen as Lords Carnarvon and Sk heavy demands upon his time by his colo Carnarvon does not forget what is required to Lord Skelmersdale, all I can say will fal esteem in which he is held; I would remar evidence of this I must recommend you to there I am convinced you will obtain it. prophet has honour in his own country; h the contrary. I now come to the difficult kindness with which you have receive and in the Lodge, I greatly appreciate, I here; I feel among friends. If, as your Wo I did you any kindness twelve months ago witnessing the prosperous condition in whi bygone days it had been remarked that visits to this part of the metropolis, I do were warranted. I find that I have a num consecrated by myself, hereabout, and wi Langthorne, the Guelph, the Burdett Coutt and latterly the Eleanor and the All Sai most satisfactorily, and I rejoice in havin There is one thing I would urge upon all— too large. The Master will always be able pertaining to his office if the members will this he will be greatly assisted if his officers to efficiently perform their duties. Bro.

which was given in capital style by Bro. Myerscough, Bro. Huggett replied: At the best of times he was not a good speaker. To hold the position of Worshipful Master in such a Lodge was, he considered, a very great honour. He would try in every way to carry out his duties satisfactorily, and he trusted his efforts would result in the prosperity of the Tredegar Lodge. He would say more on a future occasion, but to-night would content himself with thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Bro Huggett then gave the health of the Immediate Past Master. It was with all truth and sincerity he could speak of his many qualities; he had known him for the last nine years, and all with whom he was acquainted who knew Bro. Lacey honoured and esteemed him. He would place on his breast the jewel which had been presented by the Lodge, a jewel which had been thoroughly and honourably earned. The Lodge, at the conclusion of its first year's existence, was free from debt, and that result was due to their I.P.M. Bro. Lacey said he felt almost overwhelmed by the W.M.'s kind words. The brethren had paid him a high compliment by making him the first Master of their Lodge, and he thought he might congratulate himself on the great success they had met with; this he thought was due to the members generally, to whom all the credit should be accorded. The ensuing year bids fair to be an equally successful one with the last and he trusted the day was far distant when he should be separated from the members. He expressed his thanks to all, and hoped the same kindness might be exhibited to his successor, and to all who might follow him. The health of the Initiate was next given, and replied to; and the W.M. then proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and with the toast he associated the name of Bro. Binckes, P.G. Steward, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Binckes commenced his remarks by congratulating the brethren upon the prosperity of the Lodge. At this late hour he did not wish to inflict upon them a long speech, but he looked around, and everywhere he recognised old and well-tried friends. He did not know whether he should be successful that evening in enrolling a Steward for his next Festival; this he must leave entirely to them, but he would content himself by pleading the cause of the three Charities. Bro. Binckes then urged the special claims of the Institutions, and referred to a late speech made by Bro. Farnfield, who he had pleasure in meeting earlier in the evening. Bro. Farnfield, he said, must have been indoctrinated by the opinions of his father, who, of course, always considered the Benevolent Institution was the most fit and proper one to be supported. Others might urge the claims of the Girls'; for himself, he had but one idea on the point, and that was, the foremost Institution to be supported was that of the Boys' School. Let the Craft look after the Boys, and the Boys would in time look after the Girls. Bro. Binckes then referred to some of those present who had specially exerted themselves on behalf of the Charities, and heartily thanked them for what they had already done. He next spoke of the efforts that were being made in our Lodges to assist the fund in aid of the Indian Famine, but feared that these efforts would somewhat divert the stream from our own Institutions. He concluded his remarks by making a strong appeal for a continuance of the support he had already received. The remaining toasts were then gone through, but the exigencies of the train service compelled many of the brethren to leave, amidst congratulations as to the success of the day's proceedings. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, with his usual courtesy, ably assisted the proceedings, both in the Lodge and at the banquet, by his musical ability.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street. According to announcement, Bro. Louis A. Leins, P.M. 65, worked the ceremony of installation on Tuesday last. Bros. Wharman S.W., Posener J.W., Fraser S.D., Forrest J.D., West I.G., Campbell, Patmore, Rowley, Hill, Daniel, Hollands, Sayer, Walker, Harris, Fraser, Glass, Posener, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. Hollands W.M. elect. Bro. Hill then worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Forrest candidate. Bro. Rowley W.M. of Lodge 917, and Bro. Patmore D.C. Lodge 228, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. It was proposed by Bro. Posener, and seconded by Bro. Daniel, that a vote of thanks to Bro. Leins be recorded on the minutes, for the able and impressive manner in which he had rendered the ceremony, to the gratification and instruction of all present. This was carried unanimously. Bro. L. A. Leins said he felt it a duty, at the same time a great pleasure, to be called upon by the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction to render any Masonic instruction he could impart. Bro. Wharman will fill the chair on Tuesday, 9th instant. After a pleasant evening, the Lodge was closed. Before the brethren left the Lodge Bro. L. A. Leins gave the impressive long charge.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its meeting on Thursday the 4th October, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Bros. Hunt W.M., J. Pinder Preceptor, Upward S.W., Franklin J.W., W. Hallows Asst. Sec., G. Clarke J.D., also Bros. Groome, Haines, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haines acting as candidate. Bro. J. Pinder worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Haines 1079 was elected a member. Bro. Upward will preside next week.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The first meeting of this old established Chapter for the season was held at its comfortable quarters, the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the following officers:—Comps. E. J. Rowe M.E.Z., P. Wagner H., J. Constable J., T. W. White Scribe E., duly confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by the principals, Comp. Major E. H. Finney acting as candidate. The officers of the evening were re-elected for the ensuing fortnight, and the following Companions unanimously elected members, viz.—F. Buckland Doric Chapter, J. G. Yolland Gladsmuir Chapter, and F. Butt. Each returned thanks for the favour of membership, and promised to attend whenever circumstances would permit. We need hardly say that the ceremony and addresses were tolerably well performed, but on many former occasions we have heard the same more efficiently rendered. Improvement will no doubt follow, as the strength of the meeting fully testified the determination of Companions to work up in this branch of the art. There were present Comps. John Boyd Treas., E. Gottheil, C. W. Noehmer, F. A. White, S. H. Moore, H. Darcy, G. Darcy, R. E. Stevenson, John Seex, W. W. Morgan, &c. The Chapter will continue its meetings on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the meeting on Saturday, the 29th September, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, present—Bros. J. Stock W.M., Gibbs S.W., Fenner J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Brasted S.D., Brand J.D., Elliston I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin candidate; also the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bros. C. Lorkin and J. A. Powell acting as candidates. The third section of the first lecture was worked. Bro. Gibbs was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday the 2nd of October, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. G. Brown W.M., Defriez S.W., Young J.W., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Sanders S.D., and Brasted J.D. Visitors—Bros. Lines, Cook, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forss acting as candidate. Afterwards Bro. Defriez worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lines of 972, and Bro. Cook of 188 were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Defriez will preside at the next meeting.

Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874.—On Monday the 1st inst., a Royal Arch Chapter was solemnly dedicated and consecrated at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, by Companion the Rev. T. Robinson Prov. Grand J. of Kent, assisted by Comps. J. H. Eastes Prov. G.H., the Rev. W. A. Hill, and H. Ward Prov. G.H. Wilts. Amongst the Visitors were Comps. Cottebrune Assist. Soj. P.Z., Kingston H. 862, W. J. Murlis, F. Frye and W. Grist 862. After the Chapter had been formally opened and the Comps. admitted, the Petitioners were arranged in order, and addressed by the Consecrating Officer, as to whether they approved of the Principals named in the Charter, and they having signified their approval, proceeded to constitute the Chapter. An oration on the principles of the Order was delivered by the Rev. W. A. Hill. A convocation of installed principals was then formed, when Comp. the Rev. T. Robinson, then installed Comps. B. S. Wilmot and Delves into the 2nd and 3rd chairs. Comp. W. Stephens being already a P.Z. was invested, and placed in the chair as J. of the Chapter, his first act being to instal Comps. B. S. Wilmot and Delves as second Principals, after which B. S. Wilmot was finally installed as M.E.Z., according to ancient custom. Upon the admission of the Comps., the Principals were duly proclaimed and saluted, and the following Officers appointed:—Comps. R. W. Delves Scribe E., Bacon Scribe N., Williams P. Soj. The Consecrating Officers were then elected honorary members; several candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the Convocation closed. An excellent banquet followed, at which the M.E.Z. presided. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and ably responded to.

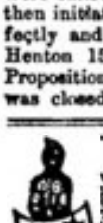
The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—Held its first meeting of the season at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, 27th September. Present—Bros. P. M. Holden W.M., B. W. Swallow G.J.D. Middlesex I.P.M., C. A. Cottebrune Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., E. White S.W., J. E. Shand as J.W., B. Turner S.D., Hutchinson as J.D., Willis as I.G., Townley, Tate, Hammond, Irving, Gardner, Ward, Eastgate, Day, Döcker, Waugh, and others. Visitors—Bros. John Coutts P.G.P. W.M., Covent Garden Lodge, John Elliott W.M. 1348, A. J. Ireton S.W. 1348, A. Bassington J.W. 205, L. Beck W.M. 1687, E. H. Stanwitx P.M. 435, T. Cooper S.D. 538, James Edell 108, C. F. Lewns 95, T. J. Arnold 382, E. G. Marner 1673. Bros. Taylor and Clarke were passed to degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Ward, Jones, Lee and Eastgate were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden W.M., in a most impressive manner. The election of W.M. for next year was then proceeded with, and Bro. E. White was unanimously chosen. Bro. Cottebrune was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. The bye-laws were read, after which several propositions for initiation at next meeting were handed to the Secretary. A letter was read from Bro. Parsons P.M. 180 J.D. of this Lodge, tendering his resignation, which was received with great regret. Bro. P.M. Swallow proposed that a jewel, with collar and appendages, be presented at the next meeting to the W.M. for his ability and conduct of the Lodge during his year of office; this was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until November. About fifty brethren then sat down to a capital dinner, prepared by Bro. Nicol, for which a haunch of venison had been kindly sent by Bro. Riley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

satisfied he was a good Mason, and that he would do credit to the City of Westminster Lodge. During the evening, and after most of the brethren had dispersed, Bro. Scott, Secretary, suggested that the Lodge should have a ball in January, to give the wives, sisters, and ladies a treat. This was approved of by the W.M. and brethren, who at once subscribed about £40 as a guarantee fund for the purpose, to avoid taking from the funds of the Lodge. Bros. Beck, Eastgate, Lewis, &c., enlivened the proceedings with music, and the W.M. gave a recitation.

Samson Lodge, No. 1668.—The members held their first regular meeting, after the summer vacation, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The following were present:—Bros. Marcus D. Loewenstark W.M., J. D. Barnett S.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W., A. D. Loewenstark Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett J.D., J. Lover I.G., S. Wasserberg D.C.; Bros. H. Aarons, W. Loughton, M. Wilson, J. Quincey, H. Jewel, A. Cohen, W. Williams, J. G. Thomas, M. Eilenberg. Visitors—Bros. Valentine and H. Myers, of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. shortly after five o'clock, and the minutes of the regular meeting of 1st May, and of the emergency meetings of 5th June, 3rd July, and 9th August were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Williams and M. Eilenberg were then raised to the 3rd degree. Mr. John Elkan was initiated into Freemasonry in a very impressive manner by the W.M., after which the W.M. passed Bros. H. Jewell and Albert Cohen. Propositions for initiation and joining were then made. The Secretary submitted the bye-laws of the Lodge for confirmation, and after the brethren had thoroughly discussed them, they were unanimously confirmed, they having been formally adopted at a previous meeting. Letters of apology were received from two of the officers, who were unavoidably absent. There being no further business, the Lodge was adjourned till 6th November, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The Initiates' health was given and ably responded to. Altogether, the brethren spent a very pleasant evening, chiefly owing to the music that was provided; the W.M. contributed a violin solo, Miss Loewenstark played a pianoforte solo, and Miss Eugenie Samuel sang with great effect, and was heartily applauded after her respective songs. The members of the Lodge also assisted in the musical arrangements, and the brethren did not separate until 11 o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—This recently consecrated Lodge held its first meeting of the season at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, on Wednesday last. Bros. Louis Beck W.M., Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W., W. C. Parsons Secretary, Docker S.D., Cropland J.D., Outhwaite I.G., Berrow as Organist, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The minutes of the former and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Duret, Jones, and Lucas were passed; Messrs. W. Taylor, E. W. Livermore, J. W. Danton, and G. C. Michels were balloted for and unanimously accepted. These gentlemen were then initiated into the Order by the W.M., the ceremony being perfectly and impressively rendered. Bros. A. Magillivray 1559, H. Henton 1559, and J. Wake 749, were elected joining members. Propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and the Lodge was closed until the first Wednesday in November. The brethren then sat down to a banquet and dess that gave great satisfaction. The W.h H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., him at the head of the Order, especially from the fact of H.R.H. allowing thes arms, as Duke of Rothesay, on the ban After the toasts of the R.W. Pro G.M., Grand Officers, Bro. W. C. Parsons Sec had a pleasing duty to perform, to prop their Treasurer, Bro. Swallow; the healt respect. He does all in his power to Lodge, and he deserved their thanks for ducted their various ceremonies. Bro. regretted the absence, on account of Swallow. It had always been his ambitio had made a good selection of officers, a their conduct affairs would flourish. I terests at heart; he again thanked thes The next toast was that of the Visitors, complimented the W.M. The W.M. the Initiates; there were seven present, son the former meetings. He was sure, by to the ceremony, they would be an acqu Livermore, Duret, Michels, and Taylor W.M. then gave the health of the Treasu gretted the absence of the former brot letter be sent from the Lodge, expressing to Bro. Parsons, he is well known and e bers are proud of him, for no Lodge coul Bro. Parsons returned thanks. Anything of the Lodge would be his especial care. ask them to look to the distinguishing cha heart—Charity. He had been, and hoped one of the Charities, and he would ask t become Subscribers or Life Governors. the toast of the Officers, the W.M. said he S.W. in the chair; he would have great brother as his successor; all the officers w This having been responded to, the Tyl the brethren separated, after passing a very evening. Visitors—Bros. Archibald Nagle nell 2, G. Wood 1528, Abbott P.M. 9, C Stewards' Lodge, J. Berror 190, Lakin S. 188. Some very excellent singing enaun Baxter and Outhwaite; Bro. Berrow play the pianoforte.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—Th meeting on Monday the 1st of October, at t Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard S.W., T. Butcher J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec Wotton J.D., H. O. Aveline Mayhery St Adam Orlopp Tyler. Past Masters Bros Phillips, H. C. Rich. The business compri T. C. Bargrave Watkins and John Morgan several matters of interest to the members



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THE ELECTIONS TO THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

TO-DAY and Monday will be fraught with important consequences to many of our friends, who ever since last April have been labouring hard to secure the admission into one or other of our Schools of their *protégés*, and the hopes they have been nursing for some months will be realised or dashed to the ground. We wish it were possible that none of those interested in the elections which are fixed for these two days—who will throng the hall and rooms in Freemasons' Hall—might wend their way homewards full of sorrow at the destruction of their fondest hopes, but this cannot be. Of the fifty candidates for the Girls' School, fifteen must suffer defeat; while of the sixty-seven candidates for the Boys' School, the large number of fifty-eight, or, in the event of Bro. Roebuck's motion being carried, fifty-seven must be rejected. In both cases the majority of those who fail will have this consolation—that they have other opportunities of seeking admission. Still, the knowledge that a defeat may be repaired does not, at the moment, lessen the regret which is inevitable. We will now in accordance with our usual custom, give a short sketch of the list of candidates, and the claims they severally have on the sympathy and support of the electors. And first, as to the Girls' School, the election for which takes place to-day.

We have already said there are fifty candidates, who will compete among themselves for thirty-five vacancies. Of these there are thirty-nine who have tried once or more than once before, and have, therefore, in most instances more or fewer votes already to the good. One has been a candidate five times, and has 707 votes recorded for her. Eight have tried three times, and the votes carried forward range from 870 for No. 9, to 160 for No. 3. Eight have stood twice, of whom No. 17 has 697 votes, and No. 11 only 62. The next twenty-two were candidates for the first time in April last, and No. 27 has 466 votes, No. 34 384 votes, No. 39 10 votes, No. 31 3 votes, while no votes at all were polled last time for either Nos. 22, 30, or 38. The number of new candidates is eleven, and there are four out of the fifty who if they are unsuccessful to-day will have no further chance allowed them, as they will have exceeded the maximum limit of age. These are No. 4, with 323 votes to the good; No. 15, with 217: No. 26, with 35; and No. 28, with 211. One candidate (No. 4) has lost both her parents, and one (No. 29) has a stepmother living; eight have both parents living, thirty-nine have lost their father, and one has lost her mother. Twenty-two hail from the Metropolitan District, twenty-six from the Provinces, one from Singapore, and one from the 14th Regiment of Foot. Of the Provincial candidates, Devonshire furnishes three; Lincolnshire, Somersetshire, Yorkshire W., Yorkshire N. and E., Lancashire W., Lancashire E., and Hants and Isle of Wight furnish each two; while the remaining nine are distributed among as many Provinces, to wit, Staffordshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Kent, Sussex, Notts, Bristol, Middlesex, and Suffolk. In eleven cases the father had contributed to, or served the office of Steward at one or more Festivals of, one or other of our Institutions, while the number of years the father had been a subscribing member of one or more Lodges ranges from twenty six in the case of No. 49, to three-quarters of a year in the case of No. 13, he in the latter case having died without completing a year's membership. A further glance at the list will show that in very many instances the father had obtained Lodge honours, and in a few instances Provincial honours were superadded. Three of the girls have each one sister, and two each two sisters already in the Institution; one has had a sister in the School, and four have had each a brother in the Boys' School. The occupations of the parents are as various as are their claims to support, one having served his country in the capacity of Major General in the Royal Artillery, while six have filled, or fill, the position of Licensed Victualler. Such are the few particulars which it seems desirable to record of the candidates for the Girls' School, and we can only hope that the most meritorious cases may stand at the head of the poll.

For the Boys' School, there is an unusually long list of candidates, while, unfortunately, there is but a very limited number of vacancies, so that at the very least fifty-seven must be sent away disappointed on Monday, for which day the election to this Institution is fixed. Of the sixty-seven candidates, one, the boy Cox who stands No. 1 on the list, has already tried unsuccessfully on seven previous elections, and has carried forward to his account 551 votes. Nos. 2 and 3 have tried and failed at five previous elections, No. 2 having 360 votes to the good and No. 3 only 33. The six that follow have made four previous attempts to get admitted, and the number of votes to their credit severally ranges from 997 in the case of No. 7, down to as low as 26 in the case of No. 5, and 8 in the case of No. 9. The two next in order of sequence have been candidates at three elections, but while No. 10 has as many as 1,141 votes to the good, No. 11 has only as few as 27. The fourteen that follow have tried twice before, and of these No. 14 has already polled 1,482 votes, No. 25, 1,039 votes, and No. 16 only 10 votes, while unfortunate No. 15 has secured only three. There are ten boys who were candidates in April last, of whom No. 40 then polled 940 votes, No. 33 726 votes, and 39 701 votes, but No. 30 was able to secure only 10 votes, No. 34 4 votes, and No. 26 exactly 2 votes, No. 37 being still more unfortunate, as he, poor little fellow, obtained no support whatever, so that he will be on Monday to all intents and purposes a new candidate. So far we have accounted for forty Boys, the remainder, twenty-seven in number, being candidates for the first time, but the name of one of these, who stands No. 55 on the list, has been withdrawn since the voting papers were issued. There are seven whose names will of necessity be removed from the list should they fail to win a place among the successful ones. These are Nos. 1 (Cox), (2 Gurney), 5 (Evans), 6 (Williams), 9 (Morley), 19 (Fairman), and 31 (Denton). There are five who have lost both father and mother, while one has lost his mother, and his father is set down on the list as "paralyzed." Ten have both parents living, but in the case of No. 24 the father is paralyzed, and in that of No. 30 it is written, "the mother been deserted since 1871." Forty-eight of the boys have lost their father, and two are motherless. Twenty-two of those on the list belong to London, and one to Lancashire E. and London. Of the remaining forty-three—No. 55, hailing from Cambridgeshire, having, as we have said already, had his name withdrawn—Lancashire E. furnishes four candidates, Devonshire and Warwickshire three each. Hants and Isle of Wight, Kent, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, N. Wales and Salop, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire N. and E. send each two. Dorsetshire and Gloucestershire have one candidate between them. Bristol, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, S. Wales E. Div., Suffolk, Surrey, Wilts, and Worcestershire

furnish each one candidate, and so do the following districts abroad, namely, Bengal, Bombay, Malta, New Zealand, S. Africa East. Div., and West Indies. In fourteen cases the father was a subscriber to, or served the office of Steward for, one or other or for two or all of our Charitable Institutions, and in about twenty-four cases he had held office in his Lodge or Lodges, while in sundry of these he had likewise had Provincial honours conferred upon him. One boy, No. 42, has had, and three, Nos. 48, 50, and 51, have each a brother in the Institution; and Nos. 49 and 64 have each a sister in the Girls' School. Thus have we given all noticeable details respecting the different candidates, whose fate will be determined on Monday, and it remains for us to express a hope in this case, as in that of the Girls' School, that the most deserving boys will find themselves at the head of the poll. And though it is a departure from our usual custom, we do not think any of our readers will find fault with us for indulging in the hope that the boy Cox, who has experienced seven previous disappointments, will be one of the successful ones. We do not say this because the lad's case is worthier than others—that may, or may not be so, as only those who are acquainted with *all* the candidates can settle such a point—but because he has had his hopes and expectations of success so frequently destroyed. Two appeals on his behalf appeared in the columns of this journal last week, one from Bro. J. E. Curtcis, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Devon—the Province from which the lad hails—and the other from Rev. Bro. Daniel Ace. Both these gentlemen are using their endeavours to ensure success at this last and final attempt to get the lad into the School. We shall rejoice if they carry his election, but Dr. Ace must pardon us for suggesting that his appeals will be the more forcible the more temperate the language in which they are expressed. If, as he suggests, the lad's chances at this supreme hour are still trembling in the balance, it is as impolitic as it is undignified for those who are supporting the same cause to excite differences one among the other at the most critical period of the struggle. This appears to be about as unwise as if, in a boat race, and within a few yards of the winning-post, one side of one of the leading boats should suddenly back water without rhyme or reason.

The hope expressed by Bro. Grand Treasurer at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to the effect that other Provincial Grand Lodges would follow the example set by Dorsetshire, and contribute to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, has seriously perturbed the minds of our Nottinghamshire brethren. The Duke of Newcastle, G.M. of the Province, finding himself unable to attend the duties of Provincial Grand Lodge, some time since placed his resignation in the hands of the Grand Master, but no successor has yet been appointed, and, as the writer of a letter, which was intended for publication in a local journal, but withdrawn for satisfactory reasons, remarks, "during that lengthened period . . . . the Provincial Grand Lodge, as a representative body, has been and still is in abeyance." The consequence is that the duties of the Lodges, so far as they are responsible to the Provincial Grand Lodge, are "of necessity neglected, while the channel of the latter's benevolence is closed." But the Masonic spirit is still sound, and the memories of former P.G.M.'s, such as Col. Wildman and the late Duke of Newcastle, still animates the Notts Craftsmen. It is obvious, under these circumstances, that our brethren in this Province labour under a serious disadvantage. They are virtually without a head, though the Duke's name still figures in Grand Lodge Calendar among the Provincial Grand Masters, and his Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary still appears at the head of the Province. Under these circumstances, it is suggested, there is no possibility, at the present time, of doing anything in the way of benevolence, &c. If the evil remain long enough unremedied, then the Notts brethren, as a body, will not be able to welcome the Grand Master and his Consort, when they visit Nottingham next year for the purpose of opening the Art Museum. All we have to say is, that we hope a successor to his Grace will be appointed, and as five of the eight Nottinghamshire Lodges

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J. Mossop, T. Westwood, and J. Haworth

The brethren having assembled in
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and Bro. Pearson J.W. The Lodge was
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the poet's thoughts to the very fountain of all
good. The painter, too, owes much to what

by the teaching of our Craft, grasped these beauties as they went, and waned, and they are ours, though the painter has sunk into the dust, and perhaps lies unknown in yonder valley. Masonry pointed again upward to Him who said, "Let there be light, and there was light." "I had hope, when violence was ceased, and war on earth, all would have then gone well, peace would have crowned with length of happy day the race of man." No, the world is still the same. War may not, as far as we can see, cease from inflicting on mankind its horrors and its crimes; and here again Masonry comes to the front and says: "Ye are brethren—forbear, and sin no more. Is it not your brother you are striking at in yonder gory field?" For these, and many, many other reasons, which I may not now enlarge, or even touch upon, Masonry of itself commands our highest and noblest regard. Does not Masonry teach us to be faithful to our Queen and our country; to submit cheerfully to the powers that be, which the volume of the Sacred Law tells us are of God, and to live peaceably with all men? Worshipful Sir,—Unhappily, brethren may, and do transgress; there are bad Masons and bad neighbours to be found, but in our noble Craft they are few in number; nor can any wise man draw any argument from it against our Society, for if the wicked lives of men, or their evil deeds, was an argument against the religion which they profess, Christianity itself could not be true. Does not then our Craft claim at our hands our greatest esteem? How does it recommend universal benevolence and every virtue which can make one brother dear to another; for Masons are brethren pursuing the same object, and seekers after the same great truths. Hail, then, to the progress of Masonry! Hail to the memory of the Craftsmen of olden days! Hail to our Grand Master and our Gracious Sovereign the Queen! Welcome every fresh benefactor to our Craft. Welcome the Arthur John Brogden Lodge to a place on our time-honoured roll! And what more shall I say? May the brethren have peace here, and a happy future hereafter.

An anthem was then sung, and the remaining portion of the interesting ceremony was gone through in a very impressive manner, the consecrating officer finally constituting the Lodge in ancient form. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the presiding officer proceeded to instal Bro. Arthur John Brogden, as the first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, the Lodge of installed Masters numbering twenty-five members. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed his officers as follow:—Henry Champney Davis S.W., Thomas Ashley J.W., William Postlethwaite Sec., J. Mossop S.D., Thomas Westwood J.D., and Jos. Haworth Tyler. Several joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed, amongst the former being the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., and A. Brogden, M.P. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf (who presided at the harmonium), assisted by Bros. Gilfillan, Hobart, and Haswell.

The banquet was held in the Working Men's Institute, under the presidency of the newly-elected Worshipful Master, who was supported right and left by the Provincial Grand Officers—about fifty guests being present. On the removal of the cloth,

The Chairman proposed in succession the healths of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and other officers of Grand Lodge," which were duly honoured. The last-named toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Moore, who briefly responded.

The Chairman said the next toast he had to submit for their approval was that of the "Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire." (Applause.) It had not been his privilege to have been acquainted with the workings of Masonry for a long time; he was, so to speak, a stranger in the Province, but from what he had seen, and from what he had heard, he had never known the working in Provinces carried on with such zeal, such accuracy, and with such satisfaction in every way, as in the Province of West Lancashire. (Hear, hear). It was due no doubt to its head, Lord Skelmersdale, and in a great measure not the less so to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Alpass. (Applause.) Anybody who was a Mason in that part of the country knew very well what his qualities were—and what attention, zeal and energy he brought to bear on the duties of his office. He (the Chairman) was sure no better man could be found for his place, because if the principal officers were not seconded in their efforts by men as able in their respective positions as themselves, things could not be carried on as well as they were. They all knew how well Bro. Alpass carried out his portion of the work, and he begged to couple his name with the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. Alpass, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to visit that beautiful district for the first time. He had heard people from Liverpool praise it very much, and although he had passed it several times in the train, he had no idea of the beauty of the district till that day. From all he had seen he thought it a most delightful spot. (Applause.) He thought if they only had a building large enough they might have the Grand Lodge meeting there, but he had not seen a place there large enough that day. (Laughter.) Lord Skelmersdale's zeal in the cause of Masonry was known and appreciated in his own county and in London also, for amongst all Masons in London not one was so popular as Lord Skelmersdale. He had also achieved the same popularity in his own county, where many of them had known him from a boy. (Applause.) His (Bro. Alpass's) duties were very onerous, and took up a great deal of time; but it was a pleasure to him to do the work, as he had always been a working Mason since he joined the Craft. It had always been his aim to do his duty in the best manner possible, and next to the approval of his own conscience the approval of the brethren was the greatest reward he could aim at. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Alpass concluded by giving some salutary advice to the brethren as to the admission of new members.

The Chairman said the next toast he had to put before them he wished very much to commend to their notice—their approval, he knew, would follow as a matter of course, as they could not help approving of it—it was the health of the Consecrating and Installing only wished to speak of him as he found him. Nothing could have exceeded the perfect manner in which the whole ceremony had been gone through that day, in every detail, and particular—in fact, he could hardly find an adjective appropriate enough to express his own gratification, and he must leave the brethren to apply their adjectives in their own way. (Applause.) On behalf of the members of the Lodge and himself, he wished to express their feeling of gratification that Bro. Moore should have been chosen by the Deputy Grand Master to consecrate their Lodge, as he was well known in that district, not only as a Mason, but as a professional gentleman, and when he (the Chairman) received a letter from Bro. Alpass, intimating that Bro. Moore had been appointed installing officer, he was exceedingly delighted, as his merits were as well known to them as to himself. The Chairman concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Dr. Moore, the Consecrating and Installing Officer. (Applause.)

Bro. Moore, who was received with hearty manifestations, begged to thank the Chairman for the very flattering way in which he had introduced his name to the meeting, and also the company for the hearty welcome they had accorded it. He had felt himself conscious of many defects that day, but he certainly looked upon it as a proud honour when he received a letter from the Grand Secretary asking him to undertake the duties which he had performed that day, and which he had done with very great pleasure. (Applause). Some little time ago he heard it mentioned that a Lodge was very much needed, if they could only find a building and get proper men to take the various offices. Now that idea had become a fact—they had got good men in their various offices, the Lodge was formed, and he hoped it would go on prosperously. After referring to the safeguards to be adopted in the admission of members, and alluding to the quiet secluded spot in which their Lodge room was situate. Bro. Moore said that if the brethren found the least difficulty in working the Lodge, which must necessarily be found in a new Lodge, he had no doubt that brethren in Lancaster could be found who would be very glad to come and give them any assistance they might require. (Hear, hear). Before he sat down he wished to propose the health of one whom he hoped would ever be remembered in Grange—certainly it would never be forgotten in the Grange Lodge, as it was called after him—and that was their Worshipful Master. (Applause). Bro. Brogden was obliged to leave them for a short time, but he had no doubt the Lodge would be well looked after by its officers during his temporary absence. He begged to give them the health of the Worshipful Master of the Grange Lodge, Brother Arthur John Brogden.

The Chairman on rising was received with loud applause. After thanking them for the way in which the toast had been introduced and received, he said it was now a fact that they had a Masonic Lodge in Grange. The idea did not exactly start with him, though he felt when he came to live there that it was just the place for forming a Lodge, and when he communicated that idea to other brethren he found they were in the same mind as himself. So they went to work and found others out, and eventually they succeeded in getting sufficient to sign the petition, and the consummation of their labour had been witnessed that day. (Applause). He did not wish to take all the credit of the work, or for the success that had that day crowned their efforts. There were others as well as himself who would have the gratification of knowing that their zeal and energy had been well spoken of and approved. He referred particularly to Bros. Mossop and Ashley—(Hear, hear,)—who had taken a great share of the work consequent on forming a new Lodge. He was glad to see the successful circumstances under which their new Lodge had been opened, but was sorry that temporary absence from home would prevent him working the Lodge for a short time. His absence at such a time was much to be regretted, but it was unavoidable. He could however, rely on his officers to work with zeal and energy during his absence, and was satisfied that the Lodge would lose nothing at their hands. In conclusion, he begged to thank them once more for the hearty manner in which they had received the mention of his name. (Applause).

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being enlivened by the harmony of several brethren.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces that his Annual Benefit Concert will take place on Monday evening next, at the St. Mary's College, Rye Lane, Peckham. He will be supported on this occasion by Bros. Theodore Distin, Chaplin Henry, G. T. Carter, &c. The doors will be opened at 7.30, and the Concert commence at 8. We wish our brother every success; we feel sure those of our friends who have witnessed his efforts to amuse our "Old Folks" at Croydon will join in these good wishes. Frequent trains run to Peckham Rye Station, which is close to the College.

NEW ZEALAND.

We copy the following from the Nelson *Daily Times* of 1st August, as evidencing the esteem in which our Craft is held in New Zealand. The donors of the Master Mason's Jewel to Bro. Nuttman were all *non-Masons*, but in selecting the *souvenir* for presentation to their fellow worker, they fully recognised the peculiar value which would be attached to this emblem, and the special esteem in which it would be regarded by the worthy recipient. "The *employés* of Messrs. N. Edwards and Co.'s establishment assembled last evening, for the purpose of presenting Mr. J. Nuttman with a *souvenir*, upon the occasion of his leaving his fellow workers, after a connection extending over three years. The gift was a neatly finished gold Master Mason's jewel, and the presentation was accompanied with the heartiest good wishes of the presenters for Mr. Nuttman's [illegible]"

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489.—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., in the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road, Dalston. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. Stephens P.M., Treasurer, opened the Lodge, with the assistance of Bros. J. E. Walford S.W., Grist as J.W., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., &c. The preliminary business of the meeting having been disposed of, the report of the auditors was submitted and adopted, it showed that after paying all expenses incurred by the Lodge a considerable balance remained in hand. A board of Installed Masters was next formed, and Bro. J. E. Walford C.C., P.M. 177 and W.M. elect, being formally presented, was installed by P.M. W. Stephens, in a most impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, and the usual salutations over, Bro. Walford proceeded to invest his officers, as follow:—Bros. Symons S.W., J. High J.W., W. J. Murlis Secretary, W. Stephens Treasurer, J. Hastings Miller P.P.G. Organist, Middlesex, S.D., J. Glaskin J.D., Grist I.G., Smith D.C., Stanton W.S., Coard Organist, Gilchrist Tyler. The ceremony being over, Bro. Blunt proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Stephens, for having so efficiently installed their W.M. This, having been seconded, was carried unanimously. During the ceremony Bro. J. H. Miller presided at the harmonium. The Lodge was then formally closed and adjourned until the first Friday in December. The brethren now sat down to a splendid banquet, provided in a most efficient manner by Bro. Grist. At its conclusion, and after grace had been said, the W. Master rose for the first time as President at their banquet table. He assured the brethren that his remarks in introducing the various toasts would be very brief. There are certain toasts given at every meeting of English Freemasons; the first of these is always received with sincere earnestness; he would call upon them to honour it; it was that of the Queen, coupled with success to the Craft. This receiving full recognition, the National Anthem was sung, and the W.M. rose to give the second on the list, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. He considered it a fortunate circumstance we have a brother of so great importance at our head. He is certainly the right man in the right place, being a Prince and a Mason who endeavours to discharge his duties with credit. The brethren having drank to the health of the G.M., sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Any brother who attended Grand Lodge would admit that the brethren who were placed at the head of the Craft were deserving of any honour we, as Masons, could confer on them. It was very gratifying to him to see that so many Grand Officers had honoured him by attending at his installation. In the name of the Lodge he gave them all a hearty welcome, and, personally, he tendered them his warmest thanks. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. John Boyd, who, in replying, referred to some of the duties a Master has to perform during his year of office. Judging from the way in which the installation ceremony had been carried out, he felt sure that any work which might offer during the coming year would be effectually performed by the Master and his Officers. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon, who, he stated, was too popular to need any eulogy from him. With regard to Lord Skelmersdale, if he was not so well known in London as the Pro Grand Master, all they had to do was to refer to his own Province, where they would hear the highest encomiums passed on him. In the name of the Grand Officers, and on behalf of himself, he thanked the brethren for the reception they had accorded the toast. To propose the next on the list—the Visitors—was a great pleasure to the W.M. On the present occasion they were honoured with the presence of several distinguished brethren. On behalf of the Lodge, he tendered them the heartiest thanks, and hoped they would thoroughly enjoy themselves. He called upon an old friend, Bro. M. Haydon, one whom he had known for many years in Masonry, to respond. Bro. Haydon having briefly thanked the brethren, was followed by Bro. Pearson, who considered it a great treat to spend a few hours in the company of his brethren. From what he had witnessed that evening he looked forward to a pleasurable year for the Lodge, and for this he was sure the brethren had the best wishes of the Visitors. Bro. P.M. Wm. Stephens now assumed the gavel, he very much regretted the absence of the I.P.M.; he should have liked that brother to propose the health of their present Master, who had been one of the founders of the Lodge, and had worked through every office. He wished him very success in his present position, and hoped the brethren would join in those good wishes. Bro. Grist followed with a song, after which the W.M. rose to reply. He would use his endeavours to promote good feeling in the Lodge. Being an old Past Master, he knew something of the order of proceedings. It was his ambition, as a founder, to be a P.M. of the Lodge, and this he trusted would be the case twelve months hence. He hoped the brethren would have no reason to complain of having selected him to preside over them. The health of the Past Masters was next proposed. Being a young Lodge they could not boast of many, but those they had were good men, and worthy of the respect of the members. The W.M. much regretted the absence of the I.P.M., and sincerely hoped that nothing serious had happened to him. He should have to defer the presentation of the jewel, voted by the Lodge, until the next meeting, when he trusted their brother would be among them. Bro. Murlis responded; to do so was a pleasure he had not expected. He was delighted to see such an assembly, also to see such a worthy brother in the chair. On the W.M.'s next rising, he said it required a great deal of judgment to pay a compliment to all who deserved it, they must not forget the brother who had charge of their funds, he was ever ready to pay the debts of the Lodge, not only to the full extent of the Lodge funds, but even to advance money from his own pocket, if needful. Bro. H. M. Levy here gave some excellent imitations, which were greeted with applause. The Treasurer, to the remarks of the W.M. He was t hoped he should be among them for r ferred specially to the exertions of the Charities. During his year of office so collected by the Stewards who went u they would continue, as in past years, t of the Festivals. He intended, next y School, and hoped his friends would wished his list to reach £100. Bro. amount of his Life Governorship, to be p Success to the Masonic Press was given Massey and Morgan jun. The W.M. n Officers, he hoped that during their ter punctual in attendance, and join with year a time of pleasure to themselves an S.W. briefly replied. He hoped to have Masters, among whom he hoped some time of departure for many brethren was called, and after toasting our distre ings of the evening came to a close. Th Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. P.M. 177, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, H. Mass W.M. 749, J. Gurrod 754, T. J. Cusworth R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, J. S. Badkin W W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. F. Savage and S. H. Parkhouse 1642, J. Taylor 1677,

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The Lodge of Instruction in connection w every Monday, at 7 o'clock, at the Pembu Hackney, Bro. Wm. Stephens, the Treas being the Preceptor, held its annual meeti numerously attended. The Lodge was minutes read, two brethren, viz.: Leo and Bishop, were unanimously elected then closed, and the brethren repaired and did ample justice to the viands pro occupied the chair, he was supported by B chairman. The chairman, at the conclus proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toa the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction the Secretary Bro. Coard, who acknowled him, and hoped the Lodge would contin Bro. Walford gave the health of the chairm good Mason, and a right jovial companio Lodge of Instruction, as well as those of th a debt of gratitude for his exertions on the thanked the brethren for the reception t marks of Bro. Walford. It was his earn utmost for the good of Freemasonry. He their vice-chairman, a well-known Bro., wort esteem. Bro. Walford replied: when he wa the Mother Lodge he determined to devote year of office a success. The health of the and responded to by Bro. Leftly. The Visit Bro. Haydon, who, although a visitor, owe knowledge to the instruction he had recei Masonic Press, given by Bro. Stephens, W. W. Morgan jun., and after some short tim brethren separated. During the evening Stephens, Walford, &c., sang some very go omit to mention that this Lodge has voted for the Girls' School, which amount they h Bro. W. Stephens, Preceptor.

Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613.—This in June last year, and since its formation the most successfully to carry out their obligatio selves the respect and esteem of the Craft. 177 was appointed the first Worshipful Mast 5th inst., his term of office was brought to an duly installed. The brethren assembled at Aldersgate-street, at 4 o'clock, when Bro. Fou officers, opened the Lodge. Amongst those Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Insti promised to act as installing officer; a large m and the following visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes Masonic Institution for Boys; D. Forbes 65, J 101, G. Babb, W. Bishop, 180; E. Gottheil, A. Westerby, W. D. Bayley, 185; R. Stu 192; G. Wilson 569, A. Hubbard 813, F. H. Cor A. Caink, Latreille, F. Herold H. J. Felto T. W. Simons 1185, A. Avery 1314; G. R. 1365; W. Vaughan 1366, W. W. Morgan U. Knoll 1471; T. Jackson, A. Robbins, W. 1556, Nelson Reed 1671, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, the auditors delivered showed that all liabilities attending the formati that the Lodge was able to carry forward a ba account. Bro. Aston was examined, and in due sublime degree. There were four candidates f Francis Caspar, Samuel Ham, Francis Albert H Robinson, and the result of the ballot was unani these gentlemen were present, and Bro. Foulger forming both ceremonies in his perfect and Bro. Foulger then vacated the chair in fav Terry, and introduced and presented Bro. G. W.M. elect. Bro. Terry then proceeded to ad tion, and the brethren who were not entitle requested to retire for a short period. A

new W.M. had received the salutations of the members, he appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. C. J. Benson S.W., McCarthy J.W., Corke Treasurer, R. Abbott Secretary, Groner S.D., Clarke J.D., Stevenson I.G., Medwin D.C., Coste P.M. W.S., Steedman Tyler. The W.M. in addressing his officers on their investiture gave expression to some happily conceived sentiments, which seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by all present. A proposition to join the Lodge was then handed in, the brother to be balloted for at next meeting. Several communications were read, and the matters therein referred to fully discussed. A vote of thanks was then proposed by the W.M., Bro. Felton, and seconded by Bro. Foulger I.P.M., to Bro. Terry, for his kindness in acting as installing Master. Both proposer and seconder spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Terry's uniform kindness and willingness at all times to assist. Their remarks were fully endorsed by Bro. Benson, the S.W., who put the motion to the brethren, and it received their unqualified assent. Bro. Terry thanked all present for the high compliment they had paid him. Out of the one hundred Lodges that had been consecrated by him, he knew not one where greater success had been achieved, and it would always be a pleasure and a gratification to him in any way in his power to assist its members. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was served in the most satisfactory manner, and the good things provided were done ample justice to. At its conclusion grace was sung. The W.M., on rising, said he would not occupy much time in introducing the toasts. The government of this country was the freest and best in the world; in a very large way we are indebted for this to Her Majesty the Queen. On us she has peculiar claims, being the daughter of a Mason, the mother of Masons, and the Patroness of our Institutions. He would associate with the toast Prosperity to the Craft. In introducing the second toast—The Most Worshipful Grand Master—Bro. Felton said: The toast of the Prince of Wales is always acceptable wherever the English tongue is spoken. Every brother appreciated his ardour in the cause of Freemasonry, while his love of travel and sport make him popular all over the world. He was not unmindful of Charity; he had given 500 guineas to the Indian Famine Fund, and was ever ready to assist cases of distress. He was sure all would give a hearty response to the toast. After a capital rendering of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. offered the next on the list—The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and Grand Officers Past and Present. It had not been his good fortune to attend Grand Lodge many times, but he had been struck by the admirable working of that assembly. He assured those brethren whose privilege it would be to attend there for the first time, it would be a treat, that would stand them in good stead in after years. After a glee, Bro. Foulger I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M. He assumed the gavel with a great deal of pleasure. Bro. Felton was one respected by all; he was ever ready to assist in any cause, the only qualification being that it should be a just one. Under his guidance the Lodge was sure to prosper; he had appointed good officers, who would thoroughly support him during his year of office, and under such rulers the future of the Cripplegate Lodge could not but be a brilliant one. Bro. Hubbard here favoured the company with a song, after which Bro. Felton replied. He thanked Bro. Foulger for the kind way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their acceptance of it. Whatever he had done had been done for their general welfare. The brethren of Cripplegate were essentially a family party, and each had the other's interest at heart. This had always been the case with the residents of their district, which could boast of good men and true who had been associated with the Ward in times long past. He would enumerate a few: there was Milton, the poet; Martin Frobisher, the first Englishman who tried to find a north-west passage to China; there was Oliver Cromwell; and, then, did not Prince Rupert reside in Bridgewater-gardens? In the good old times the Red Cross Knights went forth from Red Cross-street, and the White Cross Knights from White Cross-street; while we must not forget that the trained bands went forth from Barbican, and did good service, routing the Cavaliers. We must all confess that when the shopman leaves his shop, the warehouseman leaves his warehouse, or the brewer leaves his brew-house, they do not make bad soldiers, and he was sure the men of the present day in Cripplegate would endeavour to uphold the privileges they had so long enjoyed. Bro. F. Herold, by request, sang a patriotic song, which was capitally delivered, and appreciated by all present. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters; as to Bro. Coste, no eulogy of his could adequately express their appreciation of the way in which he had carried out the duties of his office. With regard to Bro. Foulger, they had all seen his working, and all knew him sufficiently well to appreciate him. He had had a very heavy year's duty to perform, but he was a perfect glutton at his work, and had well carried it out. On behalf of the Lodge he had great pleasure in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, which he trusted he might long live to wear as a memento of the esteem in which he was held. Bro. Foulger said that what he had done had been to him a most pleasant task, and he felt that he had his reward when he looked on the jewel they had placed on his breast as the first W.M. of the Cripplegate Lodge. Thirty-six years ago he came to reside in the Ward, and he was acquainted with every one of his neighbours. He thought theirs was a Lodge that had already attained a position in the Craft, and he was sure they would maintain that position. He was proud to be recognised as the Father of the Lodge, and to know he possessed the good opinion of his brethren and neighbours. He hoped that so long as he lived the Cripplegate Lodge might continue in harmony, and that he might be able to be present with the members. He trusted that the officers appointed by him might all be Masters in their turn. Charity was one of our Masonic principles, and it was the disposition of Cripplegate men to uphold this principle. He was proud, indeed, that night to be present as I.P.M. After a few words from Bro. Coste, the W.M. gave the health of the Initiates. To increase and multiply is a law of nature; they began with ten members, they now mustered thirty-nine, four [illegible] come, and hoped they would not have cause to regret having joined the Order. After a humourous song from Bro. Bayley, the initiates severally replied. Bro. Terry replied to the toast of the Installing Master, given by the W.M. He passed a compliment on Bro. Foulger, of whose efficiency the brethren had had ample proof. He pointed out the difficulty a new Master would have to encounter in following so accomplished a predecessor; in Bro. Felton they had one who would uphold the prestige the Lodge had already obtained. He thanked the brethren for what the Lodge had done on behalf of the Institutions. In response to the Visitors, Bro. Soper expressed the thanks of all for the kind reception they had received, and expressed gratification at the satisfactory progress the Lodge had made. In proposing success to the Charities, with which was associated the name of Bro. F. Binckes, the W.M. said that the members of the Lodge must continue to exert themselves on their behalf; the demands on the Institutions were increasing every day, and these demands must be provided for. Bro. Binckes regretted he had been unable to be with them so early in the evening as he could have desired. However, he would not now be tardy in expressing his deep sense of gratitude for the way the brethren of the Cripplegate Lodge, during the first twelvemonths it had been in existence, had supported the Institutions. During the last few years, the three Masonic Institutions had enjoyed a very large amount of prosperity, and he sincerely hoped this prosperity would continue. He then pointed out the heavy and continuous demands that were mad on our several Lodges, and referred to what was being done for the Indian Famine Fund. At the present time the Institution with which he was more intimately associated was maintaining and educating 186 boys; shortly they would be in a position to add 25 or 30 more; but this would demand an increase of funds, and he was anxious to lay by something in case of a rainy day. He forcibly urged on all present to render him assistance, and trusted he might have another Steward from the Cripplegate Lodge who would bring up as good a list as his friend Bro. Benson. Bro. Binckes closed his remarks by saying that he felt convinced that so long as the Charities were administered in a satisfactory manner they would never want for support. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was replied to by Bros. Coste and Abbott. Bro. Benson, in replying for the Officers, said he was gratified by the eulogistic remarks of Bro. Binckes, but the credit of what he had done for the Boys' School was due to the members who had assisted him. He had never received anything but the fullest consideration from them, and he was convinced that they would respond when next called upon. Bro. McCarthy remarked he had very little to say; those who had preceded him had so well worked up the cement that he must fall back upon his labourers to mix up some more before he could feel he was justified in occupying their time. He must, however, offer his best thanks for the way the toast had been given by the W.M. and responded to by the members. Between the various speeches some excellent part songs were given—the quartette party comprised Bros. Cozens, Caink, Simons and Hubbard; several of the members, in addition to those previously enumerated, also assisted to enliven the proceedings, notably we may mention the W.M. and Bro. Child. The summons for the Tyler was not given till a very late hour.

Bro. Ernest O. Smith, Deputy District Grand Master, presided at the last Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales. There was a numerous attendance of Present and Past Grand Masters, together with the representatives of several Lodges. The District G. Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the District Grand Treasurer, reported the cash balance to credit as follows—namely, in respect of District Grand Lodge £186 12s, in respect of the Benevolent Fund £348 14s 7d, and of the Orphan Fund £333 8s 5d. A letter was read from Past District G. Master Holroyd, to the effect that he was prepared to fulfil his promise of presenting his collection of works on Freemasonry—to the number of forty volumes—to the District Grand Lodge, to serve as the nucleus of a Masonic library, whenever the District Grand Secretary informed him he was prepared to receive and place them on the shelves. In the course of a somewhat lengthy address, Bro. Smith cautioned his hearers against encouraging any steps taken for the purpose of establishing a separate and independent Grand Lodge for the Colony. He considered it was a great advantage to remain as they were, and that it was very desirable there should be Lodges working under the Irish and Scotch Constitutions, so that a Mason who arrives in the Colony might be able to join one which worked according to the system he was accustomed to. He hoped the representatives of the three systems of England, Ireland and Scotland would continue to entertain towards each other those feelings of love and harmony which had invariably distinguished them in all their relations, but he was strongly opposed to their amalgamation. In concluding his address, Bro. Smith alluded to the contest for the District Grand Mastership, and though he had been defeated, and could not, of course, but regret it, he declared his resolution to continue his labours on behalf of Freemasonry so long as he had health and strength to fulfil them. The District Grand Lodge was then closed.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to say, in reply to Bro. Risch's letter in your last week's issue, that the error in my former letter to which he draws attention, was not mine, but the printer's. In speaking of the Girls' School, the rate I gave for the Camden Middle Class School was *four* guineas and not *five*, as it appeared in print. It was, in fact, so obvious a misprint that I did not think it worth while drawing attention to it. As to the second of the points which concern me, I took no account of the interest of the capital expended in erecting the Schools, because, if my memory serves me—I have no copy of the letter by me at the moment of writing—I contrasted only the annual sum it would cost for education alone under Bro. Risch's proposed system with the cost under the existing system. I assumed that, as we should continue to clothe, house, and feed them, all the expenditure incurred under such and every of those heads would remain the same.

His other remarks do not seem to me to call for any comment, except that I regret if anything I wrote has given him offence.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

AN OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL MAN.

BRO. DANIEL ACE AND THE CANDIDATE COX.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue appeared a letter headed "A Word more for poor Cox," signed "Daniel Ace, D.D." This contains gross mis-statements. Here are official facts. Six months ago a special meeting of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon was held in Plymouth; this special meeting was called for the sole purpose of considering the chances of the boy Cox at his final appeal for election into the School, which election takes place on Monday next, the 15th inst.

At this special meeting it was unanimously agreed that the boy Cox should have the entire support not only of the Committee but of the Province. From the date of that meeting every member of the Committee has worked with heart and energy for the boy.

Those connected with the working of our Charities know well the absolute necessity of the votes of a Province being collected together SIGNED, but otherwise UNMARKED.

Does Bro. Ace for one moment imagine that after the Committee of Petitions had unanimously resolved to support Cox, they would, at the last moment—to use his own words—"throw him overboard," and, as he alleges, obtain votes under false pretences—viz., by obtaining them for Cox, but in fact, at the last moment, using them for some one else?

These wanton slanders are made in a public journal, by one calling himself a Minister of Christ. Why, Bro. Ace, you have failed to learn the first teachings of your Divine Master. Charity of heart with you means nothing, else why descend to such unworthy and slanderous statements, under cover of advocating a case of charity.

As the representative of the Committee at the elections in London, I, at the present moment, hold every vote collected from the Province of Devon for the year. These votes are sent to me by Bro. Gover, Secretary, and every one is signed, but otherwise unmarked. These votes will all be polled for the boy Cox at the forthcoming election, but not at your dictation, Bro. Ace, nor as the effect of your ill-considered remarks.

I am, Dear Bro. Editor, yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK P.M. P.P.G.D.

Representative of the Committee of Petitions of Devon.

London, 8th October 1877.

SWIMMING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The thanks of all interested in Boys' Schools are due to you for reprinting in your last issue the excellent letter of the Honorary Secretary to the London Swimming Club, a communication which demands more than a passing notice; the accomplishment he advocates being, not only a graceful and invigorating exercise, but, very frequently, the means of saving life.

Whilst the immense importance of bathing as a means of promoting health is so constantly urged by the medical profession, it is astounding that comparatively few of our public schools encourage swimming by the boys. Is this because the masters themselves cannot swim? Then surely they might profit by the advice of the writer referred to, they are not too old to learn. Is it because some of the boys are young? As soon as they can walk they are old enough to swim. Or is it simply the fault of the governing bodies who neglect the duty of providing the means of learning? If this be so, let every school governor who lightly estimates the value of

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of his want of knowledge must rest
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serve health, enjoy life, and save hi
grave.

Yours fraternally,

9th October 1877.

To the Editor of THE FREEM

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am ver
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very able letter to the editor of the *S*
I trust it will receive the attention it
authorities of *both* our Schools, but at
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towns. When at a seaside resort, I have
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boy and girl in the United Kingdom will
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the School is fortunately situated within a
excellent open air baths in the Alexandra
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certain days in the week. I hope it will be
we shall be able to boast that the pupil
Green are as good swimmers as they are sc

I subscribe myself,

Your

PROVINCIAL GRAND LOD
AND EAST YORK

A GREAT Masonic celebration took place
day, the occasion being the annual m
Grand Lodge of the North and East Rid
Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Provin
sided over the gathering, which was held
Freemasons' Hall in Newbeggin, and pre
imposing spectacle. His lordship was supp
M.D. J.P. D.P.G.M., George Marwood J.P. P
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Preston J.P. G.D., T. N. Marwood P.G. Supe
S. Moss P.G. Sword Bearer, Major R. G.
Ceremonies, C. H. Hunt P.G. Organist, &c.
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Famine Relief Fund. The new officers for t
appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. G
Provincial Grand Senior Warden, J. Godfrey
Grand Junior Warden, Rev. C. E. Camidge
1416, Prov. Grand Chaplain, F. Summers, 57,
R. W. Hollon, 236, Prov. Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary, Ang. Fricour, 1248, Prov.
Henry Haigh, 250, Prov. Grand Junior Deacon,
Grand Director of Ceremonies, Thomas Cleo
Superintendent of Works, A. Fraser, 200, Prov.
John Stevenson, 57, Prov. Grand Organist,
Pursuivant, Thomas Crior, Prov. Grand Tyl
Grand Master addressed the Provincial Gra
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Norman, W.M. of the Lonnox Lodge, Cap
and the members of the Lennox Lodge, for
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THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY

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THE Consecration of a new body in Freemasonry, in whatever degree it may be, must at all times be a most interesting occasion, and, assuredly, doubly so when of so rare occurence as in the Rosicrucian Society, which although not a Masonic degree may be called one of the kindred orders. As announced in our last, the College of Yorkshire was Consecrated on Saturday the 5th instant, and we have to congratulate all who took part in the proceedings of the day on the complete success which rewarded their labors. Shortly after the appointed hour the College was opened for the reception of aspirants by M.W. Fr. Charles Fitzgerald Matier IX°, assisted by R.W. Frs. Entwistle VIII°, S. B. Ellis VIII°, Brockbank VII°, Scargill VII°, Hine V°, Middleton II°, and several others. The M.C. was completed, and nine brethren were received into the fellowship of the Society. At the termination of this solemn ceremony, all present retired, and a procession was formed in the anteroom to conduct the Consecrating Officer to the Temple. On assuming the chair, Fr. Matier called on the acting Secretary General to read the mandate, authorising him to consecrate the Yorkshire College and instal the Chief Adept designate, this being done, he appointed as his assessors Frs. Entwisle and Brockbank, and as Chaplain Frater Hine, and with their assistance proceeded with the beautiful and impressive ceremony, which was performed in a manner that could not fail to give satisfaction to all who were present. Frater Ellis was then presented for installation, and after taking the oath *de fideli*, was formally inducted into the chair, and saluted by his brethren in the Order. He then appointed his Officers as follow:—Frs. A. Scargill Suffragan, W. R. Thomas Prov. Treasurer General, Dr. Griffiths Prov. Secretary General, T. B. Whytehead Celebrant, William White 1st Ancient, J. S. Cumberland 2nd Ancient, John Clark 3rd Ancient, H. W. Lofthouse 4th Ancient, Thomas Blair Chamberlain, J. E. Roaney C. of Novices, Leighton Acolyte. On the proposition of Fr. Ellis, seconded by Fr. Scargill, a hearty and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had so kindly come from great distances to assist at the Consecration, and honorary membership was conferred on Frs. C. F. Matier, Thos. Entwisle, G. P. Brockbank, J. L. Hine, A. Middleton, W. J. Hughan, R. W. Little, and Capt. Irwin. Frater Matier then read a most excellent paper on the solemn truths inculcated in Rosicrucian Philosophy, which was followed by a lecture on the Objects and Scope of the Society, by Fr. Capt. Irwin, and read, in his unavoidable absence, by Fr. Scargill. Apologies for absence were tendered from several candidates, and from Fraters Yarker, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, &c., &c. The M.C. was then closed; and after a short interval the brethren united in partaking of the "Cup that cheers, but not inebriates." A most delightful evening was spent, and the brethren were much indebted to Frs. Cumberland, Entwisle, and others for some capital songs. Fr. Matier made a powerful appeal for the Masonic Charities, which we trust will, in due time, meet with a suitable response. As many of the brethren were obliged to leave by train, some for Manchester, some for York, and others for London, the proceedings of the day were brought to a close at an early hour.

CONSECRATION OF PRINCES' LODGE, No. 607, GLASGOW.

THIS new Lodge for the West-end of the City, which, by charging a double entrance fee to that of any other Lodge in Scotland, is intended to be kept very select, and thus endeavour to raise the status of Masonry in the Province, was opened with great *éclat* on the 4th inst., and under the able superintendence of Bro. James Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies, everything passed off without the slightest hitch. The consecration took place in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by Bro. W. M. Nelson P.G.M., W. Kyle R.W.M. of 3 bis as D.P.G.W., R. Thorburn R.W.M. No. 4 as P.S.M., Dr. McInnis R.W.M. 27 as P.G.S.W., J. Kinnaird R.W.M. of 73 as P.G.J.W., J. Allison and J. Morgan P.G.S. and J. Deacons, the Rev. J. W. M. Penney, D.C.L., P.G. Chaplain, A. Bain P.G.B.B., R. Robb P.G.M., James Balfour P.G.D. of C., Thomas Halket P.G.D. of M., James Booth P.G.I.G., and J. B. Hardice P.G. Tyler. On the dais were also seated Bros. Henry Ingles, of Toronto, G.D.M., and J. M. Neilson G.J.D. There was a full representation of all the Lodges in the Province, there being 114 brethren present. Bro. Pentland presided at the organ, while the choir of eleven brethren and Bro. T. Halket, the Director of Music, performed the various selections with a care and precision seldom heard in purely Masonic gatherings. The P.G.M. conducted the various ceremonies in a very impressive manner, the P.G. Chaplain delivering an excellent oration on "Charity," dwelling on the superiority of the charity of the heart and mind over that of mere pecuniary benevolence, though that was also a virtue that we, as Masons, were bound to practise. The consecration being concluded, the P.G.M. proceeded to instal the following brethren as the officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. Francis W. Clark, Sheriff Principal of Lanarkshire, R.W.M., the Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost of Glasgow, D.M., William J. Easton P.G.S.M., S.M., William B. Bell S.W., Ex-Bailie Jas. Salmon J.W., J. Bonnet S.D., Jas. Provan J.D., Wm. McLean Sec., J. J. Forrester S.S. After the usual charge, the P.G.M. specially addressed the members on the distinguished character of the newly installed officers. The Sheriff of the county, as they all knew, was one who by his good qualities shed honour on the high position that he held, and the Lord Provost as a citizen had proved that he had long been acting on true Masonic principles, even before he became a Mason, and that was the reason why he was so popular with all classes of the community. The same remarks would apply to Bro. Easton, who was not only a good man but also a good Mason, whilst Bro. Bailie Salmon and his Bro. Warden were both well known as architects, and therefore were practical as well as speculative Masons. They had erected many buildings in the city that were a credit and ornament to it as well as proofs of their ingenuity, and he had no doubt they would now be as skilful in assisting to build up the moral edifice they as Masons were striving to raise. Sheriff Clark the new R.W.M. thanked the P.G.M., not only for coming to consecrate the Lodge and instal the officers, but also for the kind remarks he had made respecting them; he could assure him and the numerous assemblage of brethren present that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the Lodge a credit to the Province as well as to the Craft, for the more he looked into Masonry the more he found to admire. Some time ago he was requested by a Lodge to give them a lecture on the Antiquity of the Craft, circumstances had prevented him doing so, but he would do it yet, and the enquiries that he had made for that purpose he should never regret, for his studies had led him to a firm belief that our Order had more claims for regard then many even of its warmest disciples were willing to admit; there was not time on this occasion to enter into the subject, but the wide spread testimony of ancient records of the nations of antiquity all pointed to the fact of, not a perfect identity, but of so great a similarity between the symbols of their religious mysteries and our own as to leave no doubt on the mind of any unprejudiced and calm investigator that they had all one common origin, and it was not very difficult to trace our direct descent from the Roman College of Architects which he would be most happy to do on some other occasion. (Cheers.) At present he must only thank the P.G.M. and the Officers and members of the P.G.L. for coming to place him in a position where he hoped to be able to do a little for Masonry. Bro. Lord Provost Bain also thanked Bro. Nelson for his attendance and the honour he had done him of installing him as Depute Master of the Princes Lodge under Bro. Sheriff Clark. He knew Masonry held a high place in Glasgow when Bro. Sheriff Allison was P.G.M., it had been declining since, but the Princes Lodge was determined to raise it up again to its proper position, and he should be glad to assist in doing so to the best of his ability. Bro. Easton, as the Substitute Master, said, though only a young Mason, his best services were at their disposal. Bro. Sir H. Inglis Depute Grand Master of Scotland congratulated the P.G.M. on the way in which he had performed his duties. The brethren then adjourned into the lower hall to partake of cake and wine. Bro. Col. W. M. Nelson proposed the health of the Queen, and that of the youngest Master in the Province. Bro. Sheriff Clark gracefully acknowledged the compliment. The Provincial Lodge was again opened, with the same officers as before, and the P.G.S. read the minutes of last Communication and those of committee meetings held since. The P.G.M. said he had made four appointments, which he hoped would give satisfaction to the Province to offices that through resignations and deaths had been some time vacant. They were as follows:—Bros. Sheriff Clark to be D.P.G.M., J. Easton D.P.S.M., W. Kyle R.W.M. No. 3 bis P.G.S.W., and Bro. J. Munro R.W.M. 360 P.G.J.W. (Cheers.) These brethren were then introduced, and installed into their respective offices. Bro. Sheriff Clark said since he had been in Glasgow, now some years, he had learned to love it so well that he sometimes almost forgot he had not been born amidst its smoke. He had met with warm hearts and kind friends, and could heartily endorse their motto, "Let Glasgow flourish." The report of the Special Committee on Lodge Clyde was received and adopted, with the slight amendment that the Lodge itself deal with its defaulting members, and it now resume working. On the motion of Bro. Munro 360, and McDougal 553, after considerable discussion, it was resolved that in future they should assess themselves to pay £1 each for the seven superior officers, 10s each for the other officers, 5s for each Master, and 2s 6d for each Warden in the Province; these sums to be added to the 5s at present paid for each candidate initiated in the Province, the whole to form a fund to be applied solely to benevolence. The Lodge then closed its protracted sitting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Hercules Tavern Leadenhall-street, 9th October. Present—Bros. Warman W.M., Fraser S.W., Harris J.W., Hildreth S.D., Levy J.D., Ball I.G., Hollands Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor; Ball, Aarons, Posener, Daniel, Rawley, Forrest, Fraser, Quincey. After opening, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Maidwell was duly passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Z. Posener answered the questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Bro. Quincey was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Quincey was raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Rudderforth giving the Traditional History. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Hildreth, Quincey, Rawley and Ball were elected members. Bro. Fraser will preside at the next meeting.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—It has been decided to fix the evenings of Tuesday (instead of Wednesday) as the time of meeting for Instruction. There was a very fair attendance of members on Tuesday last, when Bro. H. R. Jones, the W.M., rehearsed the three degrees in a masterly manner.

Madame St. Claire, proprietress of the Royal Park Theatre, announces her first benefit for Monday evening next, on which occasion "Romeo and Juliet" will be performed, Madame St. Claire sustaining the character of Romeo.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

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PATRON:—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 15th day of October 1877, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution: For the election of nine boys from an approved list of sixty-six candidates, the name of "Parker William James," No. 58 on the list, having been withdrawn since the issue of the voting papers.

N.B.—In addition to the names stated in the voting paper, the name of "Fairman, William Harry," No. 29 on the list, will be removed therefrom if unsuccessful at this election.

To consider the following notices of motion:—

By Wm. Roebuck, Esq., Vice-President:—"That ten boys be elected, instead of nine boys, from the list of candidates as printed in the voting paper of the Quarterly Court on 15th October instant."

By Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford:—"To insert in Rule 30, after 'to elect boys,' and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will commence at one o'clock, or sooner, if the General Business of the Court shall have terminated.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

London, 6th October 1877. P.G. Std., V.P., Secretary.

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FIFTH APPLICATION.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1877.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who is now in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time has been a pension of £44 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he has had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they are now quite exhausted. Consequently he cannot possibly provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and it will be a great comfort to him in his now declining days to see the last elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health, Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167) in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY shortly afterwards joined the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 81, in 1868; and he is still a subscribing member to both these Lodges. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits, and he has, besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he has contributed to the funds of the Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

The case is strongly recommended (among others) by

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. BAGSHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.
R.W. Bro. RICHARD BURTON HARTON LL.D. P.P.G.M. for Western India.
R.W. Bro. MATTHEW E. CLARK Dep. P.G.M. Essex.
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V.W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Recrdr. of Colchester, P.G.J.W., &c.
* W. Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK P.M. 548, 733, 107, and P.Z. 73, 185.
W. Bro. FREDERICK WALTERS V.P. P.G.P. Middlx., P.M. and P.Z. 73.
W. Bro. WILLIAM PRATTENT Steward R.M.I.G. P.M. 1326 and 1351.
W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.
W. Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH Past Grand Steward, P.M. No. 21.
W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON, Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Angel Lodge, No. 81.
W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor R.M.I.B., P.M. 184 and 1424, Past P.G.P. Kent.
* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARE, Life Gov. R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.
Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W. 1360, S.N. Chapter 73.
* Bro. THOMAS J. RALLING P.G. Sec. Essex.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk; or they may be sent to The [illegible]

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OUR WEEKLY

AT Balmoral the Lord Cha Mr. Cross as Minister in atte who, with the Princess Beatrice, t one day driving over to see the P Wales, at Abergeldie, another walki directions. On Wednesday Prince see the Princess of Wales, and the Wales honoured Colonel Farquharso Invercauld, where a large party wer Royal Highness on a grand deer dri day's sport was that five stags rolled the party. The Duke of Edinburgh, Sultan, reached Malta the same of Connaught reached Monaghan visit to Lord Rossmore, at Rossmor Highness was received at Monagha and Captain Candy, and having driv turned to the town in order to in fountain, erected to the memory of the There was a large gathering of pe ceremony, and when it was over, t tained at a *déjeûner* in the Court Ho there was a grand display of firework more Castle.

Last Friday a Cabinet Council wa Minister's official residence in Downin sat for about two hours, and then disp of the Admiralty to join the other mem their annual tour of inspection, the Ea

shire, while Lords Beaconsfield, Derby and Salisbury remained for the rest of the day in town. The first named has, however, since gone to Brighton, the Earl of Derby to Knowsley, and the Secretary for India to Hatfield. On Monday afternoon the Chancellor of the Exchequer presided at the annual meeting of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, and in the course of the speech which he made on the occasion described the war now raging in the East as a war of surprises, adding, with reference to the prospect, of peace, that after the many unlooked for events of the war, those who are propheseying there will be no peace till one or other of the combatants has gained a decisive success may find themselves after all mistaken. Both parties, he remarked, had acquitted themselves well, from a military point of view, and "the only bit of blue sky" he could see was, that possibly both parties might find a way to the settlement of their quarrel. Of other ministers, Lord G. Hamilton has spoken publicly on the famine in India, the Solicitor General on the war, while on Wednesday Lord Salisbury opened a Convalescent Home at Bradford, the gift of Mr. Ripley, M.P., to that town. The speech he made on the occasion, had necessarily nothing political about it. Several other members of Parliament have delivered themselves of what are known as extra Parliamentary utterances.

Three great events in the sporting world have come off since our last Budget, one of which we are not likely to see repeated for some time to come. We allude, of course, to the great walk by Gale of 1500 miles in 1000 hours. This, as we anticipated, was accomplished successfully, the last mile and a half being completed in 15 minutes 52 seconds, or less by 23 seconds than the first mile and a half, though the shortest time in which it was done was 15 minutes 14 seconds, in which Gale did the mile and a half which completed his 1000 miles. Gale, we understand, has suffered nothing by his exertions. He was medically examined when the feat was done, and Mr. Gant, Dr. Farr, and others, pronounced him to be sound. He lost exactly ten pounds during his six weeks' walk, which, were it not that he is a small, spare man, would seem to be very little. On Monday, the match between Higgins and Boyd, for the sculling championship and £400, resulted in a clear victory for the former, by some lengths. This is the third time in which these competitors have met. On the first occasion Higgins was the victor, on the second Boyd. The day was most unfavourable for such a race, but there was a large attendance of spectators, and as there was an unusually high tide, so that the attendant steamers were unable to pass under Hammersmith Bridge, a considerable number of people found themselves in difficulties—in a certain sense in hot water, though the water of the Thames is not remarkably warm at the best of times. The third event is the first of the two great autumn handicaps—the Cesarewitch—came off on Tuesday afternoon, and was won with the greatest ease by Hilarious, who started first favourite at 100 to 30, and passed the post four lengths ahead of Macaroon, while Lord Hartington's Belphœbe was defeated by a neck only for second honours. This, of course, makes the winner favourite for the Cambridgeshire. We should add that there was a very successful gathering on Saturday last to witness the London Athletic Sports on the new ground at Stamford Bridge, the numbers present, 6,000, being almost as numerous as at Gale's walk at Lillie Bridge.

The Indian Famine Relief Fund had reached, by Wednesday evening, the very handsome total of £354,000, of which £300,000 has already been transmitted to Madras. Huddersfield has contributed a third instalment of £800, making £3,300 in all; Rochdale, third instalment, £500; Halifax, fifth ditto, £500; Perth (city and county), third ditto, £350; their Imperial and Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, £100; Penzance, additional, £100; Tamworth, third instalment, £100; Wisbeach £100; collection in St. Paul's Cathedral, £147 9s 3d; Dublin, seventeenth instalment, £500. It appears also that £6,000 has been sent to India direct from Melbourne, and that further remittances will be made from the same colony; and likewise that some £600, raising the total to £1,600, has been forwarded by Jersey.

The public mind is still much exercised over the Penge murder, and apparently a feeling is gaining ground that while the condemned persons have been guilty of cruelty and immorality, the evidence on which they were convicted does not justify their execution. As we said last week, there is no doubt the facts of the case will receive the most careful consideration from the Home Secretary and his advisers. If a doubt exists as to the propriety of the verdict, there can be no doubt it will be given in favour of the prisoners. Several meetings have been held in London and elsewhere, and petitions on behalf of the Staunton and Alice Rhodes are being numerously signed. All we desire to see be that justice is done.

The inquiry into the loss of the Avalanche and Forest, by a terrible collision in the Channel, which was accompanied by so disastrous a loss of life, has terminated. The judgment of the Commissioner, Mr. H. C. Rothery, amounts to a partial blame of the conduct of the Captain of the latter vessel, but taking into account his long service, the way in which he gave his evidence, and his excellent behaviour, the Court contented itself with reprimanding him for not having exhibited greater promptitude at the moment of collision.

The Duke of Cambridge is at present engaged in making his usual inspection of troops in our various camps and garrisons. On Tuesday, he was at Aldershot, where he reviewed about 9,000 men and forty-six guns, in the Long Valley. After the march past, the troops were put through a variety of manœuvres, shortly after which His Royal Highness left for Portsmouth. Here, the day following, he inspected the troops quartered there, together with the 2nd Administrative Battalion of the Hants Rifle Volunteers, who had been invited by Major-General Sir John Gassock, in command of the district, to take part in the sham fight which took place.

On Wednesday evening, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained, at dinner, at the Mansion House, the Masters of the various City Guilds, each of them being accompanied by a lady. Among the other guests were several of the Aldermen, the Sheriffs, who are both this year members of the same body, and several members of the Lord Mayor's family. The usual loyal and other toasts were given, Alderman Cotton, M.P., replying for the Houses of Parliament; Mr. Aston, Master of the Mercers' Company, for the City Guilds; and Sir Robert Carden for the Corporation; the last on the list being that of the Lady Mayoress.

The Dairy Show at the Agricultural Hall, which opened last week, was closed on Monday, this being the second of the kind which has been held. The Exhibition was shorn of one of its principal attractions; as, at the very last moment, an order was received from the Privy Council forbidding the assembling of milch cows, of which a goodly number of various breeds had been entered. In all other respects, however, the programme was strictly and successfully carried out.

One or two important pieces of intelligence have arrived from the theatre of war, both in Europe and Asia. There seems to be little doubt that the Russians mean to make another attempt to capture Plevna, and, under the direction of General Todleben, siege works are being pushed close up to the Turkish redoubts, to carry which, by assault, an attempt will, it is said, be made at no distant date, as soon, in fact, as the weather permits. The question which people are discussing is, whether the assault when delivered will be successful, or whether Osman Pasha, as in the previous attacks on his position, will be able to repel his enemy. There is every reason to believe he is much stronger than he has ever been before, for Chefket Pasha has twice been able to send him reinforcements of men, together with supplies of ammunition and provisions. Thus, as regards men and material, Osman has made good his losses by the last attempt against him. There is also reason to believe that Suleiman Pasha, who has superseded Mehemet Ali Pasha on the Lom, will try conclusions with the Russian forces opposed to him; while the new Turkish General in command in the Chipka Pass reports favourably of the strength of his own positions, and the magnificent condition of the forces under him. Mehemet Ali Pasha, it is said, will take command of the troops directed to resist the further progress of the Montenegrins, and Achmet Eyoub will also be employed in some other position. From Asia we hear of the Russians having last week delivered a grand attack on Ghazi Mouktar Pasha. The operations were under the immediate conduct of the Grand Duke Michael, but they turned out a failure, the only spot which they succeeded in occupying being subsequently evacuated and re-occupied by the Turks. There seems to have been heavy losses on both sides, that of the Russians being some 10,000 or 12,000, while Ghazi Mouktar's loss amounts to about half. Since then, however, the latter has seen fit to retire towards Kars, under which he will no doubt winter.

The Russians, too, will very shortly have to follow his example, though for the present they are enjoying the pleasure of pursuing the enemy who has so often repulsed their attacks. The worst news of all relates to the condition of the Russian troops in Bulgaria. It is said there are some 18,000 to 20,000 sick, and the ground is such that in a very short time the question of supplying them will tax all the resources of the empire, while the Turks are well placed in this matter. As for Servia, she is very prudently holding her hand, though a convention with Russia and Roumania has been signed. The Sultan, however, has taken the bull by the horns, and there is talk of a special emissary from the Porte being sent to Belgrade to demand explanations from Prince Milan as to these negotiations with the Czar and Prince Charles. The wonder is the Porte has exhibited so much patience under such provocation.

The regular Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Colonel Creaton V.P. in the chair. Bro. James Terry read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. The death of an annuitant was announced. The Warden's and Finance Committee's reports were read and adopted. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting was adjourned. Among those present were Bros. Benjamin Head, S. Rawson, J. Hogg, John Newton, H. J. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Stedwell, J. M. Case, T. W. White, E. J. Barron, T. J. Sabine, J. Constable, W. Hilton, L. Stean, R. W. Stewart, C. Lacey, T. Cubitt, C. F. Hogard, H. Massey, H. M. Levy, &c.

We are pleased at being able to record that on Wednesday Bro. Charles Daniel, W.M. No. 65, paid to the account of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, at the Mansion House, the following :—

Voted by the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65	£5	5	0
Collected among the brethren present at last meeting	11	13	6
	£16	18	6

The above amount included £5 5s from an Initiate, and £1 1s from the Treasurer, Bro. Goodwin.

On Wednesday last a meeting was held by a few brethren interested in the establishment of an Association for combining the voting powers of London brethren, and after some discussion it was decided to use every endeavour to successfully inaugurate the project. Communications having reference to the scheme should, for the present, be addressed to "Alpha," care of Editor, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE OFFICE, 67 Barbican, London, E.C.

Bro. Ciprico, the celebrated American tragedian, has arrived in England, and will make his first appearance at the Surrey Theatre, on the 20th inst., in a tragedy entitled *Fates and Furies*.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a specimen "Pan-Anglican Railway and Dog-cart Key," manufactured by Messrs. Ellis and Co., of the Eyre-street Works, Sheffield. People who are in the habit of travelling frequently will find it desirable to carry with them one of these useful little companions. It possesses many advantages over the ordinary key. It is made of cast steel and plated with nickel silver. It weighs only one ounce, and will go easily into the waistcoat pocket. Lastly, its cost is only one shilling, for which extremely modest sum every one whose business compels him to make long journeys by rail or road may purchase the Pan-Anglican Key, so that in the event of accident he may be able to extricate himself and fellow passengers from a dangerous position. For the same reasons, we recommend it to those Railway officials who are necessarily furnished with keys, and we trust Messrs. Ellis and Co. may find their patent turn out as profitable as it deserves to do.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Hereditary diseases are never more likely to develop their existence and to display their intensity than during the autumn months. It should therefore be known that the tendency to particular ailments, transmitted from parent to child, exercises a wide influence in producing disease, remediable by these preparations. Few persons are free from hereditary predispositions

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Days of Meeting, &c., as we have
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SATURDAY, 13th

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Fr
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southg
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel,
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-
1291—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leice
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 15th

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freema
48—Strong Man, Old Sodney's Head, 12 O
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-st
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gre-h
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, His
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern,
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel,
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Pub
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hal
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-stre
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron,
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborn
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilw
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Por
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsha
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterb
1503—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 16th

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Ha
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gr
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southam
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenha
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, S
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenh
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camber
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
930—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-roa
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea B
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (I
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaic
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-st
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Notti
900—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Ca
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Se
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, New
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 17th

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freema
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st
193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-s
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsle
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-
962—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-stree
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Sever
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W
1824—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-r
R. A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stre
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street,
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapt
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street,
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel,
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street,
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirences
663—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, New
869—Doble, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thame
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worki
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirk
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Corn
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House,
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler
M. M. 133—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clapp

THURSDAY, 18th

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street,
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamst
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lam
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, De
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regv
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern,
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwo
1257—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars,
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-ave
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.

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.
636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
669—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

FRIDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
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.)
1279—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
317—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.)
1336—Square and Compass, Corn-exchange, Wrexham.

SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.
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.

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, Beckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
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.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
808—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—129—St. Mirren, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John, St. John's Hall, 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.
WEDNESDAY—67—Forbes Roshearty, Forbes Inn, Fraserburgh.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 334—Rothes, Town Hall, Leslie.
" 542—Union, Royal Hotel, St. Andrews.
THURSDAY—22—St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 66—St. Ninian, Freemasons' Hall, Market-street, Brechin.
" 180—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle-square, Oban.
" 370—Renfrew County Kilwinning, 8 High-street, Paisley.
" 465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
" 547—Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Kilsyth.
FRIDAY—32—St. Andrew, Freemason's Hall, Castle-street, Banff.
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 471—St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 496—St. Mann, Kelmuir-by-Dunoon.
" 541—Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Lanark.
SATURDAY—512—Thorntree, School-room, Thornliebank, Glasgow.
" 524—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, East Kilbride.
" 544—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-st., Coatbridge, at 7.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 403—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—This highly prosperous Lodge held the first meeting of the season on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. Wharman W.M. There were present Bros. J. H. Cambridge S.W., C. Ginman J.W., J. Sleeman P.M. Treas., P. Dukes P.M. Hon. Sec., C. E. Ball S.D., W. Levy J.D., L. B. Lipscombe I.G., E. A. Wells D.C., Jas. Pinder I.P.M., Henry Martin P.M., J. P. May P.M., E. P. Barlow P.M. Steward, B. Goldberg, C. Tatton, S. Lipschitz, T. Holloway, A. Posener, J. Posener, &c., &c. The Visitors were Bros. Rudderforth 12 and J.W. 1668, Hollands 1321, Fenner J.D. 1693, Campbell 413 S.C., E. Gottheil P.M. 141. After the Lodge was duly opened and the preliminaries disposed of. Bros. A. Posener and J. Posener were raised to the degree of Master Masons. In due course the ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Valentine and P. Cohen, which resulted in their favour. The former gentleman being present was at once initiated into the first degree of the Order. Both ceremonies were excellently performed by the W.M. and his officers, the Past Masters being most assiduous in rendering all possible assistance. After the Lodge was closed, the company adjourned to the Holborn, where an exceedingly well-served banquet awaited them, under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp. After grace, the customary toasts were proceeded with. The "loyal" were most enthusiastically received. Bro. Pinder, in submitting the name of the W.M., remarked upon his abilities both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. In reply, Bro. Wharman thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them of his gratification in thinking that he had so far succeeded in giving satisfaction to the Lodge. He would now at once propose the toast of the evening, which was, as they were well aware, that of the Initiate. He liked to see a moderate influx of new brethren, for with a sufficiency of members and consequent means, the Lodge cannot fail to prosper. From the way in which Bro. Valentine conducted himself that evening, it may be concluded he would be a credit to the Lodge. The initiate said, in response, that he had never been in such a position before, therefore, the brethren would not expect that he had much to say, except to thank them for the way in which he had been received. If God spares his life he would leave no stone unturned to endeavour to become a shining light of the Order. For the visitors, Bro. Gottheil said he had on former occasions, when enjoying the pleasure and hospitality of the Kent Lodge, remarked upon the fitness of Bro. Wharman to occupy the chair. As has been observed by Bro. Pinder, he presides with tact and discretion. He would first express his thanks for their kind reception, and must especially mention the name of Bro. Barlow, the Steward of the Lodge, who had been most solicitous for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. In no other Lodge, and at none of the many Masonic gatherings at which he visited from time to time, had he found such an excellent and indefatigable Steward. The working in the Lodge, taken as a whole, was excellent, the W.M. and officers, but more especially the former, performing their duties in a manner approaching as nearly as possible to the average. But if Bro. Wharman's working should be deemed capable of adverse criticism, they may be sure he excelled in his character as a true and faithful Mason, and that no one can justly take exception in respect to his worthiness as a friend and citizen. He was therefore sure they never regretted placing him at the head of the Lodge. Bro. Rudderforth concurred in what had been stated by the former speaker, and added, Bro. Gottheil observed that he had taken great interest in stimulating the progress of the W.M., he (Bro. Rudderforth) had also done his best to forward him in the Lodge of Instruction with which he was connected, and was glad to find him occupying the office of Master so creditably. The other visitors responded in a similar spirit. The Past Masters replied each in their turn. Bro. May pointed to the harmony and unity which existed in the Lodge. Bro. Martin promised to give his best assistance whenever opportunity should serve. Bro. Barlow expressed his satisfaction at the flattering terms which some of the visitors were good enough to apply to him. He was always pleased to do his best to make every one happy and comfortable, by administering to their wants. Indeed, one or two brethren complained that they had received rather too much of the good things. He would suggest, as there were two medical men present, members of the Lodge, they would, he was sure, if asked, do something to procure relief of any inconvenience, and he was sure they would do it gratis on this occasion. Bro. Sleeman Treas. said whenever the W.M. demanded a banquet, a banquet they should have, as there were plenty of means to do it with. Bro. Duke Hon. Sec. hoped to be able to render good service to the Lodge for many years to come. The remaining officers severally replied, and the proceedings ended. Bros. Lipschitz, Rudderforth, Valentine and others contributed largely to the harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Met on Thursday the 11th inst., at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Bros. T. Upward W.M., T. Franklin S.W., G. Clarke J.W., J. M. Hunt Sec., J. Pinder Prec., W. G. Hallows S.D., W. T. Christian J.D.; also Bros. Groome, Appleby, Stringer, Stockwell, Rubery, Sims, Haines, and Kearsey. After preliminary business, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kearsey candidate. Bro. J. Pinder worked the first and second sections of the lecture, W. T. Christian the third, and Appleby the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Stringer 1662, and Kearsey 917, were elected members. Bro. Franklin will preside next week.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—On Tuesday, the 9th October, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Present—Bros. Woods W.M., Lane S.W., Hiscox J.W., Fox Secretary, Pope S.D., Martin J.D., Franks I.G. Past Master Bro. Kester. Visitor—Bro. Ortner. Business—The Lodge was regularly opened, the minutes of the past meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Kester having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a most impressive manner. Bro. Kester gave the Traditional History. The Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and the fourth and fifth sections were worked by Bro. Kester, assisted by the brethren. At the meeting, on Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m., the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Long, W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733. Brethren are cordially invited to attend

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the meeting, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Change-alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday last, the following Companions were present:—George J. Row M.E.Z., J. Boyd H., J. Constable J., Thomas W. White S.E., F. Brown S.N., F. Buckland P.S., G. Darcy, J. J. Pakes, G. L. Walker, W. V. Bedolfe, G. H. Webb, W. W. Morgan, C. W. Noehmer, C. Nash, W. H. Myers, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dr. Bedelfe candidate. Comp. Boyd worked the first clause of the first section of the lecture, assisted by those present. Comps. Webb and Myers were elected members of this Chapter of Improvement.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its weekly meeting, at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 8th inst. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Trewinnard W.M., Renshaw J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Kidder S.D., Powell J.D., Thomas I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. Crawley, Wing, Stock, Pearcy, Cook, Hunter, Parkinson, Simmonds, Leber, Isaac, Killick, Millward, E. Souhami, and Dyer. The usual preliminaries were duly observed. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Stock answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in an admirable manner, Bro. Stock being candidate. The Preceptor worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; the fourth by Bro. Renshaw, and the fifth by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to first degree, when Bros. E. Souhami, of Stockwell Lodge 1339, and Dyer, of Highgate Lodge 1366, were elected members. Bro. Renshaw was elected to fill the office of W.M. next Monday evening. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

St. John's Lodge, No. 167.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Present—Bros. John Eldridge W.M., Rowe S.W., Yeomans J.W., J. R. Thomson Secretary, H. Cornick Treasurer, C. A. Muller S.D., Steedman Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Jackson, Adams, Pritchard, &c., and a large number of visitors. The business of the evening consisted of the installation of the W.M. (Bro. Rowe) and the appointment of the officers.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bro. L. Annett W.M., Pollin S.W., E. Farwig as J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treas., H. A. Stacey Sec., Stollard J.D., C. Wade I.G., J. Wood D.C., E. Hart Organist, Gilbert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Cameron, J. R. Stacey, W. C. Parsons, Robinson, L. Herf; and Bros. Slade, Woodrow, Bayley, Hussey, Fletcher, Green, Symons, Kent, Levitt, Pinto Leite, W. Sharpe, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. T. E. Miles, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Jenkins was passed to the second degree, the ceremonies being perfectly and impressively rendered. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. W. C. Parsons, in pursuance of notice, then proposed, and Bro. G. Bubb seconded, that the initiation fee in future be twelve guineas, and the joining fee six guineas. An amendment was made, to increase the initiation fee to fifteen guineas, and the joining fee to eight guineas. The original motion was, however, carried. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. solicited votes for the boys' election on behalf of the candidate Cox, this being his last application. A gentleman was then proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, sixty-two in number, adjourned to the Crown room, which has been beautifully decorated, and partook of a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager. The wines and viands showed a marked improvement, and satisfaction was expressed with the new caterers. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. announced that the amount subscribed by the brethren to the Benevolent Fund was satisfactory. Bro. W. C. Parsons then rose. It was a pleasure for any member to propose the toast of the W.M. During his year of office everything had been done well; he had risen from the humblest office, and he had reaped his reward. We all congratulate him on his occupation of the chair. The W.M. said he could hardly find words to express his obligation to the brethren. All his energies would be devoted to their interest. He then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated brother; he is a son of an old and esteemed member who has been associated with the Lodge for the last twenty-five years, and he was sure he would follow in the footsteps of so worthy a parent. Bro. Miles said if he only followed in the footsteps of his worthy father, he was sure he would be all that was required of him in Masonry. The Visitors were then duly honoured, and the toast was replied to by Bro. Warner Sleigh. The W.M. then remarked his next was a very important toast—the Past Masters. He mentioned their names *seriatim*. The world, in Freemasonry, had seen their able working, and had profited by their able instruction. Bro. W. C. Parsons said there were older P.M.'s than he present, and he felt he could hardly do justice to the toast; it was an honour to respond to it; they all hoped to be present for many years to come. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next, and this brought forth replies from Bros. Bubb and Stacey, and after the Officers had received full recognition, the Tyler was called. The Visitors were Bros. J. Hancock J.W. 1687, W. H. Pannell late 180, S. M. Davies 231, Ottawa, Canada, G. Gutterbrook 173, W. Joyce 1158, Warner Sleigh 1381, A. Godfrey 139, W. Blake 795, Baker 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The brethren of the York Lodge No. 236, to whom a Centenary Warrant has just been granted, contemplate celebrating the completion of their hundredth year of

will be invited the Worshipful M
Province. The Earl of Zetland, P.
tion to be present, and it is hoped
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Northern Counties Lodg
ing of this Lodge was held on We
Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bros. T.
S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W. and T
S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., W. Foulsham
Stewards, S. M. Harriss I.G., G. S.
day, Rev. H. Harriss, R. Knox, G
The Lodge was opened and the m
Daniel, Hogg, and Brilby were ba
the Order, and Bro. Southern was
The Lodge was then closed, and t
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The Visitors were:—Bros. N. Mein
D. Sinclair P.M. 48, and J. E. Robs

Dalhousie Lodge of Inst
weekly meeting on the 9th inst., a
Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Defri
J.W., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas
S. Lorkin I.G., Past Master Wallis
Christian, Stevenson and others. Th
read and confirmed. The ceremony
Huggins acting as candidate. Lodge
and regularly closed down; the breth
to refreshment, and afterwards resu
worked the second, third, and fourth
by the brethren. Bros. Stevenson
elected members; Bro. Dallas w
Brown W.M. for the ensuing week.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.
Rowley Lodge was held at the Mason
on Monday the 1st inst. There were
Helme S.W., A. Sherriff J.W., J. Dan
land, J. T. Jackson J.D. and others.
had been transacted, Bro. Dr. Moore
the Ethics of Freemasonry," briefly t
points connected with that subject.
hearty vote of thanks was awarded to
request that he would favour the Lod
the next meeting.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.
meeting on Thursday, the 11th instan
Docks. Present—Bros. John Dort
F. Brien J.W., Brayshaw P.M. Treasu
Mitchell D.C., Corkey Steward, Job
several members. Business—The
opened, and the preliminaries dispose
usual questions, and retired. Lodge
and Bro. Colson passed. The next b
the election of W.M. for the ensui
of the S.W. John White. Bro. P.M
Treasurer. Bro. P.M. Holliday was c
Benevolent Fund. The Audit Commi
and business being ended the Lo
adjourning to refreshment.

Upton Lodge of Instruction
ing, as usual, at Bros. Bolton and L
Folgate, on Friday, the 5th instant.
W.M., Crouch S.W., Smith J.W., A. W
Sec., Tatten S.D., Simmonds J.D.,
Campbell, Pearcy, &c. The usual fo
the minutes were read and confirm
the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Cam
first, second, third and fourth section
Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren
W.M. for the ensuing week. In prog
was afterwards carried unanimously)
the business for the first time, the P
congratulating him on the manner
ceremony, observing it augured well
closed in due form, and the meeti
evening at 8 p.m.

Duke of Connaught Lod
dinner of the members and friend
becoming one of the most popular L
was celebrated on Wednesday ev
Havelock Tavern, Albion-road. To
said, that ever since he became propr
has spared neither pains nor expense
convenience of the brethren. Findi
the proper direction for a Freemason
it worthy of the noble Craft, and
Beensen designed, and carried out n
in such a style, that though to a goo
and symbol is pregnant with meani
the popular world. The walls of th
distemper, and Bro. Beensen, the arti
judgment by his mode of treatment.

interior and borders of which reveal some Masonic emblem. The ceiling is so treated as to represent the vast canopy of Heaven, and in their proper places are figured the great lights of Freemasonry, so that a brother, on entering the Lodge, is at once struck with its symmetry and beauty, and by a single glance at the walls or ceiling is enabled to discover its form. On Wednesday Bro. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middlesex, the Worshipful Master of the parent Lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Woolly (of the Wanderers) as S.W., Francis J.W., Brasted S.D. Dignam J.D., Lorkin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, Ernest Dietrich Secretary, George Ferrar Treasurer, Bonner, Peak, George, Lowe, Little, Hill, Taylor, Delafosse, Maples, McMillan, Marsh, Chapman, Lee, Dubrick, Beensen, W. G. Kent, Finch, W. Farrar, R. Olley, C. Olley, W. H. Robinson, and a number of brethren. The Lodge having been duly opened in the first, and the sections worked, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where full justice was done to the excellent repast set before them. The usual Loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to. In proposing the continued success and prosperity of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, the W.M. highly complimented the officers for their excellent working, and especially Bros. Preceptor Fieldwick and Secretary Dietrich for the efficient manner in which they had performed the duties pertaining to their respective offices.

Legiolium Lodge, No. 1542, Castleford.—Celebrated its annual installation meeting on Monday afternoon last, in the presence of a large gathering of influential and distinguished brethren, amongst whom were the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew J.P., the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Henry Smith, and several other P.G. Officers. Bro. Richard Cliffe was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the brethren proceeded to Normanton, to partake of the banquet prepared by Mr. Clarke, manager for Messrs. Spiers and Pond, in their new and elegantly fitted up platform dining-room.

Morecombe Lodge, No. 1561.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecombe, on Friday, 5th October. There were present Bros. Wm. Duff W.M., Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. England as I.P.M., E. Cardwell as S.W., W. Longmore J.W., W. Stephenson Sec., Bingham as S.D., Wilde J.D., W. H. Johnstone Prov. G.J.D. and a large number of brethren. After the usual business had been transacted, a vote of congratulation was unanimously given to Bro. Captain Garnett on his recent appointment to the office of Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire. A handsome silver Hall-marked square and compass were presented to the Lodge by Bro. H. Longman P.M., to whom the thanks of the Lodge was given. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Dr. Moore to deliver a lecture, as announced, "On the duties and privileges of the Master's Chair," which was listented to with great attention by the brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks awarded to the lecturer at its close.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday last, there was a large attendance of members and visitors, the occasion being the election of Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The unanimous choice of the Lodge fell upon Bro. T. B. Whytehead as W.M., and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Paul Pearson was re-elected Tyler. The after proceedings were of a very pleasant character, and were enlivened by the singing of Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W. and other brethren. One of the brethren, in replying to the toast of the Visitors, remarked that he had visited many Lodges, but there were two things about the Eboracum Lodge that had struck him most forcibly; one was the perfect working of the Lodge, not only on the part of the W.M. and Officers, but in the delivery of the charges, and minor details, no hitch being at all apparent; the other was the unanimity and genuine fraternal feeling evidently existing, and exhibited both during Lodge hours and at refreshment; in fact the Lodge seemed to be as one man.

Handyside Lodge, No. 1618.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Present—Bros. D. W. Dixon W.M., Simpson S.W., A. H. Moss (Secretary) acting as J.W., G. Taylor S.D., Joseph Taylor J.D., Adamson Steward, Carruthers I.G., Deighton Tyler; P.M. Bro. Charles Moore 1244 and 1618. Visitors—Bros. J. M. Collier 1511, Thomas Allen 561, J. W. Badcock 1230. Business—Lodge opened in first degree, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Frat 561 having been proposed at a regular meeting, was balloted for and elected; also Messrs. George Lee and Edwin Damon. The ceremony of initiating Mr. H. J. Webster was then most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Simpson giving the charge. After several communications from the Secretary, the Lodge adjourned for refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. (This Lodge was consecrated on 3rd August last year, and has made great progress; it has a member roll of thirty-four subscribers, and a well-appointed Lodge room).

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Hon. Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., W. G. Hallows acting I.G., Delvallé W.S. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Rubery and Stockwell, being candidates for passing, answered the usual questions. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and the above brethren were passed. The Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree, and the ballot taken for two gentlemen (whose names in their favour; they being present, were then initiated according to ancient rite. In consequence of a vacancy having occurred since the last meeting, in the office of S.D., the W.M. conferred the collar upon the J.D. Bro. T. Franklin, that of J.D. upon Bro. J. H. Cambridge, and that of W.S. upon Bro. Delvallé. The remaining business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed.

Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681.—The consecration of this Lodge took place in June last, and since that time it has had nine emergency meetings, and now numbers 30 members. The Right W. Lord Londesborough P.G.W. is the W.M. The first regular meeting since the recess was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by the Treasurer, Bro. A. Barfield. Bros. W. Ranting P.M. 749 S.W., G. Bubb P.M. 180 J.W., G. Reid P.M. Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, Cole S.D., Burleton J.D., D. H. Harrison I.G., Honeyball D.C., Berroll Organist, Wetherill W.S.; and Bros. Bott, Heath, A. J. Thomas, Miller, Williams, C. Holland, Dawson, &c. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed; after the discussion of several matters in connection with the Lodge, it was closed until the first Thursday in November. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. Grace having been sung, the acting W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft; after the National Anthem—sung by Bros. Lawler, Carter, and Large, Bro. Berroll accompanying on the piano—the W.M. proposed the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He was a noble example; this was the opinion of every brother in the Kingdom. He had done much good for the Craft, and aided our Charities. Let us drink this toast with the enthusiasm it deserves. Bro. Carter here sang "Hail to thee, Albert." The health of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. was the next. The Pro G.M. was one of the most indefatigable brothers in the Order; those who had the privilege of seeing him in Grand Lodge, knew no worthier Mason could have been selected. The Earl of Skelmersdale is also well-known and respected throughout the Craft. They were honoured by the presence of one who in every way was esteemed, not only in his capacity of Grand Secretary, but for his many qualities, which were recognised by every brother in the Order. Bro. Hervey had identified himself with the interest of the Craft, and he hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. (Cheers.) Bro. John Hervey said he felt pleased to have this opportunity to return thanks, it was at all times a great pleasure to respond for a nobleman who had done his duty so well. He was gratified to be able to say he was present at the consecration of this Lodge. The flourishing position in which it stood was due to the great exertions of the founders. They had exercised caution in their selection of Officers. As regards their Initiates, they had fully recognised that nothing could do more injury to the Craft than bringing in unsuitable members. He regretted the absence of the W.M., Lord Londesborough, but they had one at the head of the Lodge who could well and worthily fill his place. Bro. Hervey then proposed the toast of the acting W.M. It was not the first time Bro. Barfield had occupied the chair. As W.M. and Treasurer he had done his duty to their satisfaction. We owe him a debt of gratitude, and I, as a member of this Lodge, ask you to drink his health with the utmost cordiality. Bro. Barfield said he thanked Bro. Hervey for the kind manner he had spoken of him. In working for the success of the Lodge, he hoped he had done so to their satisfaction. He had initiated brethren who would eventually become a credit to the Order. Twenty-two candidates had been introduced since the formation, and while he had energy he would support the Lodge, and he trusted the brethren would support him. The next toast was that of the Visitors. This was the first regular meeting since the consecration; we are pleased to see Visitors on every occasion. He would call on Bro. Parsons P.M. 180. Bro. Parsons had seen friends of his initiated in the Lodge, and was proud to be present to assist the W.M. He was amply repaid by his kind remarks, and hoped he echoed the sentiments of the Visitors present. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Secretary; he was one indefatigable in his duties. Bro. Reid said he had taken an interest in the Lodge; both he and Bro. Barfield were ready to do their utmost to make the Lodge second to none. The W.M. next gave the health of the Wardens of the Lodge; they had done their duty, and the members were proud of them. The S.W. replied. In proposing the Masonic Charities, the W.M. expatiated eloquently in reference to the Institutions; the brethren had only to visit them, and they would see what was necessary for their support; they were an honour to the Craft. He knew of no one more able to respond than Bro. G. Bubb, who had well represented the Charities, and he was sure he would do so on a future occasion. Bro. Bubb J.W. responded. The Charities are the ornaments of Freemasonry, and he would press the newly initiated brethren to do their utmost for their support. If every Mason in England contributed 2s 6d to each of the Institutions during the year, it would do a vast amount of good, and would prove beneficial in every respect. The Tyler's toast was given, and a very delightful evening came to a close. The Visitors were:—J. Mason S.G.D. Middlesex, Miller P.M., Davis 141, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Lakin 180, Lee 511, Pinn 860, Wade 860, Docker 1687.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—This Lodge held its first meeting since the recess on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M., J. Sandilands Ward S.W., Goodacre J.W., G. King jun. P.M. Sec., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treas., Spalding S.D., G. King P.M. D.C., H. J. Dean Organist, Robins I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler. Visitors—Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, John Green P.M. 27, T. Maidwell J.W. 27, Chas. Atkins P.M. 27, Kermode 447, F. G. Longley S.W. 1261, W. W. Morgan 1385, &c. The routine business

read and confirmed. Bro. Wand answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and in due course passed, Bro. Southwood rendering the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The ballot was now taken for three gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and the result was favourable. The motion by Bro. Beeton, notice of which had been given in accordance with the requirements custom demands, was then brought forward, and a most exhaustive discussion ensued; the various arguments for and against were most fairly and temperately advanced. In the end an amendment, that the question stand over for six months, was carried. Bro. Southwood then invested Bro. George King jun. with the collar of office as Secretary of the Lodge, and expressed the pleasure he felt—pleasure in which all the brethren participated—in seeing him back again; he trusted that Bro. King had derived benefit from his journey, and that eventually he would be restored to the full enjoyment of health. Bro. King briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him; he was gratified in being invested with the collar of the office he had previously held; he took a deep interest in the success of the Lodge, but of that all the members were aware. He should have a few words to say about his travels later on. There was one thing he wished to do, and that was to propose a vote of thanks to their Worshipful Master, for his kindness in providing the very elegant menu and toast lists at the last meeting of the Lodge; it had given him great pleasure to receive copies of these while he was away, and he trusted the vote of thanks would be none the less acceptable to Bro. Southwood it having been so tardily offered. Bro. Dr. Hogg having seconded the motion, it was put by the S.W. and carried unanimously. After this had been graciously acknowledged by the W.M., it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Czarnecki, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with him in the sad loss he had sustained by the death of his wife. After other matters had received attention, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to Simpson's, where a capital repast was provided. After full justice had been done to the good things supplied, the W.M. gave the customary toasts. That of Her Majesty was followed by the National Anthem, while "God Bless the Prince of Wales" followed that of the M.W.G.M. With the third toast, the Prov. G.M., the D.G.M. and the G. Officers, was associated the names of Bros. Buss and Dr. Jabez Hogg; the W.M. remarked that Dr. Hogg was well known, both in London and elsewhere, and had won the respect and esteem of all with whom he had been associated. As for Bro. Buss he was a well tried man, and his eminent services had been recognised; it had pleased the M.W.G.M. to appoint Bro. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, and we ought to be proud at having two such brethren amongst us. After replies from Bro. Buss and Hogg, Bro. Geo. King jun. gave the health of the W.M. He said he had not had the pleasure of being present in the Hervey Lodge since Bro. Southwood had been installed. You all know how it was that brother came to be introduced to the Lodge. I had hoped I should have had the honour of installing him, but my absence from this country prevented the realisation of this wish. However, I am sure you will all join with me in drinking to his health and prosperity. After a song from Bro. T. J. Maidwell, the W.M. said: Brethren, I am sensible of the very kind expression of feeling that has passed from our Bro. King jun., and of the very hearty way in which you have received the toast. Five years ago I came amongst you, almost a stranger; you, on that occasion, gave me a very hearty reception, and I was impressed with a laudable ambition to become Master of your Lodge. It has been my desire to foster amongst you a spirit of liberality, and to impress upon you that Charity should be the predominant characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Charity should be as boundless as the wind, which is driven by the breath of the Great Architect of the Universe. I trust you may all carry out, to the fullest extent, the best objects of Freemasonry, but to my mind deeds speak louder than words, and by our deeds may we become better and truer Freemasons. Bro. Southwood next proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which toast Bro. King replied. He said: I can scarcely express my feelings on rejoining you after my travel over many thousands of miles. You are doubtless expecting that I shall give you a long report of my proceedings, but time on this occasion will scarcely permit. Well, then, you will be pleased to hear that I visited two Lodges while I was in South Africa, one under the English Constitution, the Inanda, No. 1192, situated at Avoca, Victoria, and one under the Scotch Constitution, the Caledonian, No. 447 bis, Natal. In the former Lodge the ceremony—it was installation night—was worked most impressively; the way in which the whole proceedings were conducted was worthy of imitation. In the latter Lodge I found a disagreeable feeling existing in regard to the privileges of Past Masters of the two Constitutions. I was appealed to, and asked to give an opinion on the matter in dispute; this I did; and, at the request of the W.M. I became the bearer of a communication to Bro. John Hervey, the G. Sec., in reference to the grievance in question. I am pleased to inform you that Bro. Hervey has fully confirmed the opinion I gave, and I trust that I have been the means of settling the grievance complained of, and have thus acted as peacemaker between two sections of our Brotherhood. Brethren,—I feel in my glory in being with you again, and I take this opportunity to thank you for the kind help you gave me to meet the expenses of my journey. Bro. Dr. Hogg also replied in a few felicitous sentences. The other toasts having received full recognition, the brethren separated.

Lodge Athol, No. 413, Glasgow.—Held its regular meeting in St. Marks Hall, on the 9th inst. Bros. Neilson R.W.M., James Lorttit I.P.M., A. Holmes D.M., and a large attendance of brethren. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Fergerson P.M. 543, J. Harley D.M. 354, and others; there was one gentleman for initiation, and at the request of Bro. Neilson, his Deputy, Bro. Holmes, performed the ceremony in an able manner, after which Past Master Lorttit, in a very impressive manner, raised five brethren to the sublime degree.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

LIEUT.-COL. CREATON presided at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, at the hour of noon. The regular business having been dispatched, the Court elected Scrutineers, and proceeded to the election, by ballot, of thirty-five out of an approved list of fifty girls. The ballot was opened at 1 p.m. and closed at 3 p.m., and shortly afterwards the result as appended was announced. It will be noted that the votes descend by a slow, but more than usually regular diminuendo, and that, as might have been expected, a more than usually modest number of votes sufficed to carry the lowest successful candidates. In April one candidate failed with 870, one with 838, one with 707, one with 697, two with 477 apiece, and one with 466 votes. At this election 421 votes have sufficed to secure a place; but then there were fifty-four candidates and only thirteen vacancies, while on Saturday last there were fifty candidates and thirty-five to be elected. London, as we pointed out last week, sent up twenty-two candidates, of whom fifteen succeeded, namely—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Nineteen of the twenty-six Provincial candidates were placed, Middlesex, with its solitary candidate, standing fourth; Yorkshire, N. and E., with two candidates, being fifth and twentieth: Staffordshire and Durham each sent up a candidate, and the former stood sixth and the latter seventh. Devonshire had three candidates, one of whom was placed eighth; Hants and Isle of Wight sent up two, of whom one succeeded in obtaining the tenth place. The Notts candidate was twelfth, the two Lincolnshire fourteenth and twenty-third, the two Yorkshire W. fifteenth and twenty-fifth, and the single Suffolk girl sixteenth. Sussex sent up one representative, who was placed eighteenth, while the two girls hailing from Staffordshire were placed nineteenth and twenty-ninth respectively. One of the two Lancashire W. girls stood twenty-second in order, the daughter of a brother of the 14th Regiment of Foot came twenty-seventh, while the Kent girl was placed thirtieth, and the one from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland brought up the rear and secured for herself the thirty-fifth appointment. Of the fifteen unsuccessful candidates, seven belong to the metropolis, seven to the Provinces, namely—two Devonshire, one Lancashire W., two Lancashire E., one Hants and Isle of Wight, one Bristol, and one to a district abroad, Singapore. Thus it will be seen that the Provinces have fared better than the Metropolis, nineteen out of twenty-six being a larger proportion than fifteen out of twenty-two; still the difference is not so perceptible as in the case of the Boys' School, where only two of the twenty-two London candidates got in, and where even if we give the Metropolis the benefit of the boy who is described as belonging to "E. Lancashire and London," the success of the Provincials is hugely in excess. But to return to the successful girls. Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as we have said, are Londoners. No. 1, A. B. Tanare, who has been a candidate at three previous elections, and has a brother in the Boys' School, increased her former score of 838 to 1,000 votes. No. 2, Amy L. Kirke, was a candidate in April, and had 384 votes. She came in a good second, with a total of 995. No. 3, Annie S. Cates, had 477 votes to her credit from three previous polled this time 692, making her total 890 votes. Laura S. Sparr, a new candidate from Yorkshire N. and E., scored exactly the same number. Annie Nichols, of Staffordshire, had 870 votes standing to her credit, and these were increased to 878. Eleanor M. Peele, of Durham, raised her total to 863, having polled 255 in April, and Diana G. Morris raised hers from 707 votes, the result of five previous attempts, to 835. Annie Potter, of London, with 248 to her credit, came ninth with 822, and Florence Weston, of Hants and Isle of Wight, followed close on her heels with 819 votes, of which only 35 were brought forward from April. Rosa M. Hughes, of London, with 477 votes to her credit, raised her total to 776, and stood eleventh; and Ada Carter (last chance), of Notts, was twelfth with 750, 211 being brought forward. Amelia A. Fordham, of London, like Florence Weston, had only this chance of success left her, and a poll of 400 added to her previous 323 votes, secured her the thirteenth place. The two Lincolnshire girls were both old candidates, Kate L. Parker, with 178 votes to the good, standing fourteenth with 717, and Emily A. G. Moore raising her former total of 62 to 525. Gertrude H. Mey, of West Yorkshire, had already standing to her credit 697 votes: an addition of five raised her total to 702. Maude Violet Muriel, from Suffolk, succeeded, at this her first attempt, with a total of 667, Ellen A. Waud, of London, also a new candidate, being next with 655, and Maud M. Cowley, of Sussex, with a credit of 466 standing over from April last, coming next with 630. A Somersetshire lass, Mona Beatrice Hennet, obtained 619 votes at this her first attempt, and a N. and E. Yorkshire, Annie E Corney, with 190 brought forward, made up her total to 594. Mary M. C. Smith, of London, increased her votes from 362 to 530, and Lucy J. Busher from 214 to 526. Minnie C. Godden (London) obtained 518 votes, and Harriet Chrimes (W. Yorkshire) 515, which, with two already to her credit, placed her next in order of sequence. Emily J. Priestley (London) had 514, and Florence Annie Hopkins, the "Daughter of the Regiment" (14th Foot) 511 votes. Amelia J. Hocking, London, obtained 503 votes, and Agnes M. Skeates, the second Somersetshire candidate, 495 votes. Helena Pidduck, who hails from Kent, had 478 votes, of which 23 were brought forward, and Eveline E. Pelham, of London, exactly the same number, of which, however, 173 were cast in April. M. A. Rugg, Kate Boyd, and Annie L. P. Richards, all of London, and all new candidates obtained 455, 441, and 424 votes respectively, while Dorah Scott, from Cumberland and Westmoreland, was close up with 421—217 of which were the result of two previous attempts. This was her last remaining chance of obtaining admission, and she is, therefore, to be congratulated on her success. It will be seen that in this case the four girls who had this last and only chance of success remaining to them, have got in, while, if we refer to the list of the Boys we shall find that only one (young Cox) out of seven managed to escape final rejection. Thus the whole of the fifteen girls will be eligible in April, while of the fifty-six rejected boys, six will have their names struck off the list. As to the unsuccessful candidates, Marion L. Cooper, of Bristol, and Lilian Stephenson, of E. Lancashire, each obtained 419 votes; Marion Whyatt, of W. Lancashire, 418, Mary L. Wayne, of E. Lancashire, 405 votes, Eleanor E. Spurging, of London, 396 votes, Bessie Reed 317 votes, Harriet E. Hood, London, 283 votes, of which 99 were obtained at [illegible]

with 11 votes, and Alvena Nettle with *no* votes at *two* elections. Subjoined is the list of successful and unsuccessful candidates.

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	NAME.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
6	Tanare, Ada Blyth	838	162	1000
34	Kirke, Amy Laura	384	611	995
7	Cates, Annie Susannah	477	454	931
36	Line, Amelia	198	692	890
49	*Spurr, Laura Sophia	—	890	890
9	Nichols, Annie	870	8	878
21	Peele, Eleanor Margaret	255	608	863
1	Morris, Diana Gordon	702	128	835
25	Potter, Annie	248	574	822
26	Weston, Florence (*last*)	35	784	819
8	Hughes, Rosa Marian	477	299	776
28	Carter, Ada (*last*)	211	539	750
4	Fordham, Amelia Anne (*last*) ...	323	400	723
2	Parker, Kate Louisa	178	539	717
17	Mey, Gertrude Henrietta	697	5	702
44	*Muriel Maude Violet	—	667	667
50	*Wand, Ellen Amelia	—	655	655
27	Cowley, Maud Mary	466	164	630
45	*Hennet, Mona Beatrice	—	619	619
37	Corney, Annie Edith	190	404	594
5	Smith, Mary Mildred C.	362	168	530
35	Busher, Lucy Jane	214	312	526
16	Moore, Emily Alice Gertrude ...	62	463	525
46	*Goddin, Minnie Constance	—	518	518
19	Chrimes, Harriett	2	515	517
12	Priestley, Emily Jane	224	290	514
39	Hopkins, Florence Annie	10	501	511
40	*Hocking, Amelia Jane	—	503	503
10	Skeates, Agnes Martha	323	172	495
24	Piddock, Helena	23	455	478
33	Pelham, Eveline Edith	173	305	478
42	*Rugg, Mary Alexandra	—	455	455
47	*Boyd, Kate	—	441	441
43	*Richards, Annie Louisa Powis ...	—	424	424
15	Scott, Dorah (*last*)	217	204	421

UNSUCCESSFUL.

29	Cooper, Marion Selina	25	394	419
38	Stephenson, Lilian	—	419	419
22	Whyatt, Marion	—	418	418
48	*Wayne, Mary Louisa	—	405	405
13	Spurging, Eleanor Elizabeth ...	143	253	396
18	Reed, Bessie	85	232	317
14	Hood, Harriett Emily	99	184	283
32	Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth	63	154	217
3	Jay, Gertrude Alice	160	55	215
20	Wilton, Florrance Eliza	57	130	187
41	*Norrish, Susanna Mary	—	178	178
11	Thomson, Louisa Marion	62	79	141
23	Daly, Gertrude Annie	25	91	116
31	Hill, Evalina Mary	3	8	11
30	Nettle, Alvena	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall at noon on Monday. Bro. John Symonds occupied the chair, and among those present were—Bros. J L. Hine, C. F. Matier, Captain Wordsworth, J. Constable, J. E. Curtois, H. P. Platt, W. Roebuck, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, &c., and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last Court having been read and verified, the death of the late Collector was announced amid general expressions of regret, great sympathy being felt with the family. Bro. Roebuck's motion that ten instead of nine candidates be elected having been carried, and the other business, including the appointment of Scrutineers having been transacted, the Court adjourned, and the ballot was opened at one p.m. This part of the day's proceedings necessarily caused great excitement, there being sixty-six candidates for so limited a number of vacancies. In due course the poll was closed, and the result announced somewhat earlier than had been expected. The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates, with the votes polled for them, are appended, but, as on previous occasions, we proceed to mention any noteworthy particulars connected with the different candidates. First on the poll comes the boy Cox, whose case has attracted such

now heads the list with 2,32
porters having by a supreme
this occasion 1,778 additional v
the total obtained by the l
This, of course, shows what c
take up a case work with
necessarily occurs to us that ha
the same amount of energy
success which has thus tardily
have been obtained and the
secured much earlier in a very
it is useless to dwell on the m
contingencies which have not a
boy and his friends on his pres
will exert himself during his
that he is worthy of the benefit
years, he will be the fortunate
from Devonshire, that Provin
proud of so signal a success.
cashire candidate, T. Herbert
was on the list for the first tin
scored 940 votes. This numbe
1,313 votes, the total of Waddi
No. 3 is a Warwickshire lad, wh
first attempt last April, and inc
occasion to 2,138, the number
1,889. Nos. 4 and 5, namely,
W. Yorkshire candidate, and
divided allegiance, part to E. La
and who obtained, therefore, su
and the Metropolis, obtained re
votes. This, considering that
must be set down as a brilliant
both Londoners, Alfred Stevens
The former had stood at two p
only beaten in April by nine v
Monday added to his credit of 1,
gave him a total of 2,000. Gedg
his friends worked hard and obta
Stanton, who was a candidate i
had 1,049 votes to his credit. Th
and as this boy hails from two
shire and Gloucestershire, the h
apportioned between them. Sh
seventh on the unsuccessful lis
votes to his credit, secured the
obtaining 1,104 votes on Monda
1,805, while Johnston of Sussex,
increased his score from 602 to
Johnston is, indeed, to be congrat
for R. P. F. Deeley, the next in or
next April, and from whom, un
cannot withhold our sympathy, hs
Unfortunately, a voting paper con
be rejected for want of the voter's
Deeley remains out in the cold
but his prospects next April are
already 1,687 votes to the good.
come Shury 12th with 1,655 vot
votes, Dyer 14th with 1,301 vote
votes, Bingham 16th with 1,023
994 votes—all these being Londo
South Africa, East Div., with 8
Bengal, with 850 votes coming n
votes rapidly diminish, and the la
either less than 20 votes, or none
Of these Cole, a candidate for the
date for the second time, already
did not obtain further support. T
result, London, with twenty-two
E. Lancashire one out of four, while
these districts also obtained a plac
wickshire were successful with one
and Gloucestershire carried their
and the other three who were vic
Yorkshire, Wilts, and Sussex.
successful candidates were all Lond
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some kind of organisation, such a

and we trust that, long before the next election comes off, we shall be able to announce that it is in full working order and ready to act on behalf of the most deserving London candidates. We know—we have it, indeed, on record—that when two well-known East London brethren have adopted a case, they have invariably carried it through; and if two have done so, an organisation composed of representatives from several Lodges ought certainly to be in a position to ensure the success of any candidate whose case they may have seen reason to adopt. We offer these remarks in the hope and belief that our London friends may become more inclined to look after their own interests. We do not desire that London should swamp the Provinces, but that it should secure the proportion of success to which it is entitled.

Herewith is the complete list of candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, with all needful particulars as to votes.

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	NAME.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
1	Cox, George Samuel	551	1778	2329
40	Waddington, T. Herbert ...	940	1313	2253
35	Watkin, Hugh Robert	249	1889	2138
64	*Armitage, Harry	—	2119	2119
62	*Smith Frank	—	2097	2097
14	Stevens, Alfred	1482	518	2000
44	*Gedge, Percy Aubrey	—	1970	1970
25	Stanton, William	1049	866	1915
39	Shrapnel, H. V. N. Scrope ...	701	1104	1805
20	Johnston, William Studer ...	602	1134	1736

UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Deeley, Richard P. Francis ...	238	1449	1687
7	Shury, Solomon Hiram	997	658	1655
10	Searle, Harry Balmer	1141	307	1448
33	Dyer, Frederick	726	575	1301
28	Cooley, John R. Gordon	215	992	1207
49	*Bingham, Herbert	—	1023	1023
41	*Garstin, William Lionel	—	994	994
32	Taylor, Ernest Geo. W. J. ...	237	642	879
13	Sharp, Colin Bell	495	355	850
52	*Woon, Albert Allen	—	677	677
36	Busher, Samuel Longton ...	230	420	650
50	*Taylor, Richard Tom	—	612	612
65	*Roberts, Samuel Curry	—	600	600
12	Mackay, J. Montague Hele ...	448	138	586
18	Crew, Frederick Alt.	406	168	574
29	Fairman, William Henry ...	399	175	574
21	Wilkinson, Percy Charles ...	358	155	513
42	*Nash, Stanley Harry	—	428	428
2	Gurney, John Henry	360	45	405
4	Day, Arthur Harris	309	89	398
23	Wait, Emanuel	338	57	395
54	*Shapland, F. G. Lambert ...	—	344	344
66	*Webb, Charles Thomas	—	301	301
56	*Riley, Robert	—	253	253
17	Green, Charles William	187	61	248
8	Furze, William Ernest	163	76	239
57	*Hutton, John Frederick W. ...	—	227	227
19	Rogers, Gordon	169	19	188
38	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett ...	93	66	159
24	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	93	48	141
6	Williams, George Alfred ...	128	5	133
58	*Watkins, Fred. Charles	—	116	116
51	*Perrin, Gustav Teasdell	—	106	106
61	*Spalding, Edmund Purcell ...	—	97	97
31	Denton, Herbert	46	14	60
5	Evans, John McMillan	26	16	42
22	Marshall, Robert James	38	—	38
3	Gover, Joseph	33	2	35
48	*Chandler, Arthur John	—	33	33
53	*Ward, James	—	30	30
11	Newboult, Harry	27	—	27
9	Morley, William Moore	8	7	15
67	*Collins, Joseph Barrett	—	12	12
37	Minshull, Sam Bradford	—	11	11
16	Cole, Alfred Thomas	10	—	10
30	Frost, Christian Frederic ...	10	—	10
45	*Gibson, Walter James	—	7	7
46	*Bell, James Herbert	—	5	5
63	*Allen, Albert Charles	—	5	5
34	Allin, Charles James Fox ...	4	—	4
15	Edmonds, Richard Herbert ...	3	—	3
47	*Giles, Frank Arthur	—	3	3
26	Matthews, Robert	2	—	2
43	*Parker, George Shadwell ...	—	2	2
59	*Atkin, John Batson	—	—	—
60	*Jepson, James Thomas	—	—	—
55	*Parker, William Jas. (*withdrawn*)			

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The consecration of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, is announced to take place this day (Friday), at the Abercorn

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SWIMMING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with great interest the correspondence under above heading in your valuable paper, from which I assume that swimming is not practised by "Our Boys" at Wood Green.

That bathing is a healthy exercise no one can deny, nor can it be disputed that many persons of both sexes are drowned yearly whose lives would in all probability have been spared had they acquired the art of swimming in their youth.

Unless boys and girls are encouraged to learn to swim during their school days, I fear that very many of them will never attempt it, and if this is the case may I ask how it is swimming is not practised more at our public schools?

One of your correspondents remarks that our Boys' School is singularly fortunate in being situate within a few minutes' walk of excellent open air baths; I should certainly be glad to know if the School regulations prohibit so healthy and useful a pastime, or if it is the always to be dreaded difficulty—"the means,"—if so, I believe it only requires to be known amongst the brethren of the Craft to have it removed forthwith.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF NEXT YEAR'S STEWARDS.

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I should be glad to be informed if it is regular and constitutional that the W.M. of a new Lodge should use the general fund of the same for payment of the cost of founders' jewels, such funds being composed of money received from initiates.

Yours, &c. W.M.

"PECULIAR."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There were 17,728 votes issued to the subscribers to the Masonic Girls' School at the election on Saturday last. 17,928 votes were recorded, besides over a hundred spoilt votes, and doubtless many not made use of. Where can the extra votes have come from? I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO SIR WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN.

A MEETING of the Grand Officers of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire has been held at Oswestry, to consider what form the commemoration of the R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin's reign of a quarter of a century over the Province should take, when it was resolved that the P.G.M. should be presented with an illuminated address, congratulating him on the event, and that a Life Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys should be purchased, to be called "The Sir Watkin Presentation." It was also agreed that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in the Province should be requested to solicit subscriptions towards this object, both from individual members and from their Lodge funds. From the illustrated history of the Williams Wynn family, called *Wynnstay and the Wynns*, we learn that "In 1852, Sir Watkin received the distinguished appointment he holds at the present time, that of Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire. The Grand Lodge Warrant appointing 'our well-beloved Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, in the County of Denbigh, Bart.; Representative in Parliament for the County of Denbigh; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Montgomeryshire Yeomany Cavalry, and Steward of her Majesty's Manorial Courts in Denbighshire—*Provincial Grand Master* for North Wales, with the County of Salop added,' is dated 13th January 1852, and is signed 'Zetland, G.M.; Yarborough, D.G.M.; William H. White, G.S.' The ceremony of Installation took place at Shrewsbury on the 9th March 1852, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Combermere, the hero of Bhurtpore, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master for Cheshire, who had taken great interest in Sir Watkin's Masonic movements, was specially deputed by the Grand Master of England, Lord Zetland, to perform the ceremony of Installation. Bro. White, Grand Junior Deacon of England, attended with the warrant of appointment, and the direction of the ceremonies devolved upon Bro. Griffiths, G.S. of the Cheshire Province, at Lord Combermere's request. The Rev. Canon Bowles, D.P.G.M. for Herefordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and amongst the brethren who assisted were Lord Dungannon, Sir Andrew V. Corbet, the Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne, one of the Grand

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—Most of us, at some time or other, have experienced a great amount of enjoyment in referring to an old diary, or to some record of past doings, and so repeat, in fancy, the pleasures and proceedings recorded therein. What can be more enjoyable to any one who has been absent for a number of years than to meet a few old friends and discuss the events of youth. If these remarks have an application in our own circle, the same may be said of Lodges. The annual recurrence of the installation night is essentially a fitting time for such reminiscences to be indulged in. On these occasions it is natural for a brother who has passed the chair to think of the time when he was installed; and to remember how, at the conclusion of his year of office, he received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, and had attached to his breast the jewel he now exhibits with such satisfaction. A visit to one of our Lodges, on Saturday last, brought such thoughts to our mind; since then we have glanced at the accounts given in our columns from time to time of the principal doings of The Great City Lodge. At the time Bro. N. B. Headon occupied the chair, that is about two and a half years since, we read of the reception given by its members to the then Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Ellis, and on which occasion was assembled an array of visitors "comprising the *élite* of Masonic Society." On that occasion the distinguished visitor of the Lodge, who was one of the brethren who had signed the petition for its warrant, accepted honorary membership, and in replying to the toast of his health, stated that he felt sure The Great City Lodge was destined to become one of the leading powers in Freemasonry. How far his prophecy has been carried out, we leave any one who was present at the installation meeting of the Lodge on Saturday last, and witnessed the vast assemblage of members and visitors, to decide. Early in 1876 we find The Great City visiting its sister,—The City of Westminster Lodge,—and here again was displayed that spirit which has always characterised the Lodge as a body. On Saturday last, the 13th inst., the formal proceedings of the evening disposed of, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Stanway, late S.W., was proceeded with, and most ably carried out by Bro. John Seex, the retiring Master. On the completion of the ceremony, so far as concerned the W.M., the investment of Officers for the year took place, as follow:—Bros. Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Headon P.M., Treas., E. Moody P.M. Sec., Catchpole S.D., Hamer J.D., Taylor I.G., Kibble D.C., Jenkins Org., Hook and Hooker Stewards, Steedman Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that he was pleased to be able to state that Bro. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, had consented to act as their Chaplain for the year, and expressed a hope that Bro. Simpson would be present at an early meeting, when he should have great pleasure in formally investing him. The financial report of the Lodge, which had been prepared by Bro. E. Moody P.M. Sec., was presented by the Auditors. They had added an addenda thereto complimenting Bro. Moody on the excellent way in which the accounts were kept, and tendered their thanks to him for the trouble he had taken in order to make their duties as light as possible. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to them for their trouble. All business being over, the Lodge was closed. The brethren now adjourned to banquet, and under the presidency of the new Master, spent the evening most enjoyably. At the conclusion of the repast, and after grace had been sung, the chairman introduced the first four toasts on the list. No one took a greater interest in the welfare of the country than Her Majesty the Queen, he was sure that her health, coupled with success to the Craft, would meet a hearty response. The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. again rose. He believed it was an acknowledged fact that in all societies there should be a head, all would agree that we have at the head of the Craft a Bro. who is entitled to our respect and admiration, possessing as he does all the qualifications that can be required of a Grand Master of Freemasons. Bro. Thurley Beale sang "The Roamer," and met with merited applause. In introducing the toast of the R.W. Pro G.M., the W.M. considered it ill became him to speak on a subject of which he had little knowledge, but from the quiet and dignified manner in which Earl Carnarvon always carried out his duties, he felt sure that this important position was well and worthily filled. After the usual Masonic reception of this toast, Bro. A. Kenningham gave a first-class rendering of "The Message." The W.M. here announced that the terrible distress of our fellow-creatures in India had just been brought under his notice; he should be very pleased to aid the fund being raised for their relief, but not being in a position to propose a vote of Lodge funds, would like suggestions from the brethren as to how to attain this desired end. Bro. P.M. Headon proposed that when the Lodge Charity Box was sent round, in due course, the amount therein should be devoted, not as usual to the Samaritan Fund of the Lodge, but be sent to the Mansion House Fund. This suggestion was the one adopted, and later in the evening the W.M. had the pleasure to announce that he was in a position to send a sum of £10 10s, which had been subscribed in response to his appeal. In giving the toast of the R.W. Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. stated that the mere extent of the title marked the toast as a responsible one. As with machinery, so with our Craft; if even one of the smallest parts were out of order the whole suffered. Of our Grand Lodge he might say it is never out of order, and bearing this in mind, we should render honour to the members who comprise it. The toast having been recognised, Bro. Seex, the I.P.M. of the Lodge rose. He had frequently had the honour and

qualities he possessed in an eminen
year of office would be a success, an
brethren to toast their Master. A trum
was ably given by Mr. T. Harper, and
toast of his health, the W.M. describe
port of his duty. It was an easy mat
thanks, but very difficult to express hi
proud of the position in which he
worked through the various offices. S
he should devote all his zeal to
character of the Lodge. The next to
whom forty-six were present. The
welcome. If they were not received
it was not for want of will to do s
186 responded. No one could speak
warrant bore his name, he therefore c
to judge of its success. The Great City I
country one hears of the doings of it
Visitors he trusted the Lodge would
done in the past. The W.M. next gave
Seex. He was sure his remarks would
It would ill become them to forget th
the Lodge so well as Bro. Seex. D
existence, Bro. Seex occupied the p
foundation which will long continue
received into a Lodge with dignity by
engaged at their initiation, it makes a
ceremonies during Bro. Seex's term
manner which reflected great credit on
he was sure the Lodge might always d
brethren having honoured the toast, b
W.M. stated that he had made a great
neglected to present Bro. Seex with the
had been voted by the Lodge. He mus
and trusted that it came with no less g
it when proposing his health. Bro.
thanks for the hearty and sincere mann
been proposed. He would merely say
should have a bed of roses, and he hop
would be blessed with such. It was on
another to be able to satisfy the whole
he as W.M. had fulfilled the duties of hi
wished the present Master a successful
proposed by the Master. In doing hon
should not neglect those who, in times
hearty a reception as either himself or
they are still worthy of consideration.
at the reception the toast had met with
pleased to see the increase of the Lodge
which they were anxious and willing to
with Bro. Seex in considering the office o
being a bed of roses, although he wa
the honour of occupying that position.
for. He stated that as he should speak
he should make his remarks on th
he did not like the toast to pass
to those of Bro. Stevens. Bro. P.M. T
next toast given was that of the Initiate
when good men were received into Free
the Craft conferring an honour on the
honour on the Craft. He assured the
more and more impressed with Masonry
He recommended their attendance at L
they would hear a full explanation of t
which he on this occasion was only able to
Hook sang the E.A. song, after which B
assured the brethren that their new me
Freemasonry. None of them could regre
If outsiders would only act up to the
great difficulties might be overcome.
perity to The Great City Lodge, to whi
As he was the progenitor, they could see
small beginning, but had met with
success. They had initiated nearly 1
The furniture was all paid for, and if the
in hand they had been complimented on ha
The Lodge had subscribed handsomely t
and in addition they had upwards of £
Lodge Benevolent Fund, and £23 to tha
He hoped their prosperity would continue
tary were called upon by the W.M., who
of this toast had occurred earlier, as he sh
speak of the excellent qualities of these O
In the Secretary the Lodge had a brother
every branch of his duty, and with ever
If they consider that the Lodge numbers
could form some idea of the value of ha
Bro. Moody; his qualities being, in fact,
briefly replied, and Bro. Moody gave
lecture, consisting of a few remarks
what should not be. The "Masonic Ch
which the Tyler brought the proceedings
the songs, &c., we have already mentioned,
Jack's yarn, sung by Bro. Thurley Beal
Visitors—Bros. G. Cordwell P.M. 8, J.

1216, Christie S.W. 1287, A. Farey 1287, J. Barron 1287, B. H. Williams P.M. 1314, T. E. Heller 1329, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, F. Page 1414, W. L. Partridge 1445, J. Clarkson P.M. 1457, J. B. Glenn 1491, J. Hooper 1515, J. C. Mason W.M. 1540, T. Eastgate 1563, C. J. Perceval 1607, G. W. Evans 1632, J. H. Outhwaite 1687, J. Crossland 1687, &c.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 8th of October, at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Walter W. Turner W.M., H. T. Naylor S.W., E. Beer J.W., B. Anderson Hon. Secretary, E. Plume Treasurer. J. Ball S.D., H. Miskin J.D., E. Nicholson D.C., Stadward I.G., Harnett Tyler; P.M. Bro. W. Greenwood. Business—Bro. Turner P.M. conducted the important ceremony very impressively, after having performed a double initiation. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Beer S.W., Ball J.W., Plume Treasurer, Anderson Hon. Secretary, Miskin S.D., Stadward J.D., Nicholson I.G., Hammond D.C., Harnett Tyler. Bro. Rev. Hort, P.P.G. Chaplain Andalusia, was invested as Chaplain. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief space, re-assembling in the same room. After the banquet, which was provided by Bro. R. Shaxby, in a manner which called forth general satisfaction, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. An interesting feature was the decoration of Bro. Greenwood P.M., and Bro. Turner, the Immediate P.M., with P.M.'s jewels. This episode was carried out amidst the acclamations of the brethren, who emphatically endorsed all that the W.M. had said of the *decorées*. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were—Capt. Knight P.M. 31, Greenwood P.M. P.P.G.P., H. Ward P.P.G.W. Wilts, Penney W.M. 1089, Podevin W.M. 199, Fuhr P.M. 1208, Pilcher P.M. 972, Walker P.M. 972 and P.G.S. Kent, Eve S.W. 1209, Page P.M. 1209 and P.P.G.D. Kent, Welsh W.M. 972, Secra S.W. 972, Tuff S.W. 1273, Plant W.M. 31, and Cosens J.W. 972.

Bagshawe Lodge, No. 1457.—The anniversary meeting in connection with this Lodge, which has now been established four years, was held at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, Essex, on Thursday last, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Reed P.G.D. Essex W.M., T. W. Nicholson S.W. (and W.M. elect), W. Holloway J.W., Matthew Clark D.G.M. Essex P.M., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., G. J. Thompson S.D., C. J. Edmonds J.D., J. H. Crowther I.G., Bros. S. R. Fuller, Dr. A. M. Roberts, A. G. Challis, W. H. Westin, T. F. Harries. Visitors—Bros. Rev. T. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.G.S.W. Essex, G. Corbell P.M. 453 P.G.J.W. Essex, T. J. Ralling W.M. 51 and P.G. Sec. Essex, Rev. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain Essex, A. Rogers W.M. 453 P.P.G.C. Essex, W. C. Bell W.M. 1028, J. Egan W.M. 860, M. Walsh P.M. 72, 193, 890, C. H. Reed 1580, Ebsworth P.M. Perfect Ashlar, C. H. Alphonse S.D. 108, E. Moss 1706, J. Hodges 1706, R. De Lacy 97, and several other brethren. The business before the Lodge was to pass Dr. A. M. Roberts, which ceremony was worked by Bro. Reed. The Installation of Bro. T. W. Nicholson then took place, and on this occasion the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Matthew Clark, was Installing Master, performing his duty in a very efficient manner. The new Master, after receiving the usual salutations, proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, viz., Bros. Holloway S.W., Thompson J.W., Edwards S.D., Crowther J.D., Fuller I.G., Clarkson P.M. Treasurer, and Tanner P.M. Secretary. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Reed I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of respect and for services rendered during the past year. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, which was the first installation banquet this Lodge has had in their Hall. The caterer, Mr. Waters, confectioner, of Buckhurst-hill, carrying out the same to the entire satisfaction of the brethren present; the wine being provided by the Lodge. The usual Masonic toast followed, and with some excellent glees, given by Bros. Moss, Hodges and De Lacy, the evening was passed in a pleasant and agreeable manner. The Lodges of the province were well represented, it being the custom of this, as well as other Lodges, to invite the W.M. and Sec. of each Lodge on the Anniversary Festival, by so doing they are enabled to fraternize with each other, and spread good fellowship throughout the province.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—It has been our great pleasure, during the last month or two, to chronicle the proceedings at some most successful and eminently satisfactory gatherings of the members of our Order. Amongst those of our Lodges that were consecrated last year, under what we may describe as especially favourable auspices, not one has, so far, better realised the favourable future prognosticated for it than the West Middlesex. The Lodge was consecrated 15th July 1876, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and at once became recognised in the foremost rank as regards the character of its working. It appears that during the first year of its existence no less than 18 candidates have been initiated, and the brethren who attended the anniversary meeting on Saturday last were unanimous in their expressions of approval of the way in which the proceedings were conducted. The Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Ammon Beasley, who was supported by his Officers. The Secretary, Bro. J. Chambers Roe, P.M. 780, read the minutes, which received confirmation. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. T. C. Jenkin, who was a candidate for the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree. There were four candidates for passing—Bros. Malling, Jones, Clarke, and Etienne. The examination of these candidates evidenced the advantages of a Lodge of Instruction, and what can be done where the powers that be insist on those who are eligible for the second and third degrees making themselves efficient in this Lodge to take each candidate separately, and Bro. Beasley, after he had passed Bro. Malling, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kingston P.M. 862, who passed the second,—Bro. Jones. Bro. Roe did the like good office for Bro. Clarke, while Bro. Beasley resumed the chair, and gave the benefit of the second degree to the fourth candidate,—Bro. Etienne. The report of the auditors was then read. The Lodge had paid all expenses attending its formation, charges for furniture, rent, jewels, &c., and had a balance in hand. The Benevolent Fund was also in a most satisfactory condition, a balance standing to its credit of nearly £20. The auditors spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way in which the books were kept, and of the manner in which the accounts had been prepared. It is scarcely necessary for us to add, the report was unanimously adopted. The ballot was now taken for Messrs. Day, Nye, and Wright, as candidates for our mysteries; it resulted satisfactorily, and the three gentlemen were severally initiated into the Order. The heavy character of the day's proceedings was beginning to have its effect upon some of the brethren, but the installation of the W.M. for ensuing year had yet to be carried out. This task was undertaken, and excellently performed, by Bro. Roe, who re-installed Bro. Beasley. The appointment of officers was then made:—Bros. H. L. P. Kasner S.W., Burr J.W., T. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., Tucker I.G., Dyer D.C., Bourne A.D.C., Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler. The customary congratulations were then given and acknowledged, several communications read and discussed, after which the Lodge was closed. The meetings of this Lodge are held at the Ealing Institute, a compact little building in its way, but there is no accommodation for supplying the wants of the inner man; consequently, the brethren have to repair elsewhere for this attribute to Masonic enjoyment. The hostel of Bro. Brown—he, by the by, no bad judge of what is requisite on these occasions—is where the brethren of the West Middlesex most affect, and here a capital repast was provided. Nearly sixty sat down, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were briefly given; the W.M. remarking that the esteem in which the brethren at the head of our Order were universally held rendered remarks of his unnecessary to introduce the toasts to the notice of the brethren. Bro. Kingston, in giving the health of the W.M., spoke of the ability Bro. Beasley had displayed in conducting the affairs of the Lodge, and dwelt on the satisfactory position the Lodge had attained. The W.M., in acknowledgment, said he would lose no time in responding to the compliments Bro. Kingston had paid him in proposing his health, compliments which the brethren had so kindly endorsed. He was extremely grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that, after his serious illness, he was able to perform his duties. He had the will and the desire, and if he continued to have health and strength he would carry out his duties to their satisfaction. In giving the health of the Past Masters, Bro. Beasley said it was a pleasure to him to know that three Past Masters of other Lodges held office in the West Middlesex. In connection with the several offices they held, they had admirably performed their duties, and he had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Kingston returned thanks, with great pleasure. He was gratified at the kind way in which he had always been received. He would always do all in his power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Brown thanked the W.M. for associating his name with the toast; if, as Treasurer, he had assisted the brethren, he was amply repaid by their kind expressions of approval. Bro. Roe might state, in reference to what the Lodge had done, that both the Worshipful Master and he had determined, when they started, that their Lodge should be second to none as regards the character of its working. It had always been his ambition to do his duty thoroughly, and he was glad to know some of the brethren thought he had succeeded. However, much of their success was due to the united efforts of the members. The health of the Installing Master was next given and replied to, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. The toast would embrace the names of seven brethren, four of these had been initiated at an emergency meeting, when there was no banquet, and three had joined them that evening; he trusted all would prove a credit to the Lodge, and that what they had seen would lead them to expect great things to arise from their association with our Institution. After replies from each of the brethren whose names were connected with the toast, Bro. Beasley gave the Visitors; he had a kind word of welcome for each, and expressed the pleasure all the members felt at being surrounded by so many. Bro. Major Walsh made a most forcible speech in reply; he illustrated his remarks by several pertinent anecdotes, and expressed the great gratification he felt at being present. Bros. Phillips and Morgan also addressed a few words, eulogistic of the way in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted, and expressing gratification at the high position it had so soon reached. The Officers then received their meed of praise, and the Masonic Press, coupled with the names of Bros. W. W. Morgan and Massey, was next offered. Bro. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and the call for the Tyler concluded a most pleasant meeting. The following were the Visitors present:—Bros. W. Tia diner P.M. 780, G. Watts P.M. 194, S. Phillips W.M. 173, Major Walsh 563, George W. Lay 569, Sparrow 192, R. E. Hames 771, J. Tarling 780, Henry Bourn 780, B. E. Blasby 780, C. S. Costelow 780, George Wide 780, E. S. Foot 1260, E. Massey 1275, W. Gutteridge 1305, J. Hambleton 1319, W. W. Morgan 1385, Wrighton 23, &c.

Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No. 87, Glasgow.—Held their Installation meeting on Wednesday last. Comps. G. Muir Z., presiding, with P. Hepburn H., and M. Chanachan J. On the dais were Past Principals Wm. Pullip and G. C. H. McNaught; also P. M. Campbell Z. 67, and G. W. Wheeler I.P.Z. 73. All the Officers were elected unanimously, when the I.P.Z. Comp. G. C. H. McNaught installed them as follows: Comp. [illegible]

S.E., J. Anderson S.N., J. Findly re-elected Treas., Alex. McCulloch first S., J. Cox second S., James Young third S., and J. Peirston Janitor. The charges were excellently delivered by the installing Principal. The Comps. adjourned for refreshment; after the toast of the Queen and the Royal Arch of Scotland had been given, the next was the P.G.C. of Lanarkshire. G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N. regretted that, as senior Officer present, it devolved on him to reply. He was happy to say the Provincial Grand Chapter were doing good work, and he believed it was, in a great measure, owing to the exertions of some of its members that Royal Arch Masonry had made such rapid strides during the past six or seven years. He was glad to see the advance made in their own Chapter, for when he returned to Glasgow seven years ago it was the first Chapter he visited, and they then required extraneous aid to do their work, now he was proud to say all the Officers appointed that night were fully equal to perform the duties of the respective chairs. Comps. McNaught and Phillip replied for the Past first Principals, the latter proposing Comp. Muir, who, he was glad to say was the right man in the right place. Comp. Muir said, if Chapter 87 was not second to any in the city, it should be no fault of his, for though he had worked hard during the past year, he meant to do more this, and to enable him to do full justice to the Chapter he had declined to take office in his Lodge, as he thought one at a time was enough for any ordinary man; some had tried to fill the first chair of Lodge and Chapter at the same time, and if they did not make the Chapter what it should be he did not wonder. Comp. J. McLeish proposed the Visiting Companions; as a Mason of thirty-five years standing he felt glad to welcome their visitors; it was one of the bright features of Masonry that they had no jealous rivalry of those in the same trade, so to speak, but were happy to see the Officers of other Chapters present; as an old Knight Templar, he was proud to see some visiting Knights,—he was also proud of the position he occupied, though some might think they should have younger men in office, but he was not in his dotage, and would gladly retire for new blood to fill the post whenever the Chapter wished it, but in any capacity he would always welcome Visitors. Comp. Wheeler replied in suitable terms, and then proposed Prosperity to Chapter 87, coupling with it Comp. Mercer, who, for the excellent service he had rendered as first Sojourner, had been promoted to the office of D.Z. Comp. Mercer thanked the Comps., but speaking was not his forte; he would be glad, in any capacity, to help on the business of the Chapter. The Office Bearers of the Chapter was responded to in a neat speech by the Treas. Bro. Findly and first S. Bro. McCulloch. Comp. Findly J. gave the absent members. Comp. Darman replied; though he had contrived to be present to night, yet for two years he had been an absent member, but his heart was still warm towards 87. The Stewards, the Chairman, and Croupiers were given and acknowledged, and the last toast wound up a very pleasant evening, rendered still more so by the excellent playing and singing of I.P.Z. McNaught, and the vocal abilities of Comps. G. Muir, James McLeish, Prior, Hepburn, Dorman, Holley and others.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—Held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Williams, the W.M., with Bros. J. J. Michael I.P.M., R. T. Kingham S.W., J. T. Douglass J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, C. J. Scales S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles W.S., J. Daly Tyler, and several other brethren. The formal Lodge business having been disposed of, Bros. J. Fortescue and P. G. Tombs were raised, T. Poole and J. Shuttleworth passed, and, after ballot, Messrs. George J. Barton and Harry Clark were initiated. The S.W., Bro. R. T. Kingham, was then presented to Bro. Williams as the Master elect, and, after taking the obligation, was formerly installed into the chair. He appointed the following as his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. T. Douglass S.W., C. T. Scales J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, and J.D., W. Side S.D., H. Stiles D.C., G. Clarke W.S., H. Lovegrove Steward and Assist. Secretary, and J. Daly Tyler. Bro. G. Colls, who was unfortunately absent through illness, was appointed I.G., Bro. P.M. Michael being invested in his stead. A vote of thanks to Bro. Williams for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and also for his general work in the Lodge during his year of office, was proposed, and, being put to the brethren by the W.M., was unanimously carried. Bro. Williams suitably replied. One proposition for initiation was handed in, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where ample justice was done to the viands provided. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen, who had reigned with impartial justice for a considerable time over the Empire, and had the best wishes of Englishmen for her future happiness. The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was the next toast given. If the progress made by the Craft during the past year or two is in any criterion, then is our Grand Master the most popular brother who has ever presided over it. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next. In the Earl of Carnarvon our Grand Master has a valuable assistant. The grand offices are by no means sinecures; those who fill them have important duties to perform, and are always ready to devote their energies for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Williams rose: he now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M., who had always worked well, and was a credit to the Lodge. He felt sure their Master would endeavour to excel in his office as W.M., and would do his best, not only for the good of the Lodge, but also for the happiness of its members. The toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. rose to reply. He was much obliged for the kind way in which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren. Bro. Williams, in speaking of his

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some excellent glees, songs, &c., whic
accustomed ability of this party. Amo
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J. Morgan 169, J. H. Barcham 177, J.
Harris 177, A. Holt 177, L. Hudson J.W
&c., G. Read P.M. 511, R. Welsford P.M
J. F. Wucst P.M. 753, Walter Joyce 11
Maples 1260, E. J. Lowther 907, W. F.
1366, J. Stannard 1414, C. F. Henton 144
C. B. Carter 1662, &c.

Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.—T
this excellent and thriving young Lodge w
17th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico,
in the chair, supported by his Officers.
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minutes of the last meeting were rea
Auditors' report was also adopted. The
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All brethren then below the chair retired
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new W.M. was then duly proclaimed and s
custom. The W.M. invested the follow
cers:—Bros. Joseph C. Flattely S.W., Wi
Treasurer, Alfred W. Beckham Secretary,
Powell I.G., G. R. Egerton Org., Gould
Ceremonies, Johnson and Jackson Wine St
Wilson Assist. Tyler. Bro. Poulton P.M.
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and was most beautifully rendered. The
Messrs. Fred. Arnold, W. H. Beams, and
were declared unanimously elected, and,
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Lodge was then closed, and the brethren,
down to an excellent banquet, the W.M. b
ber of Past Masters and Visitors. The
W.M., who on rising was received with app
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sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." T
Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pr
of Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, an
Officers. Bro. C. Taylor then sang the "E
in a very excellent way. The W.M. next

W.M. then sang "Our own dear Lodge" (we believe his own composition). He rendered it in a most brilliant style, and it was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Coulton, in reply, expressed his willingness at all times to give his services, either for the purposes of instruction, or on behalf of the Charities. Bro. H. A. Hunt P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. It was his pleasing duty, as the I.P.M., to bring that toast before them. The brethren had already seen a little of Bro. McLeod's working; it at once stamps him as a man who had taken Freemasonry to heart. He was, he might say, the founder of the Lodge, and it was his idea that a Lodge should be established in connection with the Grosvenor Club. This was only accomplished, this time last year, with eighteen members; now, he was proud to say, they had over sixty. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to drink the health of their W.M. "We have our brave hearts still" was then beautifully rendered by Bro. J. T. Cantle P.M. The W.M. on rising was loudly applauded. He scarcely knew in what terms he could reply to the eloquence which had fallen from Bro. P.M. Hunt. The members had been pleased to elect him to the highest office amongst them, and the honour conferred on him that night would never be effaced from his memory. During the past year they had raised their number from 18 to 61, and he trusted in the ensuing year he should be as successful as his predecessor. In conclusion he had only to say—may God bless Freemasonry, may it bear the "rack of ages," the "crash of worlds." Bro. Egerton then sang "Over the waters lightly." After which the W.M. gave the health of the initiates, to which they severally replied. The W.M. then had the honour to propose the health of P.M. Hunt—the first, and as yet the only P.M. of the Lodge. We all know the excellent qualities of Bro. Hunt, and have already felt our obligations to him. He had to perform a most pleasing duty. As their Master, and thereby their representative, he had to inform Bro. Hunt that at the last meeting it was unanimously agreed to present him with a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight mark of the esteem and love in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge. The W.M. then placed upon the breast of P.M. Hunt a magnificent gold P.M.'s jewel, quite a work of art, having upon the ribbon the arms of the Lodge, the Westminster Portcullis. Brother J. F. Davis then sang "The Desert." P.M. Hunt in reply thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the mark of esteem which they had given him. If he had known that at the end of his Mastership this presentation would have awaited him, he might have hesitated in taking the office. If it had not been for the long patience and forbearance of the brethren he should never have been able to have carried on the duties of the chair. During his year of office they had initiated 29 candidates, and he trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper. He should now simply ask them to accept his sincere thanks for their great kindness and for the magnificent present they had given him. The remaining toasts were, "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. P.M. Cameron, the Officers, &c.; the Tyler then gave "Our Distressed Brethren." Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Nelson W.M. 1441, J. H. Lane W.M. 1269, S. Holland P.M. 172 P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, J. W. Sedgwick P.M. 180, C. Green W.M. 1257, C. Goolden P.M. 1706, J. Wyer W.M. 1314, R. A. Steele P.M. 1194, R. S. Goffe W.M. 1395, G. C. Swallow W.M. 382, L. Beck W.M. 1687, C. Davie W.M. 65, J. Elliott W.M. 1348, A. Smith W.M. 141, G. Wright W.M. 749, H. Smith P.M. 1360, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The brethren of this old-established Lodge have recommenced their meetings after the recess, the session being opened on the 18th September, with three initiations, four passings, and a raising, two of the first-named being brothers of the new W.M., Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex. The meeting was also signalised by a vote of £5 5s to the fund being raised by the mayor of this borough (an old Indian officer) to swell the Mansion House Relief Fund. The Lodge held its second meeting this season on Tuesday last, when there were present Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., Charles Cobb P.M. as S.W., E. Hennemeyer J.W., John J. C. Turner Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Isaac Harris S.D., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., George Mercer I.G., C. Gunner Tyler. Past Masters Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., A. Welch, A. R. Clench, H. Samuel, and W. A. Bowler. Visitor—Bros. B. Brayshaw, Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437. The business included three passings and four raisings, at the conclusion of which the brethren proceeded to the election of an acting Tyler, in room of Bro. C. Gunner, who has been compelled to resign in consequence of his increasing duties as Curator of the Colchester Museum. Bro. Simon Munson having been chosen to fill the vacant Tylership, it was decided that, in order to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the value of Bro. Gunner's past services, he should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and that some testimonial should also be presented to him. The report of the auditors was presented, and showed a small balance in hand. At the close of the Lodge business about twenty brethren assembled round the festive board.

THE LATE BRO. L. M. JONES.

WE are sorry to record the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales, Bro. Latimer Maurice Jones. His Masonic career, if brief, was brilliant, as the following short sketch will prove. He was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, May 1868, was appointed Chaplain of the Lodge in 1869; Senior Warden in 1870, and W.M. in 1871. He was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain in 1870, and in 1874, upon the retirement of Sir Pryse Pryse, and the promotion of Major Lloyd Phillipps, of ment that he held at the time of his death. When the "Merlin" Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in connection with St. Peter's Lodge, was resuscitated in 1872 Brother Jones was exalted to the rank of Companion, and in 1873 was made P.S., and in 1876 was unanimously elected M.E.Z., an office which he held at the time of his death. In 1873 he was exalted to the rank of Knight Templar, at the "Palestine" Preceptory, Swansea; in 1874 he was exalted to the rank of Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and founded the "Maurice" Conclave at Carmarthen, of which he was the first S., at the same time he was appointed Intendant General of Carmarthenshire. When labour in the various degrees was over, and Bro. Jones found himself at the banquet table, his high qualifications as a conversationalist became at once apparent, while the goodness of his heart made him a favourite with all. Indeed, so large a heart had our deceased brother that, although a keen and ardent politician, never concealing his opinions, but pressing them with a vigour which at times brought him into sharp conflict with those of different views, these were so impressed by his kindliness that he was as much beloved by foe as friend. With him charity really held the position all Masons claim for it. To him it mattered not whether the distressed were Masons or no—whether they were Radicals or Tories, Churchmen or Nonconformists—his hand was open to all alike, and his heart felt for all, and never in vain, whether the distress was pecuniary, or the distress which touches rich and poor alike, and which rapidly makes grey the hair. His sympathy for the distressed was unbounded. The poor have lost a friend, the like of whom it will be difficult to find; the children in the various schools he had established a playmate, who was always ready for a round game, and Masons a brother who was always happy to greet them with a smile wherever and whenever he met them. His funeral was attended by about 3,000 people of all shades of opinion. All sorry to lose, at the early age of 44, a man who lived up to his profession as a Clergyman of the Church of England and a Mason.

THE DRAMA.

THIS evening, at the Surrey Theatre, of which Bro. Holland is the very able manager, Bro. George M. Ciprico, an American actor, will make his first appearance before a British audience; and, if we may judge from the very favourable opinions expressed in the leading Transatlantic papers, it seems almost a matter of certainty that Bro. Ciprico will achieve a brilliant success. He is thirty years of age, and ever since his *début* in 1867, at the Academy of Music in San Francisco, his readings and dramatic impersonations of different characters have been most thoroughly appreciated by the American public. He endured great hardships at the outset of his career, chiefly by reason of the jealousies he excited among his fellow actors In 1869, as every opportunity of distinguishing himself was denied him in the theatre of his native State, he set out for New York, traversing the whole continent on foot, oftentimes without food, and generally without shelter. Having crossed vast territories lying between California and the Eastern States, he commenced giving public readings, and appeared successfully in 165 cities and towns. Of his reading at the Steinway Hall, New York, on 16th December 1871, the *New York Figaro* spoke in the warmest terms of admiration, describing him as the possessor of genius and a high order of intellect, and as being endowed with a commanding presence. "His readings," it was added, "show a rare intelligence, and seem the counterpart of nature. Altogether, as reader and actor, no man of equal genius has appeared for a long time before a New York public." After playing leading business at St. Louis, we find him, in 1873, at the Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, in the same company with Charles Fechter and the late E. L. Davenport. Thence he went to the Walnut Street Theatre, where he remained till the fall of 1874. Subsequently, he entered the arena as a "star," and very quickly proved himself to be one of the first magnitude. It was to John T. Ford, of Baltimore, that Bro. Ciprico was indebted for his first opportunity of appearing as a "star," and the Baltimore press spoke in the highest terms of his ability, placing him at once in the foremost rank of American tragedians. Later, at New York, he confirmed the high opinion formed of him, the *New York Herald* remarking, "We are obliged to admit that while other theatres present staring rows of empty benches, Ciprico is drawing crowded houses nightly." Engagements, equally successful, followed with marvellous rapidity, but a severe cold, caught at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, necessitated a retirement, and compelled Bro. Ciprico to return to California in order to obtain rest. In July 1876, he was tempted to quit his retirement by the management of the Grand Opera House in San Francisco, where he appeared as Mons. Albert in *Fates and Furies*, a play expressly arranged for him by the noted dramatist, Mr. G. B. Densmore. This proved one of his greatest successes in a uniformly successful career, and it is in this character he will present himself for the first time before a Surrey audience. The principal scenes in the drama are enacted in Paris, during the years 1791-94, but the fourth of the six tableaux in which *Fates and Furies* is divided, is located at Berlin, and the fifth at Rome. Among the other artists who will take part in the performance are Miss Lamartine and Miss Augusta Stuart, who have been specially engaged, and Messrs. J. A. Arnold, H. C. Sidney, Watty Brunton, Arthur Williams, A. C. Lilly, &c. The scenery has been expressly painted by Messrs. C. Brooke, J. Grey, and assistants. The mechanical effects have been prepared by Mr. W. F. Robinson, properties by Mr. Jackson; and the music, arranged by Mr. Sidney Davis, will be under the direction of Mr. J. H. Doyne. From this it will be seen that the worthy lessee and manager, Bro. Holland, has

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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, 13th October 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 thirty-five Children into the Institution from a list of fifty approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on List.		Votes.
6. Tanare, Ada Blyth	...	1,000
34. Kirke, Amy Laura	...	995
7. Cates, Annie Susannah	...	931
36. Line, Amelia	...	890
48. Spurr, Laura Sophia	...	890
9. Nichols, Annie	...	878
21. Peele, Eleanor Margaret	...	863
1. Morris, Diana Gordon	...	835
25. Potter, Annie	...	822
26. Weston, Florence	...	819
8. Hughes, Rosa Marian	...	776
28. Carter, Ada	...	760
4. Fordham, Amelia Anne	...	723
2. Parker, Kate Louisa	...	717
17. May, Gertrude Henrietta	...	702
44. Muriel, Maude Violet	...	667
50. Wand, Ellen Amelia	...	655
27. Cowley, Maud Mary	...	630

No. on List.		Votes.
45. Hennet, Mona Beatrice	...	619
37. Corney, Annie Edith	...	594
5. Smith, Mary Mildred C.	...	530
35. Busher, Lucy Jane	...	526
16. Moore, Emily Alice G.	...	525
46 Godwin, Minnie Constance		518
19. Chrimes, Harriett	...	517
12. Priestley, Emily Jane	...	514
39. Hopkins, Florence Annie	...	511
40. Hocking, Amelia Jane	...	508
10. Skeates, Agnes Martha	...	496
24. Puddick, Helena	...	478
33. Pelham, Eveline Edith	...	478
42. Rugg, Mary Alexandra	...	455
47. Boyd, Kate	...	443
43. Richards, Annie L. P.	...	424
15. Scott, Dorah	...	421

The numbers 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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1—1.	Cox, George Samuel ...	2329	6—14.	Stevens, Alfred ...	2000
2—40.	Waddington, Thomas H.	2263	7—44.	Gedge, Percy Aubrey	1979
3—31.	Watkin, Hugh Robert	2138	8—25.	Stanton, William ...	1918
4—64.	Armitage, Harry ...	2119	9—39.	Shapnel, H. V. N. Scrope	1906
5—62.	Smith, Frank ...	2097	10—20.	Johnston, William Studer	1736

(The second number in each case is that of the candidate on the list.)

Votes for the unsuccessful candidates will be carried to their credit at the next election.

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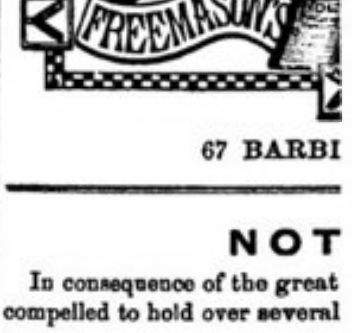
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THE Lord Chancellor is sti Her Majesty, who, with attended by the Countess of Er day afternoon for the Glassalt been visiting at Abergeldie, an Princess of Wales lunched witl the Prince of Wales, with his t Victor and George, reached C geldie, *en route* for Dartmouth, ing ship is stationed. His Roya would visit Paris before the we

At the close of business on W mine Relief Fund at the Ma £388,000, of which £350,000 h to India. Among the latest co instalment from Warwickshire £ from Dublin £500, Kendal, thir water £150, Saffron Walden £ £200, the Union Bank of Aus Australasia £105, Cambridge U the Lodge of Emulation 25 g Indian Famine Relief Fund have making a total already sent out tralia has also sent £2,000.

One of those dreadful collie periodically in one or other of ou on Thursday afternoon of last we berton, near Wigan, and resulte two men and three explorers, occurred in what is known as t owing to the dangerous quality caution is necessary. The workin but they had been laid out very that was possible had been do However, a sufficient amount of c to liberate a great quantity of ga ter known among miners as "shar time for the workmen to escape. the cause of the accident, nor is i known, as all those have perished any explanation. Great gallantry to liberate those known to be in t the exploring party fell victims in

Bro. Sir John Bennett having b Alderman of the Ward of Cheap, nearly two to one, presented hims Court of Aldermen, but was a thi ground that he was not a fit and p the duties and support the dignity City of London. Sir John Benne of not carrying the case before a C

The comparative respite from has taken place both in Asia and c last two or three weeks has been the last few days. The Gran length something like a decisive Moukhtar Pasha can no longer be the Victorious. On Sunday the Lazareff occupied the heights of Turkish troops and compelling th direction of Kars. On the 15th, a livered along the whole line, and extending over four hours, Gener

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retreat on Kars, and lost several thousand men and four guns. The other consisting of three divisions was, according to the Russian account, driven from its position, and being at length surrounded, was ultimately compelled to surrender. Many prisoners, among whom were seven Pashas, were captured, together with thirty-two guns and an immense quantity of war material. The Turkish General admits and indeed accounts for his defeat, but as regards the divisions on his right, he declares they were still holding their positions. His dispatch, however, is dated from Kars on the 15th instant, while the Russian account is one day later. This is a heavy and it may be an irreparable defeat for the Turks in Asia; though it is even possible the blow may have been struck too late to allow of the Russians pursuing their success. The present positions of the two armies are exactly what they were in May, and if Kars is sufficiently provisioned, and Moukhtar strong enough to cover Erzeroum, the Russians will be unable to do much more during the present year. On the Lom, near Plevna, and in the Shipka Pass there are renewed signs of activity. Indeed a bombardment of Plevna has been opened along the whole line and this may be simply the forerunner of another general assault. There are very conflicting accounts as to the strength of Osman Pasha, but there seems no reason to doubt that his communications with Sofia are still open, that he has received heavy reinforcements, and therefore that he is stronger than he was at the last attack. On the other hand, the Russians are likewise stronger, and the news of the great victory in Asia will inspirit them. Suleiman is certain to come to blows as soon as he gets a chance; but though he may act more energetically, he is more likely to act more rashly than his predecessor, Mehemet Ali Pasha. There has been a renewal of the bombardment of the Russian positions in the Shipka Pass, but no advantage has followed for the Turks; meantime, the Montenegrins are quiet, while Servia seems to be intending to do something at some period, remote or near, but whether that something will take the form of an attack on the Turks, or of attention to their own internal affairs is still an open question.

An Emergency Meeting of the Evening Star Lodge will be held on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Messrs. G. C. Trewby, Edward Hide, Joseph Manwaring, J. W. C. Holmes, and Alfred Lass, are the candidates who have been selected as the first initiates of this Lodge; it is anticipated they will all be received into the Order on this occasion.

At the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Captain T. D. Sewell, P.M. Emulation No. 21, P.G.S., was presented with a testimonial, consisting of a purse of 100 guineas and a massive silver salver. The inscription on the plate indicates the object of the testimonial. It is as follows:—

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541, on Tuesday, 13th November. The Right Hon. Earl Percy, Prov. G.M., will preside, and during the day will consecrate the New St. John's Lodge, No. 1712.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancaster will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday next, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M.M.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 2.45 for 3 o'clock. That of Northumberland and Durham will be held on Thursday, 8th November, at Stockton. Canon H.B. Tristram LL.D., F.R.S., R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., will preside.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HARTISMERE LODGE, EYE.

THE Consecration of this Lodge took place on Wednesday last, under most favourable auspices. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, was the officiating officer, and was assisted by the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore P.S.G.W., who acted as W.M. during the ceremony, John Hervey G.S., and several other distinguished brethren. Due honour having been paid to the rank of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers who were present, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, after which the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren. In the course of his remarks he referred to the text of Masons, that we should live in love and unity; to do this we should be very careful how we exclude any one from our Lodges. The ballot box was intended to guarantee a man to be fit to be a Mason, and should never be used in personal pique or in spite. The Consecration ceremony having been completed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and proceeded to instal Bro. Lord Henniker into the chair of the Lodge. He invested Bros. A. Cracknell and W. Fisher as his S. and J. Wardens, and then addressed the brethren. He was sure they were all obliged to their Deputy Grand Master for attending. They would always feel proud that their Lodge had been consecrated by so good and true a Mason. He thanked Bro. Hervey, who was known and respected throughout every Masonic Province in England, as a most zealous brother. As to Lord Donoughmore, with whom he (Lord Henniker) had served as Senior Warden in a London Lodge, he was extremely obliged by his attendance. He was gratified at the compliment paid him by the brethren, who had placed him in the proud position of Master, and felt that the work of that office would be greatly lessened by his having such competent Wardens. He would do his best to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and concluded by again thanking all who had been concerned in the establishment of the Lodge. Bro. Bowser was elected Treas. and the following appointments were made:—Bros. F. Woolnough Sec., Gedney S.D., C. J. Fisher J.D., and Rush I.G. On behalf of the Visitors, Bro. Clarke, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, expressed a hope that the coming year would be a successful one for their entertainers. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. T. J. Hassall, from 1 Cor. xiii., 13—"The greatest of these is charity." At the conclusion a collection was made on behalf of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. The banquet took place in the Assembly Room of the White Lion Hotel. The W.M. (Lord Henniker) occupied the chair, supported on the right by the Earl of Donoughmore, W. P. Phillips P.G.S.W., &c., and on the left by Lord Skelmersdale, John Hervey, &c. The regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bayard Chapter Rose Croix.—On Monday, 8th October, at 33 Golden-square, London, W. Present—*Officers:* Colonel Somerville Burney M.W.S., Rev. C. J. Ridgway H. Prelate, Frank Richardson 1st General, Chas. C. E. Habicht 2nd General, Capt. R. P. Leeson G. Marshall, Capt. W. S. Gilbert Raph., R. Fryers Capt. of Guard, Capt. Chas. Compton Treas., Capt. W. Portlock Dadson, 32°, Registrar, Herr Edward Sauerbrey Organist. *S.G.I.G.* 33°: Capt. N. G. Philips Lt. G.C., Major Shadwell Clerke G.S.G., Raphael Costa 33 D.I.G., Col. A. W. Adair S.G.I.G. *Past M.W.S.:* S. M. P. Montagu G.C. *Visitors:* Daniel R. McCord 32°, Hochelaga, Montreal, Canada, Ambrose Wm. Hall Grand Metropolitan Chapter R.M.W.S. *Members:* R. Joynes Emmerson, Lieut. A. H. Des Barres, R. W. H. Giddy 33°, Capt. A. Palliser, W. B. Thorne, B. L. Rose, E. B. Bernard, F. C. Compton. Letters of regret were read from Genl. Clerke, Sir Thomas Dyer, J. W. Waldron, A. White, and Major Pearson (inability to attend). Bros. F. C. Compton, B. L. Rose, W. B. Thorne, and E. B. Bernard were duly advanced to the sublime degree of Sovereign Prince Rose Croix. A vote of five guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, was duly installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers. A P.M.W.S. jewel was presented to Ill. Bro. Col. Somerville Burney, the founder and first M.W.S. of the Chapter. A vote of welcome was accorded to Ill. Bro. David R. McCord 32° of Canada. On the motion of Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, a vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Capt. Portlock Dadson, for his services as Recorder. It is to be illuminated, and presented to Capt. Portlock Dadson upon his leaving England. Four candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

Friends in Council Chapter Royal Arch, No. 1383.—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 11th inst. Present—Comps. Dr. R. Hamilton, S. Rawson, H. D. Sandeman, Capt. N. G. Philips, Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Adair, Raphael Costa, H. C. Vernon, J. M. P. Montagu, R. W. H. Giddy, W. H. Pullen, &c., &c. Companion Samuel Rawson, was duly installed as Z. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers. Bros. F. C. Compton and Sergius H. d'Avigdor, late 8th Hussars, were exalted as Royal Arch Masons, and several candidates proposed for the next meeting of the Chapter.

Asaph Chapter, No. 1319.—This Chapter met on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Comps. J. Weaver P.Z. M.E.Z., E. Stanton Jones P.Z. H. elect, W. A. Tinney S.E., C. S. Tekyll S.N., E. Frewin P.S., Wollard 1st Assist., E. Terry 2nd Assist., H. Cox D.C., J. Gilbert J. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several letters of apology were read. Comp. E. S. Jones P.Z. and Z. elect was then inducted into the chair of H. by the M.E.Z. There being no candidates, the ceremony of

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 OCTOBER.

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

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Prov. Grand Lodge M.M.M. of Lancashire, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 2.30.
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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
589—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York. (Emergency.)

TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Audit Committee of Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7.0. (In.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Emergency.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, at 7. (Instruct.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
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.
621—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1326—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheston Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1620—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
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 Head, 184 West-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY,

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, S
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Pa
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union,
1295—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton

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140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
806—Prince George, Station House, Bo

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61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Jo
384—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons'
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse H
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Hav

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445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St.

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290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate,
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Ra
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Sh

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810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipto
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commerc
1514—Thornhill, Deans House, Lindley,
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Ho
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, C
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dews

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1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastth
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncast
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, S

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1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hote

EDINBURGH

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons'
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexa
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military,
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John Fisherrow,
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemaso
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-stre

GLASGOW AND THE V

During the Tourist Season, for brethren, we purpose giving all the All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unl

MONDAY—102—St. Mark, 213 Buchanan-s
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasg
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-st
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-stre
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freema
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freem
" 579—St. Bryde, Freemasons'
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struth
WEDNESDAY—505—Burns' St. Mary, Con
" 519—Maryhill, 167 Main-st
No. 3 Conclave Red Cross of Rome
THURSDAY—Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasg
" 167—Free Operative, Freema
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons'
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' H
" 196—St. John's, Lennox Arms, L
" 241—Union, Black Bull, Stonehou
" 321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Al
" 347—St. John Operative, Freema
SATURDAY—29—St. John, Black Bull, Kir
" 305—St. John Woodall, Freem

NOTICES OF M

Supreme Council, 33°.—The h
Tuesday, 9th October, at the Masoni
Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Lie
G. Deacon of England, presided in th
Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Commande
of England, caused by the serious il
There were also present Ill. Bros. Major
G. Treasurer General, 33°, Robert I
Chaplain, 33°, District Grand Master
Montagu D.L., Grand Chancellor, 33°,
Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Adair S.G.I.G., 33
H. D. Sandeman S.G.I.G., 33°, P.D.G.
Vernon, P. Lieut. G. Commander, 33°
Clerke R.B.G., G. Secretary General,
Great Sub-Prior of England. A letter w
Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Commander, 3
unable to attend. A circular was read, w
Chapters, &c., expressing the loss the Cou
of M.P. Bro. Charles John Vigne J.P., P.
who had been closely connected with t

Institution for Girls, Fifty Pounds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; those three latter amounts to be placed on the lists of those brethren representing the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, as Stewards. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, 32°, was appointed and invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies in the vacancy caused by the death of the much esteemed and lamented Bro. Henry Dubosc, 32°.

The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, 33°.—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 10th October, for the purpose of conferring degrees on those brethren elected and approved. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Grand Commander, 33°, and P.M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, presided, and among those present were:—Ill. Bros. Major-General Clerk R.A., Robert Hamilton M.A. M.D., Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G., Henry C. Vernon, J. M. P. Montagu D.L. &c., Lieut.-Colonel Adair M.A. J.P., and H. D. Sandeman of the Supreme Council, 33°; Major George Barlow D.I.G., Samuel Rawson D.I.G., Charles Fendelow D.I.G. C. J. Banister D.I.G., General Doberty C.B. D.I.G., R. W. H. Giddy D.I.G., Raphael Costa D.I.G., Andrew Hay D.I.G., Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B.; and W. Hyde Pullen, 33°. The 33rd degree was conferred on Ill. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey. In the 32° were present Ill. Bros. Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Major Molineux, Rev. C. R. Davy, Charles Horsley, Colonel F. Birchall, Thomas Jowitt, David Ross McCord (of Canada), Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, George Lambert and Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney, and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Augustus H. King, R.A., George Lambert, and Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney. In the 31° were present Ill. Bros. Henry Murray, Hugh H. Riach, R. de M. Lawson, Frank Richardson, James Keene, H. C. Levander, Magnus Ohren, H. R. Cooper Smith, Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Thomas Trollope M.D., and Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, M.A., H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., and Thomas Trollope, M.D. Ill. Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Charles Hammerton, Major J. R. Pearson, R.A., and Henry Seebohm were prevented from attending. In the 30° were present Ill. Bros. John Boyd, Captain Compton, Edward Grisbrook, Rev. Fred. King, Captain F. Turner, Walter Spencer, Major F. I. Ricarde-Seaxer, E. B. Webb, C. Edwin Willing, C. H. Driver, William Russell, J. F. Hoffgaard, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Alfred Richards, Robert Stewart, Mark Batt Tanner M.D., Chevalier C. L. Habicht, E. Ashworth, John Adams-Acton, Thomas Cubitt, Edmund R. Tymons, I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Daniel Nicols, Rudolph G. Glover, S. S. Partridge, George Higgins, John Gibb Smith, Peter Royle M.D., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, S. G. Kirchhoffer, Sir Charles T. Bright, John Wood, &c., and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright, Alfred Richards, Daniel Nicols, George Higgins, Johannes F. Hoffgaard, Peter Royle, M.D., John Gibb Smith, John Wood, Samuel Steads Partridge, Samuel Gerard Kirchhoffer, B.A., Rev. Thomas William Lemon, M.A., I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Mark Batt Tanner, M.D., and Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg. Bros. W. Webb, Lord Henry F. Thynne, M.P., Edmund Ashworth jun., Thomas Rose, Rev. Albert L. Willett, B.A., Captain John Wordsworth, Samuel Spratley, M.D., Thomas Entwisle, Charles D. Turton, Surgeon-Major James L. Notter, M.D., Frederic Davison, William George Harrison, Q.C., Thomas F. Dallin, M.A., St. Clair F. Hood, and Captain Henry S. Andrews, who had been elected to the 30th degree, were prevented, by various causes, from attending on this occasion. A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to Ill. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, Grand Treasurer-General, 33°, for the very able and careful manner in which he rendered the ceremonies, and also for the great care with which he has managed the accounts of the Council. A vote of welcome, expressing the pleasure afforded to the Council by the presence of brethren hailing from sister jurisdictions, was unanimously voted to Ill. Bro. David Ross McCord, 32°, of Canada, who returned thanks for the same in eloquent terms. The members of the Rite met afterwards in banquet at the Café Royal, presided over by the Ill. Lieut. Grand Commander, when due honours were paid to the Grand Patron and Officers of the Order, and warm congratulations tendered to the newly promoted members.

Industry Chapter, No. 186.—A Convocation was held on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Comps. J. E. Tallant Z., J. Seex H., G. Dyer J., W. Mann P.Z. S.E., G. Kelly P.Z. Tr. P.Z. Noehmer. Comps. Horsey, Johnson, Molé, G. M. Cole, Black, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditors' report was read, and unanimously adopted. A conclave of installed Principals was formed, and Comps. J. Seex was installed M.E.Z., G. Dyer H., Black J. These ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered by Comp. Noehmer P.Z. The following officers were invested:—Comps. J. E. Tallent I.P.Z., G. Kelly P.Z. Treas., W. Mann P.Z. S.E., Poore S.N., B. Taylor P.S., W. H. Hook 1st Assist., Kew 2nd Assist., Johnson D.C., Longstaff Janitor. The resignation of a Comp. was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, and ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The visitors were Comps. E. J. Harty P.S. Frederick of Unity Chapter, E. Wilson Hermes Chapter, W. Worrell P.Z. 766, H. Massey P.Z. 619, Headon 145, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201. — A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. J. Harty, Taylor S.W., Saul J.W., Mander P.M. Treas., W. H. Barber Sec., W. Lee S.D., Moss I.G., Higgs Org., Pochin D.C., Dr. Lloyd Steward; P.M. J. H. Watts; Bros. Hubbel, Bowers, Nash, Manchester, Richardson, were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. J. Stewart, J. Amsden, A. Amsden, and G. Travers were ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. The various ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered. During the evening Bro. Higgs played some appropriate music on the organ. Bro. Grant, the Tyler of the Lodge, having for some time suffered from ill health, a sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to him. The W.M. said he should like to have a Chapter attached to the Lodge, and the J.W. moved and S.W. seconded a proposition, that steps be taken to carry out the suggestion. The Lodge was then closed until December, and the brethren, 48 in numbers, repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Gordon, superintended by Bro. J. Hamp. The customary toasts were given and replied to, and a most pleasant evening passed.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—A Convocation was held on the 11th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. Comp. J. Baldwin Z., J. Mason H., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. as J. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Comp. Edwin Harris P.Z., whose death occurred on the 10th instant. Bro. Harris was greatly respected, and his loss is deeply regretted. The Chapter was closed until January 1878. Comp. Louis Beck was present as a visitor.

Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.—Met at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Thursday last. Bro. Hoyle was exalted, and the Officers for the ensuing year elected as follow:—Comps. H. Edwards Z., Dr. Livingston H., and the others each advanced a step.

Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.—The regular monthly meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held on the 16th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Battersea-bridge. Present—Bros. John Gibson W.M., James J. Joseph S.W., W. B. Miller J.W., Joseph W. Hiscox Sec., Edward Spooner Treas., John T. Pilditch S.D., James Sinclair J.D., J. Giles D.C., T. Austin Steward, Walter Wm. Young I.G., Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Southam, Kempster, Spooner, Hiscox, Hardy, &c. Visitors—Bros. Cox 190, Hills, C. Gibson, H. Baker, J. Daw, J. T. Hiscox. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Thos. Harris (vestry clerk) as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. A. J. Le Tall was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a most able and efficient manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and passed a very pleasant evening.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.—This new Lodge held its first regular meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. J. Pigot's, Finsbury Park Tavern. The Officers were in full attendance, and Messrs. James Newling Thompson, George David Edmunds, Thomas Crane, George Benjamin Carey were initiated, the duty being divided between Bros. Past Masters Davis and Pigot. Bros. Alfred Ayden and Thomas Jackson were accepted as joining members. A banquet followed, which was most admirably served by mine host of Ye Taverne. We regret the crowded state of our columns precludes a lengthened report; however, we cannot help remarking that the perfect harmony that exists in this Lodge may be well followed by many of the Fraternity. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Purkiss, is one we are ever pleased to greet, and his kind genial manner and smiling face secures him the universal respect of the brotherhood. The Visitors were Bro. W. Wilkinson 167, J. F. O. Wood 1288, C. J. G. Wood 1288, Fred. Goode 1677, Frank Bout W.M. 1306, James Cox 1288, J. Constable P.M. 185.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—Held its first meeting since the recess, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Present—Bros. J. Campbell White M.D. W.M., T. B. Dodson S.W., G. F. Weige J.W., W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer, L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, E. T. Worsley S.D., W. G. Dickens J.D., Seymour Smith Organist, W. J. Smith I.G. Past Masters Bros. Dalwood, Bates and Thomson, and a large number of brethren of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Gilham, Daniel, H. J. Johnson, Borer, and Bidgood. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Walter Johnson was raised to the 3rd degree, and Bro. Charles Dalrymple Scott was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. J. Louis Cornee, G. W. Kidd, E. J. Bodell, and W. T. Bodell were initiated into the Order. On the motion of Bro. Littell P.M., seconded by Bro. Bates P.M., the Lodge unanimously voted ten guineas to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund. The Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Some excellent songs were well rendered by Bros. Seymour Smith, Dodson, Wallington, Weige and others, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—We understand that at the meeting on Monday next, 22nd inst., Bro. Smallpiece, Secretary of the Emulation Lodge, will be appointed Preceptor. It is also expected that Bros. C. J. Hogg and J. E. Shand will be elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction, No. 406.—At the meeting held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W. on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M. P.P.G.J.D. a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the great zeal and exertion he had used in connection with the Lodge whilst acting as its Secretary, a position he has held since its foundation. Bro.

Faith Chapter, No. 141.—This ably conducted Chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 17th inst. There were present Comps. C. F. Hogard M.E.Z., J. Constable H., W. E. Gomperts J., Martin Bamberger Hon. Treas., James Pinder S.E., R. Z. Bloomfield S.N., Hollands P.S., J. D. Barnett 1st Asst., D. Posener 2nd Asst., Jas. Terry P.Z., T. Mortlock P.Z., E. Gottheil P.Z., and a considerable number of lay members. The visitors were Comps. F. C. Pelton 1185, Thos. Gibson 243 Gibraltar, B. H. Allen 933. Bros. Kirby, H. M. Walker, E. R. Wymer, and J. Endicott having been favourably ballotted for, were introduced and duly exalted into the Order. The ceremony being most excellently performed by all the Officers, who did their allotted work with equal readiness and intelligence, under the able guidance of their chief. The election of Officers for the coming year resulted as follows:—J. Constable Z., W. E. Gompertz H., Jas. Pinder J., M. Bamberger Treas., R. Z. Bloomfield S.N. The P.S. having expressed a desire to be allowed to remain in his present office for another year, was re-elected, and J. D. Barnett the 1st Asst. was elected S.N. The auditors were then appointed, the Chapter closed, and the Companions repaired to partake of an ample and sufficiently well-prepared banquet, after which the proceedings were of the usual character, with the exception that the hour being late, and many having to travel considerable distances to reach their respective homes, the M.E.Z. resolved to be as brief as possible in his remarks. He commenced by saying he would propose as the first toast a very comprehensive one, namely "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft." Comp. Mortlock then proposed the health of Comp. Hogard M.E.Z., whom he described as one who has ever proved himself a credit to the Chapter, and moreover an exceedingly good worker. He would say let them drink to the wish of long life and prosperity to the M.E.Z. Comp. Hogard thanked the assembly for their kindness, he had done his best to do the duties appertaining to his office, and they might be sure of the gratification it afforded him to meet with their approbation. He would now submit the names of the four exaltees. The Chapter has only existed for a short period of years, but is becoming important in point of numbers. He assured the new comers they would find harmony and unity prevail. He trusted they would follow in his footsteps and eventually arrive at the exalted position he was proud to occupy. For the Visitors Bro. Pelton responded. A few words were said by Comp. T. Mortlock for the P.Z.'s, who he thought had done good suit and service in the interests of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Z. elect, who had worked in the minor offices ever since the foundation of the Chapter, and there was no doubt that under his rule its reputation and influence will be greatly increased. In responding, the Z. elect expressed his pleasure at the thorough heartiness of the response whenever his name was mentioned, he trusted when the time arrived for him to vacate the first chair, his conduct would have been such as to entitle him to be held in the same respect as that which had hitherto been accorded him. The health of the H. elect was then proposed, and the services rendered by him as S.E., ever since the establishment of the Chapter, duly acknowledged, to which Comp. Gomperts shortly replied, promising to exert his abilities in supporting the dignity and promoting the prosperity of the Chapter. The Treasurer said, in reply to the toast of the Officers, that they might rest satisfied he would spend no more money than was justified by their financial condition, and Comp. Bloomfield being called upon for a few words, said he thought Comp. Bamberger would have responded for the whole of the Officers, but being suddenly called upon he had no time to concoct a suitable speech, and therefore found himself entirely at a loss; he would, however, on behalf of himself and the rest of the officers thank the M.E.Z. and the Companions for their kindness and good feeling. The Officers he was sure were ever ready to promote the welfare of the Chapter. Comps. Henley, Mortlock, J. D. Barnett, and Constable delighted the company with some well chosen songs and ditties. In the midst of this conviviality the sentiment of benevolence was not forgotten.

Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.—The members of this Lodge met on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. Bros. George James Hilliard W.M., Appleby S.W., Seddon J.W., J. Newton P.M., Sec., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treas., Dunstan S.D., Webb J.D., Jones I.G., Miller W.S., F. Brown D.C., Verry Tyler. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Bottram; it was satisfactory, and that gentleman received the benefit of the first degree. There were two candidates for the third degree, Bros. Westhorp and Milborne, and these brethren were separately introduced, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The case of a distressed brother of the Lodge was then brought forward, and twenty guineas was voted from the funds in his behalf. A second case of distress was then considered, and to this an amount of five guineas was ordered to be paid. The case of the widow of a member who had lost his life by drowning was then brought forward, and here the benevolent feeling of the Lodge was evoked successfully, an amount of two guineas being voted from the funds. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet. In giving the health of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. said but few remarks from him were required; this toast was always well received, and the present occasion would not be an exception to the rule. In speaking to the health of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Hilliard remarked that no eulogy of his could enhance the esteem in which the Prince of Wales was held. We know him to be a good Mason, one who tho-

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brethren for the support he had r
had been enabled to take up 1
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School. He then referred to wh
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brethren; he forcibly pointed out
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and concluded by commending the
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a little more vigour is required for
the Visitors we noticed Bros. E. P.
J. J. Berry 554, G. P. Grenold 781,
1385, G. T. Dix 1421, W. Brown 1
1607, &c.

Tranquillity Lodge, No.
season, on Monday, the 15th inst.,
the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-stre
presiding. There were also pres
Geo. Pare J.W., John Constable P
W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D.
P.M. Hon. Org., T. Bush Steward,
Past Masters John Ross, M. Har
Bloomfield, S. Moss, E. Harfeldt, E
attendance of brethren. The vis
W.M. 753, B. Peartree, Rob. Abbot
P.G.O., John Smith 1257, Rob. C
1572, F. King 1156, B. Howard 8
meeting consisted in passing Bros.
degree, and initiating Mr. Watson
ancient order, both ceremonies bei
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most cordially seconded the motion, and in a speech full of cordiality dilated upon the vast amount of energy which must have been required to secure such an unprecedented success. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. supported the resolution, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. John Constable P.M., in expressing his thanks, wished the brethren to understand that due recognition had been given by the committees, in conferring the rank of Vice-Patron; the regulations as to the charity jewel, instituted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, granted him permission to wear the tri-colour ribbon (pointing to it) around his neck, at the end of which was appended the Charity jewel. The assembly then proceeded to banquet, which was most excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Silver. Subsequently the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. In offering the health of the Queen, the W.M. touched upon the various topics of the day, many of which he was sure must cause Her Majesty anxious thought, for which, however, the gracious lady might well feel compensated by the reflection that, in any case of emergency she might rely upon the loyalty and right feeling of her subjects, as exemplified by the sympathetic and generous way the public came forward in the matter of the Indian Famine. The names of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers were received with genuine heartiness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the initiate, whom he commended for his very intelligent conduct during the course of the ceremony; and the close attention he bestowed upon all the proceedings induced him to predict that the Lodge would have a bright member in Bro. Watson Smith, who, in his reply, stated that amongst other things, he had been impressed with the fact that there was much to learn, and the sooner he sat down to his studies the better. The visitors severally responded; all concurred in their appreciation of the generous hospitality, and the unfeignedly fraternal welcome they had received from the Lodge. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that on the present as on former occasions he had only to mention the name of Bro. John Peartree to be sure of a hearty response. They would all agree that in his capacity as Treasurer, as well as in his present position, the W.M. was entitled to their very best thanks, which are eminently due to him. In the past, as in the present, their choice had proved most advantageous to the Lodge. The W.M., in responding, observed that he was the oldest member of the Lodge; he did not mean in age, but in membership. He had held the office of Treasurer for eighteen years, and any service required of him would afford him pleasure to give. He would conclude by wishing all happiness and prosperity to every member of the Craft. In proposing success to the Benevolent Fund, the W.M. said the fund had been established for 27 years, during which time a considerable amount of good had been accomplished by the administration of timely and substantial relief. Although nothing is ever taken from a Visitor, the fund, subscribed solely by members, is in the gratifying condition of amounting to the very respectable sum of £700. He would here mention that Bro. Watson Smith, the initiate, had very kindly given a donation of £1 1s towards it. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Saul Solomon, the President. Bro. Solomon requested that Bro. Peartree would suggest something for him to say, inasmuch as the W.M. knew by heart all ins and outs of the fund, and being also its supporter and dispenser, he, by his speech upon the subject, generally contrived to take the wind out of his (Bro. Solomon's) sails. He would, however, say that the beneficial effects wrought since the institution of the fund were eloquent in their appeal for its support. By its aid many a deserving brother has been able to ward off a fatal blow, or emigrate to a foreign land to retrieve his fallen fortunes. The name of Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield being submitted in connection with the toast of the Past Masters, he said he did not know why he should have been especially selected from among the eminent Past Masters by whom he was surrounded, unless, as is frequently the case, he was deemed the least fitted for the duty, and was therefore called upon to do it. He would, however, assure the Worshipful Master, who himself did nothing by halves, but everything he undertook with perfect thoroughness, that the Past Masters were ever ready and willing to cordially assist him in whatever duty they might be called upon to perform. Bros. Constable and P. Levy responded for Treasurer and Secretary. The former expressed his satisfaction, in which he was sure all would join, at the excellent manner in which the banquet had been served, both in respect to its culinary qualities and table appointments. This being the first meeting in their new home, he trusted it to be the forerunner of even better to come. He most heartily thanked those from whose lips so many flattering sentiments of good will had issued, and with the help of the Grand Architect of the Universe, he hoped to continue to the best of his abilities the services they were so kindly disposed to appreciate. The W.M. then proposed the Officers. To a Master in the chair the assistance of the Officers is of the highest importance. He was happy to be able to say that his staff always performed their duties in a manner leaving nothing to be desired, and he took the opportunity of thanking them for their trouble in perfecting themselves in the work, for the efficient conduct of the Lodge depended in a great measure upon the minor Officers. Bro. David Posener S.W. responded, and concluded his remarks by thanking the W.M. for his kindness in bestowing so much praise upon the Officers, who, he had no doubt, would try and follow in the footsteps of so excellent a predecessor. At this point entered five brethren, who met with a most cordial reception, namely—Bros. Fred Binckes, Jas. A. Birch and Joseph Hines (both from Manchester), C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, J. E. Curteis Devon. When they were seated, the W.M. took the opportunity of proposing the Charities, to which Bro. Binckes briefly replied, saying: In the course of a lengthened career in Masonry he had committed a great many solecisms, but he never remembered ever being so impertinent as to inflict his presence on any Lodge at so unseasonable an hour. But while the brethren efforts on behalf of the Institutions have met with such a large amount of success, being naturally anxious to be made acquainted with the result of the day's proceedings, requested him to look in for that purpose at however late an hour. He was therefore here, and heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren for their very kind and courteous reception. Indeed, he owed a debt of gratitude to the W.M. for his warmly generous words. At this late hour, unless they wished it, he would not enter upon the great subject of the Charities, for which he was ever ready to plead, over and over again, and ever so many times over and over again, but would reserve it for a future opportunity. There was some excellent singing during the evening by Bros. Bayley, Constable, Smith, J. D. Barnett, &c.

Lodge of Friendship, No. 206.—Held its first winter meeting on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Thos. Taylor W.M., Jas. Stephens S.W., E. Squirrell J.W., W. Ramsey Treas., John Ramsey Sec.; the assistant officers, and about 25 members, ten of whom were Past Masters. There was a goodly array of work on the summons, which, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Leseware and other candidates, was necessarily postponed. After the disposal of some Masonic business, amongst which was the recommendation of the petition of a distressed brother to the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Taylor rose to beg the members of the Lodge to accept what he termed "a trifling present," as a memento of his year of office. The gift proved to be a rough and perfect ashlar complete. The former rough and unhewn as taken from the quarry, and the "perfect" a true die or square, made of the finest marble, without flaw or blemish, and with the handiwork of the real operative Mason fully displayed in its beautiful polish and finish. The shears, tackle, winch-gear, &c., displayed the masterly skill of the first artists in metals. The whole formed, in a marked degree, a delightful combination of the emblems of Free and Accepted and Operative Masonry. Amid the admiration of the brethren, Bro. Gamman proposed, and Bro. W. Ramsey seconded, that the thanks of the Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. Thos. Taylor W.M., for his handsome and useful present, showing as it does the great interest now and always evinced by him for the welfare of the Craft, and this his Lodge in particular, as well as his fraternal regard for all its members, and that a record of the same be inserted on the minutes. This was carried by acclamation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th of October, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell. Present—Bros. Henry Hammond W.M., T. W. Carnell S.W., Charles Fountain J.W., W. J. Messenger P.M. and Secretary, T. Edmonstone as S.D., C. H. Nevill as J.D., T. A. Harper D.C., W. Hale I.G., C. H. Rugg (for W. Grant) Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Mark S. Larlham, James Stevens, S. H. Wagstaff, George H. N. Bridges; and Bros. Woodcock, C. E. Goldring, Cranch, Hildreth, Yonge, Hutchins, Carpenter, Henton, J. J. Curtis, W. Foster, Scholey, Jarman, Youngman, Eldridge, H. Bridges, and others. Visitor—Bro. T. Spiller, Domatic 177. Lodge was opened by the W.M., who, after confirmation of previous minutes, raised Bro. Scholey to the third degree. This comprised the whole of the ceremonial business, and the Lodge then addressed itself to the discussion of proposed notices of motion on several important matters. Amongst these was a proposal to present the late Secretary, with a testimonial of thanks for past earnest services, and which met with unanimous approval; as did also a suggestion for the grant of a retiring pension for life to Bro. Grant, Tyler, whose age and infirmities prevented his continuance of the duties he had efficiently discharged for a period of ten years. Bro. Edmonstone submitted to the Lodge a proposal to contribute the sum of Twenty Guineas to the Indian Famine Fund, and his proposition would have found ready acceptance but for the difficulty of dealing with Lodge funds unless by notice of motion, a vote in Lodge, and subsequent confirmation thereof, thus involving a delay of four months. It was thought to be unwise to suspend the law regulating the disbursement of the monies of the Lodge even for so good and necessary a purpose, but it was pointed out that the Charity fund of the Lodge might be so appropriated without transgressing the by-laws, and it was therefore at length resolved that Ten Guineas should be contributed at once from that source, and that notice of motion should be given for a further sum of Ten Guineas from the Lodge funds, to be paid over in the event of the present dire distress in India continuing. This arrangement appeared to satisfy all present, and the result of the discussion was cordially accepted after a debate of a full hour's duration. After supper, which followed labour, the contents of the Charity box proved the strong desire of the Macdonald Lodge to take its share in the good work of succouring the distressed, feeding the hungry, and promoting Brotherly Love and Relief all the world over. The "final toast" was never better honoured than by this practical exemplification of the universal principles of our Order.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—The above Lodge met on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145 presiding, in the absence of the W.M. Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., J. Baldwin P.G.P. Middlesex, W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. H. A. Dubois, by the courtesy of the W.M., initiated Messrs. Norton and Wheeler. Bro. T. J. Sabine was elected W.M.; H. A. Dubois P.M. re-elected Treas.; and J. Gilbert Tyler. A Past

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS RAMSAY.

THE Large Hall of St. John Lodge, No. 3 bis, Glasgow, was quite filled on Tuesday, 8th October, by the members of the Lodge and the Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province, to whom, on account of space, the invitations had to be limited. At 6.30 Bro. William Kyle jun. R.W.M. opened his Lodge, with Bros. Brownlee S.W., James Kyle jun. J.W., D. B. Bell D.M., J. Harn S.M. and the following Past Masters of the Lodge, viz.: William Bell, T. Fletcher, James Mc Millian, and T. Smilie. Amongst the Masters on the dais we recognised particularly these—T. Thompson 103, T. Halket 117, D. Ronald 275, J. Munro 360. The choir, under the control of Bro. Dunbar D. of M. rendered efficient aid to the proceedings. The R.W.W. addressed the special meeting thus:—Brethren, At a meeting of the St. John Lodge, No. 3 bis, on the first Tuesday of July, attention was drawn to the death of Past Master Thomas Ramsay, and at that meeting it was agreed that a minute expressive of the members' regret should be inserted in the minute book; this was accordingly done, and it was subsequently resolved to hold a Funeral Lodge in memory of our deceased Past Master. That the Lodge was justified in doing this is fully shown by the large number of brethren present on this occasion to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of our dear brother. Brother Ramsay filled the chair of the St. John Lodge in the years 1867-68, with an amount of ability and energy rarely equalled. Those who have had the pleasure of being present at the meetings presided over by him can bear testimony to the kind and brotherly way in which he discharged his duties, and to the deep interest he took in the affairs of the Lodge. It was with deep regret that the members of the Lodge parted with him as Master, although as P.M. he continued to take a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge. He went out to Canada about three years ago, and died at Montreal, on the 4th June last, aged fifty-seven years. It is now for us to improve the sad event which has brought us here, so that it may tend to our spiritual welfare. By cultivating brotherly love, spreading the true cement of friendship, always aiding and assisting each other in our journey through life; and, above all, evincing that distinguishing characteristic of our noble order, Charity, so that, be it sooner or later when we are laid on a death bed, may it not be what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others, that will give us the greatest consolation and peace of mind. And when we are summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to leave our Lodges here below, to enter the Grand Lodge above, may we receive the ever joyful welcome. He then introduced the Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Dobie D.D., who delivered the following oration: Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren all,—We are met here this evening to testify the sincere and affectionate regard cherished by the members of St. John's Lodge 3 bis for our late Bro. Thomas Ramsay, Past Master of this Lodge. Our high appreciation of the very able and faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties connected with the honourable office he held in this Lodge, our sorrow because of his death, and our very warm sympathy with those to whom he was *near* and *dear*. A duty has been assigned me, as the Chaplain of this Lodge, for the proper discharge of which I labour under very great disadvantages. As you are all aware, only a few months have elapsed since I had the honour of being admitted as a Freemason, so that my knowledge of Masonic ceremonies is therefore very limited; moreover, this is the first occasion on which I have been present at a Funeral Lodge, and, further, I had no knowledge whatever of our deceased brother; did not know him even by name. I have been informed that he occupied, for two years, the important and honourable position of Right Worshipful Master; that he discharged his duties as Master of the Lodge with marked ability, and with great acceptance to the brethren; that four years ago he left this city and emigrated to Canada, that he died in Montreal on 4th June last, aged 57 years, that he was a man of excellent moral and Christian character, and was highly respected by a large circle of friends. Such is all the information I have obtained in regard to our deceased and lamented brother. Our Right Worshipful Master has already this evening supplied my "lack of service" by making mention of the mental and moral excellencies of our deceased brother, and therefore I will pass from what is *personal* to what is *practical*, and occupy your time for a few minutes in seeking to improve your moral and spiritual well-being. The event which has convened us on this very solemn occasion—I regard such Masonic ceremonies as the present as being thoroughly in harmony with the fundamental principles of Christianity; we acknowledge that we are all members of the same family; that we owe our being and well-being to the same great and gracious Father, and it is comforting to think that when brethren are removed by death their removal does not sunder the family bond—does not dissolve their relationship to us. No! Death merely removes them from the *outer court* to the *inner sanctuary*, from an earthly Lodge to a heavenly one:—

> "One Family, we dwell in Him,
> One Lodge above—beneath,
> Tho' now divided by the stream,
> The narrow stream of death."

Being brethren, and united by a tie which disease cannot weaken, and which death cannot sever, it is therefore our duty "to love one another with pure hearts fervently;" to rejoice with each other in seasons of health and happiness, and to sympathise with each other in times of sickness and sorrow. Such brotherly kindness and sympathy are earnestly and affectionately enjoined upon us by our Father in Heaven; and they are perfectly exemplified in the character and life of our beloved Lord and Master, and the more fully we manifest them in our character and life the greater will be our peace of mind, and the more rapid will be our moral and spiritual progress.

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PEACE AND HARMONY.

IN turning over the pages of old minute books, one of the chief pleasures we experience is to find it recorded, almost invariably, that "the Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony." The mere mention of such a matter, the simple style in which it is noted, shows that one of the chief objects of Freemasonry was not only recognised, but carried out most dutifully. There can be no question that in those old fashioned days there was a beautiful reality about the manner in which we practised what we preached, which is or ought to be the envy of more modern generations of Masons. Sundry matters, indeed, on which we have, unfortunately, had occasion to comment of late are evidence that while we have increased in mere numbers amazingly, there are many Lodges in which it would be very far from the truth if it were recorded in the minutes of sundry of their meetings that "the Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony." It may, perhaps, be worth while if we glance at some of the reasons why this desirable consummation is not always arrived at. We have heard, of late, some particulars respecting a very worthy little Lodge in the country, in which it is beyond all question that peace and harmony do not now reign at all times. It is not so very long since that this little Lodge might have served as the model of a happy family, so cordial were the relations which existed among all its members. Unhappily, some of them have latterly shown themselves better Masons in theory than in practice. In the flux of time, some of the older and more influential brethren have dropped off the roll, by death, or it may have been through change of residence, and the habit which once prevailed of consulting the natural sympathies and antipathies of all has gradually fallen into desuetude. A very wholesome custom—one, indeed, in every way worthy of imitation—was once adopted whenever a new member, whether as a candidate for initiation or as a joining member, was proposed. A kind of informal gathering of the brethren was held, at which the proposer and seconder were present, or, at all events, one of them; and they or he enlightened their fellow-members, not only on the circumstances and general reputation of the candidate, but likewise on his temper and other points, so that all might judge for themselves of his worthiness. If the general opinion was favourably inclined towards his candidature, recourse, in the order of things and at the appointed time, was had to the ballot, and he was elected. But if the opinions of sundry were adverse, then it was usual for the name to be withdrawn. No ballot was held, and the candidate was spared the indignity of being rejected. Recently, a re-joining member, one who had passed the S.W.'s chair, and might have been Master, was proposed by one of the Deacons, and seconded by the S.W. It should be added that the candidate is one of the most highly respected persons in the town in which he resides, that he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and that the grounds on which he declined to fill the office of W.M., when as S.W. he stood first among the members eligible to occupy that position, redound to his credit. Had he been re-elected as a member, he would of course have had the opportunity of becoming a candidate for the Mastership—a fact which is all the more creditable to the S.W. who supported his candidature so conspicuously. But the fates were adverse. He was black-balled, and in a manner which rendered his rejection especially painful. He was opposed by the Master, and the opposition to his candidature took place, in accordance with the laudable custom we have already mentioned, so that, in the event of his name not being well received, it might have been withdrawn. None, indeed, seemed necessary in the case of one who had only momentarily resigned his [illegible] and who was so generally popular. We do not say that the officer who opposed him was not acting within his undoubted right when he black-balled this or any other candidate, but we think he exhibited a sad want of magnanimity in acting as he did so publicly. It was, to say the least, extremely bad taste to have departed, in this instance, from the usual practice of the Lodge, and we are given to understand that it has created a feeling which will certainly not be promotive of peace and harmony. No one can possibly be surprised at this; the surprise, indeed, would be if any other feeling than one of disgust and indignation had been aroused. It was bad enough, in all conscience, that one who, as a founder and Past Senior Warden, was highly respected by his fellows, and was esteemed by his fellow townsmen, as *integer vitæ scelerisque purus*, should be thus summarily rejected, but the manner in which it was done makes the affront imposed upon him still more gross. Nor is this the only matter which has occurred latterly and caused dissatisfaction among many of the members. When certain business was brought forward at a recent meeting of the Lodge, and it was proposed to vote a further sum of money towards the cost of entertaining the Grand Lodge of the Province—the balance remaining unpaid to be raised among the committee who had been appointed to conduct the arrangements—a brother rose and asked why the whole of these exponses were not defrayed out of the Lodge funds, which were in a most satisfactory condition. To this a reply was made, to the effect that it had "all been settled." As the matter had not been settled during a meeting of the Lodge, the settlement must have been made in some private and unofficial manner. In a case of this kind, the sound old Constitutional maxim that what concerns all should be approved of by all is certainly applicable. Every member should have a voice in the financial policy of his Lodge. It is in the highest degree censurable that any officers of a Lodge, be they principal or subordinate, should meet together privately and "settle" that so much of a certain expenditure shall be submitted to vote in Lodge, and so much left to be raised by public subscription amongst a committee. A matter of this kind can only be legally determined by members in open Lodge assembled, and after due notice given. What would be said by the British public if the business of Parliament were transacted in the lobbies; and if when any member arose and asked certain questions he were told the matter had already been settled. There is not the slightest harm in a W.M. and the most experienced members of this or any other Lodge consulting among themselves as to the best plan to adopt in certain eventualities, or to satisfy needs that have already arisen; and we doubt not if, having so done, a W.M. should rise and tell his Lodge he had consulted the P.M.'s, and that it was their and his opinion that such and such things should be done, that the Lodge would act on the recommendation of their most experienced members, and agree to their suggestions; but this private consultation, followed by a public proposal in open Lodge, is quite a different affair from the holo-and-corner settlement we have been referring to. In the case before us, a member having asked why a certain something had not been done, was told the whole thing had been settled, no information being vouchsafed as to the where,

and told to mind his own business—which we take to be another reason why the peace and harmony of the time that is past is not as conspicuous now. It is pitiful to think of the amount of harm which can be wrought by a probably well-intentioned but certainly overbearing mode of conducting business. A Master with a little tact about him might easily have placed matters aright; but the tact was wanting, and a soreness now prevails. People object to being driven into the adoption of this or that course, though they may easily be induced to take it. It is, in fact, so simple a matter to act in a conciliatory spirit, and it is certainly more conducive to the interests of all concerned. A man does not sacrifice his own opinions when he bows to the wishes of the majority, neither does he lose his self respect. These he still retains, and may congratulate himself further with the knowledge that he enjoys, in the most marked degree, the respect of those with whom he differs. On the other hand, a man who can and does thwart the wishes of the majority will speedily find he is on the way to lose what, if any, respect they may have felt for him. It is a mere truism, yet we cannot too strongly urge upon people, that there is a right and a wrong way of doing things. Those who adopt the former, do their utmost to promote the peace and harmony which are essential to the interests of a Lodge. Those who adopt the latter, do their utmost to destroy them.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. IV.

A GOOD LIGHT.

MANY years ago—we scarcely care to own how many so rapidly does time overtake us—we remember teasing an old and valued friend, who, by the way, was an intimate contemporary of "Old Crucifix" (as that good and true Mason was almost universally called), by repeatedly asking him to disclose the secret of Freemasonry; his invariable reply was, "Charity, my boy, charity." We have now lived long enough to realise the truth of these words, and frankly acknowledge that Charity and Freemasonry are synonymous terms, indeed, it would be useless for us to strive to support a fact that is daily becoming more apparent to the world at large. Charity, then, of the best and purest, is to be found amongst us. The support given to our Benevolent Institutions by the Craft in general is something for us to be proud of; add to this the sums subscribed to the funds attached to our private Lodges for philanthropical purposes, and we are able to boast of an aggregate that no other society can approach. Still, so well are the tenets of active charity inculcated by our Masonic teachings, that far beyond our own circle the influence is felt. There is scarcely a movement for the amelioration of our fellows but some member of the Craft acts as a guiding spirit in directing attention to its claims. It is not generally known amongst the thousands who contribute towards the medical charities of the North that the movement which has done so much to alleviate the sufferings of so many owes its origin to a brother of the mystic tie, a gentleman who, from his social position, has had much to do with the management of local public institutions, at a time, too, when Newcastle was not what it is now, and when the demands for assistance for the working and poorer classes were greater to an alarming degree than the supply; it was then our good brother saw the need to supplement the usual income from voluntary contributions by a supreme effort made in a new direction. He happily hit on a plan, so tangible and so simple in action, that it has been copied throughout the length and breadth of the land, even in the great Metropolis itself. Yet it is one thing to hit on a good idea, but how often may it not be spoilt in the carrying out. However, our brother is not simply a thinker or dreamer of good things, but an active energetic man of business, possessed of vast administrative genius; he threw himself heart and soul into the work he had undertaken, and the movement he inaugurated became a solid success, and an institution in the district.

Need it be recorded that our brother is held in very great esteem in the Craft, and that he holds a deservedly high position in the Province, of which he is Grand Registrar. He is also P.M. of No. 685, the Silk Stocking Lodge, and one of the Principals of St. Peter's Chapter, No. 481. In Mark Masonry he has indeed made his mark, and at present holds the c
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B. Samuel D.G. Treas., W. H. Pc
W. A. Nicol D.G. Supt. of Works,
H. Wootton D.G. Organist, A. F
J. H. Clarkson D.G. Tyler. B
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No. 832; Greenlaw, No. 1095; Ra
Visitors Wor. Bro. C. F. Egerton
C. D.G.L. of Bengal, Bros. W.
C. Preston and Robt. Mutter of N
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CONSECRATION OF THE BECTIVE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1074.

Constitution of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Cumberland and Westmoreland.

THE Masonic fraternity assembled in the little town of Kirkby Lonsdale were, on the morning of Tuesday 16th inst., quite on the *qui vive* at the opportunity about to be afforded of witnessing the consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter, and the still more rare ceremony of formation and constitution of a new Province. Companion Dr. J. Daniel Moore, of Lancaster, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, &c., was appointed as presiding Officer, in which capacity he was ably seconded and assisted by Comp. John Bowes Ph.D., of Warrington, P.P.G.S.B. of West Lancashire, and Rev. Canon Simpson, Vicar of Kirkby Stephen. There were also present the Earl of Bective M.P. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Col. Whitwell M.P. D.P.G.M. for Cumberland and Westmoreland, W. Dodd P.Z. of the Furness Chapter 995 P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. Talbot P.P.G.S.W., W. Kirkbride P.Z. 339 P.P.G.S.W., Jesse Banning M.E.Z. 310 P.P.G.P.S. West Lancashire, Jas. Comot H. 310 P.P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. Lemon P.Z. 327 P.P.G.S.W. and Treasurer Cumberland and Westmoreland, G. J. McKay 129, R. Godfrey 129, Dr. D. Page 129, W. James 129, A. C. Poole 1051, J. Atkinson 241, and a number of others.

The proceedings commenced by the opening of an Emergency Chapter, Comp. Bowes as Z., Bewes as H., and Comet as J., after which the presiding Officer entered the Chapter, accompanied by the Earl of Bective, Col. Whitwell, Rev. Canon Simpson and others. The principal chair was taken by Comp. Moore, who was supported by Lt.-Col. Whitwell as H., and Rev. Dr. Simpson as J.; the ceremony was then proceeded with, the petition and charter being read by the acting S.E. Comp. G. J. McKay, and the Principals designate and petitioners presented. Comp. Moore then delivered the following oration:—

Companions,—It is customary at the consecration of Royal Arch Chapters for an oration to be delivered on some subject connected with the ceremony, or with Freemasonry in general. I now propose—in obedience to this custom—to offer you a very few words on the subject of the consecrating elements. The use of corn, wine, and oil in Masonic and other consecrations is supported by the highest antiquity. Being all the most important productions of the east, they were looked upon as symbolically representing the greatest riches of the people, and from their very nature were esteemed as the great supports of life, and means of refreshment. Bro. Thaddeus Harris, one of the veterans of our Fraternity, in a discourse in aid of a charitable Institution, says:—"Wherefore, my brethren, do you carry corn, wine and oil, in your procession, but to remind you that in the pilgrimage of human life, you are to impart a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of consolation into the wounds which sickness has made in the bodies, or affliction rent in the heart of your fellow-creatures." The Psalmist David, in enumerating the greatest blessings that we enjoy, speaks of them as "Wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart." We are told the tabernacle in the wilderness, and all the holy vessels were, in obedience to God's express commands to Moses, consecrated with an holy anointing oil; and following the customs of the Ancients, whose kings, priests, and prophets were thus consecrated, the sovereigns of our own land, at their coronation, are consecrated with an holy anointing oil. Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, as emblematical of the Holy Ark, are at their formation solemnly consecrated to the purposes of the institution by the strewing of corn and the pouring of wine and oil. They may be characterised as emblems of health, peace, and plenty, blessings essential to the happiness of an individual, and necessary for the success of a Chapter. Thus, we are told, does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of God, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of grace. And may all those blessings which are represented in the corn, wine and oil of consecration be ever found in the Bective Chapter.

The remainder of the ceremony was then proceeded with, in a very telling and impressive manner, the elements of Consecration being carried by the M.E.Z. designate and two other principals; and after the usual formalities, the Chapter was declared to be regularly and duly constituted, and entrusted with the powers and privileges of a Royal Arch Chapter.

All beneath the rank of Installed First Principal having retired, the Consecrating Officer duly installed the Earl of Bective as M.E.Z. of the Chapter. Comp. Bowes installed Comp. W. Dodd P.Z., and J. Talbot, P.J., into the second and third chairs. After the Companions had duly saluted the newly-installed Principals, the M.E.Z. made the following appointments:—Comps. Dr. Page E., R. Godfrey N., W. Tattersall P.S., J. Atkinson and W. James Asst. Sojs., and W. James Treasurer.

The business of consecration and installation having been concluded, M.E. Comps. Moore and Bowes were unanimously elected honorary members of the Chapter, and candidates were proposed for admission into the Order, or as joining members.

The chair of M.E.Z. was then resumed by Comp. Moore, who proceeded to constitute the various Chapters in the district into a Prov. Grand Chapter for Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the Earl of Bective's patent, with the sign manual of the Prince of Wales, having been examined and read, he was introduced and formally installed in the position of Prov. Grand Superintendent of the newly formed Province by Comp. Moore, and invested with the insignia of his office. He was then duly proclaimed by Companion Bowes, D. Prov. Grand Master, as his second principal, and appointed Comp. W. R. Gibson (who was unavoidably absent) to the third chair. The Prov. G. Superintendent then appointed his Prov. G. Officers as follow:—Comps. G. J. McKay Prov. G.S.E., J. Bower Prov. G.S.N., J. Leman Prov. G. Reg., W. Kirkbride Prov. G.P.S., J. Talbot and J. Murchie Prov. G. Assist. Soj., W. F. Lamonby Prov. G.S.B., W. Court Prov. G.S.B., R. Godfrey Prov. G.D.C., and Comp. Barr P.Z. was elected Treasurer. The thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter were unanimously awarded to Comps. Moore and Bowes for their eminent services, and also to Comp. McKay Prov. G.S.B., by whose untiring exertions the Chapter had been brought into existence, and to whose energy is due the credit of carrying into effect the pre-conceived idea of the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter.

The following is the Roll of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Province:—Sun, Square and Compasses 119, Whitehaven; Kendal Castle 129, Kendal; Union 310, Carlisle; Two St. Johns 327, Wigton; Unanimity 339, Penrith; Holy Temple 412, Longtown; and Bective 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.

On the completion of the ceremonies, which occupied about three hours, the Companions adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared, under the presidency of the genial and highly popular Prov. G. Superintendent the Earl of Bective, who was supported by Lt.-Col. Whitwell, Dr. Moore, Rev. Canon Simpson, and many other well known members of the Masonic fraternity.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Monday last, at the Lodge room, Queen Hotel, York, being the presentation to the Worshipful Master of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, of a testimonial subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The Lodge was called for the purpose of auditing the accounts for the past year, and this process having been satisfactorily performed, the Treasurer (Bro. G. Balmford P.M.) congratulated the brethren upon having completed their first year, which had been a very trying one, with a balance at the right side. He then informed the W.M. (Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M.) that he believed the Sen. Warden was anxious to address to him a few words. Permission having been granted, the S.W. and W.M. elect (Bro. T. B. Whytehead) said:—Worshipful Master,—Before the next regular meeting has arrived you will have occupied the chair of this Lodge for the unusual period of fifteen months. During that period, since August 1876, when this Lodge was consecrated, our progress has been marvellously successful, far more so than at the outset the most sanguine of its promoters dared to hope, or even dreamed of. At the outset we had many difficulties to contend with, but skill and perseverance have overcome all obstacles, we have lived down all opposition, and we now see ourselves in a position which must be satisfactory to every member of the Lodge. We might quote our ancient brother of Stratford, and say:—

"It is now our time,
That have stood by and seen our wishes prosper,
To cry good joy! good joy!"

Nevertheless, we feel that a great proportion of all this happiness is due, not only to the united action of the Lodge, but to the consummate skill, great tact and uniform urbanity of its chief ruler. We take great credit to ourselves, in the first instance, Worshipful Sir, for having chosen you as our first Master, for we are firmly convinced that no more qualified brother could have been selected who could have piloted us through the shoals which proverbially beset the navigator on his leaving port with equal skill. You must not imagine that these are words of hollow meaning which I am addressing to you on behalf of the Lodge, for I assure you that I only convert into language the thoughts of every heart that is with us to-night. It will be, perhaps, some little proof of the reality of the sentiment which I have feebly expressed when I offer for your acceptance this gift, subscribed for amongst the members of your Lodge, and which they hope you may live to wear for many, many years." Bro. Whytehead then left his chair, attended by the Junior Deacon, who carried a leather case, containing a complete set of Provincial clothing and jewel for a P. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies for North and East Yorkshire, and advancing to the east, proceeded to invest Bro. Cooper with the gift, the Organist, Bro. C. G. Padel, playing a Masonic march. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren saluted their W.M. with repeated rounds of applause. Bro. Thomas Cooper, who was visibly affected, expressed in a few words how much he felt the unfailing kindness which he had experienced from every member of his Lodge. They were good enough to attribute so much of their success to him, but he could assure them they owed much more to the staunch hearts that had supported him at the outset and from first to last. He should value most highly the gift they had bestowed on him, and should never wear the clothing without experiencing a warm glow of interest on behalf of the Lodge and brethren, whose interests had, for his long and happy term of Mastership, been so closely identified with his own. On the lid of the case was a brass plate, engraved as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Thomas Cooper, P.P.G.D.C. for North and East Yorkshire, by the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, as a small token of their fraternal regard and appreciation of his valuable services as their first Worshipful Master." After the closing of the Lodge, a happy and merry party met around the board for refreshment, and during the course of the evening Bros. Churchill and Appleyard, joint Secretaries of the Lodge Famine Fund, announced that an additional five guineas had been paid over to the Lord Mayor, making a total of fifteen guineas subscribed amongst the members of the Lodge in aid

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BRO. MACCALLA'S LIFE OF DANIEL COX.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I sincerely thank you for publishing, 29th September, "Criticism Criticised," but as I have read, since mailing the above, Bro. MacCalla's Life of Cox, permit me therefore to make some remark upon the biography.

First.—Bro. MacCalla says, "Original materials for his [Cox's] full biography are not lacking," &c.; and he afterwards proves, from the Records of the Grand Lodge of England, that Bro. Cox attended that Grand Lodge on 29th January 1731. The next mention of Cox was in 1734, when he was appointed Associate Chief Justice of New Jersey. Now, I want to know, where Bro. Cox was between 1731 and 1734? Surely the advocates of the Cox Philadelphia theory ought to prove, at least, that Bro. Cox returned to America ere the time limited by his Grand Master's Deputation expired, or in other words, that Cox returned before 24th June 1732.

And, second.—Bro. MacCalla describes Daniel Cox as Commander of the Forces in West Jersey; as a member of the Council; Speaker of the Assembly; and Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; as the author of a book printed in 1702, 1727 and 1741; a statesman, a man of wealth, and "a leader of men as well as of Freemasons."

Bro. Cox died in Burlington, New Jersey, 25th April 1731, and was buried there beside his wife, who died in 1725. The distance from Burlington to Philadelphia is less than twenty miles; the news of the death of so prominent a personage must have reached Philadelphia at least within a week or a fortnight after it happened, and Benjamin Franklin, the editor of the "Pennsylvania Gazette," must doubtless have heard of it. Now, if Cox was the founder of Freemasonry in Philadelphia, Franklin must have been intimately acquainted with him. In that case, some evidence would have been left of such intimacy, but the ten volumes of the life and letters of Franklin, by Jared Sparks, contain no reference whatever to Daniel Cox.

Supposing, however, that Cox had had nothing to do with Masonry in Philadelphia, but the mere fact of his having been appointed G.M. of some part of America had been known to Benjamin Franklin, we would naturally expect, from such a zealous Freemason as Franklin was, that he would have paid the last tribute of respect in his newspaper to the memory of the deceased Grand Master, Bro. Daniel Cox, but it seems that Franklin took no notice whatever of Bro. Cox's demise. Our Pennsylvanian brethren have doubtless ere this examined thoroughly the Pennsylvania Gazette, but neither the "Dedication Memorial, Bro. MacCalla's pamphlet on the Masonic Mother Question, nor his articles in the *Keystone*, furnish any intimation of Franklin's notice of the demise of Daniel Cox. The inference, therefore, is, that Cox had had nothing to do with Philadelphia Masonry, and that Benjamin Franklin did not even know of Cox's appointment as Grand Master at the time of Cox's death, in 1739.

The futile efforts of our Pennsylvania brethren to prove the Philadelphia Masonic Mothership, reminds me of a scene in Cinderella, which I once saw performed at Covent Garden Theatre. The story of Cinderella is too familiar to need description; suffice it to say, that the scene I refer to was where the sister was trying with all her might to force her foot into the glass slipper, at the same time, manifesting the painful torture she was being subjected to, exclaiming, at the same time: "It is all in; all in, my dear! yes, all! all! all!"—but, with a long breath and desponding look, she added—"all—*but the heel.*"

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

Boston, U.S. JACOB NORTON,
12th October 1877.

KNIFE AND FORK MASONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—You have more than once alluded to the oft heard insinuations of the outer world, that Freemasonry was simply an association for the purposes of eating and drinking. It is to be hoped that the very munificent gifts of late made by the Craft to objects of national charity, as well as the handsome sums annually contributed by Lodges as well as individual brethren, towards the support of the Masonic Institutions, have gone a long way towards disabusing the public mind of this erroneous idea. Still I fear there are many Masonic Lodges whose members have entirely forgotten the objects for which they exist, and which still furnish too good a ground for the allegations of detracters. The other day there was put into my hands the balance sheet of a certain Lodge, not a very old one, but manifestly in a very prosperous condition, financially speaking, and I will, *exempli gratia*, analyse its contents. I find that the income of the Lodge for the year (excluding a balance of £142 brought over from the preceding year) was £400. The expenditure (excluding £137 balance carried forward to next year) was £405. Out of this only £50 was expended in "relief," £35 went in presentation jewels, &c., £195 in eating and drinking, and the rest in Lodge expenses. Of

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Freemasonry.

I am, yours fratern

York, 25th October 1877.

LODGE

To the Editor of THE

SIR,—W.M. asks if Lodge Fu
payment of Founders' jewels?
what these are. I have heard of
in the Book of Constitutions, and
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ignorance of Founders' jewels.
Masons who seem to delight in
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the Lodge.

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SEVEN DAYS

To the Editor of the FRE

SIR,—At my Lodge recently, a b
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23rd October 1877.

MASONIC FOOTBALL CL
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THE above match was played on th
Park, in the presence of a very fair
rewarded by seeing a well contested
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leather was put in motion at 3.50, an
centre of the ground by Mr. Gardner.
Hunt, who was conspicuous throughout
away and secured a try for the Rovers
Featherstone, however, being a failure.
clusion, four other tries were made, o
goal. Some good runs were made by
and Ellis, although these were marred
Rovers for collaring by the jersey. A
phrey and Godsmark were conspicuous
victory for the Rovers by 1 goal and 4
ROVERS' TEAM.—Hunt (Capt.) and Fa
pool and Daniels, quarter-back; Jackso
Pearce, Woodard, Tarplett, Dyson, Grey
MASONIC TEAM.—Hart, back; Gard
back; Ellis and Parker, quarter-back; G
Scurr, Sparkes, Davies, Parrett, Molin
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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The *New Quarterly* presents, as regards mere numbers, a shorter programme than usual, but in respect of quality, it stands as well as ever. The array of contributions is headed by a sketch of "Count Giacomo Leopardi," from the pen of Helen Zimmern. We have read it with pleasure, for the hero was one of whom we frankly confess we knew little, if anything. Under these circumstances we cannot, of course, speak as to the accuracy of the record, but the narrative is well written. The Rev. F. Arnold follows next in order, with an account of "Lord Chancellors and Chief Justices since Lord Campbell." The reader will easily picture to himself how readable such an account is almost certain to be. Even with less skill in the arrangement of his details than Mr. Arnold has shown, it would certainly have attracted attention, by reason of the many anecdotes with [which it is interspersed. The two stories are written by Mrs. Lynn Linton, the title of whose contribution is "Misericordia," and Frances Eleanor Trollope, who contributes "The Curé's Housekeeper." Three other articles complete the tale—The first is by Mr. Henry Evershed, on "Sir John Sinclair and some other Scotch Improvers." The second will find favour with the art world, being a biography of "Giotto," by Julia Cartwright; while the third is of an essentially practical character, and treats of the very important, yet very difficult subject of "Railway Reform." The article is by Mr. Parsloe, who, with the advantages which have resulted from the Government Management of the Telegraphs, draws the conclusion that the Government conduct of our railways would be a national benefit. The subject is a most extensive one, and we advise our readers who are interested in it, to consult Mr. Parsloe, who has evidently thought it over most carefully.

Fiction is the principal element in *Tinsley's*. The same serial tales are still current, and there are two short stories in addition. In behalf of one, "An Appalling Appetite," by the author of "Hands and Hearts," &c., but little can be said that is favourable, but the other, entitled "Found in the Snow," by Ellen Mar, is very prettily told, though we think it might have been better connected. An article on "Silence," by W. Maclerie, will find favour with our readers, with whom the title of this paper is or ought to be a golden rule on all fitting occasions. Mr. J. Ewing Ritchie contributes an effective account of the "Rubens Fête at Antwerp," held last year, on the occasion of the tercentenary of the birth of the great painter. A few songs or short poems help to make up a good number.

There is no question as to the merits of *Cassell's Family Magazine*, so that we need do little more than draw attention to its contents. The serial story, "Paul Knox, Pitman," is evidently drawing to a close. We are beginning to fathom the mystery of who May Gwynn is. She proves to be, as all who have followed the narrative, chapter by chapter, must have anticipated, of good birth, and no doubt the plotting of Lady Elizabeth, against her son's marriage with May, will come to an end now. "Stone Steps and Wooden Stairs" likewise continues to prove attractive. There are, further, a short story, entitled "My Stepmother," and "In Three Chapters," by Mr. G. Weatherley, both of which are to be commended. Professor Andrew Wilson has a few words to say on "The Colorado Beetle." "The Outdoor Business Girls of London," by one of them, is unfortunately, we fear, a true picture of the life they lead. A Family Doctor enumerates the most suitable "Autumn Climates for Invalids," and "Our Paris Correspondent" contributes the usual "Chit-Chat on Dress." "Beauty Spots," by Strephon, contains an account of some pretty places at home, which the tourist would rejoice to visit, while "A Resident in Moscow" describes "The Begging Trade in Russia." The illustrations, with the exception of the frontispiece, and one or two others, are not as good as we have seen them.

As to the *Countries of the World*, we are still lingering, and shall probably linger for some time longer, in the United States, the districts in the present number comprising Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and other States in the Mississippi Basin, together with Missouri, Arkansas, the Indian Territory, and Louisiana—as regards the latter group, at least, we enter upon, but do not complete, the account this month. The frontispiece is an illustration of the Falls of St. Anthony, Minnesota, while the other engravings include a full page "View on the Upper Mississippi, Minnesota," "View of the 'Pictured Rocks,' Southern Shore of Lake Superior," "View of St. Louis, Missouri," "View of the 'Tower Rock,' Rock Island, on the Upper Mississippi," and "View of a *Levee* on the Lower Mississippi." There is also an illustration of "A Cheyenne Indian Chief," who seems to be rather a good looking fellow for an Indian, with a pleasant rather than a savage cast of countenance, and powerfully built. In fine, the number is an interesting one, both as regards the narrative and the engravings.

NEW ZEALAND.

OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT HAMILTON.

THE interesting ceremony of consecrating a new Masonic Hall in a comparatively new place was carried out, in accordance with ancient rites and customs, at Hamilton, Waikato, Auckland, on 23rd of August. It was quite evident that the event was looked upon as one of no ordinary interest by the residents, especially by the members of the Lodge Beta, the proprietors of the New Hall. The New Hall itself is built in Hamilton East. It is a brick structure, admirably designed, and has two ante-rooms 12 feet square, while the Lodge-room itself is 30 feet by 20 feet. The furniture is certainly second to none in New Zealand, and before going further we have to heartily congratulate the brethren of Lodge Beta, I.C. on

The Lodge being worked under the Irish Constitution of Freemasonry, the Provincial Grand Lodge was of course invited, and it was fully represented on the occasion. Bro. G. P. Pierce, R.W.P.G.M., was present, and conducted the ceremony in accordance with ancient usages. Amongst the other Visitors present were Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C., M. Niccol R.W.M. Lodge Manukau, R.W.P.M. Lodge St. Andrew, and R.W.S.M. Provincial Grand Lodge S.C. The Grand Lodge was constituted of the following members:—Bros. J. C. Denll P.G.S., Master of Ceremonies; Dr. Goldsbro' G.S.W., A. Brock G.J.W., W. L. Mitchell P.M. Lodge Ara; G. M. Mitford, Brookfield, &c. Amongst the visiting brethren were representatives of nearly all the Lodges in the North Island of New Zealand, including those of all Constitutions in this city, and Lodges at the Thames and other districts. Bros. Bell, Hoag, Hewson, Gallagher, Robinson, and others were amongst the Auckland visitors, and numerous others from Cambridge, Ngaruawahia and adjoining settlements attended; in fact, the township was in a commotion; so general was the drain on its resources, that had it not been for the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Claude, the Master of Lodge Beta, and his officers, the visitors would have fared badly in the way of accommodation, notwithstanding the excellent hotels of the place. It was advertised that the consecration of the Lodge would take place at noon, but time did not allow of this, and it was not until two o'clock that the brethren assembled at the New Hall at Hamilton East. The Lodge was formed and raised to the third degree, under Lodge Beta, by Bro. Claude and his officers, after which the Grand Lodge entered, and was duly saluted. A procession was then formed to St. Peter's Church, where Bro. the Rev. W. Calder preached a short but spirited sermon from the text, "Honour all men; love the Brotherhood; fear God; honour the King." A collection was taken on behalf of the Masonic Benevolent Fund, amounting to £11 6s 8d. The procession was reformed to the hall, where the Grand Lodge and P.G.M. continued the ceremonies, and with oblations of corn, wine, and oil consecrated the New Hall, after expressing approval of the plans, &c., submitted by the architect, Bro. Vialou. Prior to this ceremony one of the most interesting events of this happy visit took place. It was a recognition by Lodge Beta of the services rendered by Bro. Claude W.M. The Grand Master called on the Grand Senior Warden to make the presentation. Bro. Dr. Goldsbro' said he was surprised at seeing amongst so young a community so complete a Lodge. The credit was due to Bro. Claude. The Hall was one which must surprise Visitors, and was a credit to so young a settlement. The duty which devolved on him was a very pleasant one,—that of presenting to Bro. Claude, on behalf of the brethren of Lodge Beta, the gift (a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Mr. Wells, Auckland,) which he held. The decoration of the Master was the signal for loud cheering.

At the close of the ceremonies, Bro. Claude invited the visitors, as guests of Lodge Beta, to an admirably spread banquet in the Town Hall, at which Bro. Colonel Lyon presided. The banquet was in every respect a creditable one, not only to the Lodge, but to Mr. Dawson, the providore, who left nothing to be wished for. At the close of the dinner, the toasts of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family were proposed from the chair, and were responded to with due honours. Bro. Pierce then proposed, "Success to Hamilton, to the Waikato, and to the New Hall," and alluded to the necessity for a bridge to connect the two divisions of the town. He accused the Government of neglect in this respect, drawing comparisons with what had been done at Cambridge and Ngaruawahia. He alluded to the handsome Lodge in which they had assembled, as a proof of the vitality of Masonry in the Waikato, and expressed a hope that their example might be followed in Auckland. Bro. Claude, W.M. Lodge Beta, acknowledged the liberality of the brethren towards the Hall. He trusted the fact of their having such a Hall would tend to advance the cause of Masonry in the Waikato. He was exceedingly glad to see so many present, and returned his hearty thanks for the countenance afforded them. The toast of "The Guests," was proposed by Bro. Carpenter, and replied to by Colonel Lyon; that of "the Ladies" was proposed by Bro. A. Brock, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. W. Calder and Bro. T. G. Sandes. The brethren then separated, to assemble again at Walker's Hotel, where the inauguration ball was held. The room was a very large one, and certainly has no equal in any Auckland hotel. Accommodation, music, provisions, delicacies, &c. were provided on the most liberal scale, and every one enjoyed him or herself. Dancing was kept up till five o'clock in the morning, and as by this time the visitors had to study their means of locomotion, especially those who wanted to reach Auckland, a dispersion took place.

THE ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAL BHAI.

AN Ashayana of this Order, pursuant to arrangement, was held at the residence of one of the Censors on the 18th October 1877, under the presidency of one of the Sponsors. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Ashyana was opened in the first degree, and successively resumed in the seventh, sixth, fifth [illegible] fourth degrees, the ceremonies of which were recited and approved. The Ashayana then went into Committee of Relegation, and worked that ceremony, the Sponsor signifying his approval of the same. The ceremony of Perfection was, under reservation, considered and authorised. The form of Provincial Precept was submitted for discussion. The third, second and first degrees were referred to the Ritual Committee for modification. It was ordered: That a further Ashayana be held in the Metropolitan District, on Thursday, the 22nd November next, in full costume. After which the Ashayana

ILL. BRO. ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., 33°.

THE Supreme Council 33° entertained Ill. Bro. Dr. Hamilton 33, District Grand Master of Jamaica, at a banquet at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street, on the 24th inst., to bid him God speed on his approaching departure for the West Indies. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips 33°, Grand Deacon, occupied the chair, having the guest of the evening, Ill. Bro. R. Hamilton M.D. 33° on his right. The other members of the Supreme Council 33° present were, Ill. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk F.R.S. Grand Treasurer General, Ill. Bro. J. M. Pulteney Montagu Grand Chancellor and P.D. Prov. G. Master for Dorset, Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G. Grand Secretary General and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, Ill. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair Sov. Grand Inspector General and P. Prov. G. Master of Somerset, and Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman B.C.S. P. District Grand Master of Bengal, Ill. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Assistant Secretary to the Council, and Ill. Bro. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson R.B.G. 32°, Private Secretary to the G.S. General, were also present. The chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, expressed the great regret felt by all the members of the Supreme Council at the departure from among them of one who had for so many years devoted himself with unceasing energy to the advancement of Masonry, and on behalf of the Friends-in-Council Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1383, presented him with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel, he having been the 1st Z. of the Chapter, which now numbers upwards of seventy members; at the same time wishing him a long life to wear it, and expressing the earnest hope that he might be back at the Council at some not very distant date. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Dr. Hamilton returned thanks in a few most appropriate and heartfelt sentences. Later in the evening the chairman proposed health and prosperity to Ill. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson 32°, who is about to leave for the West Indies, having received an appointment under the Colonial Office, and in doing so gracefully acknowledged the services rendered to the Council during the time he had been Private Secretary to the Grand Secretary General; this was responded to by Captain Dadson.

Invicta Chapter Rose Croix.—Met on Friday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Ill. Bro. T. J. Hughes M.D. 30° M.W. Sov. Bros. George Cooper and Charles Robert Rivington were duly perfected as Sovereign Princes of the Rose Croix 18°.

Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.—Will meet, after the recess, on Monday, the 29th inst., at 4.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson W.M.

Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Masters.—Met at 2 Red Lion-square, on the afternoon of Thursday, 18th October. Major Geo. Barlow P.M. in the chair. After the advancement of Bros. Barber, G. Cooper and E. B. Florence, the Right Worshipful Bro. Samuel Rawson, P.P.G.M. of China, was installed by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. R. Boor was appointed S.W., and Bros. Jas. Robins J.W., W. Spencer Secretary. The visitors were R.W. Bros. C. F. Matier and Nathaniel G. Philips, Past Grand Wardens, also W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke and W. Portlock Dadson. The Lodge afterwards adjourned to banquet.

Portsmouth Mark Lodge, No. 17.—The installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 18th inst. Bro. G. S. Lancaster, who had been elected for the ensuing year, being duly installed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.M. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. E. Groves I.P.M., R. H. C. Ubsdell S.W., A. Cudlipp J.W., E. Bauting M.O., G. Bond S.O., Osborne J.O., E. M. Wells Treasurer, H. A. Fyson Secretary, J. Maltby Reg. Marks, J. E. Ivimey S.D., W. Gibbs J.D., G. F. Sherman D.C., Rev. E. B. Churchill Chaplain, Pillow Organist, H. J. Andrews I.G., Allen and Adams Stewards. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. E. Groves, Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Mark Masons), in special recognition of his untiring exertions on behalf of the Lodge during his year of office. A banquet, served in capital style by Messrs. Sherman and Butler, followed, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. E. Groves responding on behalf of the P.G.M. (the Rev. G. R. Portal) and Officers. The healths of the Installing Master (Bro. Frost), the W.M., the I.P.M., and the Officers of the Lodge were severally proposed and responded to.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 104.—A regular meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Friday, the 19th inst. The attendance was sparse, the apologies for absence numerous. Ample reasons were, however, given, and there being a sufficient number present to conduct the business in the customary good style, the Lodge working in no way suffered. The W. Bro. Alfred Williams P.G.S. and W.M. opened his Lodge at the appointed hour, the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.G.J.O. acting as S.W., the W. Bro. W. Brighten Prov. Grand Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, acting as J.W. The V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.M. P.G.S.O. sat at the receipt of customs, and Past Masters the W. Bros. White and William Worrell P.G. Org. and Secretary gave their valuable assistance. Amongst other brethren Humphreys and Henry Mills w candidates for advancement. attendance. Bro. F. Macdougal former meeting, and Bro. Mills, b and advanced to the Mark deg musical service with his custom of the Lodge, Bro. G. W. Verry Grand Mark Lodge for grand h brother warmly expressed his gr Grand Sec. called the attention relating to the progress of the "Macdonald" on the position it His remarks were listened to wi the thanks of the members for closed, and refreshment followe were honoured. Bros. Distin, Co united to promote excellent harm of good fellowship, adieus were early hour the brethren separated.

Metropolitan Chapter of weekly convocation of this Chapt Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Wagner H., W. H. Postans J., T. High P.S., G. Newman, J. B. Sorre The usual preliminaries were go exaltation rehearsed by the Princip Comp. Constable gave notice of m voted to the Widows' Fund of Institution, to be placed on the Chapter was closed in due form, an

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Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, emergency meeting on Thursday, Hall, Notting-hill. Present—Br Parkhouse J.W., Stephens Treas jun. Steward, E. M. Lander I. Woodmason, King, Hook, &c. V Manchester 1201, Wales P.M. 4 1489. After preliminaries had passed and Mr. W. Oldry initi Bro. Stephens P.M. proposed that t sented, from the Lodge funds, with Several of the brethren expressed funds did not warrant them in pre value. In returning thanks, Bro. to his Officers for having supported they deserved as much as he, they h as founders of the Lodge. The b refreshments, after which a few to received. Bro. Spiegel responded f

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RED CROSS OF

A MUSTER of the members of thi Friday, 19th inst., at Sheffield, i under the banner of the White Ros which V.I. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis Intendant Genl. unattached is the was the annual festival of the Whit invitations had been hospitably exte De la Pole Conclave, Hull, and the fortunately, another important Maso De la Pole Sir Knights from attendin were present from York, and a very By the courtesy of Sir Knight W. W the visitors spent a very interesting of meeting in an inspection of his ex tory, wherein the entire process wa o'clock the Conclave was opened by being occupied as follow:—Sir Knig A. Scargil Sen. Genl. as H.P., W. Wh ley Prefect, H. J. Garnett 1st Aid Suckley Organist, and many other Sir Brittain P.S. and Intend. Genl. for W at the right of the M.P.S. Among Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead M.P. Sir Knight H. Preston V.E. and M. 132, E. Sir Knight T. Cooper V.E. 13 132, J. S. Cumberland I.G. 137, G. Padel Prefect 137, A. T. B. Turner He The principal business was the install T. Blair as Knights of the Order, and t of Bro. T. Leighton as Scutinel. Su several candidates and joining mem was duly closed, and the St. Helen mandery of St. John was opened, an several candidates. The Sanctuary w ment made to the banqueting hall. De Suckley brought out to great advanta by Brailly and Foster—an instrument elect was served at 6 p.m., Sir Knigh about thirty members of the Order sa the usual toasts being afterwards dul

Old Warrants.

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No. 97.

No. 267, "Ancients;" No. 337 A.D. 1814, No. 236 A.D. 1832, and No. 200 from A.D. 1863 to present time.

ANTRIM, G.M.

J. AGAR, D.G.M.

WILLIAM LEWIS, S.G.W. JOHN BUNN, 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 Right Noble and Puissant Prince Randal William McDonnel, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Jas. Agar, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Lewis, Senior Grand Warden and the Right Worshipful John Bunn Junior Grand Warden (with the privity 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 Potter one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Hugh McMillan his Senior Warden, and the
No. 267 Worshipful Robert Scott his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Old Globe Inn, at Scarborough, in the County of York (or elsewhere in the said County), upon the first and third Wednesday 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 empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Potter, Hugh McMillan, and Robert Scott (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 fifth day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-two, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and One.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H, page 99.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough.

No. 98.

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No. 50 of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield, 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 Brother Joseph Brown one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Brother Benjamin Healey his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful Brother Thomas

Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the House called, or known, by the name, or sign, of the in the Town of Rochdale, in the County of Lancaster (or elsewhere), upon the Thursday on or before the full Moon in every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, 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, Joseph Brown, Benjamin Healey, and Thomas Rodfern (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 Twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen.

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B. 13th May 1765. Fo. 212.

Entd. Edwd. Harper, D.G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Hope, No. 54, Rochdale.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction :—

On Saturday, the 27th inst., at the Percy, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bro. Tolmie as W.M.

On Tuesday, the 30th inst., at the Prince Frederick William, No. 753, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 7 o'clock.

On Friday, the 2nd November, at the Clapton, No. 1365, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7. Bros. S. J. Turquand as W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., T. Austin J.W., T. Cusworth I.P.M.*

On Monday, the 12th November, at the Tredegar, No. 1623, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, at 7. Bro. T. J. Barnes as W.M.*

On Thursday, the 29th November, at the Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the Clapton and Tredegar Lodges, on the days referred to above.

		1st LECTURE. CLAPTON.	TREDEGAR.
1st	Section	Bro. Cogan S.W. 1365	Bro. Da Silva 205
2nd	"	Rawley 174	Campbell 413 S.C.
3rd	"	Jos. Badkin W.M. 1365	W. J. Rawley 174
4th	"	Goddard 1445	Hogg P.M. 1349
5th	"	Brown W.M. 1607	Williams 933
6th	"	Andrews 1227	Pinder P.M. 15
7th	"	Ives 781	Ives 781
		2nd LECTURE.	
8th	"	Harvey 174	Cambridge S.W. 15
9th	"	Livermore 933	Livermore 554
10th	"	Stephens P.M. 1365	Berry I.P.M. 554
11th	"	Musto P.M. 1349	Turquand P.M. 1556
12th	"	Ellis 933	A. H. Brown 174
		3rd LECTURE.	
13th	"	Webb S.W. 1607	Myers W.M. 1445
14th	"	Cusworth W.M. 813	J. Taylor D.C. 554
15th	"	Stephens P.M. 1365.	C. H. Webb S.W. 1607

Loyal Burmah Preceptory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.—At a muster of this Preceptory, on Monday, 13th August, Sir Knight W. H. Porter was installed as Eminent Preceptor, the Board of Past Preceptors consisting of V.E. Sir Knights J. Dawson and H. Krauss P.E.P., and Past sub-Priors, and P.E.P. Sir Knights Major D. A. Patterson (Excelsior Preceptory XXI. Fusiliers), and G. E. L. Dawson. The following Officers were appointed:—Sir Knights W. Ford Constable, Captain H. P. Low (XXI. Fusiliers) Marshal, E. Ag-Man Chaplain, V.E. Sir Knights J. Dawson Treasurer, W. Ford Registrar, J. Mack sub-Marshal, C. A. Small Captain of the Guards. Companion J. H. Clarkson, of the Royal Burmah Chapter, was obligated as a serving Frater, and

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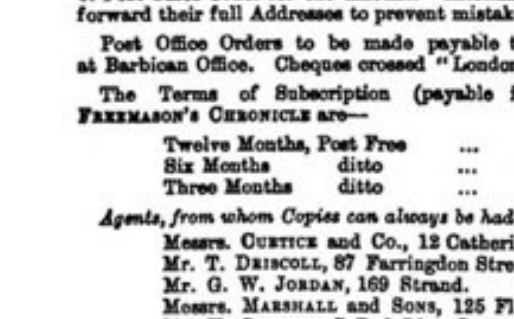
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen still remains at Balmoral, where she has been visited by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. On Wednesday, Her Majesty held a Council, at which H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Lord President, and the Lord Chamberlain were present.

Up to Wednesday evening the total amount received at the Mansion House on account of the Indian Famine Fund was £417,000, of which £385,000 has already been remitted to Madras. A telegram recently received from the Viceroy of India gives a somewhat more favourable account of the Famine district.

The Aldermen of the City of London have, at a Special Court, elected Mr. Edgar Breffit to fill the vacant seat

conspiring to defraud the A
Company was commenced
Criminal Court, before Mr.
concluded on Thursday, and
points of law were, howev
deferred. That of the four
commenced on Wednesday
This case, it is expected, w
days to come.

We referred last week to
berton, since then a most
place in Scotland. The pit
occurred is one of three sit
seven miles from Glasgow.
233 miners are said to hav
which are connected underg
to the report of the overma
inspected the workings on t
gas; however, about a qu
occurred in what is know as
thereof, or that of the after-da
of the miners instantly perish
serious damage caused by the
present to inspect the workin
no chance of any of the m
alive. Of the thirty who w
have since died, thus maki
206. So serious a disaster as
after a heavy fall of the baron
tion to the theory started so lon
state of the atmosphere bearin
may perhaps lead to some step
precautions being made und
future. At a meeting held on
starting a subscription to assist
that Messrs. W. Dixon and Co.
had intimated their intention
and hopes were entertained tha
towns throughout England w
some way for the sufferers by
Majesty, with her usual consid
in her enquiries after the unfor

There is nothing very definit
to record this week. The bom
to have been recommenced i
defences have not suffered mu
not prevented a constant com
Osman and Chefket Pasha. M
the Russian cavalry a vast am
evident that the Turks do not in
investment of Plevna without off
From the Lom we have intelligen
skirmishes, each of the combata
their own ground. The Russian
Pasha declining to sacrifice his
their entrenchments. On the c
doubtless disappointed at the can
Czarewitch is advancing towards
not anticipated there will be any
the eastwards—unless Suleiman
assailant—until Plevna is either
The Czarewitch is doubtless stro
Jantra line against Suleiman Pas
attempt to relieve Plevna from
numerical superiority would be
attack on the Turks in their stron
Rasgrad, while at the same time n
to hold Raouf Pasha in check. Th
has been briskly kept up in the
being the loss of men on both sid
some Russian ammunition waggons
invest Rustchuk, but Russian acti
field arises from a desire to keep th
employed while the western is
attempt an attack in overwhelming
Roumanian force now in front of
battalions of infantry, 67 squadro
guns. But, allowing for the reinf
lately obtained from Sofia, he cann
than two-thirds of this strength, n
that the besiegers are much more h

will be found the real point of concentration. The position is almost impregnable. It covers Erzeroum against a front attack; the road by which Ismail Pasha is retreating debouches just there; and the Turkish troops are likely to feel renewed confidence at a place where they so lately defeated the invader. A Russian assault is reported to have been made on Fort Tahmaz, the most important redoubt at Kars, but with no successful result. Perhaps the Grand Duke considered the Turks were too demoralised by their recent defeat to fight well, even behind formidable works. Ismail Pasha, after inflicting a smart rebuff on General Tergukasoff's advanced guard, had made good his retreat as far as Zeidiken by Tuesday, and ought therefore to have joined Ghazi Mukhtar by the end of the week. The latter has also received considerable reinforcements, and it is becoming apparent that the alleged capture of three Turkish divisions at Aladji Dagh was exaggerated. The Turks will shortly bring a strong force to block the Grand Duke's passage beyond Kars.

With reference to Bro. Parsons' letter of last week, in which he stated that while the number of votes issued at the recent election to the Girls' School was 17,728, the number of those recorded was 17,928, we are in a position to state that Bro. Webster, who acted as one of the Scrutineers, and Bro. Mason, have both of them investigated the matter most carefully. They worked independently, but from the same materials, and though in the results they have worked out respectively the figures do not exactly tally, they have both totalled up *over* 20,000 *votes* as having been issued. This announcement will, no doubt, satisfy Bro. Parsons' doubts on this "peculiar" point.

The Annual Ball given by Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. will take place at Willis's rooms, on Tuesday, the 5th February 1878. The arrangements are in the hands of an efficient body of Stewards, and we trust that another of those pleasant evenings Bro. Adams has so frequently secured for his patrons will be spent. The price of a double ticket is 21s.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS OF DEVON.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Devon was held in the Town Hall, Tavistock, on 17th inst. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy P.G.M.M. presided. The following were among the officers present:—W. Bros. J. E. Curteis P.G.J.D. of England, P.P.J.G.W., I. F. Shapland P.G.J.W., Matthews P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon M.A. P.P.G. Chap., C. Godtschalk P.P.G.D., J. B. Gover P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.G. Treas., S. Jew P.P.G.T., E. Aitkin-Davies P.P.G.J.D., E. Patten P.P.G.J.D., J. M. Hidy P.P.G.J.D., T. Dand P.P.G.J.D., J. Austin P.G.J.D., W. Browning P.P.G.J.D., J. Y. Avery P.G.D.C., J. H. Toms P.P.G.S.B., C. Croydon P.P.S.B., E. J. Knight P.P.G.S.B., J. H. Tonkin P.P.G.I. Wks., R. M. W. Webb P.P.G.O., D. Cross P.P.G.S.B., A. R. Lethbridge P.P.G.D.C., J. P. Phillips P.P.G.D.C., E. Browning P.P.G.I. Wks. R. Pengelly, H. Stocker, T. Searle P.G. Stds., J. Rogers P.G. Tyler, Dr. H. Woodgates W.M. 15, T. B. Richards W.M. 23, Lieut. W. H. Jolliffe, R.N., P.M. 107. Bros. H. Horton J.D. 50, W. Allaford J.W. 16, W. L. Sampson R.M. 23, J. R. H. Harris S.O. 91, H. Bridgeman M.O. 91, S. D. Nicholl S.W. 23, B. B. S. Richards J.W. 23, J. Stocker J.W. 15, R. Blight S.O. 76, W. Stephens J.D. 23, R. J. B. Woolcock I.G. 23, George H. Evans J.O. 35, E. Hawke S.W. 48, John Turner M.O. 23, C. Redda O. 50, Elliot Square J.O. 35, T. Smyth Tyler 50, John Masters 64, R. B. Twose 50, H. W. Thomas 50, J. D. Johnstone St. 23, E. Handy Tyler 23, and J. J. Daw S.O. 23. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported that all the Lodges in the Province, with the exception of No. 26, had made their returns; some of which, however, would have to be corrected. It was with considerable regret he observed that No. 15 had lost so many names of old and valued members. The committee for procuring collars and jewels, after considerable deliberation, had decided to have them manufactured in the Province, and entrusted the manufacture to Bro. Clemens, of No. 64, and Bro. Croydon, of No. 35, and confidently left the consideration of the articles to the judgment of those brethren. In obedience to the vote of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Secretary had gathered all the information he could relative to the grants of money made for charitable purposes, and the result would be found in a statement sent to the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge with the Report of the last meeting. The Treasurer reported that the Provincial fees due £46 4s 6d, including £10 to the Masons' Widows Fund, and £28 6s 6d towards the new collars provided for the P.G. Officers. There was a balance in hand of 13s 10d. Both reports were received and adopted. The next business was to elect a board of General Purposes. It being proposed that Worshipful Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott and Chas. Godtschalk, compose that Board, these were unanimously elected. The P.G.M. confirmed all his officers for 1876-7 in past rank. Bro. B. R. Twose was elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the following Bros. were invested as officers:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham 35 (re-appointed) D.P.G.M., Dr. H. Woodgates 15 P.G.S.W., W. Bros. Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe 107 P.G.J.W., J. B. Gover 50 P.G.M.O., John Galliford 9 P.G.S.O., T. B. Richards 23 P.G.J.O., the Rev. T. King, vicar of Southmolton 9 (re-appointed) P.G. Chap., R. B. Twose P.G. Treas., V. Bird (re-appointed) P.G. Sec., H. W. Thomas 66 P.G.S.D., S. R Anniss 76 P.G.J.D., J. Godfrey Evans 35 P.G.D.C., R. Blight 76 P.G.A.D.C., John Masters 64 P.G.I.W., W. Allaford 16 P.G.S.B., R. G. Bird 50 P.G.O., R. Pengelley 50 P.G. St. B., T. Searle P.G. Purs., H. Stocker 15, E. Hawke 48, and J. H. Stephens 48 P.G. Stewards, and J. Rogers P. Grand Tyler. The next important business was to recommend a Brother to the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England for the Office of Prov. Grand Mark Master for the Province of Devon. W. Bro. C. Godtschalk rose for the purpose of submitting a name to the P.G.M.L. for recommendation to the G.M.M.M. of England and for election by this P.G.M. Lodge for the office named. In doing so, he need scarcely remind the brethren that, by the constitution of the Mark degree, it was necessary, after a Brother had filled the office of P.G.M. for three successive years, for that Bro. to vacate the office. The Brother however was in every way qualified and eligible for re-election. Therefore, in proposing the name of their worthy and esteemed Bro. Col. Tanner Davy for re-election he should be meeting the wishes of all. It would ill become him to use words of flattery, and it would be beneath the dignity of their P.G.M. to listen to them; but his estimate of what should form the qualifications for a P.G.M. was his work, and the real interest he took in his Province. Those qualifications were marks by which their eminent Brother was known. Note what had been done by him for this degree since it had been under his rule in the province. Take for instance his appointments of this day as an example; each candidate, from the highest to the lowest, had been specially considered; again take our brother in his social aspect,—kind, affable and genial,—a brother among brothers, always to be seen. He therefore proposed that Bro. Col. Tanner Davy be re-elected to the Office of P.G.M.M. for the Province of Devon. This was duly seconded by Bro. J. F. Shapland P.P.G.J.W., and carried unanimously. The following notice of motion then fell through for want of a proposer:—To add to bye-laws—"That all matters of business intended to be brought under the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the Committee of General Purposes: and any member of the Provincial Grand Lodge intending to make a motion therein, or to submit any matter to its consideration, shall state, in writing to the Secretary, the nature of his intended motion or business. No motion or other matter shall be brought into discussion in Provincial Grand Lodge, unless it shall have been communicated to the Secretary ten days previously." *Vide* Book of Constitutions, page. 3, sect. 9. A circular letter was then read by the P.G.M. from V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary of England, on the subject of the Indian Famine Fund. The P.G.M. referred to their Treasurer's report and the state of the funds, and left the brethren to express their feelings on the subject. Bro. J. E. Curteis remarked that during the past year certain expenses, not likely to occur again, had taken all their funds; he did not think the Provincial Grand Lodge or the brethren were prepared to pledge their future by voting a sum of money, and suggested the matter be allowed to drop. Bro. Charles Godtschalk wished it to be understood he did not for a moment underrate the fearful calamity; as Masons we were in duty bound to give; at the same time, we must look at the large amount subscribed already by the Masonic body throughout our land; first, Grand Lodge with its grant of £1,000, then Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters throughout our provinces, the large and generous grants from London Craft Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic bodies; these various grants had been augmented by individual subscriptions given by members of the Craft, making in the whole a generous offering, proving the spirit of Charity is not dormant amongst us. After having done this, we must remember our own Charities, and not let them feel the want of what has gone elsewhere in so good a cause. The suggestion of Bro. J. E. Curteis was then adopted, no further discussion taking place. The P.G.M. Col. Tanner Davy then expressed his regret at the enforced and unavoidable absence of the P.G. Sec. Bro. V. Bird, and alluded to the great assistance he had received from him throughout the year. Continuing his remarks, the P.G.M. mentioned he had that day asked a worthy brother to do him the personal honour to accept the collar of G.M.O.; this brother already held high office in the province, that of P.G. Treasurer. He referred to Bro. J. B. Gover, who had at all times rendered him the greatest assistance. Bro. Gover had in the most generous manner asked that this collar might be given to a brother named by him, but to this he (the P.G.M.) could not accede, giving his reason. The P.G.M. then expressed his great gratification at the feeling shown by the Province by his unanimous re-election that day; he felt it no slight honour to be at the head of this the largest Province of M.M. Masons in England. However, he well knew their late P.G.M. in this degree, dear and beloved Bro. J. Huyshe, who preceded him in the chair; and he knew, if he intended to retain their esteem and respect, what he had to do. Col. Tanner Davy then referred with sincere regret and sympathy to the absence, through ill health, of the D.P.G.M. V.W. Bro. Rev. P. H. Newnham. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed, the brethren afterwards assembling at the Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, to assist at the annual

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 OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6. on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.

TUESDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7.0. (In.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

810—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
857—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)
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.)

THURSDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 5.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
240—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, 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.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1590—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
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, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1290—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1276—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1208—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7. (Instruction.)

874—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White
901—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellin
960—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-s
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, K
829—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherston
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlt
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay,
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hex
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edwar
1064—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel,

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143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel,
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, So
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Alder
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camb
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1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservati

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1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hote

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827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, D

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304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. Ge
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall
R. A. 367—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westg

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289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill,
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darle
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsl
R. A. 1314—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Ho

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242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street,
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripo
1048—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lan

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R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottom

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THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Ha
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Kent Lodge of Instruction, 25th inst., at the Chequers, Marsh-str Groome W.M., Appleby S.W., Pullen J W. Hallows S.D., Bell J.D., Clarke I.G., Rubery, Stockwell, &c. The Lodge wa the minutes of the previous meeting re was opened to the third degree, and t hearsed, Bro. Franklin candidate. After Rubery and Haines were examined. Th rehearsed, Bro. Haines candidate. elected a member. Bro. Appleby The Anniversary Festival is appoint 15th November, the W.M. of the Beacon is invited to preside. The Lodge was t

St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27.—H St. Mark's Hall, on Thursday, 18th inst., the chair, supported by Bro. G. Sincla Institution. There was one brother t degree, and Bro. Dr. McInnis requested to undertake the work, first examining th he had made in the two first degrees. A raised, Bro. Wheeler, who was suffering Bro. W. Fergerson, P.M. of the St. John's charge, which that brother did in his usu style. The Lodge was then closed in due

Strong Man Lodge of Instruc meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 O Monday evening, the 15th instant. Prese Hawkins S.W., Kidder J.W., Pearcy Prece S.D., Millward J.D., Gibbs I.G., Christophe Roberts, Halford, Crawley, Moorhouse, Cle Parkinson, Stock, Dyer, Isaac, Thomas, After preliminaries, the minutes were read opened in second degree. Bro. Crawley a was entrusted. Lodge was opened in th W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, R date. The traditional history was also giv of the lecture were worked by the W.M.,

those brethren who are desirous of receiving instruction in our ritual should visit here.

On Monday last, the 22nd inst., Bros. Hawkins W.M., Powell S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Isaac S.D., Millward J.D., Garrud I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Morgan, Pearcy, Trewinnard, Dyer, Hanes, Hunter, Moseley, Moses, &c. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Trewinnard candidate. Bro. Defriez worked the 1st, and Bro. Pearcy the 4th sections of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge was advanced to the 2nd degree. Bro. Pearcy worked the 2nd section, assisted by Bro. Powell; Bro. Tolmie the 3rd, assisted by the brethren; Bro. Tolmie the 4th, assisted by Bro. Isaac. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hawkins.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, 16th October. Present—Bros. Fraser W.M., Harris S.W., Sayer J.W., Maidwell S.D., Fraser J.D., Forrest I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Daniel, Wharman, Quincey, West, Walker, Aarons, Souter, Z. Possner, Ellis, Glass, Morgan, and March. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Quincey answered the questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Quincey was duly raised, Bro. Rudderforth giving the Traditional History. The first, second, and third sections of this lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by Bro. Ellis and the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Morgan jun. and March were elected members. Bro. Fraser was congratulated on the perfect manner in which he had worked the third degree. In this Lodge of Instruction every opportunity is offered brethren who wish to work the ceremonies.

On 23rd October.—Bros. Harris W.M., Sayer S.W., Daniel J.W., Wharman S.D., Quincey J.D., Pewsey I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Walker, West, Maidwell, Andrews, Ellis, Campbell, Glass. Formalities being complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. West candidate. Bro. Harris vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Daniel, who worked the ceremony of passing, while Bro. Sayer ably conducted the ceremony of raising. Bro. Andrews, No. 1604, was elected a member, and Bro. Sayer appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the annual supper be held at Bro. Maidwell's, on Tuesday, 20th Nov., at seven precisely. Members of the Lodge can obtain tickets from the committee, which consists of Bros. Rudderforth, Maidwell, Hollands, Daniel, and Harris. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the first Tuesday in November.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 72.—Held its regular meeting in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on the 16th inst. Bros. John Kinnaird R.W.M., J. Bannerman M., G. McDonald I.P.M., A. McLeod S.W., W. T. Kay J.W., J. S. Ampleford Treas., and R. R. Richards Sec. Two cases for benevolence were brought before the Lodge, one the widow of a Bro. who had died at sea from fever; the other was a foreign Bro., who wished assistance to return to his home. A sum was voted to each case, after which a proposition was sustained for the admission into the Order of Mr. Charles Earnest Schulze, who was initiated by the R.W.M., and though our new Brother could only speak English very imperfectly, it was evident, from the tests afterwards applied, that he had thoroughly understood the instructions of the R.W.M. Bro. Wheeler brought forward a communication he had received from Bro. L. L. Dutch of Dublin, when it was ordered that the Secretary be requested to convey to Bro. Dutch the Lodge's appreciation of the kind feeling he still entertains towards his mother Lodge.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. W. Moult W.M., Hazlett S.W., Wood as J.W., Boyd P.G.S. P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., H. Leggott S.D., Lister J.D., D. Wilkinson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Last, E. H. Thiellay, T. Bull, and Bros. Chinnery, Sawyer, Banks, Mumford, Hagon, Talbot, Cherer, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Head and Chambers were raised. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. T. James and C. R. Porpa, who were initiated in a most creditable manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and a banquet was provided by Bro. A. Best. This was superintended by Bro. Dawkins, and was, in every respect, satisfactory. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Moult proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He alluded to the circumstance of their having among them a Past Grand Officer and a Grand Steward as members of the Lodge. They were proud of them, not only in that capacity, but for their great Masonic qualifications. The members of this Lodge were honoured by their association with them, and better representatives for Grand Offices could not possibly have been selected. (Cheers). Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. G.S. thanked them for the manner they had received the toast. The health of the M.W.G.M. had been enthusiastically received. The distinguished noblemen at the head of our Order were well qualified to fill the offices to which they had been appointed. He felt it an honour to be called upon individually to respond as a Grand Officer. There were two epochs in his career as a Freemason he would refer to—the first was when it was recorded that he had done his duty to their satisfaction, the second was his appointment as a Grand Officer. He hoped on a future occasion to see other of its members occupy the position he now holds. Bro. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M. then rose. He felt it an honour to propose the health of the W.M. They had all seen what his qualifications [illegible] what he had done; he trusted they would accord him the recognition he so well merited. The W.M. said this was the last meeting but one where he should be entitled to preside over them. If he had succeeded, he was amply repaid. The position of a P.M. of the Prudent Brethren Lodge was indeed an honour. Bro. Moult then proposed what he might call the toast of the evening—the Initiates. By their attention to the ceremony he was led to believe they would eventually become a credit to the Order. Bro. James responded, he was pleased he had entered the ranks of Freemasonry; he hoped he might become a creditable member of the Order. After a few remarks from Bro. Porta, Bro. E. H. Thiellay took the chair, in consequence of Bro. Moult being obliged to leave. He regretted the absence of several P.M.'s; but of those who were present they had reason to be proud; he would especially mention Bros. J. Boyd, J. Last and T. Bull. Bro. T. Bull returned thanks. As a P.M. of the Lodge it was with pride and satisfaction he returned thanks for that important toast. He was sure every Past Master would do any duty that might be required of him, to benefit the Lodge. The next toast was that of the Visitors, and the W.M. expressed the great pleasure the Lodge experienced in having them present. Bro. Boyd jun., a son of the respected Treasurer of the Lodge, replied. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed. They were the pillars of the Lodge; they were known not only to the members, but wherever Freemasons assemble; while in Grand Lodge they were universally respected. After a response from Bro. J. Boyd, the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was offered. This was replied to by Bro. Leggott. The Tyler's call was given, and a very agreeable evening's proceedings were brought to a close. The visitors were Bros. Frumando 13, J. Boyd jun. 23, S. Teaking 72, Cattermole 167, H. Souter 167, J. C. Harper 619, Lateille 1260, J. B. Amor Regularity, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—Held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 22nd October, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Appleby W.M., F. Brown S.W., Maidwell J.W., A. Ellis Sec., W. Fraser S.D., J. Fraser J.D., Large I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. Newton, G. W. Verry, &c. Visitors—Bros. Harvey, Webb, Hilliard, Rawley, Turquand, Kidman, Brookson, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Large answered the usual questions, was obligated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Large candidate. The Lodge was then closed down, after which the business of the City Masonic Benevolent Association for Promoting Life Governorships to the various Institutions was proceeded with. A ballot took place for two Life Governorships. The successful members were Bros. Perceval and Withers.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. Atkins W.M., Wood S.W., Farwig J.W., W. C. Parsons Sec., Bentley S.D., Lowrie J.D., Hancock I.G.; Past Master Ash; Bros. Woods, Latreille, Nelson and Knight. Visitors—Bros. Marston S.D. 55, W.M. 1595, W. M. Morgan jun. 1385, Leonard 635, America, Kohler 1585. Business—The Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the second degree; Bro. Kohler offered himself as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The first section was worked by Bro. Ash, the second by Bro. Parsons, and third by Bro. Ash. The Lodge closed down to the first. Bros. Morgan, Marston, Leonard and Kohler were elected members. Bro. Wood was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On the 13th, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Brasted S.W., Goode J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, C. Lorkin S.D., Groner J.D., Waters I.G. The Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brock candidate. Four sections of the 2nd lecture were worked. Bros. G. Brown W.M. 1227, Garbett W.M. 1178, W. Colegrave 1158, W. J. Rawley 174, McGregor Stevenson 1524, and Tonkin, Amity Lodge, 323, New York, were elected members. Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

On Saturday the 20th inst., Bros. Brasted W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. Stock J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Kidder S.D., Bodwell J.D., Gibbs I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin candidate. The sections of the third lecture were worked. Bro. Pidduck 1107, Stamp 1178, and Hallam 1319, were elected members.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—Met at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., Bro. I. P. Cohen in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. S.W., A. Bassington J.W., C. F. Hogard P.M. Hon. Sec., H. J. Phillips S.D., J. Gompertz J.D., L. Norden I.G., Potter Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. Littauer, S. M. Harris, Hy. M. Harris and several other brethren. The visitors were Bros. M. D. Loewenstark W.M. 1065, Corper 111, Rev. Victor Rosenheim 17 Grand Orient of Italy, W. Kent 1297, E. Gottlieb P.M. 185. The ceremonial portion of the programme was comprised in the passing to the second degree Bros. J. H. Lobel and H. S. L. Myers, and initiating Mr. Solomon Hogetoren. The sum of £5 5s was voted towards the Indian Famine Fund. Past Master A. M. Cohen, addressing the Lodge, said: He had a proposition to make, which he was sure would meet with general acceptance. The Lodge of Israel possesses a Benevolent Fund, which consists of £100 invested stock, to which another £100 is ready to be added

Many years ago £100 had been invested in the names of three trustees, the name of one of whom had been wrongly spelt, and the other two had always been difficult to get at, consequently the dividends had to remain unclaimed for something like ten years, and the £100 was transferred pursuant to the law for the reduction of the National Debt. Now since Bro. Hogard had undertaken the Secretaryship of the Lodge, he, after a wonderful amount of trouble, and the signing and countersigning of papers in the different "circumlocution" offices, had at length succeeded in having the £100 and dividends re-transferred in favour of the Lodge. He thought that Bro. Hogard well deserved the gratitude of the brethren for his exertions in the matter, and he therefore moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minute book of the Lodge to Bro. Hogard, suitably worded, and signed by the Worshipful Master, to be hereafter presented. This was seconded by Bro. H. M. Harris P.M., and unanimously carried. A vote of condolence was unanimously carried to Bro. Gomperts, who within a fortnight had lost his father and his wife, leaving eight young children. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to partake of a choice repast, served by Bro. Silver, after which the proceedings were of the usual character. The new-fashioned way of lumping the first four toasts was adopted. They are supposed to be comprehended in the sentiment, "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order." This seemed to harmonise with the views of some, but met with a mild protest from the Past Masters. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M., who said he had a very easy task in submitting the name of the Worshipful Master, and was sure it would be acknowleged in a manner worthy of the recipient. He Bro. (Cohen) was now an old man, and the Father of the Lodge; the W.M. was but a young man and Mason, and therefore, in Masonry, he (Bro. Cohen) might call himself the W.M.'s grandfather. In all his long experience, he had never known any Master do the work better, nay, he might say, nor yet so well, than the present one. It therefore gave him double pleasure, in all sincerity, to propose this toast, and he was quite sure, in all sincerity it would be received. The W.M. expressed his thanks and proposed the health of the initiate, who in his turn briefly replied. For the Visitors Bro. Gottheil responded. Bro. S. M. Harris said a few words on behalf of the P.M.'s. An appeal to support the Benevolent Fund resulted in the following donations:—W.M. 10s 6d, A. M. Cohen 10s 6d, Initiate 21s. The succeeding toasts were severally responded to with delightful brevity, and the proceeding ended. Bros. Rev. V. Rosenstein, Morris Abrahams, Kent and Phillips distinguished themselves by truly excellent singing, while Bro. Alfred Abrahams showed what astonishing harmony might be produced by simple whistling.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—At a convocation of this Chapter, held on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Comps. James Terry Z., John A. Winstand H., and Robert Griggs J., the following brethren were successfully balloted for, and, in due course, exalted into Royal Arch Masonry:—Bros. Joseph Crump P.M. 228, Edward Davies P.M. 228, Richard Pearcy S.D. 228, George Henry Edis 228, Arthur James Timothy 87, James Hill W.M. 228, William John Hunter 228, Alfred William Fenner J.D. 1693, Joseph Stock S.W. 1178, William Fysh 1288, and William Cook 177.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The celebration of the hundredth year of the existence of this Lodge, which was constituted in 1777, will be observed by a banquet at the De Grey Rooms, York, on the 6th proximo. We understand that besides the Prov. Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland, several leaders of the Craft have accepted invitations to be present.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Held their usual meeting in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 15th October. Bro. McKirdy R.W.M., who was supported on the dais by Bros. D.M. J. B. McNair and P.M. J. Balfour P.G.D. of C., J. McInnis R.W.M. 408, and G. W. Wheeler 73. A long and interesting discussion took place in reference to the Mark Lodge conducted by some of the members of the Union Lodge 332. Bro. McNair expressed his determination to have the decision of the Grand Lodge on the legality of the present mode of working with a staff of officers apart from those of the Lodge. He therefore protested against the finding of the P.G.L., which had refused to sanction the bye-laws, although the officers were appointed. The Lodge then proceeded to harmony, when after the Loyal and G.L. toasts, Bro. Balfour responded for the P.G.L., expressing a hope that with the new office bearers they would even exceed their former excellent work in the province. That of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Black 360, Greir 129, and Macgregor and Wheeler 73. Bro. McInnis very feelingly proposed the absent Brethren, referring to a brother about to sail next week. Bro. G. W. Wheeler gave Prosperity to 332, which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. McKirdy.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—This Lodge met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 15th inst. To the regret of the members the W.M. Bro. D. Trusoler was unavoidably absent. His position was however worthily filled by Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, who opened the Lodge at the hour appointed, the following Officers and brethren being present, viz.:—C. P. McKay S.W., R. D. Shand J.W., W. Smith S.D., McMurray J.D., W. Mitchell I.G., M. Spiegel D.C., Blogg Org., Lambert Steward, Steedman P.M. I.G., The Past Masters were Bros. James Stevens, and C. Pulman. Amongst the members were Bros. Richardson, Wiltshire, Lilley, King, Pascall, Treves, Ash, Kerr, Whittaker, Mulley, Saunders,

attention, Bro. James Stevens business. This consisted of the p of F.C., and the initiation of Mr. Orde: Bro. Pulman P.M. havin the Lodge at the ensuing Festiva was accepted, and the consider head his list of donations was de dates were proposed for initiatio closed. Refreshment followed h Stevens the brethren spent a ple and harmony before separating.

William Preston Lodge
Met on Friday, the 12th Octobe George-street, Edgware-road. Godden S.W., Nichols J.W., Bran S.D., March J.D., Rudderforth Bros. Lucas, Trimnell, Heath, Par Lodge was opened in the first de confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed Lucas being the candidate. Bro. section, likewise the third. Bro. Lodge 1681, was elected a membe Bro. Hill for the able manner in w the chair.

On Friday, the 19th inst., Bro. J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Pr Passingham I.G., also Bros. Hill, Chipper, Adair, Harris, &c. The Lo and the minutes read and confirme mony of initiation. Bro. Hill can the usual questions, was entrusted of passing was rehearsed. Sever worthy Preceptor. Bro. S. Nichol

Royal Alfred Lodge of I
its weekly meeting, at the Star and on Friday, the 12th inst. Bros. Tu J.W., Green S.D., Irwin J.D., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Preceptor; als other brethren. The Lodge was op of last meeting confirmed. Lodge to the third degree, resumed in th himself as a candidate for initiatio the second degree; Bro. Irwin havi creditable manner, was duly entrus resumed in the third degree, Bro. pressive style by Bro. Tucker W. down to the first degree, when it condolence to Bro. Irwin, upon his of his mother. Bro. Preceptor Roe the marked and rapid progress mad inasmuch as, by the general subscrip now in possession of aprons and all ing of the Lodge, which in so you cedented. He trusted that the instr visitors would continue to be a closed in due form, and adjourned.

On Friday, 19th inst., Bros. Bla Kyzor J.W., W. Goss S.D., Irwin J.D. naries, the 1st degree was rehearse the 2nd degree, Bro. Irwin candida Instruction has, in its place on t handsome Bible—the gift, we underst of the honorary members.

Merchant Navy Lodge of
The usual weekly meeting was held on Tavern, Burdett-road. Present—Bros S.W., Warner J.W., Clegg S.D., Robi Turquand P.M. Preceptor, &c. The busi the third degree, after which Lodge w section of the first lecture worked. B were elected members, and Bro. Sche meeting. Lodge was duly closed. A for a Life Governorship in connectio Charitable Association, the meetings o fourth Wednesday of each month.

St. John's, No. 795.—It has bee of this Lodge partake essentially of th and this may truly be said of the gathe inst. The brethren assembled at the G where, by the kindness of the Prov. Bucks, Bro. the R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch, been provided. On arriving at the Re the chair was occupied by Bro. Pinto W. Sharpe J.W. and Treas., H. H. H Bucks Sec., Fitz George I.G.; P.M.'s T. A. Carr; Bros. Baker, Pooley, Insc Ludovici sen., Blake, Ludovici jun., D having assembled, the Lodge was open meeting confirmed. A Board of Installe and Bro. G. Bubb P.M. 180, and W.M. Lodge and placed in the chair by Bro. W newly installed W.M. then appointed th

Nowell P.G. Tyler Berks and Bucks Tyler. Bro. Bubb, in investing the brethren, addressed a few pertinent remarks to each, which were graciously listened to by all present. The warm congratulations of all assembled were now bestowed on Bro. Parsons for the ability he had displayed in conducting the ceremony. The newly installed W.M. then raised Bros. Rogers and Pooley to the 3rd degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £122 6s 11d. Bro. H. H. Hodges P.M. proposed the sum of ten guineas be voted to one of the Masonic Charities; this was seconded by Bro. Baker, and the W.M. announced that it was his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Anniversary Festival, on the 13th February 1877. The amount as above was therefore placed on his list Bro. Hodges then stated that the R.W. Bro. Brownrigg having resigned, the Deputy Grand Mastership of the Province, the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sir Daniel Gooch had appointed the Venerable Percival Puzey-Cust, Archdeacon of Buckingham, to that office. He also announced the resignation of Bro. Biggs, Prov. G. Sec., and stated that a committee was being formed for the purpose of presenting that brother with a testimonial. The W.M. was appointed a member of the committee, and a sum of 5 guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the fund. Bro. Pinto Leite I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. Dr. Webb seconded, that ten guineas be granted by the Lodge to the Mansion House Indian Relief Fund. Bro. Pinto Leite signified his intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed until May next, after which the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Deacon. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In proposing the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, the W.W. said it was very gratifying to have so distinguished a brother at their head in the Province. Sir Daniel was respected everywhere, and the Lodges were indebted to him for many acts of kindness. The St. John's Lodge had had the honour of being represented in Prov. Grand Lodge by one of its members, he referred to their worthy Secretary Bro. Hodges P.P.G.W. Bro. Hodges said he had often responded to this toast, but he never did so with greater pleasure than on this occasion. Every one in the Province knew and fully appreciated the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master. Through his thoughtful care special trains have frequently been provided for members of the Craft, and that day a saloon carriage had been provided, thus enabling the brethren to perform their Masonic duties. He hoped at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge to see the attendance of many members of their Lodge. Bro. Leite I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of their recently-installed and well-respected W.M. They had seen to-day Bro. Bubb's excellent working. On several occasions when he (the I.P.M.) was suffering from indisposition, and unable to attend, Bro. Bubb had done the duties to their satisfaction. He trusted he would remain among them for many years. The W.M. thanked Bro. Pinto Leite for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He came unexpectedly among them, having only been a member of the Lodge two years; but he felt it an especial honour that day to be their W.M. However, he would do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, also of the Province, and hoped that at a future time he might be invested with P.G. honours. He then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Pinto Leite, who during his occupation of the chair had done all in his power for the comfort of the Lodge. When he entered it, there were but very few members; he had introduced good and true brethren, and had enabled the Lodge to become a great success. Bro. Bubb then said he could not find a better opportunity than the present to present him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted unanimously by the members as a mark of esteem, and of the high estimation in which he was held by every brother in the Lodge. The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him; what he had done was a labour of love. The jewel the brethren had presented him with he should always look on with pride and satisfaction. The W.M. then gave the health of the installing Master, Bro. W. C. Parsons. In his own Lodge, No. 180, he had filled the position of W.M. with great credit; they had witnessed how ably Bro. Parsons had installed him that day; he would couple with the toast the health of the Visitors. After replies from Bros. Parsons and Reed, the W.M. proposed the toast of the J.W. and Treas. Bro. Sharpe, and also their indefatigable Sec. Bro. H. H. Hodges; both these brethren have very onerous duties, but they carry them out every way successfully. This was evidenced by the satisfactory balance sheet presented that day. After this had been acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Foulger, the S.W., is a P.M. of two influential Lodges, and he (the W.M.) was proud to have his co-operation. The other Officers selected he hoped would give satisfaction, and would eventually occupy the chair. Bro. Foulger was pleased again to occupy the position of S.W.; if the brethren elected him next year he would only be too happy to accept office; when he first joined the Lodge it was for the purpose of assisting the brethren, now they did not require assistance; however, he should always feel it an honour to be among them, he was sure these were the sentiments of his brother officers. The Tyler's toast now brought the meeting to an end. During the proceedings some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Pinto Leite, Innes, and Baker; the brethren returned to town after passing a very agreeable day. The Visitors were Bros. Reed P.M. 733, Hancock J.W. 1687, Lakin 180, Farwig J.W. 180, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. G. Brown W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Finch J.W., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., C. Lorkin S.D., Sanders J.D., Christian I.G. Past Master Wallington. meeting were read and confirmed, the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Cook answered the questions; the Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cook candidate; the Preceptor gave the traditional history. The Lodge was then closed to the second degree, when the brethren ceased labour and went to refreshment, and afterwards resumed. Bro. Defriez worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Fenner of 1227, and Bro. Lloyd 327, were elected members.

On Tuesday, 23rd October, Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Finch S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., Sanders S.D., Christian J.D., Brown I.G. P.M. Wallington Prec. Visitors—Bros. Ashburner, Macklin, Wardell, Stevenson, Lines, Cook, Young, Delafons, Bonner, Farsa and others. Formalities having been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Young candidate. Bro. Lines answered the questions, was entrusted, and afterwards passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then closed down, when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties, the Preceptor worked the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Delafons of 1623 was elected a member. Bro. Finch will preside at next meeting.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—The brethren met at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The following were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones W.M., Morgan S.W., Alf. Newens J.W., Walker S.D., W. Huntley J.D., Wardroper W.S., John Frost Sec., H. Wilson Treas., P. Cooke I.P.M., E. H. Boddy and J. G. Kenney P.M.'s, and Bros. H. F. Goodchild, G. Clark, Springett, Haines, Fortescue, and Walker. Bro. Walker was ably raised to the third degree. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Dougherty, the host, amply satisfied the demands of all.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 12th. There were present Bros. Crouch W.M., Smith S.W., A. Posener J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Hine S.D., Tatten J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Campbell, Bolton, Simmonds, Pearcy, &c. The usual preliminaries being duly observed, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Townsend answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner, Bro. Townsend being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degree, when the fourth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Posener, of Kent Lodge, No. 15, was elected a member.

On Friday, the 19th inst. Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., A. Posener jun. S.W., Kent J.W., Simmonds S.D., Smith J.D., Lane I.G., Townsend Secretary; also Bros. Bolton, Posener sen., Hine, Campbell, Trewinnard, Crouch, Pearcy, &c. All preliminaries having been duly observed, Lodge advanced to the second degree. Bro. Townsend answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened to third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising Bro. Trewinnard acting candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. On Lodge being resumed to first degree, Bros. Trewinnard S.W. Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Posener sen., of Kent Lodge No. 15, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Posener jun. will preside at the next meeting.

The Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364.—The first meeting since the recess was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. Present—Bros. Ernest Wright W.M., Maples S.W., Gompertz J.W., R. A. Wright P.M. Treasurer, J. L. Fysh P.M. Secretary, Fieldwick S.D., A. F. Lay J.D., Cockett I.G.; Past Masters Bristo and Low, and a large number of the brethren of the Lodge and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Geeves was raised to the third degree; Mr. Thomas Stokes was initiated into the Order. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing year; it proved unanimously in favour of Bro. Maples the S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and assured them nothing should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a successful one. The ballot was then taken for Treasurer, and Bro. R. A. Wright P.M. was re-elected. Bros. B. Humphrey, W. Green and Fitzgerald were appointed the Banqueting Committee. The installation meeting will take place on Saturday, 17th November, at Guildhall Tavern. The prosperous financial condition of the Lodge must be a source of intense gratification to the members.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, 25th October, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Goodman W.M., Bisset S.W., G. W. Saul J.W., Blackie Sec., Harper S.D., Gladwell J.D., Freeman I.G., Beeton, Cumner, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cumner having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and resumed to the first. Bro. Cumner was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Bisset was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Notice was given that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in this Lodge

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The third Thursday in October has passed, but not without scoring, perhaps, the most successful meeting we have had the pleasure to record of this prosperous young Lodge. Established exactly three years ago, with a prospective limit of 40 members, this number has been enrolled, and the Lodge now includes many who are proficient in the Ritual of the Craft, consequently, the Lodge may now consider itself second to none in the Province for its efficient rendering of the various ceremonies of our Order. On Thursday week, the 18th inst., the brethren were summoned for 3 o'clock, and by that time a considerable number had arrived. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Hurst, proceeded to open his Lodge, Bros. J. Hammond S.W., S. Hill J.W., E. Hopwood I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wm. Hammond Secretary, C. W. Fox S.D., Jessett J.D., and Ockenden I.G. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of an emergency held on the 19th of April, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was also read, and unanimously adopted, there remaining a good balance in favour of the Lodge funds after the payment of all claims. A ballot was taken, and resulted unanimously in favour of Messrs. Henry John Jones and Joseph Cole. The latter gentleman was not present, but a satisfactory reason was offered, accounting for his absence. The W.M. at once proceeded with the ceremony, and admitted Mr. Jones to Masonic light. Bros. G. Forward and A. D. Tozer having been examined, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge being opened on the square, the two candidates were re-admitted, and in due course passed to the degree of F.C., the W.M. performing both ceremonies in a very efficient manner, reflecting credit on him as a young Mason. The names of two brethren were on the summons for raising, and one candidate was present, but owing to the press of work, this portion of the business was postponed. Bro. Hurst now handed the gavel to Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey, P.M. 452, &c., the Installing Officer, and the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. John Hammond) commenced, Bro. Hopwood having charge of the west, Bro. Hill retaining his chair in the south, and Bro. F. Walters P.J.G.D. Middlesex acting as Director of Ceremonies. In due time the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren who have not yet succeeded in exchanging their rosettes for the more exalted emblems retired; a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Hammond most impressively inducted into the chair of King Solomon. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was proclaimed Worshipful Master of the Hemming Lodge, and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M., with a few appropriate remarks to each, then invested his Officers for the year ensuing, viz.:—Bro. John Hurst I.P.M., C. W. Fox W.M. 1326 S.W., C. J. Jessett J.W., E. Hopwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Middlesex, re-elected Treasurer, W. Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, reappointed Secretary, T. W. Ockenden Sec. 1656 S.D., T. C. Walls J.W. 1381 P.G. Org. J.D., F. W. Kent I.G., J. E. Hunt D.C., J. W. Hiscox W.S., Moody A.W.S., J. Gilbert P.G.T. re-elected Tyler. Bro. Frances was highly complimented for his excellent rendering of the Installation ceremony. It was proposed and seconded, and unanimously agreed to by the brethren, that he be made an honorary member of the Lodge. Votes of thanks for valuable services, as Secretary and Treasurer, during the past year were heartily endorsed to Bros. W. Hammond and E. Hopwood respectively. Bro. D. B. Raw P.M., formerly Treasurer, was elected an honorary Past Master, and the intelligence that indisposition was the cause of his absence from the meeting was received by the brethren with many expressions of regret and sympathy. Bro. Sam. Hill, who has also rendered valuable service to the Lodge, was likewise elected an honorary P.M. One very gratifying portion of the proceedings yet remains to be recorded, *i.e.* the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to Brother Hurst, as a slight token of appreciation of his services during the year of his Mastership. Bro. Hurst thanked the brethren in feeling terms. All other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, well provided by the host, Bro. Murphy. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., with commendable brevity, and speaking directly to the point, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Hurst, the I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, alluded to Bro. John Hammond's long experience as a Mason, the active part he had taken during past years in advancing the interests of the Craft, both in Middlesex and in the neighbouring province of Surrey. He congratulated him on being again exalted to the high position of Master of a Lodge, and heartily wished him (what there is every prospect of his enjoying) a most successful year of office. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in reply, expressed his gratification for the hearty manner in which his name had been received; he trusted their good wishes for a prosperous year would be realised. The health of the I.P.M was next commended to the notice of the brethren, the W.M. congratulating Bro. Hurst on the result of his year of office, and hoping he would be spared many years to wear the jewel that had just been presented to him. Bro. Hurst thanked the brethren for the ready help and support he had received at their hands; the year of office just expired would ever live in his memory as one of the most pleasing periods of his Masonic career. The W.M., in giving the health of the Installing Officer, referred to the long-continued term of friendship that had existed between Bro. Frances and himself during past years. It was from this valued friend he first acquired a knowledge of his alphabet in Masonry. He was indebted to him for whatever other knowledge of the mystic art he now had the good fortune to possess. He further acknowledged the courtesy of the Past Masters of the Lodge in enabling him to invite his old friend to instal him into the chair of K.S. Bro. Frances expressed his high appreciation of the unexpected compliment paid him by his election as an honorary member; he was pleased with the working he had witnessed, and was sure while the Lodge continued "Hemming, it

tation were contributed by Bros Knowles, Ockenden, &c. The on Thursday, 15th November. the following were present: H. Kyezor J.D. 820, W. J. E. C. R. Fitt 1656. Members—I Middlesex, Gaveron, W. A. Me Day, Wheeler, Hole, &c.

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"The Club," 101 Queen Victo 22nd inst., where a large numb tion members were present. B Reed S.W., J. E. Shand Sec., C. F J.D., Triggs I.G., Joseph Langto (London 108), J. White, H. Tolerance), and other members and Sec. Emulation Lodge of Imp C. Sawyer 1619, &c. Lodge op were read and confirmed. The fi the lecture appertaining to the assisted by Bro. Smallpiece and th S.W. Reed seconded, and it wa Smallpiece be elected Preceptor Bro. Shand seconded, that Bro. H was carried. Bro. Joseph La seconded, that Bro. Shand be re-e both brethren in doing so referre punctual attendance of their Sec W.M. said he could endorse the Edell, and after putting the mo Bro. Reed S.W. was elected W.M Lodge closed in perfect harmony.

Metropolitan Lodge of

meeting was held on Tuesday last, cross. Present—Bros. Side W.M. Stiles Sec., Scales S.D., Johnson J.D Preceptor, &c. Business—Lodge w confirmed. Initiation ceremony re Lodge advanced, and Bro. Tapson w sections of the first lecture were wo elected, and Bro. Smith chosen W.M

Duke of Connaught Lodge

—Held at the Havelock Tavern, Alb evening, 17th inst. Present—Bros Diguam J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Delaf Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietz Poole, Pollak, E. George, Watkins, &c. The Lodge was opened in a minutes of the previous meeting read in the second degree, Bro. Marsh w The Lodge was opened in the thi raised, the W.M. doing his work in h Lodge was resumed to the first dep sections, assisted by the brethren. elected members. Bro. Lee will wo the first Wednesday in November.

On Wednesday, 24th inst. Bros. C. Lorkin J.W., Delafosa S.D., Brow Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Diet Pollack, O. Dietrich, Brasted, Beasl Dexter, Lee, Bonner, Shelford. Th form at 8 p.m., and the minutes of t and confirmed. The ceremony of W.M., in a most able manner, Bro. B Olly was interrogated, and answere from the 1st to the 2nd degree. worked the sections of the lecture, Diguam was elected W.M. for the ens

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COURTESY IN ARGUMENT.

IT is impossible not to be struck with the contentious spirit which animates many Masonic disputants. Let any one glance regularly at the correspondence columns of this journal and he will find something more than mere warmth of argument displayed. We cannot, of course, object to a brother who supports the cause he is advocating, not only with all the logical power he possesses but likewise with a zeal which it is found difficult to repress, that he is far too urgent in his advocacy. We take but little interest in those half-hearted partisans, who for the assistance they render might just as well be against us as on our side. There are, unfortunately, far too many people who imagine that when they become Masons they sink their rights to all individuality. They belong to a Fraternity which is actuated by one spirit, and consequently they imagine they have lost all right to have any opinion of their own, that is, of course, on Masonic matters. If the Master of their Lodge propounds some amazingly childish theory about the origin, antiquity, or distribution of Freemasonry, they are fully prepared to accept it, though had such a theory been broached in common life they would have lost no time in exposing it to the most severe ridicule. If a brother commits himself at the banquet by some glaring "atrocity," such as would justly close the door of every respectable house against him, the atrocity is allowed to pass unrebuked; it is considered to be charitable to overlook in a brother what would be seriously and worthily condemned in a mere profane. Others, again, there are who presume upon this milk-and-wateriness of the milder and softer brother, and overbear all decency because they know well enough that no notice will be taken of their gross misbehaviour. In short, what between the class of brethren who think they have no right to an opinion of their own, and those who are bent on forcing their opinions on every one, it frequently happens that a Lodge which ought to be a perfect temple of peace and harmony is little else than a bear garden.

Perhaps the greatest nuisance of all is the Masonic humbug, who pretends to be advocating and supporting the interests of Freemasonry, when, in truth, he is all the time subserving his own; who is ever careful to draw attention to the purity and disinterestedness of all he says and does, yet never says or does anything unless he sees his way to gain for himself some profit. This is done in a manner so patent to the simplest understanding that there cannot be a shadow of a doubt as to the purpose the humbug has in view. In the outer world, he would be chaffed unmercifully, and he would find it impossible to palm off his selfishness as the purest and most conspicuous disinterestedness ever exhibited by mortal man. But he is spared the jeers of his fellow-Masons, not because Masonry enjoins on its disciples that they should wink at humbug, but because so many brethren lack the courage to speak out the honest truth. So far we have spoken of two classes of brethren; of the mild, milk-and-watery fellows who never have a word to say for themselves, who acquiesce in every proposition that is made; and of those who, presuming upon this well-known feature among a very numerous class of Craftsmen, conduct themselves, whenever it suits them, in an offensive and overbearing manner. There is yet a third class of brethren, to whom it is our intention specially to devote the greater part of this article. These are they who find it impossible to express an opinion without violence; [illegible] without allowing some unpleasant personality to escape them; who cannot discuss an argument without attributing some selfish or improper motive for its adoption. We cannot see why any brother should ever forget what is due to himself or others, simply because he finds those others are not of the same way of thinking with himself. It is in the course of things that different minds should be moved by different impulses; but it by no means follows that such impulses should have anything improper about them. As we said at the outset, we like to see thorough-going advocacy; we believe in it, nay, we almost feel inclined to worship it. There is in it a very strong leaven of justice and generosity, and we infinitely prefer the out-and-out supporter to the *fainéant*. But we know there is a point beyond which it were indecent for the most strenuous advocate to go. It is his duty to employ all the arts he is capable of in demonstrating the folly of his opponent's case. Let him by all means discharge at it whole batteries of ridicule. Let him describe it as untenable, illogical, as lacking common sense; let him do all this, and what more he can, but let him studiously avoid attacking his opponent personally. It is not necessary to lose one's temper and use strong language, and denounce the motives of one's adversary as impure and unworthy of a Mason, in order to uphold and demonstrate to the world the correctness of one's opinion. If there is reason on our side, it will fare well with us in the long run. Some people are slow to be convinced they are in error, but we shall not induce earlier conviction in their minds by abusing them for thinking as they do. On the contrary, we are likely to create the feeling that there is a weak point in our case which will not bear too close an inspection, and it will be thought we indulge in these abusive personalities in order to hide this weakness as much as possible. Be this as it may, the advice we tender to those about to argue is—Don't, if you can help it; but if differences cannot be settled except by argument, employ every weapon which may legitimately be used in a war of words, but let there be no personalities, no abusive reflections about your opponent's motives, no imputation of improper motives. These things are commonly enough done by men who are not Masons, and who do not think it necessary to bind themselves in any particular way to their fellows. But we who are Masons are presumed to be influenced by certain feelings towards one another, and not the least powerful of these feelings is Charity. Now Charity, as we all know, includes every other virtue. It is the pure spirit of Charity which impels people to do unto others as they would have others do unto them; yet we do not imagine that any Mason would care to receive abuse at the hands of others, or to be told that he was guilty of all kinds of contemptible conduct. If brethren would but bear this in mind, if they would but recognise, as was pointed out last week, that, after all, the great secret of Freemasonry is Charity, there would be a good deal more in this world of pure practical Masonry. We should be spared the pain of believing that half of what now goes by that valued name is neither more nor less than a sorry make-believe. How, indeed, can we regard it in any other light, when we find brethren, who have attained a greater or less degree of eminence, publicly questioning the sincerity of one another's motives, deliberately befouling one another's reputation; and, in short, doing and saying what might reasonably be expected of a low pettifogging attorney, but of no other class of men, certainly not of those who profess to be charitable towards each other, and to the whole world besides. We have occasion to differ with a great many people. Sometimes we have found it necessary to defend ourselves and the policy we profess with such

vigour and ability as we may possess, but it would never occur to us to abuse our opponents. We may question the validity of their arguments, but not the propriety of their motives. This is work which we cheerfully abandon to those who delight in manifesting to the world what Masonry is not. We do not think that we and others are any the worse for differing with one another, or for upholding, when necessary, the opinions we entertain. We do not think it our duty to obtrude those opinions on others, whether they like it or not. We avoid plunging into matters controversial as much as possible; but if they cannot be avoided, if even minor and comparatively unimportant differences will inevitably arise, there is no reason why they should not be conducted in a manner befitting gentlemen and Masons. We are aware these remarks will read somewhat like a sermon, but we have frequent experience of the bitterness of spirit which is imported into discussions between brethren; a bitterness which is out of place, seeing that it at once puts an end to fair discussion, and which is especially objectionable in those who bind themselves most solemnly to speak well of a brother, or, if that cannot be done with propriety, to observe silence. Whenever an opportunity presents itself, we make it our business to tone down the asperities which some delight to interchange, and we fancy we have done this successfully on more than one occasion. We take pride in hearing brethren enunciate, *ore rotundo*, the beautiful precepts of Freemasonry, but we carry ourselves with head still more erect when we find brethren practise what they preach. There are many beautiful theories in this world, but their undoubtedly fair proportions are spoiled for want of practice. So fares it with Masonry. There are many Craftsmen whose enunciation of the true Masonic principles it is a pleasure to listen to, but there is a terrible want of harmony between their theory and their practice; and among the most notorious offenders in this respect are those brethren who begin by arguing with, and end by abusing, each other.

FOREWARNED—FOREARMED.

"GOT your Calendar for next year, Sir?" blandly enquired the smiling Tyler, as we passed a table on which lay a pile of natty Pocket-books, by the entrance of the Lodge. Ever desirous of swelling the modest gains of the Brother who for many years has guarded our portals with fidelity and zeal, we incontinently handed out two shillings in return for one of his little volumes. Hugging our satisfaction at being now *au courant* of all Masonic movements, able to furnish information to country visitors, and provided with a *vade mecum* of fraternal utility for our own jaunts in the Provinces, we shortly afterwards, whilst our worthy Secretary was reading the minutes, glanced into our new purchase.

Looking, first, at the list of Grand Officers, we noted, with satisfaction, the appearance of "Our Right Hand Man," as Assistant Grand Secretary, and passed on to the Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges. In the first ten names of these we noticed, with surprise, four palpable mistakes, and were then stopped by finding the name of our dear old friend Bro. Shuttleworth—who died peacefully at Berne some five years since—figuring as an immortal "Representative." "What's this?" thought we; "unaccountable neglect at our Grand Secretary's office, — something wrong in the editorship of this Calendar!" and we turned wonderingly to the title page. Instead of the well-known title of *Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book*, "published by command of the Grand Master," the purchase of which—as its proceeds go to the Charity Fund—had in previous years always solaced us with the notion that we were giving a trifling help to a good cause, we read "Cosmopolitan" Masonic Calendar, and a long string of qualifications as a "Comprehensive Masonic Book of reference." Well! our first insight was not encouraging, but we had got something worth having at any rate, and we pocketed our purchase, not altogether dissatisfied.

Next morning, we determined to look more at leisure at this comprehensive though unfamiliar guide, and we give the result, after having verified it at the Grand Secretary's office and with many brethren. On the first page of the Diary, beginning with 1st January 1878, we found four-

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However, we have hope left, founded on a review just published by its own impartial publisher; who speaks in "honest criticism and well-earned praise" in favour of "*the most modest, most useful, and most important* of Masonic literary undertakings." He eulogises, in ecstatic terms which border upon adulation, its "completeness and correctness, which *challenge scrutiny* and *command admiration*"!!! At the end of it we observe a goodly paging of his trade advertisements. Can this be the shot which this Cosmopolitan cartridge is projected to scatter? We are already ashamed of our suspicion, and a friend points out to us that its utility is doubtless to be found in the information it conveys to brethren of the High Degrees. He informs us also, that three years since its circulation reached 6,000. We remember the chagrin of some of the Board of General Purposes on finding that the circulation of our Grand Lodge Calendar had been so injured as to leave a deficit instead of a balance to the Charity Fund; but, as the very worthy and enterprising proprietor of the *Cosmopolitan* wished it to be understood that his book was *not published in any spirit of rivalry*, but purely upon its own merits, the extraordinary efforts made to puff the circulation of the latter cannot have influenced the sale of the former, which sank to 1700. For we feel no difficulty in crediting him with largely philanthropic sentiments, no less than with a keen eye to profit. He will be the first to thank us for the trouble we have taken, in the interest of that accuracy which he has so striven to attain. Indeed, what is worth doing in Masonry, ought to be worth doing *well!*

We would congratulate the brethren of the High Degrees upon having an annual so modest, useful, and important as this is characterised by its publisher, and sincerely hope its correctness in their regard is greater than we have found; otherwise we shall have to look upon the unfortunately comprehensive Calendar as an impartially "Cosmopolitan Masonic Mistake."

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THERE was a numerous array of members in attendance at the General Assembly of this Grand Orient, held during the week ended the 15th September. The preliminary formal business, including the election of Bro. de Saint Jean as President of the Assembly, and the appointment of the several bureaux, having been disposed of; and the usual election of Members of the Council, in place of those retiring by rotation or who have died, having been held, the Assembly set itself to the important task of settling the terms of the second paragraph of Article I. of the Constitution. Bro. Desmons read the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the subject. This Report is too lengthy for reproduction, but we state the following as the grounds on which the alteration of the paragraph was demanded, namely—because it was in direct contradiction to the next paragraph of the same Article; because, while embarrassing to Masters and Lodges, it was equally so to those of the outside world, who, with every desire to enter the Masonic fold, would yet find themselves arrested at the very threshold by a barrier of dogmatism which their conscience must forbid them to overstep; and because it is entirely useless and foreign to the true purpose of Freemasonry. The Report concluded by recommending, that as Freemasonry was not a religion, and had therefore no concern whatever with doctrines or dogmas, the paragraph in question should be couched in certain terms, which, having been somewhat amended, ultimately read as follows:—

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The duty of revising the Rituals and General Regula- the Council proceeded to elect its officers. These are Bro. de Saint Jean President, Bros. Cousin and Caubet Vice-Presidents, Bros. Poulle and de Hérédia Secretaries. The other members are Bros. Andrieux, Dr. Barré, Blanchon, Bremont, Bruand, Cammas, Collineau, Coulon, Dalsace, De Houdin, Desmons, Dové, Du Hamel, Foussier, Herpin, J. Jean, Albert Joly, Antide Martin, Masse, Massicault, Moreaux, Neumark, Roche, André Rouselle, Thiault, Ed. Valentin, Viénot, and Wyrouboff. Bro. Viénot then delivered a very eloquent address, in which he traced the rise of Freemasonry in France, and the condition of the country at the time of its being implanted there, and for many years afterwards, and then expatiated at some length on the principles by which it was actuated. His oration was very warmly received, and the other business having been concluded, and several useful suggestions offered and considered on their several merits, the Session of 1877, which will always be a memorable one in the annals of French Freemasonry, was brought to a close. The usual banquet followed.

In Memoriam.

ONCE previously in the course of our brief career have we had occasion to chronicle the somewhat sudden death of one of our most intimate friends and supporters. Then it was the death of a brother whom to know was to love and respect; who, in his Masonic career, had always realised our idea of a zealous and kindly brother, and who, both in Lodge and Chapter, had won a fair reputation, having held office in more than one instance with credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow-members. Moreover, he had again and again lent us valuable assistance in the fulfilment of our arduous duties. The brother whose death we are now about to record was, if possible, still more intimately associated with us. During the term of our existence—or we should say rather, during more than the last two years of it—he has been our principal correspondent north of the Tweed; and while he has filled this office—we need hardly say with what conspicuous zeal and ability, for his numerous and able reports and articles tell their own tale—not a week has elapsed but we have had reason to be grateful for his services. The name of George W. Wheeler is familiar as a household word in Scottish Masonic circles, but especially in Glasgow, where he resided, and in whose Lodges and Chapters he had held the highest and most responsible positions. We have no intention, at the present moment, of describing in detail his admirable career in Freemasonry. Much of it may be gleaned from our columns, where, week after week and month after month, appeared the name of Bro. or Comp. Wheeler, either as a visitor, or more commonly as occupying the chair of one or other of the principal officers, or as discharging, in the capacity of an honoured member of Provincial Grand Lodge or Chapter, some such important function as that of Installing Officer. Bro. George W. Wheeler was essentially a working Mason, one thoroughly versed in the ritual and ceremonies of Scottish Freemasonry. He was a man of great energy, and devoted the greater part of his leisure time to the duties of the Craft he loved so well. It is scarcely possible to glance through a report of a Glasgow, or neighbouring Lodge or Chapter, but we find his name figuring prominently among the brethren. In one we may see him, as we have said, installing the Master or Principals, in another returning thanks for the visitors, in a third acting as substitute for some absentee officer. Wherever he found it possible to render some service, no matter how severe or how insignificant, the request that he should undertake it was always most loyally responded to. Even as recently as the 18th ult., and only in last week's issue it is recorded, in the notice of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, that "Bro. Dr. McInnis requested Bro. Wheeler, of No. 73, to undertake the work"—that is, of raising a candidate for the third degree—"first examining the brother in the proficiency he had made in the first two degrees. After the candidate had been raised, Bro. Wheeler, who was suffer-

and a suggestion in the last letter we received from him, that we would content ourselves with those of his reports standing over from the week ended the 20th ult., as he feared his momentary indisposition might prevent him sending his weekly batch of copy as usual, was all the intimation we had received of his being even slightly indisposed. Great, therefore, was the surprise as well as sorrow, we experienced on learning, as we did on Tuesday morning, that our zealous and able *collaborateur* had died on Friday last, the 26th ult. Not so much as a single note of warning, and we hear that a valued and respected labourer is no more! Truly the ways of the G.A.O.T.U. are inscrutable; but, grieve as we must over a loss so untimely, and one it will be so difficult, if not impossible, adequately to replace, we have at least this poor remnant of a consolation left to us, that the inter-relations which existed between him and us were governed by the utmost cordiality and kindness. We had but to express a wish, and the wish was carried out; and we take this comfort to ourselves that this thorough loyalty was fully reciprocated. It was seldom he visited London, but he was always a welcome visitor; and he never came but he brought with him tangible evidence of his zeal in our cause. Others may equal him in the qualities by which he was characterised, but assuredly none will surpass him. We have lost, thus suddenly, the assistance of a friend, and we take the earliest opportunity we have of doing justice to his acknowledged merits. So active a Mason necessarily had a numerous and ever extending circle of friends. To them and to the members of his family, who must feel his loss most acutely, we offer our humble but sincere tribute of sympathy. He was worthy of all respect, and we have respected him. Now that he has passed away, to that unknown land whence none return, there is but one duty we can fulfil towards him; and that is, to pay the same respect to his memory as we paid to him when living. And this duty we fulfil, none the less sincerely because it is a duty.

CONSTITUTION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GOSPORT.

FROM THE "PORTSMOUTH TIMES AND NAVAL GAZETTE."

FRIDAY, 19th October, was a red letter day in the annals of Masonry at Gosport, it being the occasion of the constitution of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1705, and the installation of the W.M. Designate (Bro. C. B. Whitcomb). The P.G.M. (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) was accompanied by the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., J. Harris S.G. Warden, G. Rake J.G. Warden, M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, Rev. S. Scott P.G. Chaplain, C. T. Allee S.G. Deacon, W. B. Rogers G. Registrar, S. R. Ellis G.A.D.C., C. C. Petley G.S.B., K. G. Westley Organist, E. W. Wyatt and R. J. Turney Stewards, and J. Exell Tyler. Among the Past Officers who attended were Bros. H. M. Emanuel and G. S. Lancaster P.G. Wardens, E. G. Holbrook P.G. Registrar, E. S. Main P.G.D.C., Rev. E. B. C. Churchill P.G. Chaplain, H. J. Guy, J. Dyson, H. Steeman, J. Wilson, H. Compigné, R. Holbrook P.G.D.C., R. Barber, &c. The visitors included Bros. G. Bond W.M. 487, H. W. Townsend W.M. 1428, J. Clay W.M. 804, G. F. Sherman, C. Groom, W. E. Atkins, Bridle, Palsgrave I.G., Meredith, Le Messurier and G. Dean of 487, W. Payne S.W., G. Arnold J.W., J. Willmott S.D., and W. Gunnell of 312, W. F. Burrell, Captain Balliston, J. S. Pearce 1269, C. J. E. Mumby 1069, &c. There was a large attendance of brethren. After the usual ceremonial had been gone through, the P.G.M., in the course of an able and appropriate address, reminded the brethren that they were assembled to perform a most important and interesting duty. The work in which they were engaged was one which was eminently interesting to all members of the Craft who took an active part in its ceremonies and observances. They knew that Freemasonry was a science, which had existed for hundreds and hundreds of years, and in fact its origin was so remote that no one knew when it first commenced: but they knew full well that for many centuries the mysteries of Freemasonry were practised by very many nations of the world. That had not been disputed, and their secrets had been handed down from generation to generation. They knew that in olden times their art was used more for the purposes of operative Masonry than at the present time. Under the auspices of Freemasonry, their forefathers brought many magnificent works to a successful termination, and some of the most beautiful structures of mediæval times were raised by Freemasons. But modern Freemasonry had other aims. The art of Masonry having become so far distributed among operatives, it was no longer necessary that Freemasons should take an active part in carrying out the work in which they had formerly engaged: and the

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INSTALLATION OF PR

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THE LATE ELECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Many cordial thanks to all my fellow-workers and friends, especially to those two gentlemen,—brethren of Stonehouse, Devonshire,—for placing our protegé, the boy George Cox, triumphantly at the head of the poll at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Boys' School, as the response of public opinion. Truly, the orphan has already lost *two* years' benefit of the Institution; and would, in all probability, have failed altogether had it not been for the energy, money, and time of those who determined that the neglected orphan should *not finally* fail.

The allegation of "wanton slander," I shall not deign further to notice than repeat that it was exceedingly disingenuous, as the assertion I made was but a transcript of that which fell from the lips of the complainant in my hearing, and directed to myself.

But with that which was prevented and with that which was done, as an extraordinary effort, the widow's heart overflows with gratitude to every supporter for the rescue of her orphan.

It has been stated that abuse is the income tax levied on all philanthropists for their generous exertions. Be it so. Our reward is in the Grand Lodge above. "Being defamed, we entreat others to go and do likewise in the work of charity, righteousness and truth."

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, 29th October 1877.

"PECULIAR."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry to have given Bros. Webster and Mason so much trouble, but if they are enabled to state that over 20,000 votes were issued, why was it published that there were only 17,728 votes issued? That was the number printed, in large numbers, in the Board Room. So I again say, where did the extra votes come from?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

LODGE QUARTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I visit London I find that nearly all Lodge meetings and Instruction gatherings are held either at public houses or hotels. Here in the country I can understand it, but in London it is surprising that something has not been done by the Craft to remove this evil. Can any brother explain the cause?

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS PIKE,

City of Westminster 1563, St. Tudero 755.

Gyffin Mill, Conway, N.W., 27th October 1877.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I heartily endorse the remarks of REYNARDO, P.M., as to Founders' jewels, which are certainly not recognised by the Constitutions, any more than are the so-called Master Masons' jewels.

I see no objection to a brother wearing either or both of these, with any others his inventive genius may discover as appropriate, in a room about kind of way, to Freemasonry, provided he wears them in private, just as he may wear what rings and trinkets he chooses. But they form no part of a Mason's clothing, and should be rigidly ordered to be removed by Masters of Lodges, whenever they find members unconstitutional enough to wear them.

I am surprised that Craftsmen should condescend to enter Lodges decked out like jewellers' shops. Were I about to make a tour in Africa, I should furnish myself with any quantity of beads and coloured glass, and whenever I was anxious to win favour with a native chief, or escape from any quandary I might have got into, I should try and bribe him with a string of beads—or for his favourite spouse. These ignorant savages are childishly enthusiastic over such gewgaws. They know no better, and no one, therefore, is surprised at their silly love of finery. Moreover, they have very little else beyond their native nudity, in which to array themselves; so that we can readily understand how proud must be the happy possessor of a string of beads, a piece of glass, or a strip of red calico, or even of an old worn-out cocked hat. But English Masons live in a civilised country. It is supposed, they look down upon all gaudy tinsel and finery, not as beneath their notice, but as beneath contempt. How, under these circumstances, any brethren can lower themselves by wearing trinkets they are not Masonically entitled to wear, is a riddle which would puzzle the Sphinx herself, or even old Œdipus, to solve. If they only knew the amount of ridicule they excite in the minds of sensible men, when they thus bedizen themselves, it is probable they would think twice or even thrice, before making fools of themselves. It is honourable to wear the jewels of office, but not so those which are unrecognised by the authorities.

Fraternally yours,

CRAFTSMAN.

SEVEN DAYS' NOTICE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If "An Anti-Penultimate Past Master" will refer to p. 83, § 1, of the Constitutions, he will there read, under "Of Proposing Members:"—"No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge are to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot." This is the law, and it seems to me to be capable of only one interpretation. A brother must be regularly proposed in open Lodge. That done, his name, &c., &c., must be sent to the members of the Lodge "in the summons for the *next* regular lodge meeting,"—that is, to explain the full meaning of the word I have italicised, at the meeting following *next after* that at which the regular proposition was made. At this "*next* meeting" the ballot takes place; but no ballot is *legal*, whatever Lodges may do or brethren say to the contrary, till the "regular proposition" has been made in "open lodge." The process is by three regular and well-defined steps. First step—Proposition in open Lodge. Second step—Sending name, &c., &c., to members in summons for Lodge meeting next after that at which proposition is made. Third step—Production of G. L. certificate, &c. and ballot. The same, *mutatis mutandis*, applies to candidates for initiation, with the further provision that these latter may, on due cause shown, be balloted for and initiated at an emergency meeting, "Seven Days' Notice" having been given. There is no emergency in the case of a joining member.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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MASONIC FOOTBALL CLUB v. ALMA.

THE first match of the season between these clubs was played on the ground of the Masonic, at Wood Green, on Saturday last. The day was wet, consequently the ground was in a very bad state. The home team won the toss, and elected to kick with what little wind there was. The ball was kicked off by the Captain of the Alma, but was soon brought back. Little else but scrimmages occupied the first half-time, which left the teams even as at the commencement. Goals were changed, and the Masonic had to kick against the wind, but in spite of this disadvantage, the Alma were sore pressed, and had as much as they could do to defend their goal. A good run made by the Alma caused some little discomfiture to their opponents, who had to touch down in self-defence at two minutes to the time. Time having been called, the match ended in a draw, in favour of the Alma. For the Masonic, Messrs. G. Gardner, Humphrey, Parker and Ellis played well.

MASONIC TEAM.—Hart, back; Mr. Brockleburst and Scurr, half-backs; Parker and Ellis, quarter-backs; Mr. G. Gardner, Mr. Humphrey, Godsmark (Capt.), Sparkes, Molineaux, Howard, Davies, H. Wood, Edge, Wood, Eastland, forwards.

ALMA TEAM.—C. Baker, back; Jesse (Capt.) and F. Baker, half-backs; Kingston and Bidders, quarter-backs; Lawrence, Page, Kidman, Wix, Chelie, Treadway, Moon, Brindley, forwards.

MASONIC FOOTBALL CLUB v. BRUCE CASTLE.

A match was played by the above on Wednesday last, the 31st ult., on the ground of the Masonic Football Club. It was, considering the time of year, an exceedingly bright day, and a fair concourse of spectators assembled to watch the play. The ball was started at 2.45, by the Bruce Castle, and was soon brought back to the centre of the ground by E. V. Gardner. Here some fine scrimmaging took place. After some good play by the Bruce Castle and Masonic quarter and half-backs, a try was obtained from a splendid run by Currie; the place, however, failed. Soon after this half-time was called, and for some minutes the Bruce Castle team were completely hemmed near their goal line. Currie, however, again got away, and carried the ball to the centre of the ground. From now till time was called two tries were obtained by Bruce Castle, each of which resulted in a goal. The Masonic Football Club thus lost the match by two goals and one try to nil. For the Bruce Castle Winstowe and Stephens (backs), Chamorro half-back, Currie and Lee L. quarter-backs, and Heland H. played well. Of the Masonic Football Club G. Gardner, Cline, Dark, Ellis and Parker were conspicuous.

BRUCE CASTLE TEAM.—Winstowe, Stephens, backs; Chamorro, half-back; Currie and Lee L., quarter-backs; Cakin, Gomar, Atkin, Strange, Espicors, Heland J., Heland H., Johnson, Hill, Lee H., forwards.

MASONIC TEAM.—Hart, back; E. V. Gardner and Scurr, half-backs; Cline and Parker, quarter-backs; G. Gardner, Dark, Corcorran, Godsmark (Capt.), Sparkes, Davies, Howard, Ellis, Molineaux, H. Wood.

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THE OWL CLUB.

THE owl is one of the least melodious of songsters. Its "hoot" may be appropriate, but it is not musical, while its more prolonged effort at making itself heard is commonly described as a "screech." If we were to describe the more effective notes of our most famous singers as screeches, we have every reason to believe they would not regard the description as in any wise complimentary. Be this as it may, the Owl Club is not so called because it is composed of a number of owls, nor yet, perchance, because, as a cockney might say, its members 'owl more or less musically. It is so called, we imagine, on the *lucus à non lucendo*, because its members are not owls in respect of their musical powers, but because they are a very agreeable, very companionable set of fellows, who have some very practical, and at the same time very charming notions about singing. We spent one of the most delightful evenings imaginable with them on Monday, when they gave their second concert of the present season at the Guildhall Tavern. It might almost have been looked upon as a select family party, for there is no admission except by vouchers, of which a certain number are placed at the disposal of each member. There may have been, perhaps, a hundred people present, and the programme included an admirable selection of glees and songs, while Mr. Fountain Meen presided at the pianoforte. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Messrs. Burgess Perry, Albert James, Edwin Moss, Edward Collins, Arthur Thompson, and George Musgrave, four of whose names will be familiar to our readers, as their owners form the well-known "Masonic Quartette," and often help to make the meetings of our Lodges pass most pleasantly. All the gentlemen on Monday were at their very best, and the audience, therefore, were justly enthusiastic, as each succeeding effort on the part of the artists appeared to surpass that which had gone before. First in order of performance came Spofforth's well known glee, "Come, bounteous May." This served as a foretaste of what was to follow, being rendered feelingly, and, we might almost add, faultlessly. Thus the friendliest relations were at once established between the artists and the audience. Then followed a second glee, Calcott's "Lovely seems the moon's fair lustre," which was sung quite as effectively. Hutton's song, "The lark now leaves his watery nest," was next in order of sequence. This had been entrusted to Mr. Burgess Perry, whose alto singing is so justly appreciated, and he sang it with the greatest delicacy of feeling. Another glee ("Shades of the Heroes"—Cooke), was succeeded by Mr. Albert Hubbard's version of "Jack's Delight." This, we venture to say, was equal to any other version we have heard elsewhere, and was promptly and heartily applauded. A part song, Reichardt's "The Image of the Rose," in which Mr. Albert James (tenor) took the solo part, was one of the greatest successes of the evening. The effect of Mr. James's singing to a humming accompaniment by the other voices was most charming, so much so, indeed, that the audience demanded it a second time. Spofforth's glee "Hail, smiling morn," is a great favourite, not only among glee singers, but among amateurs of glee singing likewise. Under these circumstances, it is hard to say whether the artists were more flattered by the reception it met with, or the audience more delighted at the manner in which it was sung. After another part song—Horsley's "Sweet is evening's tranquil time"—Mr. Fountain Meen appeared, and gave a solo recital on the pianoforte—Mendelssohn's prelude and fugue in E minor. His execution was well nigh perfect, and the manner in which he interpreted the great master's work was worthy of the highest praise. Then came the glee "Vulcan, contrive me," and then Mr. Arthur Thompson's song, "To Chloe in sickness," by our greatest classical composer, the late Sir Sterndale Bennett. This was another of the principal successes of the evening. Mr. Thompson sang with exquisite taste and finish, and so delighted the audience, that they unanimously called upon him to repeat it. The Quartett, "O Ercs" (Mendelssohn) rendered by Messrs. Collins, James, Thompson, and Hubbard, was a specimen of high-class singing, each member of the quartette exhibiting the same harmony of feeling, as well as singing in complete harmony with the others. The chorus, Mendelssohn's "Fair Semele's high-born son," brought this admirable programme to a satisfactory conclusion, and the audience departed soon afterwards, delighted, as may well be imagined, with the exceedingly tasteful entertainment which had been provided for them. We hardly think it possible to have spent anywhere a more agreeable evening. Everything passed off admirably. The room was well suited for the purpose, and the arrangements left nothing to be desired. The programme was long, and varied enough to please all tastes, yet was it not too protracted, nor was there a single song or glee which any one present would prefer to have had omitted. Considering the exquisite taste and musical ability of its members, we cannot but regard the title of "The Owl Club" as a misnomer; but inasmuch as they are manifestly inspired in all their plans by Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, of whom the Owl is emblematic, we cannot but applaud their choice of name. We hope, on future occasions, to enjoy the privilege of listening to "The Owls" in their pleasant home at the Guildhall Tavern. A concert under their auspices is a treat of which only those who have heard them can form a just appreciation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster will be held in Crawshaw's Hall, Blackburn-road, Accrington, on Thursday, 22nd Nov. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened by the Right W. P.G.M. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, at 12.30 p.m.

The annual banquet of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, will be held on Thursday, 29th inst. at the

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THE monthly reunions of the memb
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NORTHUMBERLAND AND TWEED LODGE OF

THE regular meeting of this time-immem
the 24th October, at the Masonic Hall
on-Tyne. Amongst those present were Bro
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strong M.O., S. B. Bell as S.O., R. L. Arms
S.D., J. Blinkensop J.D., J. Wood I.G., S
Limes Tyler; V.W. Bros. C. Banester P.M
P.M. P.G.M.O., &c. The Lodge being opene
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the Lodge fell on Bro. W. E. Franklin S.W
ledged the honour done him. Bro. R. Lock
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the Indian Famine Relief Fund, which bein
Bro. Foulsham P.M., was carried. The
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the 28th November.

We paid a visit to the Polytechni
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TO CULTIVATE BENEVOLENCE.

From the VOICE OF MASONRY.

SUPPOSE one was called upon to establish an association for the cultivation of benevolence and its kindred virtues, what steps would be naturally take to accomplish his purpose? On what principles would he build his superstructure? What should be the chief corner-stone, and what material should he use in the erection of the moral edifice?

I know not what others might do, but were the task allotted to me, the existence of GOD—the great uncaused Cause of all causes—the Universal FATHER should be the chief corner-stone. To the theory of His existence and parental character all nations of the earth subscribe; so every nationality could become supporters of such an institution without contravening any other point of the established religion. This would be a strong reason why a belief in GOD should be the corner-stone in the foundation, as it must be followed by its corollary—mankind are brethren. But a stronger reason why it should be adopted for such a purpose is that it is true. Excepting a few wise ones of present and past ages who insist that this harmonious universe presents no evidence of wisdom and design, all nations, at every period of the world's history, have held the existence of a Supreme Ruler as the great leading fact in the universe. With those whom we care to influence it needs no proof. In the organization that I would establish this should be the sure foundation—the tie that should bind the whole membership together in one brotherhood. In that band there should not be a single individual who could not say, under the sanction of a solemn oath: "My trust is in GOD!" Not one should take upon himself the responsibilities appertaining to a member who could not adopt the spirit of the prayer of the SON OF GOD and say, "Our FATHER who art in heaven." To avow his allegiance to these fundamental facts and principles should be required of every applicant for membership before he should receive the seal of acceptance. Then the Fatherhood of GOD and the Brotherhood of Man would stand as the foundation of the moral superstructure I would propose to build.

But from these conceded facts I would draw legitimate inferences. If GOD is our FATHER, he has a right to command our obedience and services, consequently it should be a prime article in the creed of the organization that every member should obey the divine law and gauge his actions by that unerring rule. If man is our brother, it is our duty to treat him as such: to rejoice with him in prosperity, and sympathise with him in adversity; when he is sick to visit him, when in distress to give him aid, when wrong to point out to him the better way; when right to applaud and encourage him to persevere. This would form another strong bond of union, which, properly applied, would, or ought to make the Fraternity strong and indissoluble.

These should be the principles upon which I would establish a society to cultivate benevolence. But the best principles may be abused, and bad men for their own selfish and sinister ends, might strive to alienate the association from its original purposes. To prevent this a strict and thorough examination should be made of the character of every applicant for admission, and none should pass the threshold who had not an honest head and a generous and benevolent heart. That he oppressed the poor should bar him out of the conclave. That he refused succour to the needy should be sufficient reason for his rejection. That he by legal means or otherwise appropriated what should have been another's should doom him to ostracism. Such should have no place in the association I would establish.

In the terse and true language of a benevolent society of this age, "Man needs a closer acquaintance with man the world over." Half of the differences between nations, communities and individuals arise from non-acquaintance and non-intercourse. To make an association homogeneous, its members must be intimately acquainted and know each other. To be able to sympathise with our neighbour in his affliction, we must know not only that he is afflicted, but also in what manner or shape the misfortune comes. To enable us to rejoice in the prosperity of a friend, we must know in what conditions he is successful. Hence to produce homogeneousness in the proposed society, there should be frequent intercourse among the members. Each should know the others, and be cognizant of their condition, should be acquainted with their private and public characters, their modes of thought, their preferences and their prejudices. To insure this knowledge and acquaintance there should be frequent meetings of the members, when they could converse in the most free and confidential manner, with the certainty that a revelation or confession which might be made would not be reported to the ears of an enemy or become public to the disadvantage of the one who made it. The meetings should be held on the basis that the subject of discussion should be treated confidentially, so that if vice needed reproof, or virtue the meed of praise, or misfortune needed assistance, or pride a rebuke, each could receive its just deserts, and not be held up to the gaze of a censorious, scandal-loving, and unforgiving world.

But men are forgetful of vows they have taken, and it would not be likely that a hundred men would ever be found who would agree upon all subjects that might be introduced in such an association. Men differ in political and religious matters, and sharp words and sometimes heavy blows are the result. We do not propose to organize a church or a political club, but only a society for the inculcation of benevolent practices, and to prohibit the discussion of these exciting subjects would not run counter to the objects of our organization, therefore, lest the passions of some brother should get control of his reason, I would forbid the introduction of these subjects, and refuse to give him the means by which the reason is so often dethroned. I should hope by debarring the members from introducing subjects foreign to the object for which they were associated together "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace," a thing which most of the churches which countenance political discussions in their bodies fail to do.

In pursuance of my design to give the outline for an organization for the cultivation of benevolence, for the meeting of such a body as it contemplates I would provide a pleasant and comfortable room, where all could assemble and enjoy each other's company. It should be pleasing as well as pleasant, and instructive as well as pleasing, for on its walls should be pictures, each teaching some lesson in benevolence. And there should be portraits of those who had been distinguished for their virtues, and especially for their generosity towards their fellows who needed aid. These should be kept to remind the brethren that the duties so well performed by those represented by the portraits had devolved upon them—to continually point to the path of duty, and say to them, their successors, "this is the way, walk ye in it." Every implement necessary in the transaction of business should be an open book, to be read by every member, containing good and salutary lessons of prime duty. The carpet upon the floor, the tables of the officers, the official badges, all should contain lessons of practical value which it should be one of the first duties of the initiate to learn, so that when a member should enter he should have spread out before him in speaking hieroglyphics his whole duty as demanded by the association. This handwriting on the wall should be so plain that he who ran might read.

Most men are powerfully influenced by forms and ceremonies. Thus almost every society, though formed upon the most simple model, has its form of reception of members. The Church baptises its communicants, ordains its ministers, and consecrates its bishops. The Government crowns its King, the president swears to be faithful to the constitution, and to see that the laws are executed, and all subordinate officers, from the president to the town bailiff, follow his example. In a matter of this kind I would not go contrary to the practice of mankind everywhere and in all ages. I would receive a neophyte with solemn, imposing and impressive ceremonies—by mysterious rites which should all be calculated to impress upon the mind the great leading facts and principles upon which the institution was founded, and the objects for which it was established. From the time he crossed the threshold until he was hailed as a brother in full fellowship, every lecture should impress upon his mind the principles by which he was to govern his conduct, every sentence should enforce some duty, every rite should illustrate some vital truth, every ceremony should bear its appropriate lesson. Whatever scenes he was to pass through should be full of valuable information; every act should be laden with knowledge necessary and useful in the new relation on which he was entering. He should not pass a figure in the carpet that did not impart to him a truth, every picture on the wall should incite him to the practice of benevolence and charity, and he should find at the station of every officer a hieroglyphic, teaching important and recondite truths relative to his advancement in the mysteries of the institution.

To secure the full value of such an organisation the meetings should be as sacred and secret as the family circle when gathered around the sacred fireside.

But it would not be known in an association with a large membership, who were entitled to enter. In the family circle each knows all the members, and hence no impostors can thrust themselves into it. So there is no need of secred methods of recognition. Not so in a large society, where the most of the members may be personally unknown to each other. In that case it is needful that other means should be adopted to secure the circle from intruders who have no warrant for their presence. This desideratum might be secured by adopting certain words or signs known only to the initiated, which, truthfully pronounced and correctly given, should secure admission to him who was able to give them into any branch of the institution. Who does not know that with such principles and such means, well acted upon and enforced, a society of infinite value to mankind could be built up and sustained.

The foregoing is a brief outline of the means I should strive to put in execution were I called upon to found a society for the cultivation of benevolence. It appears that some person or persons far back in the dim ages of antiquity had similar ideas, for he or they organised just such an association. That it was calculated to be permanent is attested by the fact that it has long outlived the history of its origin; that it answers the end designed is proved by the testimony of hundreds of thousands who have been the recipients of its blessings. There is no need to get up another society for the same purpose, since one exists, universally prosperous and flourishing. We call it *Freemasonry*.

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On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862, as W.M.

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Harveyan, No. 1293, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Tredegar Lodge were given in our issue of 27th October.

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GAIETY.—At 7.15, AN EVASIVE REPLY. At 8.15 A MUSICAL BOX. At 9.15, LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Monday evening, at the request of the Princess of Wales, Her Majesty advised the celebration of Hallowe'en, and celebrated it was with very great success. A procession, consisting of some two hundred torch bearers, headed by the Princess of Wales, her young daughters, and the Princess Beatrice, each of whom bore a torch, marched through the grounds with the Queen's pipers leading the way, and having then made the circuit of the Castle several times, a huge pile, erected on the green west of the Castle

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Sadler's Wells, which years since, u

halcyon days, has undergone many vicissitudes, has, during the last few days, been the scene of two disgraceful exhibitions of pugilism. On the first occasion two men fought for about an hour and a-half, when the police at length interfered, and the assembly and the combatants retired. On the second occasion the contest was an unequal one, and the weaker man won by a foul. Gloves, be it said, are worn by the pugilists, but there is, in fact, little difference between this kind of fight and the old exhibitions of brutality in the prize ring. Indeed, those who engaged in the latter had the grace to hide their brutality as much as possible, while these fellows display their ruffianism as publicly as they can. We trust that the police will put down all this kind of exhibition with the utmost determination. If one or two convicted of the offence should be sent to hard labour for a few months, it would be only serving them right.

There is much activity in the theatrical world just now. In fact, the season is in full swing. Mr. Wills's play, with which Mr. Chatterton commenced the season at "Old Drury," has proved unattractive, and the manager, with that discretion for which he is distinguished, has revived *Amy Robsart* with, we should imagine, considerable benefit to his exchequer. At the New Adelphi, *Formosa*, which created such a sensation a few years since, has been again brought up, and has met with a very hearty reception. At the Globe, the burlesque of *Isaac of York* has made its appearance again, to the gratification of the audience. Mr. Murray Wood's company has removed from the Royal Aquarium Theatre to the less aristocratic, but, let us hope, equally remunerative Philharmonic, and is there playing Muskerry's three-act play of *Garrick; or, only an Actor*. Mr. Murray Wood takes the title *rôle* with great success, and is well supported by the other members, of which Messrs. Chamberlain and Such Granville, with Miss Louisa Stanhope, are the most prominent.

The second ballotings have taken place in France, and have resulted in the return of eleven Conservatives and four Republicans, so that the Opposition will number 320, while the Ministerialists muster 210. This, of course, is a weakening of the former, but a majority of 110 is quite as useful as a majority of about 200. So there can be no question the Ministry has been soundly beaten. What will happen remains to be seen.

Fortune is not as favourable to the cause of Turkey as she was earlier in the campaign. There can be no question the defeat of Mukhtar Pasha in Asia has been very disastrous, for the Russians have beleaguered Kars a second time, and are moving again towards Erzeroum, and it will tax all the energies of Mukhtar, and all the resources of Turkey, to stop the further progress of the Russian arms. There is a talk of a further rising in the Caucasus, but it does not appear to interfere much with the plans of the Grand Duke Michael. The news from before Plevna is also unfavourable to the Turks. General Gourko with his cavalry, and a portion of the Imperial Guard, have taken Dubnik, after a day's sanguinary battle, which, he admits, cost him 2,500 men. Since then he has captured Teliche. As these places are on the Sofia-road, Osman's communications are thus severed, whether completely or not is yet to be ascertained. This must have the effect of placing Osman Pasha in a very critical position. There is little doubt the Russians are just now making a supreme effort to recover the ground they have lost. Their success will depend much on the ability of Osman to feed his men and keep up his ammunition. The Russians are looking forward to his overthrow, and possibly of his capture, but they have done this before and have not succeeded, however, their prospects are brighter now. On the Lom, the position is almost, if not quite, unchanged. Suleiman has been on a round of inspection, and is looking to his transport and commissariat. General Zimmerman is moving towards Silistria, which will no doubt take care of itself, and so will the other Turkish fortresses. On the whole the Russians seem to be faring much better then they have done since their opening successes.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, which now meets at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst. Bro. J. H. Dodson, S.W. of the mother Lodge, will take the chair, at 7 o'clock. We hope the brethren will spend a pleasant evening under his leader-

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 inst., at seven 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 July to the 16th October 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	295	18	10	Purchase of £300 Consols at 94¼ and Commission	283	17	6
„ Unappropriated Account	181	11	11	Disbursements during the Quarter	185	0	4
Subsequent Receipts	307	3	0	Balance	116	19	0
				„ in Unappropriated Account	198	16	11
	£784	13	9		£784	13	9

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 Hugh George Colvill as Z., Thomas Hawken as H., John Richard Collins as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, to be called "The Saint Petrock Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, in the County of Cornwall.

2nd. From Companions John Chalmers as Z., William Nash as H., Richard M. Blaker as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Light of the North, No. 1308, Dalhousie, to be called "The Egerton Chapter," and to meet at Dalhousie, Punjab, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Major William Edward Williams as Z., Henry Keeble as H., Thomas Perridge as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, to be called "The Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petition:—

4th. From Companions Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Sawyer Somerville Burney as Z., Frank Richardson as H., Richard Philip Leeson as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, to be called "The Bayard Chapter," and to meet at No. 33 Golden-square, London.

This petition is regular in form. It is, however, contrary to the usual custom of the Grand Chapter Committee to recommend an application for a Chapter from so young a Lodge, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the subject is referred to the Grand Chapter for its consideration.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a Memorial from the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, praying that the petition for a Chapter, to be attached to that Lodge, which was negatived at the last Grand Chapter, might be again submitted to the Grand Chapter, and that the Committee would recommend Grand Chapter to reconsider its decision.

The Committee taking into consideration the peculiar and special circumstances of the case, recommend that Grand Chapter be asked to reconsider its former decision in this case.

The following Notices of Motions have been received for the next QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—

1.—By Companion John Mason H., No. 73:—(*postponed from the last Grand Chapter.*);

In order to harmonise the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the Laws of Grand Lodge, and to accord with a recent decision of the Grand Registrar in reference to the powers of Grand Superintendents of Districts or Provinces,—That paragraph 37, page 12, of the R.A. Regulations, commencing at the words "they are also empowered" be expunged, and the following regulation substituted.

"The Grand Superintendent may summon any Chapter or Companion within their district to attend them within the limits of such district, and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers and Accounts of the Chapter, or the Certificate of the Companion."

"If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Chapter or Companion may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand Superintendents shall be final unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against."

"The Grand Superintendents are also empowered to visit the several subordinate Chapters in the Province or District, to see that the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter are observed."

2.—By E. Companion Benjamin Head, P. Sword Bearer—

"That the sum of Three Hundred Guineas be granted from the Funds of the Grand Chapter in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund."

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, *President*.

Old Warrants.

No. 99.

No. 290 "Ancients;" No. 367 after the "Union" (1814), No. 255 A.D. 1832, and No. 211 from A.D. 1863.

L.S.

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THOS. HARPER, S.G.W. for JOHN BUNN, Esq. ROBERT GILL, 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 and 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 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 William Dickey, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Bunn, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Gill, 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 Michael Dove one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Betts his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Joseph Ion his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Dundee Arms, Wapping, in the County of Middlesex, or elsewhere in the said County, or City of London, upon the second
No. 290 and fourth Fridays in every Calendar 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 impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Michael Dove, John Betts, Joseph Ion (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 eleventh day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Ninety and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

L.S.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. I. Fol 321.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Albion, Aldersgate-street.

No. 100.

No. 200, "Ancients;" No. 249 A.D. 1814, No. 176 A.D. 1832, and No. 151 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

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No. 200 to form and hold a Lodge of aforesaid, at the Castle Inn (Wight, upon the first and third Tuesda and on all seasonable times and lawful Lodge (when duly congregated) to adm according to the most Ancient and Hono Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughc we do hereby further authorise and im Well-beloved Brethren, Richard Stephens, Wavell (with the consent of the membe nate, chuse, and install their Successors, this Warrant, and invest them with the Freemasons, &c. And such Successo nominate, chuse, and install their Succ installations to be upon (or near) every continuance of this Lodge, for ever. brethren, and all their Successors, alway Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwis Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of o this ninth day of July, in the Year of our hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the sand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

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NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Albany Isle of Wight.

No. 101.

No. 232, "Ancients;" No. 291 A.D. 181 No. 175 from A.D. 1

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WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most An ternity of Free and Accepted Masons (acco tions granted by His Royal Highness Prin Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, an Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble P and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tulli and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenal Murray, Belveney and Gask, Constable of Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Stra Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archi Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden (with the approbat Warranted Lodges held within the Cities an Westminster), do hereby authorise and impo Trusty Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Bro. Master Masons, The Worshipful No. 232 Warden, and the Worshipful Bro. Warden (to form and hold a Lod Masons aforesaid, at the house called, or kn of the Bugle Inn, in the town of Ryde, in County of Hampshire (or elsewhere), on every Calender Month, and on all seasonabl sions, and in the said Lodge (when duly c make Freemasons according to the most Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and known world. And we do hereby further our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Hen George Payne (with the consent of the Me nominate, chuse, and install their Success deliver this Warrant, and invest them with th as Freemasons, &c. And such Successor nominate, chuse, and install their Success installations to be upon (or near) every ST. continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Pr Brethren and all their Successors always Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our this eighth day of September, in the Year of Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the Yea sand Eight hundred and thirteen.

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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 NOVEMBER.

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.
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 NOVEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6. on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
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.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
483—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
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.
1084—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

TUESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.) Annual Banquet.
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
1299—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1361—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Backs, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
236—York, De Grey Rooms, York. (Centenary Banquet at 5.30.)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, 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.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peter-field, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1588—St. Elsth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimbey-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—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.)
1545—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.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
288—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Mona, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
408—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, Duck-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.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.

THURSDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
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. (Inst.)
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.)
1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8. (Installation.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
55—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.
379—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.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1096—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1369—Bala, Pissgoch 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.
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, 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.)
1286—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1556—Ashliscombe, Surrey Club, Croydon.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Burnsgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1362—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 236—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

130—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1061—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—4.9—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY, 9—Greenside Kilwinning, [illegible]

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Met at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C., on Tuesday, the 30th ult. There were in attendance Comps. J. K. Stead Z., P. Wagner H., W. H. Postans J., J. Boyd P.Z. Treas., T. W. White S.E., D. Hallett P.S., F. Brown S.N., A. H. Lilley, G. S. Row, J. H. Legott, N. Moss, A. Durrant, C. W. Noehmer, G. Darcy, G. J. Potter, E. L. Walker, J. Constable, G. Newman, J. High, W. Grist, J. B. Sorrell, J. Seex, E. H. Finney, W. Jetton. At the last election Comp. John Constable had been chosen to occupy the first chair, but upon solicitation, he relinquished that position in favour of Comp. J. K. Stead, who rehearsed the exaltation ceremony. In pursuance of notice of motion given at a previous meeting the sum of £5 was voted, to be placed on the list of Comp. N. Gluckstein, who has undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The election of officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follow:—Comps. J. Constable Z., D. Hallett H., F. Brown J., E. H. Finney S.N., W. H. Postans P.S.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—At the meeting on Thursday, the 1st November, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. J. Appleby W.M., Pullen S.W., Hallows J.W., Bell S.D., G. Clark J.D., Haines I.G., Upward Org., Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Sheppard, Delvalló, Franklin, Christian, Groome. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer; the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sheppard candidate. Bro. Appleby worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pullen S.W. will preside at next meeting.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 20th October. Present—Bros. Halford W.M., Wing S.W., Kidder J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Millward S.D., Powell J.D., Humphrey I.G., Christopher Tyler; Pearcy, Stock, Trewinnard, Burtle, Gibbs, Hunter, Hallam. Minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hallam as candidate. Lodge advanced to the second degree. Bro. Burtle answered the usual questions, and withdrew. Bro. Trewinnard was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree. The W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Trewinnard acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam, of Friars Lodge, No. 1349, was duly elected member. Bro. Wing S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the last Monday in this month.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 30th October, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Tranter W.M., Moiry S.W., Leviscott J.W., W. G. Dickins J.D. 860 Sec., Sandle S.D., J. H. Dodson J.D., Chapman I.G., Bingemann Preceptor, and several brethren. Lodge being formally opened and minutes confirmed, Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coope candidate. After the working of three sections, the W.M. invited the brethren, when three new members were regularly elected. Bro. Miroy was chosen to fill the chair at the meeting on Tuesday week, as in consequence of the annual banquet taking place next Tuesday no meeting of the Lodge will take place on that evening.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 30th October. Bros. Sayer W.M., Pewsey S.W., W. Fraser J.W., Fraser S.D., Quincey J.D., Harris I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Fenner, Maidwell jun., Campbell, Glass, West, Stamp, Wharman, Cohen. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Sayer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pewsey, who worked the ceremony of raising in a very satisfactory manner, Bro. Cohen W.M. 205 as candidate. Bro. Sayer resumed the chair, and closed down in the third and second degrees. Bros. Fenner 1227, Bro. Cohen W.M. 205, and Bro. Stamp of the "Perfect Ashlar" were elected members. Bro. Pewsey will preside next Tuesday. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. D. Poseuer on Tuesday, 6th November. The annual supper will take place on the 20th November.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—For some time past fickle Fortune has thought fit to play fast and loose with this, erst extremely successful Lodge. Its removal from the old quarters now proves to have been ill advised. The wise adage. "Let well alone," was unfortunately disregarded. Instead of being content with slow but steady progress and quiet enjoyment of well established prosperity, an ambition was raised to move in higher spheres. An aspiration perhaps laudable in itself, but which experience, in this instance, has shown to be not unaccompanied with a certain amount of risk; for ever since the unlucky

eagerly welcomed, but when the abs attendants was made manifest, discon prietor soon became apparent. At len to the former habitation, the Railway and there the Lodge met again in absence of some years, on Wednesday, occupied the chair, S. Wharman was P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., F. Croake P.M. Preceptor, Christopher Tyler; Morgan, Blinkhorn, Fenner, Gomm, was rehearsed, and the first section was elected an] honorary member; h at receiving the highest honour it was bestow. Bro. S. Wharman W.M. Ke the chair on Wednesday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jol was well attended. Bro. Tolmie pr Halford respectively filled the chairs C. K. Killick jun. Sec. After the minu firmed, the presentation of an elegant worthy Secretary, Bro. C. K. Killick ju this Lodge of Instruction we are plea the members. The Fifteen Sections we brethren taking part:—First Lectur Bedwell, Fenner, Ives, Tolmie, Ives. Brasted, Powell, Pearcy, Isaac, Saul. Cohen, J. Stock, Trewinnard. The work but if special praise is called for, we mu Isaac, Cowen, Trewinnard, and Ives assisted with the 7th section (in add for him), in place of a brother w Bros. Posener 15, Emsley 548, Bolstr elected members. A vote of thanks Bro. Tolmie for his valuable services as gracefully acknowledged, a vote of thank who assisted. The Lodge of Instructio was afterwards pleasantly spent. Bros successfully exerted themselves to amus

De Burghi Chapter, No. 4 cation of this old and flourishing Cha at 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead-on- attendance of members and visitors. A Chapter were read and confirmed, E. stalled as Z., M. Guthrie as H., and G installing chief was E. Comp. E. D. D whole of the ceremonies were conducted manner. The M.E.Z. then invested his Clappam P.Z. Treasurer, J. Wood E., Co Whitlaw A.S. The sum of £5 5s was Chapter towards the Indian Famine Rel report was presented; it showed a bal A hearty vote of thanks was accorded services. The Chapter was then closed, the Grey Horse Hotel, where they sat do cloth being removed, the M.E.Z. gave the which were duly honoured. M.E. Com health of the Principals and Success t confident the Principals would distinguis as they had done in their respecti in replying, thanked the Companio him; he trusted he might have a he should conduct the affairs in a credi gave the health of the Installing Princi to. On rising to give the Officers, the a bright example before them in E. Co was, "go thou and do likewise." Thi Comp. J. Wood E. The Visitors was gi replied to by Comps. Smith, Blinken E. Comp. Davis most beautifully recited and Comp. Walker, from Durham Cat excellent harmony, which rendered th The Janitor's toast brought to a close a The Visitors were E. Comps. P. O. Smith R. Lock Treas. 406, R. G. Salmon 406, Harris 406.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.— at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street Wood W.M., Wolters S.W., Quitman J. E. Child Sec., T. Cooper S.D. P.M.'s C also Bros. Beaumont, Skinner, Mickle Formalities being duly observed, Mr. De and in course initiated. Bro. Langdon wa In accordance with notice of motion, the the Lodge of Instruction attached to thi defraying incidental expenses attending Union Lodge of Instruction to La Toler closed. Bro. W. J. Parish W.M. 1601 was

William Preston Lodge of In Held its usual meeting on Friday, 27th

firmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris being candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and closed down to the first. The seventh section was worked by Bro. Rudderforth. Bro. Evans answered the questions with considerable ability for a young Mason. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Hayes answered the questions in the ninth section. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Hall was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The first meeting of the season was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 26th instant, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Captain Robert Helsham Treasurer, Capt. J. Eglese Secretary, J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stöhwasser J.D., W. Jolliffe D.C., and Quarter Master Brighten I.G. Visitors—Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch P.P.G.C. Essex, Ensign E. A. Baylis P.G.S. W.M. 1521 (Studholme Lodge), F. Wiseman P.M. 160, and T. Bevan 1464. The Lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Serjeant Edward Blanks, which proved unanimous in his favour. He was accordingly introduced and initiated by the W.M., in a very able manner. Several members were proposed for the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was enlivened by some capital songs by Bros. H. J. Hatch, W. G. Brighten, H. P. Matthews, and F. J. Stöhwasser.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting on 25th Oct., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. W. Goss W.M. of 780 in the chair, H. Tucker S.W., H. Kyezor J.W., B. Blasby S.D., F. Irwin J.D., Gunner I.G. Visitors—Bros. Weare P.M. P.G.D. of Leicestershire, Rand, Nye, Pearson, Metcalf, and others. Lodge having been opened in ancient form, Bro. Pearson offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Nye and Rand replied to the necessary question previous to being passed. The Lodge was then opened up to the 3rd degree, and resumed to the first. Bros. Weare and Nye were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. H. Tucker was elected to the chair for next meeting. He expressed his thanks for the honour. Great praise is due to Bro. Goss for the careful manner in which he carried out his duties, while the energy displayed by the other members of this young Lodge is producing results that must be gratifying to all.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting on the 30th ult., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Powsall-road, Dalston, Bro. Finch W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Sanders J.W., Christian S.D., Brown J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Barnes, Lines, Young, Cook, Andrews, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr acting as candidate. The Preceptor then took the chair; Bro. Young answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the second degree. The customary questions were then answered by Bro. Andrews, who was raised to the sublime degree. The Preceptor giving the traditional history. On Bro. Finch resuming the chair, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for his able working. Bro. Andrews was elected a member. Bro. C. Lorkin to preside at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Black Bull Hotel, Holborn. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Thompson S.W., Marston J.W., Köbler S.D., Yates J.D., Köhler I.G.; Past Master Bro. W. Long Preceptor. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Yates offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was examined and entrusted, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Stanton was examined as to his proficiency in the first degree. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Thompson will preside on Wednesday next. It is proposed to work the Sections in this Lodge of Instruction in December.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. Victor M. Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, Hochfield S.D., M. Levy J.D.; and P.M.'s Bros. S. V. Abrahams, S. Pollitzer, A. D. Loewenstark, J. De Solla; with a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the business consisted of raising Bro. Marks, the W.M. performing this ceremony most impressively. The report of the Committee for revising the bye-laws was read. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; that of the Grand Officers and the Earl of Skelmersdale was responded to by Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. The health of the W.M. was given and replied to, and Bro. S.V. Abrahams returned thanks for the P.M.'s. Bro. Murlis W.M. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge responded for the Visitors, who were Bros. Friedlander, Jaffa, Mullick (United States America), Perry Cole P.P.G.C. Devonshire, &c. Some capital songs were given during the evening.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, W. Huntly, I. G. Carter, Alf. Nowens and J. Frost. Bro. H. R. Jones

St. Bead's Lodge, No. 1119.—At the last meeting, held at Yarrow-on-Tyne, the sum of £5 5s was unanimously voted towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 26th October, Bros. A. Posener W.M., Kent S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Trewinnard S.D., Hine J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Cleverly, Morgan, Posener sen., Carriciero, Simmonds, Franklin, Crouch, Campbell, Veale, Pearcy, &c. All preliminaries being duly recognised, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Simmonds candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carriciero, of Lodge St. John of Wapping, No. 1306, and Bro. Franklin, of Kent Lodge, No. 15, were duly elected members. Bro. Kent (S.W.) was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time in this or any other Lodge. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354.—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Evans, will take place at the Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire, on Wednesday next, 7th Nov. W. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, will perform the ceremony.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—This Lodge held its first anniversary meeting at the Three Bucks, Greshamstreet, on Tuesday. Bro. J. L. Mather W.M. presided, and there were present the following officers:—Bros. W. Bansor S.W., Brain J.W., Lake J.D., Sparrow I.G., D. P. Holmes Treas., and H. S. Sanders Sec., together with about seventy members. The Lodge was merely opened and closed with the customary formalities, and then the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner provided for them by the host, Bro. J. G. Willet, with his wonted taste and liberality. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Then Bro. Bansor proposed the toast of the evening, namely, Prosperity to the Islington Lodge of Instruction, coupling with it the name of Bro. Mather W.M. In doing so, Bro. Bansor gave a short sketch of the Lodge's history, showing how it had prospered from the very outset of its career, and how it was already a tower of strength in Freemasonry. He referred also with great pride to the Life Governorship Association which had been formed under the auspices of the Lodge, which numbered one hundred members, and which had been already the means of raising no less than twelve Life Governorships for one or other of our Institutions. Bro. Bansor, indeed, made an excellent speech, and on resuming his seat was greeted with long and well-deserved applause. Bro. Mather responded briefly yet appropriately. Other toasts followed, and the evening passed away most agreeably, all the members taking their departure highly gratified with the proceedings which had marked the celebration of their first anniversary gathering.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled in large numbers at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday evening. Bro. John Bairstow Shackleton, the W.M. of the Lodge presided, supported by his Officers: Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., F. Bonner J.W., N. Greene S.D., A. H. Broad J.D., Ernest Dietrich I.G., W. H. Lee P.M. Sec., T. Chapman I.P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Young Organist, Bros. F. Brasted and E. Dignam acting as Stewards. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Beensen and Jameson; passing Bros. C. J. Olley, R. Fisher and T. Norman; and the initiation of S. Blow, all of which ceremonies were most efficiently worked by the W.M. and his assistants. Amongst the members present were Bros. Davies, O. Dietrich, Stevenson, G. Ferrar, E. George, J. Dexter, R. Fisher, C. Olley, R. Olley, J. Bell, T. Norman, R. Polak, F. Beensen, W. Jameson, C. Browne, T. Bigg, A. Ferrar, R. George, J. Payne, Harding, Moon, W. Beasly, Loefflin, Robinson, C. Smyth, &c. The visitors included Bros. J. Lorkin No. 192, E. Brown 1685, W. G. Kent 1297, J. Marsh 1326, R. Rowley W.M. 917, and J. Fieldwick 1364. The work over, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most substantial repast awaited them, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Geo. Ferrar, the host, and to which the brethren did ample justice. The usual Loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, and were heartily responded to. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday evening, 31st ult. Bros. E. Dietrich W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brown J.W., Brasted S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Woolley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, and Bros. Rowley W.M. 917, Robinson, Polak, Little, R. Olley, Dexter, Gilchrist, Beensen, McMillan, Bishop, Lee, Marsh, J. B. Shackleton, Maples, Loeffler, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan being candidate. Bros. Gilchrist, Lee, and Fieldwick then worked the first, second, sixth and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rowley 917, and Bishop 1361, were elected members. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for Wednesday, 14th November. On the 7th November, Bro. Lee P.M. 1524 will work the installation ceremony.

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Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—

the 26th October. Bros. Poulter W.M., Adkins S.W., Wood J.W., Penn S.D., Smout sen. J.D., Lichtwitz I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor, Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel, Kelly, Michel P.M., Linscott, Knight P.M., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel candidate, after which Bro. Smout jun. answered the questions for passing, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Knight P.M. 1107 was elected a member. It was proposed and carried that this Lodge of Instruction meet in future at half-past 7 and close at half-past 9, this change is made in compliance with the request of several brethren residing in the neighbourhood. It was then proposed and carried that Bro. Adkins act as W.M. on Friday, the 9th of November, when it is expected there will be a full attendance to hear the working of this talented brother.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—On Saturday, 27th October, a meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace. There was plenty of work on the agenda paper, but the dreary state of the weather had its effect in keeping away many. Bro. Klenck, the W.M., initiated three gentlemen into the ancient and honourable order, viz., Messrs. Graves, Pratt, and Whitcombe. He also passed Bros. Silver 1339, and Partridge, of the Paxton, performing his work in an able manner. The Officers were—Bros. Benham J.W., Sawyer S.D., Bonwell J.D., Woodham I.G., Frances Sec. The members present were—Bros. Coward P.G.O., Dodd, Walker (who were this evening appointed respectively D.C. and W.S.), and Bro. Partridge. The Visitors were Bros. Silber 1339, and Mitchell 1360. Letters of apology for absence were read from the P.G.M. for Middlesex, and several other brethren. The bye-laws having been read and passed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured. An agreeable evening was spent.

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"Where rainbow tints are born,
And the gorgeous blazonry
Of dew-bespangled morn—
There dwelleth Masonry."

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A halo round the soul,
Or aught of goodness glows,
Like stars around the Pole,—
Where'er Hope flings a beam,
O'er life's unstable sea,—
Where flows the healing stream
There dwelleth Masonry."

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THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THOSE who have studied the history of French Freemasonry must have noticed with extreme regret the severe internal dissensions by which it has been continually agitated. There have been, in other countries, repeated interruptions to the peace and harmony of the different Masonic bodies, and these interruptions have, even in England on one occasion at least, proved seriously detrimental to the progress of the Craft. As our readers are aware, English Freemasonry was for a long time divided against itself, and it was only after the lapse of three quarters of a century that wiser councils prevailed, and the schism was healed. In France, however, the most terrible convulsions have befallen the Craft, not once or twice only, but repeatedly. Now it has been a conflict between two or more parties, each claiming to exercise the Supreme Masonic authority; now an apostasy of dissentient Lodges, who seem to have considered that violent discord was the likeliest way to secure complete harmony of thought and action. But, as far as we can trust our memory, the recent amendment of Article I. of the Constitutions of the Grand Orient is the most serious blow ever yet directed against the integrity of Freemasonry. It is utterly subversive of the fundamental principles by which, in all ages and in all countries, the Craft Universal has been actuated. It cannot be denied that Freemasonry, as it has existed in modern times, is of English origin. It emanated from a small but select body of choice spirits, who were influenced by certain well defined principles; who saw how fatal was the influence which religious and political bigotry exercised over the minds of men; and who, therefore, with a breadth and liberality of view which will ensure to them the respect of the whole human race, undertook the arduous task of establishing, out of materials already to hand, a society in which men of all religious and political creeds might meet together on the same footing and in perfect harmony. To this end the discussion of politics and religion was sternly forbidden, but, at the same time, it was required of all who sought admission into the Society that they should solemnly bind themselves to observe three fundamental principles—namely, the Existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul; the practice of the sacred duties of morality; and obedience to all lawfully constituted authority. These, together, form the basis on which the whole superstructure of Freemasonry rests, and we may say truthfully, and with a just sense of satisfaction, that during the whole career of modern Freemasonry these principles have been most rigidly observed. By whatever differences, amounting, as we have said, in some cases to actual schism, the Fraternity may have been torn, these have always been regarded as the basis on which it rested. It is matter of history that Moderns and Ancients, and rival Grand Orients, Grand Lodges, and Supreme Councils, have striven to obtain the upper hand each over the other, but in no case that we are aware of has there been a negation of the three ancient landmarks we have mentioned. At times there may have been a laxity in observing them; men of questionable morals, or endued with little or no respect for religion, may have found admission into our ranks, and in some countries the Society may have been made into an instrument for subserving particular political interests, but in spite of the spirit of indifferentism which has occasionally been manifested in the practice distinctly recognised as absolutely essential to its existence. Not then without reason is it we have been able to boast that in this respect there has been one common bond of union among brethren all the world over, one common ground on which it was possible for them to meet together. But the change which has recently been imported into the character of French Masonry destroys at once the link which has hitherto united the brethren of all nations. Freemasons are no longer one family, but two. There are those who rigidly adhere to the old landmark of theism, and those who are prepared to admit into their ranks "the stupid atheist," or "irreligious libertine." This is an eversion of the true principles of Freemasonry, which cannot be too deeply deplored, the more so, that it gives our deadliest enemies, the ultramontane section of the Romish Church, that real and substantial basis on which to found their attacks against us, which has hitherto been wanting. In acting as it has done, the Grand Orient of France has been guilty of a suicidal policy; it has been, in fact, playing into the hands of its adversaries, and given them an advantage which they will know but too well how to use with effect. It can no longer retaliate, when charged with irreligion, and say, We believe in entire liberty of conscience, that is, we recognise the right of every one to hold what religious and political opinions he chooses; all we require of him is that he shall believe in God, observe the moral law, and obey constituted authority. It is now justly open to the charge of sanctioning irreligion, and therefore of immorality and disloyalty to the State; for no one who is without some sense of religion can really have any just sense of morality, and he who is without sense of morality will pay little heed to mere human institutions. As now amended, the first article of the French Masonic Constitutions declares that the fundamental principles of Freemasonry are absolute liberty of conscience, and the responsibility of man towards his fellow men (*la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine*). But the former of these principles means, if it has any meaning at all, absolute and unrestrained licence, to hold any opinions whatsoever, and this licence, therefore, must exclude all sense of morsl as well as of religious responsibility. In fact, these which are now declared to be the conjoint principles of Freemasonry as interpreted by the French Grand Orient are, in truth, in direct antagonism with each other; for licence is the direct enemy of responsibility. There can, indeed, be nothing in common between them. The man who claims to think as he likes in matters of religion will sooner or later claim to put what interpretation he chooses on morality, and will stand at nothing to override the political opinions of his fellow men. It were as impossible to bind down such a one as this to any sense of responsibility as it is to bind the wind, so as to compel it to blow in this or that given direction. Thus, the French Grand Orient, in relaxing its rules in favour of those who believe in nothing—absolute liberty of conscience allows for the existence of this class of persons—is, in fact, cherishing, as it were, in its own bosom the most terrible danger by which it can ever be confronted.

Under these circumstances, it is hardly possible our readers will feel much surprise at the news received from Ireland, to the effect that Grand Lodge has unanimously resolved "that it cannot continue to recognise the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body, and it directs all Lodges working under the Irish Constitution to decline receiving as Masons any person hailing from the Grand

jurisdiction." This resolution is of a very sweeping character, and doubtless our Irish brethren, if it be possible, will find some means of relaxing its stringency in favour of the very numerous and respectable section of French Masons who still, in their heart of heart, stand firmly by the old and venerated landmarks of the Craft. But, considering that the Grand Lodge of Ireland interchanged representatives with the Grand Orient of France, we do not see how it was possible, albeit the duty must have been an exceedingly painful one, for the former to have pursued any other course. It is indisputable that the Grand Orient, under its amended Constitutions, is not a body of Freemasonry at all, for it denies absolutely, as we have already shown, one of the fundamental bases of our Fraternity. The spirit of intolerance has no abiding place among English, Scotch, or Irish Masons. The tolerance we pride ourselves upon is that which recognises all kinds of religious and moral virtue; all else than this we set ourselves sternly against, just as we abhor and remove dirt, which has been properly defined to be "matter in the wrong place." However, the whole subject is of such importance that we shall make a point of returning to it again next week.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

WE have more than once offered remarks on the extreme importance of Lodges of Instruction. Their work is done quietly and unostentatiously, but it invariably has the merit of being done satisfactorily, and the results of their labours are always in the very highest degree beneficial. It is indeed well nigh impossible to determine even approximately the extent of service which a well conducted Lodge of this character is capable of rendering in the cause of Freemasonry. Our Lodges as a rule meet on only a limited number of evenings in the course of the year, and unless a brother has a tolerably wide circle of acquaintances in the brotherhood his prospects of acquiring the requisite knowledge of his duties are but few and far between. Indeed one who confined himself to attending the regular duties of his Lodge and no other might be a member of the Masonic body for many years and yet acquire but a very slight knowledge of the Craft. Hence the value of Lodges of Instruction, which meeting weekly for a considerable portion of the year, enable brethren to acquire in a few months a pretty intimate acquaintance with the ceremonies and lectures. Under these circumstances it will be apparent that it is impossible too much can be done to strengthen and confirm their position. At present, as our readers are aware, they are held either "under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special licence and authority of the Grand Master." This at first sight would seem to be a very proper arrangement, and so far as regards the latter alternative there could not be the slightest possible objection to it. Even a regular Lodge can derive its existence from no higher authority, and therefore nothing can be more complete or satisfactory than the licence under which a Lodge of Instruction thus authorised fulfils its appointed duties. But it seems to us that something more is needed in the case of those which derive their being from regularly warranted Lodges. It is true they trace their origin mediately to the Grand Master, but this strikes us as being a somewhat lame arrangement; at all events, it is one which, in our humble judgment, is capable of some improvement, and as all are anxiously striving to better their knowledge of Masonic working, we see no just cause or impediment why Lodges of Instruction should not in all cases be established on a more solid basis. We do not say this for the purpose of offering a suggestion and nothing more. We have spoken of their great value, and on general grounds we think it advisable there should be something farther done in order to attach a greater degree of importance to what, after all said and done, are absolutely indispensable to the welfare of the Craft. It is not, however, enough that we should urge a question of this kind on general grounds only. It is far better we should advance some special reasons, and these it is in our power to do. Let us, in the first place, point out that the existing law would be absolutely, or at all events as nearly as possible, perfect, if every Lodge of Instruction were specially

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FACTS DEDUCED FROM MASSACHUSETTS MASONIC MSS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I STATED in a former paper that Henry Price came from London in 1733, and established in Boston a Prov. G.L. and a Fellow Craft Lodge; and in 1738 he formed a Master Mason's Lodge (the last needs correction, the M.M.'s Lodge was formed 2nd January *new style*), and that the usage established by Price in Boston must have been copied from the then usage of England. Since my last paper was mailed, I re-examined the Boston MSS., and am now enabled to give some facts that are new to our best informed brethren, but, strange to say, I derived the most curious information in this case, as in the former, from Lodge lists.

Unfortunately, the Boston Grand Lodge kept no record whatever, and had not even a Grand Secretary before 24th June 1751. In that year Charles Pelham was appointed G.S., but instead of beginning his record with June 1751, he thought best to manufacture first a record from 1733; that part of the record is therefore unreliable, but yet certain facts therein are corroborated by original MSS. of that period, and some statements we may take for granted. Upon the whole we learn, from a petition signed with eighteen names, that the signers wished to be organised into a Masonic Lodge, and that Bro. Price did so organise them, and out of the eighteen signers he appointed Andrew Belcher as D.G.M., and Kenolley and Swann as Grand Wardens, he also appointed Pope, Hamilton, and Gordon as W.M. and Wardens of the Lodge.

Robert Tomlinson was initiated in 1736, was made W.M. in 1736, was appointed J.G.W., and next Prov. G.M., all in 1736. Thomas Oxnard was elected in December 1736 W.M., and was re-elected in 1737. These twenty-one are all the names of the Boston Masons on the record up to 1739.

The Lodge record, as well as that of the Master Masons' Lodge, were also the handywork of Bro. Pelham. Up to 27th December 1738 the Lodge had no record whatever. For one year from the above date, the minutes are signed Eben Swan, Sec.; but I have no doubt that Bro. Swan wrote those minutes in 1754. He was doubtless the Secretary of 1739, so he was made to write the minutes for that year in the new book then presented to the Lodge by a Senior Warden of 1738. Peter Pelham, the father of Charles, was Secretary up to the latter part of September 1744, when Charles Pelham succeeded him. For this record, as well as for the Masters' Lodge record, Charles Pelham had some materials to work with, viz., minutes kept either upon loose sheets, or in two penny memorandum books, and likewise his own personal recollections.

Bro. Charles Pelham also compiled a list of all who belonged to the Lodge from 1733 to 28th August 1751, with the respective dates of each, when he was initiated, or when he joined the Lodge. To all the names of those who were initiated in the Lodge he annexed a peculiar mark, to distinguish them from those who were initiated elsewhere, but only joined the Lodge. Between 1742 and 1751 twelve brethren were Crafted in the Lodge, this was a puzzle to all of us; we could not understand how twelve *only* could have been Crafted during 18 years; however, we may now easily solve that puzzle, viz., these twelve brethren were probably initiated in England, and did not deem it necessary while in England to take more than an E.A. degree, for I have now no doubt that many Masons in those days took no higher degree than the E.A., and these twelve were induced, when they came to Boston, to take the Fellow Craft degree. The whole number of names on the Lodge list is 331. Two other Fellow Craft Lodges were organised in Boston in 1750, and assuming that twelve were initiated in these two Lodges before September 1751, it will make a total of 343 Masons connected with the Boston Lodges up to September 1751.

The Master Masons' Lodge list is without dates, but the same peculiar marks distinguish those who were raised in the Lodge from those who were raised before January 1739, or those who were raised elsewhere and joined the Masters' Lodge. The same name is at the end of each list, we therefore know that the Master Masons' List is also brought down to September 1751. The whole number of Boston Master Masons on the list is 105. We see, then, that between 1733 and September 1751, the proportion of those who were raised to the Master Masons' degree to those who were not, viz., 105 were raised, and 238 were not raised.

I will now divide that period, and will show the proportion of raised and unraised Boston Masons separately. Thus, between 1733 and January 1739 the whole number on the Lodge list is 105, out of those fifteen were raised before 1739, and six were raised in the Masters' Lodge, making a total of 21. Now deduct 21 from 105, the remainder is 84; thus making 21 raised and 84 not raised. Between January 1739 and September 1751, 238 brethren became connected with the Lodges, and out of these 84 were raised and 154 were not raised; at least, there is no evidence in all these cases that any more were raised than the list gives.

Among the fifteen founders of the Master Masons' Lodge, or at least the fifteen who were already Master Masons in January 1739. Price and Tomlinson G.M. are the only two who figured in the Grand Lodge from the beginning of 1733. The following table will show, at a glance, the respective years when the founders of the Master Masons' Lodge became connected with the Boston Fellow Craft Lodge.

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with the third degree until about the time when Tomlinson became G.M. Neither the D.G.M. and Grand Wardens of 1733, nor the W.M. and Wardens of that year, can I find on the Master Masons' list.

But here is a MS. dated 23rd June 1736, containing a list of the then Boston Masons, with the names of the G.L. and Lodge dignitaries, viz., Henry Price W.M., James Gordon D.G.M., Benjamin Baron S.G.W., Robert Tomlinson J.G.W. (no G.S. here), Macklean W.M., McDaniel S.W., and Osborn J.W. The M.S. was written by Betolhie, Secretary of the Lodge. Baron left Boston immediately after June 1736. About Price and Tomlinson, I have already said that they were connected with the Master Masons' Lodge; of the remaining four, Gordon, Macklean, and Osborn are not on the Masters' list: but McDaniel, the S.W. of 1736, is on the said list, but with the peculiar mark beside his name, thus denoting that he was raised in 1739. When the Lodge lists were made in 1751, McDaniel was D.G.M., and he is put down as "Prest. D.G.M." But here is something better still.

Thos. Oxnard was appointed in 1743 Prov. G.M. of America, and he continued in that position till his demise in 1754. As already stated Oxnard was W.M. in 1736, and re-elected in 1737, but the name of "Thos. Oxnard prest. G.M.," has also the *mark* on the M.M.'s list, showing the W.M. of 1737 was not raised to the Master Masons' degree before 1739.

But even after the formation of the Master Masons' Lodge, it seems that the M.M. degree was not taken by Masters of Lodges, for we have here Bro. Bethune, who was initiated in 1737, and was W.M. in 1742, but his name is not on the Master Masons' list.

Taking into consideration these several facts, I feel justified in doubting that the third degree had been conferred by Price on the Boston Grand Lodge dignitaries before Tomlinson's appointment to the Prov. Grand Mastership. But assuming even that Andrew Belcher and all the other Grand Lodge officers between July 1733 and January 1739 had had the third degree conferred upon them, then the very fact that none but Price and Tomlinson had troubled themselves with the Master Masons' Lodge, proves conclusively that the Master Masons' degree was not appreciated in Boston in those days; and as it was in Boston before 1739 so it was in London before 1733.

CENTENARY BANQUET OF THE YORK LODGE, No. 236.

TUESDAY last will always be remembered as a Red Letter Day in the annals of York Masonry, for it was the occasion of a large gathering of the brethren of the Mystic Tie for the purpose of celebrating by a large banquet the hundreth year of the existence of the York Lodge, No. 236. It was in July 1777, that a Warrant was issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, constituting the Union Lodge of Freemasons at York, and since that date, this body has met with varied fortunes, completing its century of existence in a most flourishing condition. The Union Lodge used to meet in its earliest days at Lockwood's Coffee House, and subsequently, successively at the Theatre Coffee House, on premises in Blake-street; at the Falcon Hotel, Micklegate; at the York Hotel, at the Elephant and Castle, at the Merchants' Hall, Fossgate, and in the Old Masonic Hall, in Blake-street. In 1862 the foundation stone of the present Masonic Hall was laid, and the building was consecrated in 1863. Since that period, mainly owing to the exertions of Bro. Wm. Cowling P.M., the Lodge has succeeded in paying off the whole of the debt on the building, which is now the property of the brethren. It was in the year 1870 that the name of the Lodge was changed by permission from "Union" to "York," and the progress of the Lodge has now for many years been one of great success.

The banquet, which was held at the De Grey Rooms, was of a most excellent description, and reflected the utmost credit on Bro. J. Toes, to whose hands the whole was entrusted. The Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. Cowling P.M., occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Sir James Meek P.M., and W. B. Richardson P.M. The W.M. was supported by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire (the Earl of Zetland); Bros. J. W. Woodall of Scarborough, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, and a number of Provincial Grand Officers, the entire party numbering about 120 brethren. During dinner Thrush's band occupied the orchestra, and discoursed appropriate music. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and then the W.M. gave the health of the Prov. Grand Master, to whose active care and zeal for Masonry he referred at some length. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and the Earl of Zetland suitably responded. Bro. W. B. Richardson then proposed the "Deputy Provincial Grand Master Dr. Bell, and the Prov. Grand Lodge, to which Bro. J. W. Woodall P.P.S.G.W. responded, and himself proposed the Prov. G. Master of the West Riding, which was responded to by Bro. Tew Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Sir J. Meek gave the army, navy, and volunteer forces, Bros. Major Prissick and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett replying. The Earl of Zetland in complimentary terms proposed the W.M. and Prosperity to the York Lodge, a toast which met with a very cordial reception. Bro. J. March P.M. gave the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. Dr. Paley, of Ripon, replied. Bro. R. Davison P.M. gave "The Lodges of the Province," and Bro. Ford, W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, responded. Bro. J. Terry gave the Past Masters of the York Lodge, and Bro. R. W. Hollon P.G.D.C. England, one of the oldest members of the York Lodge, and the oldest Past Master, having occupied the chair in 1850, responded. Bro. C. D. Barstow proposed the Lord Mayor and Corporation of York, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. James Melrose)

giving a most interesting account of the very extensive charities maintained by the Masonic body. Bro. Tew proposed the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, and the Senior Warden, Sir James Meek, made a suitable reply. The Tyler's Toast then brought the speaking to a conclusion, and an adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, where a very social evening was spent, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master taking his departure at a late hour, amid rounds of cheers. During the progress of the banquet a massive and handsome silver loving cup, subscribed for as a memorial of the occasion by the members of the Lodge, was passed round and partaken of with the usual ceremonies. Letters of apology from many prominent Masons to whom invitations had been sent, stating their inability to be present, were read by the Secretary, amongst them being the Prince of Wales G.M. of England, Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir A Woods, J. Hervey Grand Secretary, Bro. W. J. Hughan (the Masonic Historian), and others. Not a single hitch occurred to mar the success of the affair, which was amongst the most memorable Masonic events of the ancient city which claims to be the birthplace of Freemasonry in England. The following is a complete list of the brethren present:—Bros. the Earl of Zetland P.G.M., J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.S.G.W., T. W. Tew Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.P.S.G.W., Dr, Smythe P.D.P.G.M., Rev. H. Greeves W.M. 566, Rev. W. C. Lukis Ripon, J. Coulson W.M. 543, S. Stead P.M. Leeds, George Anderson W.M. 1416, — Ford W.M. 294, T. Cooper W.M. 1611, Dr. Paley W.M. 837, T. Clough W.M. 660, R. B. Atkinson W.M. 1244, Henry Smith P.G. Sec. West Yorkshire, A. Smith W.M. Leeds, S. B. Ellis W.M. 1229, J. Terry Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. Hawthwaite Leeds, J. M. Bottomley W.M. 312, W. Green W.M. 630, W. Cowling W.M. 236, Sir James Meek P.M. S.W. 236, W. B. Richardson P.M. J.W. 236, J. Todd P.M. Sec. 236, B. Davison P.M. M.C. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236, T. Smurthwaite P.M. 236, Rev. J. E. M. Young P.M. Chaplain 236, J. March P.M. S.D. 236, C. Smith P.M. S.D. 236, F. Rawling P.M. 236, S. Maltby P.M. 236, T. B. Prissick P.M. 236, R. W. Hollon P.M. 236, Alderman J. Terry, Alderman Varey, the Lord Mayor, B. Wormald, J. Wilkinson Town Clerk, Rev. W. Valentine, C. Wood, C. G. Padel, H. Churchill, T. B. Whytehead, J. F. Stephenson, J. I. F. Marshall, M. Rooke, T. S. Camidge, J. Sampson, C. D. Barstow, G. Kirby, J. S. Rymer, W. Thompson, M. Cooper, E. J. Mann, W. M'Kay, P. Matthews, J. Saville, J. Hollins, J. Tissiman, J. D. Fanssett, — Browne, G. Garbutt, George Seller, J. Ward, J. Shilleto, W. Flint, G. Simpson, G. Moore, J. Ayres, J. Smith, J. G. Turner, C. Abbott, A. Buckle, W. Battye, R. S. Storry, J. W. Mann, H. Scott, J. Eastwood, T. J. Russell, O. Robinson, W. Wilson, C. Kearsley, C. Ware, T. G. Mann, J. Pickersgill, C. Walker, W. T. Gowland, A. Walker, W. Powell, E. Whitehead, W. S. Thomas, H. C. Camidge, T. Sanderson, W. H. Gainforth, H. Aitken, E. Houlden, J. Keswick. Bro. Hughan's letter of apology, which was read by the Secretary, Bro. J. Todd P.M., contained some very interesting remarks on the history of Freemasonry in York, a subject to which, as all Masonic students are aware, he has devoted much attention. We quote a portion of his letter:—"1777 was an eventful year for Freemasonry in England for the Grand Lodge (of London) of the "Moderns" decided then to oppose most thoroughly the "Ancients," or "Seceders." It was the period of special prosperity of the Grand Lodge of *all* England held at York; the Freemasons' Calenders of the regular Grand Lodge were first issued (in lieu of the engraved lists by Pine and Cole), and in July the "York" Lodge (then the "Union") was warranted. There were (it appears) seven Lodges chartered by the regular Grand Lodge in 1777, the first being the Lodge of the "Nine Muses" (whose centenary was held 8th May 1877, and whose history has been well written by its W.M., Bro. Walter Webb); then a Lodge in Cornwall, long ago extinct; 3, the Union, now the "York" Lodge, whose Centenary Festival will be held on the 6th November 1877, and the history of which is to be found attached to its admirably edited Bye-laws, a history which has been read and re-read by many Masonic students at home and abroad, and which is alike honourable to the compilers and the Lodge; 4, a Lodge at Braintree, some time extinct; 5, the present "Indefatigable" Lodge, of Swansea, originally issued for Neath; 6, a Lodge for the Island of Nevis; and 7, one for the Inniskilling Dragoons. At the period of the advent of the "York" Lodge. His Grace George Duke of Manchester was the M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon Lord Petre M.W.P.G.M. (a much esteemed Roman Catholic nobleman), Roland Holt was D.G.M., Captain Pascal and John Allen were Wardens, James Heseltine G. Sec., Rowland Berkeley G. Treas., and F. Johnston G.S.B. The Warrant was authorised by the second Prov. G.M. of Yorkshire, Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart., who had acted in that capacity from 1774. The Duke of Manchester was succeeded by H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, and, in 1791, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales (George IV.) became M.W.G.M. The York Lodge, accordingly, participated in the prosperity of the Craft during the latter part of the last century, and has never failed to keep the light of Masonry bright and clear in the city of the north, the home of the Ancient Craft, and ever famous in Masonic story. It was preceded by the Lodge held at the Punch Bowl, York, warranted in 1761 and erased in 1768, and afterwards by the "Apollo," chartered in 1773, which bravely struggled for existence many years, even to securing a position in the revised list of 1832, and then expired. The "Rockingham" was not so constant, and the Lodge held by the "Ancients," at West Gate, evidently met with much opposition from the "York Grand Lodge" and the "Regular" Masons, for it failed to keep on the Register beyond a few brief years. Saving the Military Lodges which were occasionally held in the city, the "York" Lodge has practically been the only Craft Lodge, until recently, that has honoured the Masonic City with its presence, and I trust it will

PROVINCIAL GRAND

THE annual meeting of the P took place at the Town H 2nd inst., under the banner o No. 663.

The brethren of that Lodge, d visit, had been most assiduous a give their visitors a befitting rec

The Assembly Room at the T great taste, as a Lodge room, a W.M. of 663, Bro. Raymond, at Grand Master, Lord Methuen, an announced, and on entering were Amongst those present were Lor and P.G. Supt. (Royal Arch) W E. Turner Payne P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Wilts, Rev. T. Ravensh P.G.A.D.C. England and D.P. P.P.S.G.W. Wilts and P.P.G. Se P.S.G.W. Wilts, Capt. Bradford P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, Gen. Doherty P.P.S.G.W. Monmouth, William Whatley P.P.J.G.D. Wilts, John Stokes P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, T. Grab P.G.S.B. Wilts, &c., &c.

After the roll of the Lodges in the Provincial Grand Lodge had called upon the Acting Grand Sec minutes of the last Provincial Gr November last. This was done, firmed.

A letter was read from Capt. regret that the state of his health to elect another brother to fill that

He then was called upon to rea which had been duly audited, and

The next business was to receiv which was read by Bro. Tombs. had voted £52 10s to the Girls' S Institution, to endow in both inst It also appeared that Bro. W. Nott Organization Committee, had offer Steward at the next Festival of Gauntlett to fill a similar Stewa Institution.

The report was approved, and t as Stewards to represent the Provi

In the absence of the P.G. Reg was read by Bro. Commans P.P.G. the number of subscribing members at 419. The report, after analysi the various Lodges, went on to re be enforced with the bye-laws, as the Secretaries of Lodges. The re

The report of the Charity Organi Secretary, Bro. William Nott (De mittee was in thorough working advantage, established terms of re Provinces. The number of votes fo the disposal of the Committee by been in April—Boys 176, girls 106, in October—Boys 219 and girls 10 autumn for the Benevolent Institu ported two cases during the year, b —namely, a girl (Feltham) at the Ap in October, and had adopted the ca Joseph Burt, of Devizes, for the next tution, in May. The Committee at i as a general rule no petition for adm Province for either of the Charities being first approved by this Committ and avoid any clashing of candidates seconded by Lord Harry Thynne, th

W. Bro. F. H. Goldney P.J.G.W. w Lodge had undertaken to compile Freemasonry in Wiltshire, begged t the Secretaries of the various Lod assistance in the matter, and stated such a sketch into print, and distr Bro. John Chandler was invested with

The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his reg good and faithful a brother as Captai office of Treasurer since 1868, and wh office, he hoped to see amongst them satisfaction to propose a cordial vote Methuen), accordingly did, and con £10 10s, he voted for the purchase Captain Bradford, in commemoratio seconded by Lord Harry Thynne, and

Bro. Bradford, who appeared very m in suitable terms.

Bro. Fred. H. Goldney P.M. 626, P proposition of the R.W.P.G.M., second mously elected Treasurer for the ensu

G.S. Wks.; John Chandler 855, 663, G.D.C.; Alfred Plummer 1533, G.A.D.C.; John H. Chandler 663, G. Sw. B.; S. M. Badham 663, G. Org.; R. N. Fowler 626, G. Purs.; John Savory Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M., before closing P.G. Lodge, took the opportunity to congratulate the brethren on the progress of Masonry in the province. He more especially alluded to the increased support of the Charities, towards which during the year, Bro. Gauntlett had taken up £135, as Steward for the Boys' School, and Bro. John Chandler £120, as Steward for the Girls', and took the opportunity of heartily thanking those brethren for their services. He also thanked the brethren of the Province for the very liberal support accorded to himself (Lord Methuen) as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, which enabled him to take up such a large amount as £282, to the Festival in February last.

Bro. Capt. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, expressed his hearty thanks to the Wiltshire brethren for the cordial way in which he had been received on this his first visit to them, and offered them in return a hearty welcome to his own Province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, served by Bro. Moore, the manager of the Hotel, in his best style, and including contributions of game and venison from Lord Methuen P.G.M., and from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park.

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THE VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad that you have alluded, in your last number, to the existence of a so-called "Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Valley of New Zealand." It is a matter which should at once engage the attention of the Supreme Grand Council in Golden-square, if already that body has not taken steps to prevent mischief. This New Zealand body has no right whatever to an existence. Its charter was, I believe, obtained from the Grand Orient of Egypt, which, of course, has no jurisdiction in New Zealand. Only a few months ago, a Rose Croix Chapter was opened in Auckland under its authority, and I think the least that could be done would be to warn all Chapters, &c., and especially in the Colonies, against the admission of Masons holding certificates from the "Valley of New Zealand." I should have thought that the relations presumably subsisting between the respective bodies at home and abroad, would have prevented any such *contretemps* as this, but it is at all events important that the existence of an illegal Masonic body, exercising important functions, should be wisely known, in order that genuine members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite may be on their guard.

I am, yours fraternally,

ROSE CROIX.

York, 5th November 1877.

THE LATE ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue, Dr. Ace, in a letter dated 29th October, congratulates himself and fellow-workers, to whom he refers as "brethren of Stonehouse, Devon." To these brethren, thus specially referred to, all credit is due for the part they took in placing the lad Cox at the top of the poll at the late election. I have the honour of being intimately acquainted with each, and trust I possess their esteem. To their diligent and unceasing efforts during the past six months the success of the lad Cox is due, but be it remembered, the candidate emanated, and was the *protégé*, of a Plymouth Lodge, of which one of the brethren referred to is a well-known P.M., and was also an intimate friend of the candidate's late father. Unsparing honour to whom it is due; but surely some is due to others who aided this good work. I could mention a worthy brother in the west, whose name is "as familiar in their mouths as household words," and that not only locally, for he has a world-wide reputation with the Craft. This brother did more for the success of Cox than all others put together.

Again, give the Province who, six months previously met and engaged to support the boy to their utmost, a mite of credit. They earnestly supported the case up to the last moment. Give them credit also for exchanging every girl's vote they could command to swell the list for Cox. It is well known they were prepared to add to the 551 votes already polled for the case the 100 boys' votes held by me as Representative of the Committee of Petitions for Devon. In that capacity I was prepared to obtain any number of votes, had the necessity existed, to ensure the boy's success. While blowing a strain on your trumpet, Bro. Ace, give a blast for a hard-worked energetic brother, who toils unseen in all Devonshire cases that come to our Charities in London. I refer to my respected friend Bro. J. B. Gover, the Secretary of the Committee of Petitions. Every case in the Province comes to him for investigation previous to its being laid before his Committee. Then his work merely commences. It procures Bro. Gover hard words, ill feeling, and no profit; but it is done by him for love of the Craft, and for the sake of humanity; not in a single case, but in all. This is not amateur philanthropy; this brother is but a poor man, who has himself and family to maintain, if not by the sweat of his brow by that of his brain.

Surely these facts speak for the integrity and the love of kind of all concerned. The case of Cox is individual, not general; but it has been used by Dr. Ace to raise a wind to inflate himself. Sheer earnest hard work diligently done, in a case of charity, is my estimate of true philanthropy—not mere shouting.

Dr. Ace, nearly three weeks after date, congratulates himself on the result, as though he had had the management of the case, whereas he had nothing to do with it, excepting the self-imposed task of writing very indiscreet letters, and thereby doing harm to our Charities. Referring to the letter in your last issue, 3rd November, Bro. Ace therein says:—"I shall not deign to further notice the allegations of wanton slander," alleging the words he used "fell in his hearing from the complainant's lips." Who this complainant is I know not.

In my letter in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 13th October I charged Dr. Ace that he, in a public journal, did slander wantonly the members of the Committee of Petitions of Devon, by charging the active members of that Committee with obtaining votes under false pretences, *i.e.*, by getting the votes for the boy Cox "*signed*, but unmarked; then at the last moment to "throw *overboard* the boy, and poll the votes for some one else."—*Vide Letter 6th October* 1877.

Such are the charges made by Dr. Ace, and recorded in the pages of your journal. It is therefore little use for Dr. Ace to say, "I shall not deign to *notice* further the allegation of wanton slander." Speaking for Bro. J. B. Gover, who collects the votes of the Province "*signed*" but unmarked," and for myself, as having the ultimate disposal of them, still signed but unmarked up to the last moment for polling the same, you, Dr. Ace, never heard from the lips of Bro. J. B. Gover or myself words that ever could be twisted into such unwarranted assertions, unworthy a Mason. You refer to the "income tax levied on all philanthropists for generous exertions." Surely if your philanthrophy does not shape its ends to a more successful issue than you have obtained in this case and correspondence, the amount of "Income Tax" that will be levied on you will indeed be slight.

I am, Dear Bro. Editor,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK P.M., P.P.G.D.,

Representative of the Committee of Petitions of Devon.

London, 4th November 1877.

A MATTER FOR INQUIRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A short time since, being in the West of England, I visited a Mark Masters Lodge. After the advancement and retirement of the candidate, the W.M. announced the next business of the meeting was to instal the W.M. for the year ensuing, and as the V.W. Bro. —— had consented to perform the ceremony, he therefore invited him to occupy the W. Master's chair. This he did, and commenced the ceremony of installation. After a certain prayer, I mentioned that this was out of place, whereupon he assured me that he should do nothing wrong. I can only say, in general terms, that the greater part of the ceremony that used to be done in a Board of Installed Masters was done in the presence of the brethren, with the exception of the secrets and penalties. These were reserved until the brethren had retired. On this plain statement I wish to ask for an authoritative answer from some one qualified to give it, so that it may be beneficial to the Order at large, and the particular Lodge in question.

1st. Has a Past Master, duly qualified in his own Lodge, any right to occupy the chair of a Lodge into which he has not been installed.

2nd. Has a Worshipful Master the right to vacate his chair and request a visitor to assume the authority thereof.

3rd. If these questions are answered in the affirmative, what becomes of the rights of the Past Masters, who, in the absence of the Master, resume certain powers. I presume absence of the Master to mean absence from the Lodge, and not merely absence from the chair, he still remaining in the Lodge.

I am induced to put these questions through you, as I understand the V.W. Brother had recently been in London, and was furnished with a spick and span new ritual, manufactured and turned out somewhere near a raven's nest in the locality of Hammersmith, and presented to us with an air of authority. Can you tell me if this is another turn-about or wheel-about of the great authorities of the Mark degree?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly,

A P.M.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—At the meeting of the above Lodge, on Thursday last, the 1st inst., the only business before the members was a statement by the W.M., respecting the Lodge being fined two guineas for removing the same without due notice being given to the Grand Secretary (See paragraphs 3 and 4 Book of Constitutions, on "Removal of Lodges.")

It was then asked by a brother "If he was a member of the Lodge or

not?" The answer he received was, "That although he had received the founders' jewel, and hold different offices in the Lodge, he was not a member, and, at the meeting of the Board of General Purposes, when the Lodge was fined, it was laid before them, but at present no decision had been received."

The case applies to other brethren also, who were founders (?) (one of whom has passed the chair), and one who still holds a very important office.

Now the Book of Constitutions, under the heading of "Constituting a new Lodge," says: every application for a warrant to hold a lodge, must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons, and the lodges to which they belong, or belonged, must be specified," &c., &c.

Now, if the brethren referred to *are* founders, why did they not sign the application for the Warrant? If not founders, why were they not proposed as joining members in due form before being allowed to take office. (Book of Constitutions, paragraph 1 "of proposing members.")

This certainly seems a very loose way of conducting a Lodge, and looks very much like the Warrant—at the next installation—being handed down to the new Master, anything but pure and unsullied. In conclusion, I should like to ask, are not the minutes of the Lodge meetings null and void from the commencement, owing to these non-members voting? Trusting I am not trespassing on your valuable space,

I remain, yours, &c.,

QUERY.

THE SPHINX CHAPTER, No. 1329.

THE Sphinx Chapter held its usual meeting on Saturday, 27th October, at the Camberwell Masonic Hall, in the presence of its staff of Officers, and a full assembly of the Companions. Comps. Dr. Bedolfe M.E.Z., Vockins H., Goss J., Reynolds Treasurer, Temple E., Cobham N., Middlemas P.S., Bickerton and Bryant Assist. S., Comp. Nairne P.Z. being absent from town. The Chapter was opened in due form, and on the entrance of the Companions, the ordinary business was transacted. The M.E.Z. Dr. Bedolfe then proceeded with the exaltation of Bro. Jonas Duckett. On rising for the first time, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—Comps. Vockins M.E.Z., Goss H., Temple J., Cobham E., Middlemas N., and Bickerton P.S. It is satisfactory to add that the best feeling and entire unanimity prevailed throughout. The business of the Chapter being ended, it was closed in due form, when the Comps. retired to enjoy the reasonable repast which the provident care of the Stewards had provided.

The M.E.Z. Dr. Bedolfe presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were fully responded to. In the absence of Comp. Nairne P.Z., Comp. Vockins proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who, he was sure, would carry with him, in his retirement, that respect and good will which it was felt he had justly earned.

The M.E.Z. Dr. Bedolfe, in reply, thanked Comp. Vockins for the kind manner in which he had spoken, and returned very sincere thanks to all the Officers for the efficiency with which each and all had performed their duties, and to the Companions generally for the kind indulgence he had met with on all occasions. He could recall the time when the Sphinx Lodge stood as with its staff on the banks of the Jordan, which severed it from the promised land, but now it had become two bands. He believed the Sphinx had exercised a beneficial effect on Masonry on this side of the water; he claimed that it was chiefly in the Sphinx Lodge of Instruction that the resolution to found the Surrey Masonic Hall, in which they were assembled, was first formed by their esteemed Bro. Thomas and the ardent band of men by whom he was surrounded; and it was there the first shares were subscribed. He regretted to say this Hall had not quite answered expectations, for when it was proposed, the principle laid down by Bro. Thomas was, that it should be a structure to which the contributions of Masonic Lodges and Chapters should (if necessary) afford a sufficient revenue, and that it should never require the aid of the glittering saloon, or the conjuror's show, as was the case now. It might be called, and undoubtedly was, a fine building, but let that pass:—

"What care I how fair she be,
If she be not fair to me."

It had already passed from under Masonic control. The Masonic Hall, or Œdes, should correspond to the Roman "Œdes," a building which might be used equally for sacred, judicial, or municipal purposes, or, for whatever business might properly be opened or closed with solemn prayer, as were all affairs of this kind amongst the Romans. Whatever also was consecrated to the Muses found there an appropriate home, and even the "decorous* Graces" found favour, but the "mendici, mimæ, balatrones, hoc genus omne,"† were rigorously excluded.

The M.E.Z. remarked further, that he claimed for the Sphinx Lodge and Chapter high intelligence in Masonry, and especially did he feel satisfaction at the accession of Comp. Heller and others connected with the scholastic profession, possessing logical minds, skilled in the research after truth. Under such care the esoteric teachings of Masonry might assume a more rational and more philosophic form, and its subject matter be taught in the same terms as the rest of our knowledge.

It is undoubtedly true that the ritual, which he considered a precious deposit, was the same for all, but it cannot be doubted that the interpretation might, and perhaps ought to give rise to different schools of thought amongst us.

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business as Treasurer to drink in the
more the rays of its sun beamed up
shine. May its shadow never be less

The next toast was that of the E., N
presented by Comps. Temple, Cobham
to offer his sincere thanks to Comp.
manner in which he had performed t
to Comp. Middlemas, who the Chapte
had been elected W.M. of the Crichto
observed his work in the Lodge with
pleasure to his speeches,—here as el
luminous. He knew that the edge of
polished, but since he had become a M
outer world, the wound it caused had

Comp. Temple returned thanks in
colleague Comp. Cobham.

Comp. Middlemas courteously repli
performed the duties of P.S., he desi
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and general influence; for himself, he
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ment. He wished for the M.E.Z. ever
for all must feel they had had a hap

Thus, and thus, did the evening proc
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the Janitor's toast), like a brightly set
retiring Companions of a future happy

GRAND LODGE OF

A QUARTERLY Communication of G
masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Mon
was a large attendance of the breth
Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R.
throne; and Bros. Wm. Mann, P.G.W. a
as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens re
present were—Bros. Henry Inglis of To
Campbell of Blythswood Sub. G.M., D

Robert Davidson G. Org., Captain Hills G. Marshal, Dr. Beveridge, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen City, Dr. Loth representative of the Grand Lodge of France, G. H. Thoms, Proxy Provincial Master of South Australia, William Officer representative of Grand Lodge of Egypt, Bro. Roger Montgomerie M.P., &c. Letters of apology were read from Lord Inverurie, Prov. G.M. of Kincardineshire, Bros. Boyd Prov. G.M. of Aberdeenshire (East), and J. H. Neilson, Dublin, &c.

The minutes of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee were confirmed. A number of these referred to the recent changes of the officers, and to the receipt of letters expressive of confidence in the Grand Secretary, and thanks for the prompt attention he had already given to their interest; from the Provincial Grand Lodges of New Zealand, the West India Islands, and Queensland; the Provincial Grand Secretaries of India, Jamaica, and Grey Town; from the Right Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges at the Cape of Good Hope, in Turkey, China, India, Australia, Mauritius, and other parts of the world. The receipt of these communications was recorded as an evidence that the recent changes in the business departments of Grand Lodge had been approved by that important branch of the Scottish Craft—the Colonial Lodges.

It was resolved to exchange representatives with the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and St. John's of Hungary, and to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba. In regard to the latter it was explained that it had been formed at Havannah on August 1876 by the united action of thirteen Lodges, who, resisting the pretensions of the Cuban Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, claimed the right of exclusive jurisdiction over all business concerning the ancient institution of St. John's Masonry within the Island of Cuba; that the new Grand Lodge had been recognised by the Grand Lodges of New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, and that a commission as representative had been issued in favour of the Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Consideration was given to an application for a commission to Bro. R. Mackintosh Balfour, the newly-appointed Grand Master of India. It appears that in 1836 Bro. Dr. James Burnes was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Western India, and that in 1846 his commission was extended over the three Presidencies, including Aden in Arabia, with the title of "Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in India." On the retirement of Bro. Burnes this arrangement ceased, and Bro. Captain Moreland was made Provincial Grand Master of Western India. In 1874 he applied to Grand Lodge for the same powers as had been possessed by Bro. Dr. Burnes. This was granted, and in the commission subsequently issued in favour of Captain Moreland he is designated "Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India," including Aden and the territories adjacent thereto. Bro. Moreland now leaving Bombay for a more congenial clime, and Bro. Balfour being appointed his successor, a new commission was applied for; and after deliberation Grand Lodge agreed to grant it, similar in every respect to the previous commission.

Bro. Ernest Emil Rosencrs W.M. of the Lodge Christian, Chamberlain to the King, and President of the Municipality of Copenhagen, was appointed as representative to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, in room of the late Bro. Carl Frederik Simony.

Grand Lodge ordered that new charters be issued in favour of the following Lodges:—St. John, Invercargill, New Zealand; St. Augustine, Waimate, New Zealand; Bonnie Doon, Colombo, Ceylon; St. Clair, Adelong, New South Wales; St. Andrew, Launceston, Tasmania; and Edinburgh, Mudgee, New South Wales. The reinstatement of the Clyde Lodge No. 408, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, was reported. The Bye-laws of the following Lodges, as altered by the Laws Committee, were approved:—St. Augustine, Waimate; St. Andrew, Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope; St. Leonard, Lossiemouth, No. 580; and St. John, Girvan, No. 237.

Lord Inverurie, Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire, was appointed to instal Bro. William Boyd as Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East.

The following were then nominated as the Grand Officers for the next year:—Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.W. Grand Master; Henry Inglis, of Torrance, R.W. Depute Grand Master; Col. A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, R.W. Substitute Grand Master; F. A. Barrow R.W. Senior Grand Warden, The Right Hon. Lord Inverurie R.W. Junior Grand Warden, D. Murray Lyon R.W. Grand Secretary, David Kinnear R.W. Grand Cashier, the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and A. Thomson Grant V.W. Grand Chaplains, R. F. Shaw-Stewart V.W. Grand Senior Deacon, Sir George Douglas Clerk, Bart., of Penicuik, V.W. Grand Junior Grand Deacon, William Hay V.W. Grand Architect, Alexander Hay V.W. Grand Jeweller, Thomas Halket V.W. Grand Bible Bearer, John Coghill V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, James Ballantine Grand Bard, G. F. Russell Colt, of Gartsherrie, Grand Sword Bearer, C. W. Maxwell Muller Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson Grand Organist, Captain Hills Grand Marshal, William M. Bryce Grand Tyler, James Balkis Outer Guard. Grand Stewards—Bros. F. S. Melville president, John Haig Cameron House, Fife vice-president; James M'Laren N.B. Railway (manager of locomotive arrangements); J. Turner, A. N. Clarke, Wm. Mann, George Bryce Brown, A. Mitchell, Dr. Middleton, Duncan Monteith, Dr. John T. Loth, Alexander Ballantine, F. L. Law, H. Y. D. Copland, George M'Lean, Richard Wilson, Dr. George Dickson, Thomas Swanston, F. B. Noblett, Malcolm M'Nab, H. Munro, J. J. Muirhead, R. S. Brown, A. Henry, G. Rawerson, H. R. Hendrie, J. Bed of Castle Cranrie, J. Walker, T. Ford, Henry Welsh, Robert White, A. Muirhead, W. L. Muir, J. Fleming, H. E. Gordon, H. J. Coventry W.S., W. H. Mackenzie, W. Stevenson, J. Masterton, George G. Russell, John Bryce, R. Morison, John Davidson, Dr. James Carmichael, John Dick, Peter Sinclair, James Crichton, and William Edwards, Edinburgh, Wm. Smith and John Munro, Glasgow, Colonel David Guthrie of Carbgie and J. B. Stuart Panmure, Carnoustie, George Lyon Forfair, David Small, C. F. Roger, Alexander Henry, J. Berry, William M'Donald and Alexander Keit, Dundee, C. F. Matier, E. P. Albert, and W. Smith, C.E., London, J. Macduff Perth, J. Goodsir Aberdour, T. Field Lochend, Gilbert Faris and George Miller Bridge of Allan, R. Dudgeon and Murdoch Mackenzie Musselburgh, W. Caldwell New Zealand, J. A. Breysig Portobello, E. G. M. Sellistin Leith, Major E. H. Ryan R.A. Kent, Alex. Duff Stow, Dr. A. M. Millman New Galloway, James Mackie Hamilton, William Smith Arbroath, Hall Grigor Inverkeithing, Thomas Pringle Auchindinny, William D. Chambers Ayr, James Murray Lossiehead, Dr. John Falconer Lasswade, A. D. Cairns Edinburgh, W. H. Bickerton Glasgow.

Those brethren proposed as office-bearers intimated their readiness to accept office; and the Grand Master, in thanking the brethren, remarked that he considered it proper to remain in office for another year, so that he might see the completion of the alterations in Grand Lodge which had been commenced during his reign.

Intimation was made of the resignation of Bro. Bishop Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, and Grand Lodge accepted the resignation, and expressed regret thereat, and thanks for the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Bishop. Bro. Judge Hardy has been nominated by him as his successor. It was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased by £100—making it now £900. The salary of the Grand Cashier was again fixed at £200. It was remitted to the Board of Grand Stewards to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. After consideration, it was resolved that the assistance to the brethren who were sufferers by the late fire at St. John, New Brunswick, should take the shape of a private contribution among the members of Grand Lodge. After the disposal of some other business—the meeting lasting four hours—Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Monday, the 12th November, at the Tredegar, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, at 7. Bro. T. J. Barnes as W.M.*

On Friday, the 16th November, at the William Preston, No. 766, Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Bro. Rudderforth as W.M.

On Saturday, the 24th November, at the Eccleston, No. 1624, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. Bro. I. L. Coulton as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1290, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Metropolitan, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 133 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 7. Bro. T. Call as W.M.

On Friday, the 7th December, at the Upton, No. 1227, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C.

FAMINE DIET.—From this point we turn to the question of dietaries. An attempt has naturally been made to lay down a uniform rate of dietary for the Government relief camps, and as far as possible the recommendations of Surgeons-General Gordon and Smith will be adhered to. Indeed, an Order in Council directs this to be done. The dietary devised by these eminent advisers of the Indian Government therefore becomes of special interest, and we think it may be well to give some details concerning it, especially as they have not yet been published in this country. The Order in Council referred to divides those receiving relief into three classes—viz., (a) those in relief camps, (b) those at relief houses, and (c) Gosha females and persons relieved in their own villages. The diet allowed to persons of the first class who are in fair health consists of 20 oz. of raw grain and 2 oz. of dholl, to be cooked before distribution. Collectors are warned to take care to fix the camp diet so that it does not attract persons, on village relief, from their houses. For those, however, who are receiving special treatment under medical care the diet is that recommended by Surgeons-General Gordon and Smith—viz., Raw grain 24 oz., vegetables 1 oz., dholl 2 oz., meat or fish (three times a-week) 3 oz., salt 1 oz., tamarind 8 drs., ghee or oil 8 drs., curry-powder 7 drs., onions 8 drs., garlic 4 drs. per diem, to be cooked before distribution. The dietary for the second class is as follows:—In districts where there are no relief camps, and in cases where the relieved persons are entirely dependent on State aid, two meals of cooked food per diem. In all other cases one such meal per diem. The meal in all the above cases at relief-houses is to consist of 8 oz. of raw grain and 1 oz. of dholl. For Gosha females and persons relieved in their own villages, the Order provides the following dietary:—To each adult or child above 12 years, a daily payment, in cash, sufficient at the taluq kasbah rate to purchase 1 lb. of rice. To every child of 12 years or under, a daily payment, in cash, sufficient at the same rate to purchase half a pound of rice.—*Medical Gazette.*

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Tredegar Lodge were given in our issue of 27th October.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Court is still at Balmoral, but the time is not far distant when Her Majesty will return to the south. The stay of the Princess of Wales in the Highlands has been prolonged beyond the appointed time, owing to the unfortunate illness of Miss Knollys, who had been recovering from fever, but suffered a relapse. In consequence of this, the Prince of Wales, who is at Sandringham, will pass the present festive season in comparative seclusion.

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of Cambridge, the Mahara
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in his case. Finally, Mr. Brigh
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pressing themselves at length, a
on public affairs.

Monday, as Guy Fawkes's D
There was the usual hullaballoo
inviting people to remember th
at Lewes, Woolwich, Exeter an
the customary pyrotechnic displ
anything having happened in the

Yesterday, Lord Mayor Owde
the Mansion House as Chief M
the show passes our offices we ar
than usual enthusiasm. The el
added greatly to the novelty o
Cleopatra's needle. There was
the route, and at the banquet i
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most intense anxiety, but we can
in any way interesting from a mo

The Duke of Connaught's stay
in the ordinary way of duty, appe
appreciated by our genial neighbo
Irish Channel. His reception wi
Cork was in every way worthy o
trious visitor. We like to see th
ness; it does good generally.

It seems the King of Spain is al
the third daughter of the Duke
Alphonso is quite a young man, o
this month, but he seems firmly set
there is every reason why he should
fortable as possible. Moreover, a
proudly boast of in this country
Spanish society which it has not k
century.

What will happen in France it
There is no question the Preside
difficulty, from which it will requ

could have been so mad as to have predicted on the 1st May, that the Simon ministry would have been dismissed at a moment's notice, with ignominy. Yet, on the 16th of that same month, they were sent to the right about. It is quite true the elections have gone against the ministry, and the still more recent municipal elections show the proud temper of the people. Yet nothing that may result from this absolute dead-lock will excite in us any sense of wonder. Even the return of the Prince Imperial, or the accession of Henry V. or Louis Philippe II., would cause no flutter. The one thing which, we admit readily, would bring or drive the colour from our cheeks would be a continuous instance of quiet.

When this meets the eye of the reader, Gale will have nearly completed three-fourths of his great task of walking four thousand quarters of a mile in as many consecutive periods of ten minutes. We hope he will succeed, not that we think what he is doing will prove of the slightest good as a pedestrian feat, but it is a plucky effort, and deserves commendation. It will, at all events, serve to show what a man is capable of enduring, and in this respect Gale will certainly have made his mark; but we do hope there will be an end of these exhibitions of endurance. It will be time enough for others to follow in Gale's footsteps, when it is shown that some encouragement is needed.

The Turks have been faring unprosperously of late. There is little doubt that the overthrow of Moukhtar Pasha was even more complete than was at first supposed. At all events, the Russians have, for once in the way, moved forward with extreme rapidity. Kars is beleaguered, and there is every prospect that Erzeroum will fall sooner or later. The Turkish army has had no time given it to recover from the shock of its defeat, and quite half-a-dozen disasters have befallen it since. Batoum stills holds its own, and if the weather should change, and rain and snow fall, it is possible that Moukhtar Pasha will be able to reorganise his forces. In Europe, the state of things may be described as one of expectancy. Every one is looking forward to the capture of Plevna. General Gourko has cut its communication with Sophia, Dubnik, Telicbe, and several other places having been captured by the forces under his command. *But*,—and the little word has more importance in this case than we usually accord to it—*but*, Osman Pasha may have a sufficient supply of provisions to last him for the next three or four months; in which case, it is evident the Russian armies will suffer terribly. A Bulgarian winter is not the most delightful season in the world; the roads are generally thigh-deep in mud, and how the men will fare in respect of provisions it is impossible to say. True, the Czar has been congratulating his staff on the near approach of his great ally the winter, but it seems to us that winter will prove more friendly to Turkey. Winter was the ally of Russia in the Crimean war, when its troops were on the defensive and under cover, while the Anglo-French were in the open. It cannot be that Russia will fare as well in the open, with a longer line of communications to preserve intact, as she did in 1854-5. However, we have no mind to turn prophet. We shall be careful to announce the result when we know it.

The Eureka Rose Croix Chapter will hold its fifth anniversary meeting this day (Saturday), at the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 4 p.m. We understand that several members of the Supreme Grand Council, and other distinguished visitors, will be present, to witness the working of a Chapter which, though young, has taken a foremost position in the Order, and numbers in its ranks some of the most able members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was held at Denver on the 10th September, under the presidency of Bro. Harper M. Orahood G.M. supported by his officers and delegates from twenty-one out of the twenty-two Lodges in the jurisdiction. The question of Coloured Masonry was brought before the Grand Lodge, and three pertinent questions were asked and answered. The first, whether there were any laws forbidding Coloured Masons from visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges was answered in the negative. As to the second, it was declared that the Grand Lodge knew of no legitimate Coloured Lodge in its jurisdiction, and did not believe the majority of Coloured Lodges in the States were legitimate. The third, [illegible] admissible into Grand Lodge, was answered in the affirmative, it being said that any Mason, black or white, hailing "from a regularly constituted Lodge, and not suspended or expelled from such Lodge," would be heartily welcome. It was added that Grand Lodge did not and could not recognise the so-called coloured Lodges existing in its jurisdiction. The subject of a Home for Infirm Masons, and the Widows and Orphans of Masons was postponed. The second day, the Grand Officers were elected as follow: Bros. C. J. Hart G.M., R. W. Woodbury D.G.M., Byron L. Carr S.G.W., R. A. Quillian J.G.W., F. C. Young Grand Treasurer, and E. C. Parmelee Grand Secretary. Bro. Dr. Albert G. Mackey was present and delivered an address, which was listened to with the greatest interest, on the "Symbolisms and traditions of Masonry." We are indebted for the above particulars to the *Masonic Review*.

The *Masonic Review* for last month contains a highly interesting sketch of Centre Star Lodge, Granville, No. 11, on the roll of Ohio. From this we learn that a number of brethren, early in 1810, petitioned Grand Master Lewis Cass for a dispensation to organise a Lodge of Masons at Granville, Licking Co. The dispensation was granted, and the Lodge formed, and a charter was granted at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in January 1811. The first place of meeting was a room in the second story of the residence of Bro. Elias Gillman, one of the founders. The first Masonic Hall, in Licking County, was "*ten by fourteen and a half feet* in size," having a window in the east, and a door and an old-fashioned fireplace in the west. In about a year it removed to a larger and more convenient room in the house of Captain Grove Carr. A code of bye-laws fixed the Thursday on or before full moon as the day of meeting, and the Lodge was to be opened at four p.m. The annual election was fixed for the stated Communication preceding St. John the Baptist's Day. No brother was to be eligible for the Mastership more than two out of three years, or for any other office for more than one out of two. The first return for the years 1810 and 1811 showed twenty members; at the close of 1812 there were thirty-nine. During this latter year the degrees we are told "were conferred by wholesale in many parts of the country on enlisted soldiers, and Granville was not an exception." Many enlisted in Hull's army, and before marching were initiated, passed, and raised in this Lodge. Further on we read, "The records show that upon the election of a brother to serve as Worshipful Master, who had not previously served in this capacity, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened, and the Master elect" duly inducted into the oriental chair of King Solomon, such a Lodge being held on 30th June 1814. In 1817 the Lodge secured more commodious quarters, but the records from this date to June 1823 are lost. There appear, however, to have been thirty-four members received and some few affiliations made, and in 1821 the Lodge obtained permission to finish off a hall in the upper story of a public school building. These were prosperous times, though there was a strong anti-Masonic feeling in the town, and the Lodge was often insulted and jeered at when marching in procession. This happened even before the Morgan excitement; but the Lodge persevered in its labours till 1831, when member after member succumbed to the insensate persecution of the public, and the Lodge was only very thinly attended till 1837. Then it fell into and remained in abeyance till 1850, when Grand Lodge was petitioned for a revival of the charter, and as the original had been mislaid a new one was issued bearing the same number. The officers were duly installed, and henceforth the Lodge appears to have gone on prospering fairly, the members being very energetic and working with laudable skill and attention. Moreover, it is added that Masonic literature was liberally supported. "Quite a respectable number were regular subscribers to one or more Masonic papers, and when an oration, delivered by the Grand Orator, was printed and for sale, the Lodge usually purchased a sufficient number to supply every member with a copy." In 1865 a new hall was rented and finished off (twenty-four feet by forty) and dedicated to Freemasonry on St. John the Baptist's Day. About this time a very interesting relic of the year 1805 was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Prichard sen., this being the table used in the earliest Lodge room (ten by fourteen and a half feet as already stated). This had been made and belonged to Bro. Elias Gillman, one of the

founders, in whose house the room was situated. It had been left to Bro. Prichard, and was presented as we have said, with the wish that it should be converted into some article of Lodge furniture. This was done, a silver plate being affixed recording the history of the parts of which it was composed. Since then the Lodge has fared satisfactorily, nearly four hundred candidates having been initiated in it, and the present members working most harmoniously together. The sketch is by Bro. S. Stacker Williams P.M., and does him credit, both as a writer and a Mason.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, which meets at the Three Bucks Tavern, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., by Bro. J. L. Mather, the Preceptor, on Tuesday, 13th November, at 7 p.m.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

Tinsleys' offers a very attractive programme this month. The serial stories are still running their course, and, in addition, there are two short tales, and "a Psychological Problem," which are sure to find great favour with the public. The latter is well contrived, and the conclusion is highly dramatic. The former are entitled "An Old Maid's Story" and "A Lame Proposal." Mr. Vandam contributes a sketch of "Prince Bismarck's Mother," and Mr. W. W. Fenn a very amusing picture of "Rustic Relatives" when on a visit to London; the energy they exhibit, the amount of hard work they are capable of enduring, and the enthusiasm they display on all occasions. However, Mr. Fenn points out, at the close of his paper, that it is a question whether the delight they take in seeing everything is not far worthier of imitation than the affected indifference of the trained metropolitan. We have no doubt, whatever, on this point. There would be more reality in London life if it were less distinguished by an affectation of indifference. The following we have selected for quotation from the poetic contributions which, as usual, exhibit much merit:—

"Phillis selects a younger swain,
And seeing me look vexed,
Says, 'Him I love in this world; you
Alone, dear, in the next.'

"'Tis true I've got eternity,
He, time; but when they kiss,
And bill and coo, I sometimes think
I'd change my chance for his.

"His love is earthly, of the earth—
Mine is Platonic, skiey;
But, then, he's in possession, while
I'm put off—*sine die*."

Cassell's Family Magazine is of the usual character. The two serial stories are completed. "Paul Knox, Pitman" concludes, as we must have expected. May Gwynn is proved to be May Hastings, and Lady Elizabeth is consequently as anxious to secure her son Percy's marriage with the heroine as before she was desirous of preventing it. So with the consent of everybody they are married and happy. May naturally continues the same affection towards Mr. Gwynn, the old schoolmaster, who had adopted her, and Paul Knox seeks a home abroad, but before starting takes leave of May and his fellow-miners, and departs amid loud manifestations of regret. "Stone Steps and Wooden Stairs," the other of the serials is likewise brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and it only remains for us to congratulate the authors of these stories on their successful conception and carrying out. "Paul Knox, Pitman" is the more interesting; it is a more ambitious, more intricate story. Its progress is marked by more stirring incidents and there is perhaps more art shown in its construction. Still, the companion tale is well written, the principal characters are naturally drawn, and in many parts there is skilful handling and some delicate descriptive writing. Mr. G. Manville Fenn contributes "Two Cobwebs: an Old Man's Tale," and the author of "A Race for Life" explains "Why the Light Went Out." Then there is the usual batch of useful and instructive papers, such, for example, as "How the Stock Exchange is Managed," "What is Produced by Heat," "Some Neglected Articles of Food," "House-Linen; its Wear and Tear," and "The Value of Simple Remedies." The paper on "Women who have risen" is meagre, Mrs. Somerville being the only one whose career is described at length. Moreover, it seems to us the title is a mistake. Most of the women were born in a fair position in life, whereas we connect with "risen" the idea that they achieved distinction in the way of rank. "Illustrious Women," or "Women who have distinguished themselves" would have met the case better. There is a short yet effective poem by Mr. W. A. Gibbs entitled "The Child and the Man: a Contrast," and the Gatherer furnishes his quantum of useful and interesting notes. Most of the engravings are praiseworthy.

In the *Countries of the World*, after leaving the Indian Territory, we find ourselves in Louisiana and visit the City of New Orleans. Thence making our way to Texas we take our way in a north-easterly direction, traversing Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, &c., &c. The principal illustrations are "Loading a Cotton Steamer," "Election day in New Orleans," and "A Street in New Orleans," "Catching Wild Horses on the Prairies with the Lasso," "The Bridge across the the Potomac at Harper's Ferry (from the Hill)."

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THOMAS HARPE
ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W.

To all whom it n

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the mos
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tions granted by His Royal Highness
Domini Nine hundred twenty and six
Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and
viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Nob
and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of
and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquide
Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Cor
cleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles,
Murray of Stanley, in the County of G

GRAND MASTER OF

The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, E
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Warden, and the Right Worshipful
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of our Master Masons, The Worshipful
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day nearest the full moon in every month
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said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren
Masters, and John Richardson (with the
their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and insta
they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest
Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And suc
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continuance of this Lodge, for ever.
Brethren and all their Successors alway
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwi
Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of o
this twenty-ninth day of July, in the Year
Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the Y
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NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered
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Entd. Edward Harper.

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the reduction of the Passenger Rates in
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benefit of the large number of Exhibitors,

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 NOVEMBER.

194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, Croydon.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1300—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1823—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1825—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Fortitude, Town Hall, Reading.
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
803—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
985—Montague, 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.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
234—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Fownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

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.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
948—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1569—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
M. M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York.

WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

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.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Windsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1194—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1300—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1424—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.)

149—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
581—Portcullis, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
695—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
755—St. Twinis, Freemasons' Hall, Llandeilo.
859—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
881—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hall, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1104—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewnes, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1245—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.

WEDNESDAY—continued.

1309—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M.M. 36—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
M. M. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1279—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

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.
696—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Dorse, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 9. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1286—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1447—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—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.)
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.

SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Installation at 3 o'clock.) Banquet at Guildhall-tavern, at 6 o'clock.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (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.
R. A. 300—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
693—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 295—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 329—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
693—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. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
303—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—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—18—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Jubilee Lodge, No. 72.—Met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 5th inst., being the first meeting since the recess. Bros. T. Hines W.M., Carr S.W., Dunn J.W., H. Webb P.M. Treas., J. Nunn P.M. Sec., S. J. Harvey S.D., Chesterton J.D., A. Durch I.G., Thurson W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Durkin, Dodson, Dunn, Laskey; Bros. Walker, Strube, Chalk, Yardley, Redmond, Lockyer, Powles, Atkins, Iager, Lewcock, Brittleback, Turner, Jones, Murrell, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting, also those of the emergency meeting, were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. A. Cox, R. Hellis and J. Millhouse; this resulting in their favour, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Versluys was passed to the second degree. The working of the W.M. and Officers was in every respect perfect. Several propositions for initiation and joining were handed to the Secretary. Bro. Dodson P.M. gave a notice of motion that in future the Lodge meetings be held in October, November, December, January, March and May. A petition from the widow of a late member of the Lodge was read, with a view to its being recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and it was numerously signed. Relief was also given to this case from the funds of the Lodge, the brethren liberally supplementing the amount. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal toasts. His remarks were pertinent, and were enthusiastically received. Bro. J. Durkin I.P.M. then rose: The toast he had to propose had always been well received at former meetings. Their present W.M. had conducted the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of every brother in the Lodge; and had gained respect from all. Those who, that evening, had seen how he had performed his duties must have been pleased, no one could find cause of complaint; in all sincerity he hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Hines thanked the I.P.M., for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He felt if he could please the I.P.M. he was sure he could please the brethren; he looked at the excellent example shown him, and hoped he had succeeded. He was grateful to the brethren for the kind treatment he had always received; it had been an incentive to work, and when he reached the chair he felt he had achieved the summit of his ambition. He hoped he would have a worthy successor. (Cheers). The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. He felt they wanted new blood; to-night they had it. We may congratulate ourselves on those we have initiated; we are pleased that they have joined the Order; particularly this Lodge. He then gave them some advice as to their future career, not only in Masonry, but in their social life. His remarks were much to the purpose, and were highly appreciated. Bro. Millhouse returned thanks, he said he hoped to be long amongst them, and he trusted he might prove a credit to the Order. His remarks were endorsed by Bros. Fox and Hellis. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said he was pleased, in the name of the Lodge, to welcome them. Brethren, by visiting Lodges, induced interchange of feeling, and thereby gleaned much information; he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception. Bros. Forbes P.M. and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded, and complimented the W.M. for his excellent working, able presiding and the kind and charitable feeling exhibited by the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters next received attention. The W.M. referred to their several qualifications. Their worthy Treasurer knew his duty thoroughly. Bro. J. Nunn, the Secretary, they were equally proud of; his father was a member of the Lodge, and he is one who has done good service; we hope to have him among us for many years. As for Bro. Dodson, whatever he undertakes, he is always successful in; in fact, all possess sterling qualities, but none better than our I.P.M., Bro. J. Durkin. He (the W.M.) had to thank him for all his Masonic knowledge. He could not have followed a better Master. He hoped they would drink the toast heartily. Bro. Webb P.M. Treasurer responded: Both he and Bro. Nunn had been among them many years, and he hoped to continue to do so. All the Masters who had occupied the chair had done their duty. Theirs was an old Lodge, entitled to the centenary jewel. He fully endorsed what had been said by the visitors, and with respect to the Charities—he thought no child ought to be admitted into the Schools unless his parent had been a contributor to them. While he had life he would give his energies and support to the Lodge and the Charities. He always felt proud when he thought of his having been the means of bringing our esteemed Bro. Durkin into the Lodge; as also three others he could name, who had made their mark in Masonry. In olden times we were few in number, now we are numerous. He as well as his Bro. P.M.'s felt it an honour to be amongst them. He thought the fact of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being at the head of our Order had done wonders for the Charities; these he hoped they would always find brethren to support. Bros. Nunn and Dodson followed; the latter said he would be pleased to represent the Lodge at the next Festival for the Girls' School; he would place his name on the list as a Life Governor, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. The toast of the Officers followed; the W.M. said he had received great assistance from them; he hoped to see them in due course occupy the chair. Bro. Dunn J.W. replied; he hoped to have all the wishes of the W.M. verified. The Tyler was then summoned, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening was brought to a close. Bros. Dodson, H. Webb, Redmond, and Millhouse sang some excellent songs. The visitors were Bros. D. Forbes P.M. 65, Whitfield 1000, Dally 1475, W. Chalk 1558, Haines, W. Snield 228, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.—The second meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, 6th November, at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The W.M. Bro. [illegible]

ridge S.W., E. Dottridge P.M. as J. Geo. King P.M. Sec., Gaubert S.D. C. T. Speight Tyler. In addition to t there were present Bros. Geo. Gur George Hockley; the visitors coc P.D.G.M. China, Ricarde-Seaver 11 P.M. 382, A. Leon 780, W. Pyne 813 worth 975, D. A. Ross 1216, W. W was formally opened, and the minute ceremonial portion of the evening's w after examining Bros. J. Watson ar brethren to the second degree. The Philip Joseph Heidelberger, as a can favourably, and that gentleman wa benefit of Masonic light. Bro. Ward an eminently satisfactory way, and the candidates. A petition from brother to the Board of Benevolenc Lodge, and the Past Masters and C A second petition, in this instance o was also considered and signed by t discussed the question of holding t decided that arrangements should be at an early date in the ensuing year —a custom we highly commend—fo to a Board of Past Masters, to be ex examination be satisfactory, they re consider him worthy and competent named for this examination to take p the brethren should meet at the hosti Clarence, Aldersgate-street. The Lo brethren sat down to a banquet. Thi proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, a menu, and this want was also felt i vicinity at the table. On the cloth be introduced the Loyal toasts, which S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China replied fo much gratified with the kind way in w his name with the eminent noblemen Masonic body. This was not the a visitor at the Old Concord L to see continuing its prosperous mity of feeling as at present exi was maintained, it might indeed be which already amounted to over one hu The working he had seen that eveni Bro. Rawson closed his remarks by the way in which the toast had bee proposed the health of the Initiate. the sunny land of France; he hoped w remember how he was received into offered he would always say a kin Freemasons. Bro. Speight here sang Bro. Heidelberger replied. The W.M. Visitors. When they were honoured w from other Lodges, the members of th the best they could to entertain them. respond. Bro. P.M. Hockley next prop He spoke of the great ability displayed Lodge and at the banquet table. Th office was drawing to a close; indeed, h meeting to preside over, but every satisfied with the way he had conducte The W.M. said, that to be Master of ambition of every Mason. When he to make himself acquainted with all th When the time came for him to vacat with him many agreeable remembrance of the kindness he had received; he fe of each and every member, and he fe which the toast had been received. Bro of the Past Masters; he regretted th them that evening; but in these wi some of the most honoured members of t ledgement by Bro. Hockley, the Officer by Bro. Dottridge. The toast of the Pa name of Bro. Morgan, and this brothe compliment, the Tyler was summoned. was added to by the musical ability of s two recitations, given by a visitor, seem

Confidence Lodge of Instruct Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., Bro. Wharman W.M., Tollis S.W., Croak J. K. Pitt Sec., Jessie S.D., A. Pose E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Ros number of brethren. The ceremony o and three of the sections worked, and W.M., who presided for the first time in closed and the brethren dispersed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, ing on Saturday, the 3rd November, at th road, Islington, N. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M. Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Gi Lorkin I.G. Visitors—Bros. W. Hogg P. 192. The Lodge was opened and the m firmed. The ceremony of initiation w acting as candidate. The first four sect

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—Met on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, E.C., when Comp. Constable occupied the chair of Z., Haslett H., F. Brown J. There were also present Comps. J. Boyd P.Z. Treas., Thos. W. White S.E., H. D'Arcy S.N., G. D'Arcy, J. B. Sorrell, E. Gottheil, H. McPherson, G. Waterall, J. Peartree. The minutes having been confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. The first clause of the first section was then worked by Comp. Haslitt, assisted by the Comps. It was announced that on 13th November, after the usual proceedings, Comp. E. Gottheil P.Z. would rehearse the installation ceremonies of the three chairs. The convocation was then adjourned to Tuesday next at 7 p.m.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 2nd of November, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. H. Tucker W.M., W. Goss S.W., B. Blasby Sec. J.W., F. Irwin S.D., Costelow J.D., Harrison I.G.; Bros. Roe I.P.M., Gunner, Kyezor, &c. Lodge opened in due form at 8 p.m., minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Costelow candidate. Lodge then opened regularly up to the 3rd degree, and Bro. Costelow was raised to the degree of W.M. Bro. H. Tucker, by the way in which he conducted the business, gave great satisfaction. Lodge being closed down to the 1st, Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 7th November, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Present—Bros. W. H. Warner W.M., Clegg S.W., Robinson J.W., Breden Secretary, Ives S.D., Scheerboam J.D., Jones I.G., Preceptor Bro. Turquand; also Bros. Hallett W.M. of 781, Cross, Lax, Day, Kent, Ould, Rawley, &c. Business—Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M. First and second sections were worked by Bro. Ives, assisted by the brethren. Third worked by Bro. Ould, and fourth by Bro. Ives, also assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Lovelock J.W., King S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Young I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Finch, Carr, Lines, Cook, Brown, Stevenson, Bonner, Ashburner, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cook acting as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was orderded to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able working in the chair. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Hervey Lodge of Instruction, No. 1260.—At the meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Punch's Tavern, Fleet-street, Bro. Radcliffe most efficiently presided; he was supported by Bros. Gladwell S.W., A. Withers J.W., McKay S.D., Burley J.D., Beeton I.G.; Bro. G. King P.M. Preceptor. Preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spalding candidate; Bro. McKay gave a forcible rendering of the charge. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably performed. A new member was unanimously elected, and Bro. Gladwell was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Brethren who can spare an hour on Friday evenings should drop in at this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon. Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, the Auditor's report, which showed a good balance in favour of the Lodge, was adopted. Messrs. Lomath, March, and Standen were initiated, Bros. Finch, Lane, Bird and James were passed, and Bros. Baghino and Carter raised. Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Reeves being placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. King P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, in an admirable manner. The following were then appointed officers for the year:—Bros. T. J. Lawes I.P.M., Peacock S.W., Brunker J.W., Robson S.D., Sumner J.D., Saunders I.G., Parsons D.C., Wicks Assist. D.C. The addresses were given by Bro. King. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. G. King was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge, with full privileges of paying members, in recognition of the services he had rendered the Lodge. Lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Rose and Crown.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—At the usual weekly meeting held on Friday last, the 2nd inst., at the White Hart, Clapton, the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556, who was supported by Bros. T. J. Barnes as S.W., T. Austin J.W., and Cusworth I.P.M. The following brethren worked the various sections:—Bros. Cogan S.W. 1365, Rawley 174, Badkin W.M. 1365, Goddard 1445, Brown W.M. 1607, D.C. 174, Andrews 1227, Ives 781, Harvey 174, Pinder P.M. 15, Stephens P.M. 1365, Pinder P.M. 15, Ellis 933, Webb J.W. 1607, J.D. 174, Cusworth W.M. 813, Stephens P.M. 1305.

Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting on Friday, 2nd November, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Hall W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Sec. S.W., Smout jun. J.W., Spiegel S.D., Wood I.G., Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor; Murlis, Michael, Parkhouse, Poulter, Lichtwitz, Woodmason, Crab, Linscott, Whitaker, Hopton, Bartell sen., Bartell jun., Kelly, Newland, Hawes, Adkins and Hoot. Business—On the invitation of the brethren, Bro. Michael P.M. worked the installation ceremony; installing Bro. Penn, the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge, into the chair of King Solomon. Considering Bro. Michael came to the Lodge quite unprepared, the ceremony was performed in a most creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of all. A vote of thanks was accorded him, to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Penn then passed Bro. Adkins to the second degree. On his vacating the chair, Bro. Savage rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Michael being candidate. Before closing the Lodge, it was proposed, as this was the last night when Bro. Murlis would be present as the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, that a vote of thanks be recorded to him, for the great interest he had taken in this Lodge of Instruction. It is entirely due to him that this Lodge of Instruction is in possession of the handsome furniture which they own, and by his efforts this Lodge now consists of above 60 members, of which from 20 to 25 regularly attend. Bro. Murlis in reply said he was pleased to see his efforts so well rewarded, he only regretted he had not fulfilled his promise to have a larger and more handsome Bible than the present one; this, however, would shortly be remedied.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—On Tuesday, 6th November, at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., G. Clark J.W., J. W. Smith S.D., H. Lovegrove J.D., T. C. Edmonds I.G., P.M. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising were rehearsed, in a very able and efficient manner. Bro. W. M. Stiles S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing meeting.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 1st of November, at Bro. Brown's, Railway Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. H. Tucker W.M., Green S.W., Burr J.W., Seward jun. S.D., Fermor J.D., Dyer I.G.; Bros. Owen, Kyezor, Nye, Kasner, &c. Business — Lodge opened in due form, when minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dyer offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge then opened up to the 3rd degree, when Bro. Poole was raised, in a very impressive manner, by the W.M.; who, as a young member of the Craft, displayed the deep study he must have given to the science. On the Lodge being resumed, the W.M. said he felt great pleasure in having to propose that Bros. Kyezor and Owen become members of the Lodge of Instruction. Although he had only known Bro. Kyezor but a few months, he felt as if he had been acquainted with him for years, and he took this occasion of acknowledging the benefit he received from Bro. Kyezor's kind instruction, which was always cheerfully tendered. The vote being put, was unanimously carried. Bro. Kyezor, in acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, remarked that the W.M. had given too much praise for the little aid he had rendered; he was at all times at the service of any brother who felt he could promote the interests of Freemasonry.

The members of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction held their first Audit Meeting, at Bro. Brown's, as above, on Saturday, 3rd November. The Auditors, Bros. H. E. Tucker, A Pooley, and W. Seward jun., found the books correct, and exceedingly well kept. Afterwards, about twenty of the brethren sat down to a most *recherché* supper, provided by Bro. host Brown. Bro. A. Beasley W.M., Bro. D. Kasner S.W., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. T. Brown P.M. 780, A. H. Burr J.W., T. Green S.D., H. Tucker I.G., S. Dyer D.C., G. R. Bourne A.D.C., W. Gardiner P.M. 780, J. Dorey, Parsons, A. Pooley, Ferner, W. Nye, Wills, E. C. Porter, &c. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and were received with the customary enthusiasm. The health of Bro. Beasley was proposed and drunk with musical honours. Bro. Beasley delighted all with his vocal abilities. Nearly all the brethren favoured the company with songs; it would, however, be invidious to name any one in particular; suffice it that all assembled endeavoured to make the evening one of the most pleasant that could be passed. The Secretary gave notice that on Thursday next they hoped to have a good muster. Bro. Nye had kindly offered to supply pedestals, Bro. H. Tucker the Volume of the Sacred Law; Bro. Kyezor would subscribe a guinea towards paying for necessary working tools, while Bro. Dorey would supply the Smooth and Rough Ashlars. Before separating, Bro. Beasley, in speaking of the officers of the mother Lodge, felt it incumbent upon him to congratulate Bro. Tucker on the great strides he had made in the Craft. As a young Mason it spoke volumes for the attention he must have paid.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—The summer recess being over, the winter campaign of this Lodge may be said to have set in with some severity, judging by the heavy amount of work set forth in the summons convening the meeting on Monday evening last, the 5th inst. At half-past 5 the Lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex W.M., B. Sharp P.G.S. Middlesex S.W., J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 acting J.W., John Hammond W.M. 1512 I.P.M., and several other brethren. Messrs. A. T. Aylen, John Murray and Chas. Worthington were admitted to Masonic light; Bros. J. H. Duffell and Arden Elphick passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts; and Bros. R. Jackson, R. Masters and John Piller were raised to the sublime degree. A communication from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex was read, regretting inability to attend, owing to absence from home. A similar obstacle

Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.M. 708, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting in March, and of emergency meetings in April, May and June were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master worked all the ceremonies in his usual most impressive manner. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the Lodge being closed with prayer and in perfect harmony, the brethren, after nearly four hours' labour, adjourned, about half-past 9, for refreshment, fully prepared, as the result proved, to do ample justice to the spread provided by the host, Bro. Andrews. Owing to the limited time at his disposal, the toasts were necessarily given by the W.M. in a very brief manner, and having been heartily responded to, the brethren separated shortly before 11 o'clock. Bros. C. G. Crawford W.M. South Middlesex Lodge, Murphy 1512, W. Kay 1326, and R. Garvner were present as visitors, and the members of the Lodge in attendance not previously named were Bros. F. Honeywell P.M. 889 Org., T. W. Ockenden Sec., J. Hurst P.M. 1512 J.D., T. C. Walls P.G. Org. I.G., Albert Marvin D.C., T. A. E. Scott W.S., C. R. Fitt, R. W. Forge, C. Richer, and Featherstone. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 3rd December.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A general meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows as J.W., Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., J. M. Hunt as I.G., T. Upward Organist, Gilchrist Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Bros. Stringer and Burnand, candidates for passing, were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree, and the brethren named were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Rubery and Stockwell answered the usual questions, and in due course were raised to the sublime degree. Several names were handed to the Secretary for initiation at the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Saturday the 1st December. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were the following, viz.:—Bros. C. B. Carter, Wm. Moffatt, C. Crouch P.M. 1297, H. Jones 996, John Bell 1178, J. E. Simms 1445, C. Carter 1507, A. Sheppard 1592, &c., &c.

Talbot Lodge, Swansea, No. 1323.—The usual monthly meeting of this—the Blue Stocking Lodge of South Wales—was held at the Lodge Room, Mackworth Arms Hotel, Swansea, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. J. G. Hall W.M. in the chair. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and also those of an Emergency, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Lord Mayor of London had declared the subscription list to the Indian Famine Fund closed. The suggestion thrown out at the last Lodge, that the Talbot Lodge should subscribe to the Fund could not now be carried out; he then inquired if any brother wished to propose that a sum of money should be voted to the support of any local matter requiring assistance—the W.M. no doubt having in his mind the most disastrous floods in Glamorganshire. Not receiving an affirmative, he vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. E. J. Morris P.M., founder of the Lodge, and Grand Deacon of England, who then worked the sections of the first degree. Bro. Morris's abilities as a working Mason are so widely known throughout South Wales that we need do no more than say that he maintained his reputation upon the present occasion. The brethren who worked the sections with Bro. Morris were Bros. W. J. Russ 1st section, C. J. Brock 2nd section, S. Hartland S.W. 3rd, The W.M. Bro. Hall the 4th, T. Thomas J.W. the 5th, R. Burnie Sec. the 6th, and J. Jones Hewson I.P.M. the 7th. Of these Bros. Russ, Brock, Hartland, Thomas and Burnie were colts, not having before tried the work. The manner, however, in which the work was done by each would have done credit even to an old horse. The most conspicuous success was Bro. Brock's, he being the youngest and most inexperienced, yet he equalled the best of the old and tried workers; indeed, the manner in which the whole work was done reflects the highest credit upon the Talbot Lodge. It is intended to work the sections regularly if Bro. Morris can be induced to take the onerous task of the chair. After labour was over, the brethren as usual repaired to refreshment, when harmony and true Masonic and social feeling held away until about 10 p.m., when the meeting broke up.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 5th instant, at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington. Present—Bros. Sones W.M., Reynolds S.W., Alexander J.W., Davis Secretary, Headon S.D., Hunt J.D., Williams I.G. Business—Lodge was formally opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nevitt as candidate. The first three sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., and the fourth by Bro. Davis. Bro. Nevitt answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and then resumed. One brother was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

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THE NEW DECLARATION OF FAITH BY THE G. O. OF FRANCE.

LAST week we referred at some length to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland forbidding all intercourse between itself and its subordinate Lodges on the one hand, and the Grand Orient of France and its subordinate Lodges on the other. We expressed our firm belief that this resolution was perfectly justifiable, adding that under the circumstances in which the ruling Masonic bodies in the two countries were placed, we did not see what other course it was possible for our Irish brethren to have adopted. We have since heard that at the next Quarterly Communication, in December, of our United Grand Lodge of England, notice will be taken of this flagrant departure by the French Grand Orient from the ancient landmarks of the Order. There is yet ample time to consider the propriety of any step it may be proposed to take in this country on this question. We are not situated as is the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that is, there have been for some years past no official relations between the Grand Orient of France and our Grand Lodge. We do not imagine, therefore, there will be any official communication made to the latter by the former. Still some notice will have to be taken of the conduct of the Grand Orient, but the time and the manner of doing this must, of necessity, be left to our governing authorities. That the omission from the new first article of the Constitution of all reference to a belief in a Supreme Being is an eversion of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry we have already said is undeniable, and that some resolute condemnation of this new definition of Freemasonry will be necessary is beyond all doubt; but, in the absence of any official relations between the two Grand bodies, it may be desirable to pursue some other course than that which the Grand Lodge of Ireland has thought it wise to adopt. However, it is not our intention at the present time to discuss what will have to be done, our purpose is to touch upon the general question at issue between our and French Freemasonry.

Let us first notice the sweeping character of the change introduced into the Constitution of the Grand Orient. Till this year the first article, after defining Freemasonry as an "Institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive," and as having in view "the search after truth, the study of universal morality, the sciences, and the arts, and the exercise of beneficence," went on to declare formally "Its fundamental principles are the existence of God, the Immortality of the soul, and the responsibility of man towards his fellows. It regards liberty of conscience as a right proper to every one, and excludes no one on account of his religious faith (*croyances*). Its device is—Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." Now, the first article, after defining Freemasonry in almost exactly the same terms as before—the word "philosophic" is alone omitted—goes on thus: "Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and the responsibility of man towards his fellows. It excludes no one for his religious faith. Its device is—Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." The grounds on which the propriety of this material change in the Constitution will be found in *le Monde Maçonnique* to be that Freemasonry is not a religion, and consequently that it is not its duty to affirm doctrines and dogmas in its Constitution—that is, of course to make any declaration of religious faith. On referring to [illegible] that it was at the instance the clause, "It excludes no one for his religious faith," was added. So far, and looking at the matter calmly and judicially, these reasons appear to be sound enough. Freemasonry is not a religion, and therefore has no business to introduce any religious declaration into its constitutions. But we must go a little further, and examine the report of the Commission appointed to deal with the question. In that report, we find the following reasons given for the suppression of so much of the second paragraph of the old first article as declared a belief in God and the immortality of the soul to be necessary. They are these: (*a*) Such portion of the paragraph in question is in direct contradiction with the paragraph next ensuing; that is, a belief in God and the immortality of the soul is in antagonism with liberty of conscience. (*b*) It must often times cause great embarrassment to Venerables (Worshipful Masters) and Lodges who, in certain circumstances, must either evade or violate the law. (*c*) And not only this, but it must embarrass profanes who, when anxious to seek admission into the Society, find themselves suddenly arrested by this barrier of dogmatism which their conscience will not permit them to cross (*se voient tout à coup arrêtés par cette barrière dogmatique que leur conscience ne leur permet pas de franchir.*) (*d*) Because such a declaration is useless and entirely foreign to the purposes which Freemasonry has in view. A Society of Savants does not think it necessary to adopt some theological formula as the basis of its statutes; it studies science independently of all religious dogmas, and why should it not be the same in the case of Freemasonry, whose field of operations is already large enough? Now, the most important of these reasons, we may almost say the only one which is worth serious attention, is the third. We do not consider a declaration of faith in the existence of God as irreconcilable with entire liberty of conscience, because we cannot bring ourselves to believe that any just and upright man denies the existence of God. Liberty of conscience, according to our notions, implies freedom for every one to hold what religious views he pleases; it excludes that licence which denies the existence of God. As for the embarrassments which W.M.'s and Lodges may occasionally experience, when a candidate declines to swear his belief in God, we do not regard this as of serious moment. Our laws, like those of other societies, are made to suit ourselves, not those who do not belong to us. If these latter are disinclined to accept the regulations of our Society as binding upon their conscience, let them remain outside our gates. At Rome we must do as Rome does—or stay away. Candidates must be prepared to abide by the laws of Freemasonry, or stay without. So as to the fourth and last reason, no one has ever imagined it necessary to confound theology with science. On the contrary, in every kind of discussion conducted within our Lodges, be they formal, historical, scientific, or of any other description, the expression of anything like an opinion on religious as on political topics is strictly forbidden. In a well-regulated Lodge of Freemasons there is not the slightest fear that any brother will have reason to feel hurt by the expression of any religious opinion to which he is conscientiously opposed. Therefore, there is not, there has not been at any time, the slightest danger, that the discussions of science would ever degenerate into a conflict of religious opinions. The real objection to the retention of the article as it was, will be found in the third reason (*c*) assigned for the amendment of the second paragraph of the article, namely, that men who do not believe in

is required of them. This we take do be a very just and proper ground of exclusion, not only for the reason we have just given, viz., that Freemasonry is called upon to enact laws and regulations not to suit the peculiar views of outsiders, but in accordance with the views of its constituent members; but likewise because we cannot bring ourselves to regard one who denies God as a fit person for initiation into our Society. It may be, as the report of the Commission already alluded to points out, that the formula now struck out of the French Constitutions found its way thither only as recently as 1849, and, therefore, that Freemasonry in France is but returning to its old form of faith. But in ascertaining the character of Freemasonry we must go further back than a generation. We must revert to the earliest Constitutions as settled by the founders of modern Freemasonry, that is, to the laws compiled by Payne, Anderson, Desaguliers, and others, and approved by the first Grand Lodge—that is to say, first in order of time—of the Speculative Era. Thus we find the first of the Old Charges declares that "A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of the country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance." Here then it is laid down clearly, firmly, and deliberately that Theism is the first principle of Freemasonry. This is the solemn declaration made by the founders of Speculative Freemasonry at a time when, as far as can be determined with any approach to certainty in these remote days, there was not a single Lodge of Freemasons, as we now understand the word, outside the limits of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Surely it is not unreasonable, when we are seeking for a definition of Freemasonry, to allow some little weight to the solemn statements of those who founded it. They knew perfectly well what they were about when they framed the laws of our Society. It is said there was a Lodge in Paris in 1725. There may have been, but whensoever Freemasonry first appeared in France, it derived its origin from the Grand Lodge in London, and was founded in accordance with the principles proclaimed by the latter. As to the statement that the formula as to the Deity was introduced for the first time in 1849, into French Freemasonry, we have no French Constitutions at hand for reference, but we would ask our French brethren to explain how, in such case a certain ornament of the Lodge in the second degree of their Rite is said to represent "le G.·. A.·. qui ne tient que de lui seul la L.·. dont il brille." There have been unfortunately so many revolutions in French Freemasonry that it is probably very difficult to determine its character at or for any period of time; but we have some idea the few words we have written above figured in the lecture or "*Institution*" of the F.C. or 2nd degree a good round quarter of a century before 1849, if not at a much earlier date; and we assume that just as our ritual and lectures are in accordance with our Constitutions, so their ritual and lectures are in accordance with theirs. We imagine, further that "le G.·.A.·." would not be introduced if his existence were not recognised. Of course, if we have stated anything that is wrong, our French readers will not be slow to correct us. At all events, we are under the impression that a belief in God, as one of the fundamental principles of French Freemasonry, is not of so recent a date as 1849; but be this as it may, what is commonly known as "the French Rite," includes the "Modern English Rite," and to this extent the principles of the two should be identical.

We might go still further, and point out that the legends of the old operative Guilds are all based on faith in the Supreme Being; but as these guilds flourished only in Christian countries, their faith was Christian in its character. The founders of Speculative Freemasonry were, as we said last week, a body of choice spirits who saw how fatal was religious and political bigotry, and who set themselves,

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and requesting that the case might be reheard, was rejected, leave being given to the petitioners to withdraw their appeal. The reason on which the Report was based was to the effect that the said Investigation Committee having heard the case and delivered their Report, their Report, in accordance with previous decisions, must be regarded as final. The Report of the Committee on Bye-Laws having been accepted, a Committee of three was appointed to consider and report as to the expediency of preparing a Digest of Masonic Law, and the Regulations of Grand Lodge as to subordinate Lodges. Bro. Nickerson having drawn attention to the deplorable state of the grave-stone marking the resting-place of Bro. Henry Price, first Grand Master of Massachusetts, and considering that a suitable monument should be erected to his memory, moved that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars should be placed in the hands of the Board of Directors for the purpose. The motion was agreed to unanimously. Bro. Nickerson then presented, on behalf of Bro. Henry J. Parker, three old autograph letters, to the late Hon. Timothy Bigelow, namely—one from Benjamin Russell, a former G.M., dated 23rd September 1804, the second from Josiah Quincy sen., dated 4th February 1809, and the third, from Bro. Gov. Christopher Gore, dated 24th January 1810. Thanks were voted to Bro. Parker, and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

Following this is a Record of the Minutes of the Special Communication held on the 17th September, for the purpose of dedicating, in accordance with the invitation of the City Council, the monument erected in Boston to the memory of those members of the Army and Navy who had fallen during the Great Civil War. The corner-stone of this monument had been laid six years before, with due Masonic ceremonial, and it was fitting the dedication in public should be of the same character. The assembly on this occasion was such as we in England are not accustomed to. The Grand Lodge went in carriages to the Common, with the Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, to the number of about two hundred, as a body-guard, while the Grand Commandery, with fourteen subordinate Commanderies, inclusive of the Boston, and to the number, bands and Boston Commandery inclusive, of sixteen hundred men, formed the escort. The procession numbered in all, according to official reckoning, over 25,000, and extended over a length of six miles. It is hardly necessary we should enter further into the details of this imposing ceremony. Suffice it to say, that everything passed off admirably, and that G. Master Everett delivered a most eloquent and soul-stirring address, in which, while skilfully avoiding any allusion to the divergent political views of the States during the war, he did full justice to the military virtues and patriotism of those who had sacrificed their lives on what they regarded as the altar of duty. Grand Lodge having returned to the Masonic Temple, was closed in ample form with prayer. Two letters of thanks, one to the R.E. Grand Commander Rev. H. W. Rugg, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for having furnished the escort and body-guard, and the other to the E. Commander of the Boston Commandery and his Officers and Knights for having acted as the body-guard of Grand Lodge, complete the interesting record.

We learn from the *Masonic Jewel*, that the several Grand Masonic Bodies of Arkansas held their annual meetings last month. The Grand Commandery was the first in order of time, and the following are the principal Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Sir Knight E. H. English Grand Commander, J. H. Van Hoose Deputy Grand Commander, R. E. Salle Grand Generalissimo, John Vaile Grand Captain General, J. B. Grooves Grand Prelate, and L. A. Pindall and W. R. Miller Grand Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Grand Council was held on the 6th ult., when Comp. J. P. McCowan was elected G.M. for the ensuing year. Comps. S. W. Williams D.G.M., J. H. Van Hoose, Gr. Ill. M., and L. Minor Gr. Pr. Cond. of Works. The following are among the newly elected Officers of the Grand Chapter. Comps. Jonathan W. Jordan G.H.P., M. M. McGuire Dep. G.H.P., H. N. Halton G.K., J. H. Van Hoose G.S., and J. B. Grooves G.C. The Grand Lodge was held on the 8th. Bro. J. F. Hill being elected G.M., Bro. Geo. Thornburgh D.G.M., and Bros. J. P. McCowan G.S.W., W. M. Steele

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Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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"A MATTER FOR INQUIRY."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the letter signed "A P.M.," and referring to the installation of Master in the Mark degree, I can only say the first and second questions can be answered in one. The W.M. of a Lodge has an absolute right to call on any one who is duly qualified, whether P.M. *of* the Lodge, or P.M. *in* the Lodge, to perform any of the ceremonies appertaining to the degree, and in reality performs the ceremony himself by deputy. *Qui facit per alium facit per se.* The third question, What becomes of the rights of the P.M.'s? I shall simply answer by saying, the P.M.'s have no rights when the W.M. is present in Lodge, whether in the chair or not, the privileges they possess being only committed to them in the absolute absence from the meeting of the W.M.

"A P.M.'s" account of the meeting seems to me very temperate, and I must express my regret that so irregular a proceeding should have taken place, and I trust "A P.M." will feel it his duty to bring the violation of the antient landmark before the General Board of the Mark degree. I can assure him he will find no "turning-about or wheeling-about" in any of its members.

I shall be glad to hear privately from "A P.M." if he will write to your care, for which purpose I enclose my card,

And remain, yours fraternally,

P.G.W. and P.D.P.G.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A short time since I also visited a Mark Master Mason's Lodge in the West of England, and, according to my idea, the ceremony of installation was very efficiently performed by a brother not a member of the Lodge, but a P.M. of another Lodge meeting in the same building.

As there was a question asked by a visiting brother (high in office in the Province), I should think we both refer to the same occasion. Of course, we cannot discuss questions of Ritual, but I may say from recollection that the ceremony was as nearly as possible according to the one authorised by the Grand Lodge. (There was no book used (as I have seen on some other occasions), and therefore the P.M.'s

and has really nothing to do with the question. It serves only as a peg to hang a slur at the changes of form of ritual, which have heretofore occurred in this degree.

The questions asked are—

1. Has a Past Master, duly qualified in his own Lodge, any right to occupy the chair of a Lodge into which he has not been installed?—Most distinctly *yes*, if requested by the W.M. of the Lodge to do so.

2nd. Has a W. Master the right to vacate his chair and request a visitor to assume the authority thereof?—Again, yes. It has been decided by the highest authority that the W. Master can call on any qualified brother to perform his functions, such brother being considered the mouthpiece of the Master, who is responsible for what may be done.

3rd. What becomes of the rights of the Past Masters, who in the absence of the Master resume certain powers?—Our worthy P.M. here answers his own question, by presuming absence of the Master to mean absence from the Lodge, which is the only common-sense view of the matter. He says the Master remained in the Lodge, the Past Masters had therefore no rights, and nothing could become of them.

Only one remark more. There was no P.M. of the Lodge present who could have performed the installation ceremony, and the brother who kindly did it was thanked by the members and visitors for undertaking the duty at a short notice, thus preventing the necessity, which has occurred ere now, of the larger portion being read.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your paper of the 10th appeared a letter, headed "A Matter for Inquiry." For the information of the P.M. making the inquiry, allow me to observe: The Constitutions of Mark Masonry are based on those of the Craft. That the questions propounded by a P.M. have been very clearly laid down by our acknowledged highest Masonic authority, the Grand Registrar.

To the 1st question, the reply, is undoubtedly, *Yes*—if invited by the then W.M. To the 2nd, Yes—provided the brother so invited is a P.M.

In my opinion, the absence of a W.M. means absence from his chair, not necessarily absence from the Lodge.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A P.M. of M.M.M.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—As the one "who still holds a very important office" alluded to in a communication addressed to you by "Query," I am in duty bound to state that that part of it referring to the question asked by a Brother is not quite correct, as the W.M. did not mention that he was *not* a member of the Lodge, but after I had explained to him that the matter had been introduced to the Grand Secretary, with whom I had an interview, the W.M. stated that no doubt he would be able to inform the Brother at the next meeting of the Lodge, but he believed that the answer would be in favour of the Brother, he having paid the founder's fee, and held offices under the first, second, and fourth Masters of the Lodge.

I remain, yours fraternally,

14 Mount-place, E. J. CLARK, S.W. 1445.
13th Nov. 1877.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Upon reading a somewhat "hazy" letter under the above heading in your last issue, it appears to me that divested of the "fog" that surrounds it, the facts of the case are, that certain brethren associated together, to found a new Lodge, and, I presume, all deposited a sum of money to purchase the furniture, &c. Now some signed the petition to the M.W.G.M., but not all, therefore those who did not do so are the brethren that your correspondent "Query" refers to in his letter. I gather that some of these so-called founders were appointed to office on the occasion of the Consecration, therefore the stigma rests upon the first W.M., and not upon those brethren who unfortunately came after him in the chair of K.S.

I have been informed by a member of the Lodge that the then Secretary was considered quite an "oracle" with respect to Masonic matters, it seems strange that he did not warn his protégé, the W.M., that he was doing wrong. That brethren of other Lodges may not be placed in the same dilemma is the reason of my troubling you with this letter. I also think the question should be ventilated.

Yours fraternally,

Tooting, 14th November 1877. E. H. N.

SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In glancing over the *Times* report of the trial of the Detectives, I find that one of the witnesses states that the

signature book of Lodge ——— room, so that brethren arriving earl names. I have always understood th signature of those members who a Is the banquet Lodge business?

You

12th November 1877.

MEETINGS AT

To the Editor of the FREE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allusio in the columns of your valuable jo Lodges meeting at taverns.

The remedy for the evil complaine themselves, and by a little co-operati and Masonry be freed from the impu respondents.

Private Masonic Clubs and Halls towns, where Lodges can, and do taverns and tavern proprietors.

London has hitherto been without has one, in every way suitable for th and if Masons are sincere in their d from holding Lodges at taverns, they by meeting at the London Masonic C facility and accommodation for such

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraterna

London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Vic

P.S.—The following Lodges have al benefits offered:—The Felicity, No. Langton, No. 1673; the Felicity Cha of Instruction, the Pilgrim Lodge of

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THE SURREY MA

To the Editor of THE FRE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At leng that the vicissitudes through which passed will result in a satisfactory di purposes for which it was originally i will become a useful adjunct to the Cr ment to the Masonic Order.

It is unnecessary to dilate upon th rounded the undertaking from its inc to too closely criticise the hitherto luk politan brethren generally, and the act Company, which, together, have impe Suffice it to say that the Hall is now in trol, of one or more persons thoroughly the good of Freemasonry, and that he members of the Order, at least the opp are ready to practically evidence that earnestly expressed before the complet

As a first step to this desideratum, been started, under excellent auspices, the 1st of December next. I hope you w the facilities afforded by the building ing on of such an undertaking, and on unqualified support from the numerous important district having the Surrey M

And first, as to the building. It is Westminster Bridge southward, close a railway connecting Victoria with the of which places it is but a quarter of an a spacious and comfortable temple, fi furniture, and accessories for the perfec together with ante-rooms and a large di There are also rooms to be set apart for ing-room, smoke-room, and billiard-roo cellars for stowage of wines and prov least, the large hall itself, capable of above 800 persons, and which, it is to required for Masonic purposes only, ac for "mendici, mimos, balatrones, hoc ge excellent accommodation which can b Masonic uses as for those of the new Cl

Reasons why the Surrey Masonic Clu ported are "as plentiful as blackberrie refusal of space by attempting to stat name a few of the principal, leaving m according to their individual opinions.

Freemasons only will be admitted as being given to their payments as subscri the Club subscription has been fixed at From and after the 1st of January next will be required from each new membe who may be accepted in proposition and out joining fee. *The Club will be prop* have monetary responsibility beyond the For this subscription, the use of reading newspapers, reviews, magazines, and peri class circulating library, smoke-room, bil

veniences, will be at the *daily* service of each member from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until nearly midnight. Arrangements will be made for the supply of refreshments, under regulations carefully framed, to secure a proper use, and prevent the abuse of those necessaries to social enjoyment, and the whole conduct of the Club will be under the control of a general committee, selected annually from amongst the members, and for whose actions in relation thereto the proprietary will accept all responsibility.

With such advantages as are above stated may not the promoters of this Club fairly expect that they will have the support of many hundreds of their brethren, and by means of their aggregate subscriptions enable the proprietor or proprietors of the Surrey Masonic Hall to devote the entire building to the sole use of the Craft; whilst the income from other indirect sources might well maintain the Club itself? I look upon this opportunity for securing the Hall as a place for Masonic purposes only as the chief reason for the united efforts of the South Metropolitan brethren. Another important reason is, that by the congregating of the members of numerous Lodges in the general society of the Club the grand principles of our Order will be promoted to an extent beyond the power of each individual section of the Craft. And again, the oft-reiterated desire to separate our Lodge meetings from the baneful influence of the ordinary tavern will be consummated. These are but a few of the many arguments which might be adduced in favour of the project, and these for the present must suffice.

Now for a practical reply from the brethren themselves! The Club is formed by fifty members, from amongst whom fifteen well-known Masons have been selected for general management during the ensuing year. It will open on the first day of December next, and up to the first of January 1878 candidates may be admitted *without joining fee.* If by the latter date there are not at least 300 members enrolled, I, for self, and many others say, that all the talk of the past few years as to the necessity for the Hall and the support which should be given "*when it was erected*" is but as

"A tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying—*nothing!*"

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 10th Nov. 1877.

PRECEPTORS OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—As Preceptor of a New Lodge of Instruction, where there are some old M.M.'s, who frequently interrupt and oppose me, I should like to have the opinion of some old preceptor as regards my real position.

1st. Am I not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry?

2nd. If my working differs from others, has any one the right to interrupt me, or to try to alter my way of working?

3rd. Has any member a right to bring propositions before the Lodge without my consent, although they have nothing to do with the ritual?

4th. Have I the right to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws, although I am an honorary member.

Yours fraternally,

A NEW PRECEPTOR.

NEEDING HELP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper to direct the attention of your numerous readers to the melancholy condition of the family of the late Bro. David Goddin, who died 4th January 1875, leaving a widow and seven young children totally unprovided for. The widow has been keeping a small school, but this she has had to relinquish in consequence of her extreme ill health. It is feared she is fast sinking, a victim to that fatal malady consumption. Help for the dear little children is most earnestly solicited. I am gratified in being able to say that one girl, Minnie Constance, was elected to the School last October, and the eldest son is earning a few shillings per week. With these exceptions, the family are without the means of support. The particulars of the case are well known to several brethren, who are desirous to render aid to the unfortunate family. Mrs. Goddin's address is 114 Graham-road, Dalston, N.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174, &c.

Exmouth-street, Stepney, E.

[We shall be pleased to receive and hand over any contribution, however small, that may be sent us.—ED. F.C.]

Death.

On the 14th inst., at the residence of her father, at Upper Norwood, after protracted sufferings, ELEANOR, the beloved wife of WALTER SPENCER, passed away in peace.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

THE regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 9th inst., and, notwithstanding the fact of many members connected with the municipalities of various towns being absent at the elections of mayor, the Convocation was more numerously attended than on any previous occasion. From a long connection with the Order we are qualified to speak on the subject, and we have no hesitation in saying that this was one of the most successful meetings at which we have had the honour of being present. The throne of the Order was assumed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. John Sutcliffe, who proceeded to open the Chapter of H.R.M., assisted by the acting guardians—Bros. J. E. Hall as S.G.G., Thomas Entwisle as J.G.G., and Pollitt as G. Guarder. The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified, and ballot was taken for a large number of candidates, who were all elected. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, then ascended the throne, and the following candidates were presented for advancement: Bros. Sparkes, Gallagher, Lloyd, William White, and the Rev. T. Abbot Peters, Head Master of Alston College. The sections of the Tower were worked by Bros. Dr. Griffiths, Dr. Spratley, J. E. Hall, and C. P. Bell. The service was musical, and was conducted by Bro. T. Hargreaves, who presided at the organ.

The Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. was then opened, and the candidates received the honour of knighthood from the Prov. G. Master. The sections were worked by Bros. C. F. Matier and J. E. Hall.

We must congratulate Bro. Sutcliffe on the magnificent effect produced by the accuracy of the ceremonial, and on the possession of a team of officers equalled in our experience by few, and certainly surpassed by none. The Knight Companions then adjourned to banquet, at which Bro. Sutcliffe presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the party separated at an early hour. Besides those brethren already mentioned, we observed Bros. S. B. Ellis, R. Hopwood Hutchinson, J.P., D.L., W. H. Prince, Butterworth, Chapman, Higgins Grand S.B., Gibb Smith Grand B.B., Duffield Treasurer, Chadwick Secretary, and many others.

The next meeting will be held at Sheffield, on the second Friday in March, and will be the first occasion on which a meeting of the Royal Order of Robert the Bruce has ever been held in Yorkshire. Floreat Domus.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Edinburgh Red Cross Conclave, No. 1, was held in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 9th instant, Ill. Sir Knight J. Crichton G.T. M.P.S. in the chair, J. Fleming P.V. acting E.V.E., J. Carmichael M.D. S.G., J. H. Balfour J.G., R. S. Brown P.S. acting H.P., A. Brown Treas., W. Edwards Recorder, J. Melville Aide, E. S. Webb S.B., F. L. Law Organist, C. G. C. Christian P.S., Charles McBride No. 44 (E.C.), and a good attendance of Sir Knights. The Conclave having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. S. Webb M.M. No. 36 having been proposed at previous meeting was ballotted for, and the ballot being clear, that brother was regularly admitted and installed a Knight of the Order. A meeting of the committee on bye-laws was appointed for the following week. The Conclave was thereafter closed.

The *Masonic Record of Western India* announces that the delay in the appearance of its September issue was caused by the unexpected death, after a few days' illness only, of Bro. G. Bease, the proprietor and publisher of our estimable contemporary. Bro. Bease was initiated into the Hope Lodge, No. 350, Scottish Constitution, in 1853, and in 1871 was received into the Mount Calvary in the East Preceptory. The *Record* will be conducted by Bros. Atkins and Spur, in the interest of the Widow, to whom, as well as to the other members of the family, we offer our sincere but respectful sympathy.

Our readers will learn with great regret the loss of an old and esteemed brother, who died very suddenly on Saturday last. Bro. Joseph Last was born on Christmas Day 1809. He was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, about thirty years since. He joined the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and there served the office of W.M.; he was the oldest member but one in the Robert Burns Chapter; he was one of the founders of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and was elected Treasurer; was also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine Conclave, No. 2. He was a life governor of all the Institutions, and to each he served the office of Steward, taking up goodly sums. He will be regretted by surviving relatives and a numerous circle of Masonic and private friends, to whom he had endeared himself by his many good and charitable acts. The poor and afflicted will lose a good friend; his charity know no bounds save those of prudence.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. W. H. Saunders Prov. G.S. W.M., S. H. Knaggs S.W., H. Court sen. J.W., W. Wigginton P.P.G.S. of Works, &c., Sec., J. P. Taylor S.D., H. W. L. Vaughan J.D., H. Court jun. Organist, F. M. Ashley I.G., Harrison Tyler; Past Master Bro. F. Honeywell, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Alfred Clarke P.M. 255, E. Farwig J.W. 180, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. Business—Lodge being formally opened, Mr. T. G. Newton was initiated into the Order. After this ceremony Lodge was called off. On resuming, Bro. Knaggs, the S.W., was presented for the benefit of installation. He having taken the obligation was installed, and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. Court S.W., Taylor J.W., D'Orsey Chaplain, Wigginton re-appointed Sec., Sugg Organist, Court Assistant Organist, Vaughan S.D., Ashley J.D., Dr. Palmer I.G., Walls Prov. G. Organist D. of C., Briggs Steward, Richinell W.S., Harrison re-appointed Tyler. A vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., and unanimously voted to the Installing Master (Bro. Wigginton) for the efficient way in which he had performed the duties of the evening. Lodge was then closed. After banquet, the usual first three toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the health of the Prov. G.M. Throughout the Province this toast was always well received. All knew what Bro. Col. Burdett had done for Freemasonry. The name of Bro. Hammond was coupled with the toast, and Bro. Wigginton was also asked to respond, he representing the Province of Worcestershire. Bro. Hammond considered it a great honour to have his name mentioned in connection with their esteemed Provincial Master. He also referred to the many good qualities of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Little. Bro. Wigginton tendered his thanks on behalf of outside Provinces. Bro. Saunders proposed the health of the W.M., whom he designated as true a brother as could be found. He was the first initiate of the Lodge, and had, during its short existence, been ever thoughtful of its welfare. The W.M. considered it a great honour to be placed in the chair of the Lodge. Being the first-born of the Lodge he might almost say that he had been in office from the day of his initiation. The health of the Installing Officer followed. So long as the Lodge lasted the memory of Bro. Wigginton, the founder and the Master for the first two years of its existence, would remain. Bro. Wigginton briefly responded, after which the W.M. gave the Past Masters; the I.P.M. Bro. Saunders had shown his good qualities, by the interest he ever took in the welfare of the Charities and the Order generally. In reply, Bro. Saunders stated that, being a founder of the Lodge, he had always worked for its welfare. He had ever endeavoured to uphold its dignity, and would continue so to do. The health of the Initiate was next honoured; he expressed his gratitude at the reception which had been accorded him. The Visitors, who the W.M. was pleased to see, were next toasted, and Bro. Clarke responded. The Officers was acknowledged by the S.W.; and the Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, by the Chaplain and Secretary. To the toast of the Masonic Press, Bros. Morgan and Walls replied, after which Bro. Saunders proposed the Masonic Charities, exhorting each brother to work strenuously on their behalf. The Tyler was next summoned, and closed the proceedings by toasting our distressed brethren.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635.—The brethren met on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, under the presidency of the Rev. John Robbins D.D., Rev. Canon Harford M.A. S.W. and W.M. elect, J. H. Davis Sec., &c. Among the brethren present as visitors were Bros. T. A. Fenn P.G.D.C., J. Hervey G.S., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Col. Burney, Col. Clebe, E. P. Albert P.G.P., Cusins, Murlis P.M. 1642, Barry 197, Mead, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. G. H. Boughton and J. Edmiston were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Tuer and Hunt were passed to the 2nd degree. A Board of installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Rev. Canon Harford M.A. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. invested his Officers—Bros. Rev. John Robbins D.D. I.P.M., J. Keene S.W., Dr. Sugg J.W. and Sec. pro tem, H. Eull S.D., J. H. Davis Treas., Gordon Davis I.G., Rev. Francis Byng Chaplain. The W.M. presented an elegant P.M. jewel to Bro. Robbins D.D., for the able manner he had discharged his duties as the first W.M. and founder of the Lodge. The Rev. Bro. returned thanks for the presentation. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed, and it was then closed. The brethren adjourned to the Grosvenor Restaurant, New Bond-street, for refreshments, after which the usual toasts were given. Col. Burney returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M., I.P.M., and Officers were given and responded to, and the Tyler concluded the proceedings of a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Monday, the 12th November, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Present—M.E. Comp. G. H. Newington Bridges Z., E. Comps. Geo. Waterall H., Mark S. Lariham J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., H. C. Levander P.Z. Treas., and R. H. Harvey P.Z.; also Comps. R. N. Field P.S., A. C. Burrell 1st A.S., Samuel Poynter 2nd A.S., Thomas Meggy Steward, John Gilbert Janitor; G. T. Thornes, Alfred Youngman, &c.; and visiting Comps. P. Dakers P.Z. 583, Walter Foster, Thos. Edmondston and H. Jarman, all of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216. The Chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and Comps. below the chairs were admitted. Ballots were taken for Bros. Edward Mitchell, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, and Thomas Preston, Sec. of the

disposed of, the Chapter was close
ment. The usual toasts were dul
visitors expressed their great sat
been performed. The Companion
hour.

Egyptian Lodge of Inst
held its usual weekly meeting a
Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thu
7.30. Present—Bros. Norden W.
Webb Preceptor, Grammer Sec.,
Lipscombe I.G., and numerous o
the 3rd degree was rehearsed, B
The 1st section of the 3rd lectur
assisted by the brethren. The 2n
Maidwell answering the whole of t
3rd section was also worked by Bro
recorded on the minutes to the W.
time he had presided at this Lodg
then closed in ancient form.

Constitutional Lodge of
Lodge held its weekly meeting on T
ford Hotel, Southampton-buildings
W.M., Chapman S.W., Cooper J.W.,
Dwarber Treas., Brown S.D., Whit
Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Soper,
Corner, and several other brethren
form, minutes of preceding meet
Thompson, a candidate for passing, a
and withdrew. Lodge opened in 1
passed to the degree of Fellow Craft
of the lecture were worked by Bro.
gree. Bro. Chapman was unanimou
week. All Masonic business being
perfect harmony, and adjourned to 7

Friendship Lodge of Instr
meeting of this Lodge was held at
Gt. Yarmouth, on Friday, the 9th ins
brethren. The chair was taken by B
Norfolk, the other officers being Br
S.W., Stanbridge S.D., Palk J.D.,
P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks Secreta
initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W.
Afterwards various matters of busi
Bond being appointed Preceptor, and
and Treasurer. Considering that sev
same evening in connection with the
of appointing the mayor of the borou
and the meeting was very successf
(which entirely owes its origin to
Bro. Glover) every prosperity.

London Masonic Lodge of 1
held on Monday last, at the Club,
Present—Bros. Sharratt W.M., Josep
J.W., J. E. Shand Secretary, C. J.
Barnett J.D., J. D. Langton I.G.; E
Edell, Rumpff, Rogers, Bauman. Vi
Otto Strauss 1673, W. W. Morgan ju
mally opened. Ceremony of initiatio
didate. Lodge called off to refreshme
was entrusted, and, Lodge being advan
Craft. Bro. Smallpiece gave the lec
W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first
unanimously elected members. Bro.
fill the chair at the next meeting, an
appointed to audit the accounts, the L

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, La
ing was held at the Masonic Rooms,
November. The W.M. Bro. T. Jacks
present Bros. N. W. Helme S.W., Alfre
I.P.M., Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. Engl
G. Taylor S.D., J. T. Jackson J.D., Jo
281, and a number of brethren and visi
had been transacted, Bro. Dr. Moore de
on "the Botany of Freemasonry," whi
attention by all present. At at its clos
by acclamation, awarded to that worsh
tive lecture. Two candidates were pr
proceedings of the evening terminated.

On Wednesday evening, the 7th inst.,
Lodge was held, when Lieutenant W.
Engineers, was duly initiated into the m

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—A m
8th November, at the Masonic Hotel, Vic
John Dorton W.M., John White S.W. an
John Henderson Secretary, B. Brayshaw
S.D., Tapley J.D., Wm. Dorton D.C., Co
Jos I.G., Norman Tyler. Past Masters
Gaskell, West, Ashdown and Watkins.
P.M. and P.P.G.O. D[illegible]

ful ceremony was worked by Bro. Dorton W.M. in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. This was followed by the presentation and investiture of the following officers:—Brien S.W., Macarthy J.W., Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell Secretary, Tapley S.D., Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., Corkey D.C., Nevins and Mason Stewards, Sherwin Organist and Norman Tyler. Mr. Old, who had been previously ballotted for, was duly initiated by Bro. White W.M. The Lodge was duly adjourned, and the brethren having done ample justice to the banquet, a pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed by all present.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bros. Blinkhorn W.M., Walker S.W., Andrews J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. Constable P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec., Powell S.D., Christopher Tyler, Aarons, Webb, J. Peartree, &c., &c. The second ceremony having been rehearsed, three of the sections were worked. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the last Wednesday in this month. Bro. C. H. Webb J.D. 174 and S.W. 1607 to take the chair. Proceedings to commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-street, 13th Nov. 1877. Present—Bros. Wm. Fraser W.M., Daniel S.W., Harris J.W., Maidwell S.D., Forrest J.D., Cohen I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Marks, Aaron, A. Poscner, Wharman, Swan. The Lodge was opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Aarons answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fraser vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cohen W.M. 206, who rehearsed the 3rd degree, to the gratification of the brethren. Bro. Maidwell gave the Traditional History. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Wm. Fraser. Bro. Daniel was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper will take place on the 20th inst. Brethren wishing to attend can obtain tickets from Bros. Maidwell, Daniel, Rudderforth, Harris, or Hollands Sec.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on the 13th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Perry W.M., Brown S.W., Williams J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Stevenson I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Sanders, Farns, Bonner, Wardell, Perrin, Christian, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Delafons acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. Dallas worked the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brown was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A very numerous assemblage of brethren (upwards of seventy) met on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E. Such an immense gathering is rarely seen at a Lodge of Instruction. The fame of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933 as one of the most able, if not the ablest, exponent of the Masonic ritual and lectures, together with the distinguished names upon the list of those who were to work the responses, sufficiently accounted for the attraction. The result was not disappointing. To sit for upwards of three hours listening to the exposition of the lectures in the wearisome manner in which the task is not unfrequently performed, is a caution and a penance, and to an individual endowed with intellectual culture in sooner, small a degree, positively agonising. On the present occasion, however, with such a president and so intelligent a staff of most efficient workmen, the effect was most gratifying, and the interest in the proceedings never flagged for one instant throughout the whole of the evening. The chairs were occupied by Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. W.M., T. Austin P.M. S.W., J. Berry P.M. J.W., and among those present were Bros. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, C. Lacey P.M., T. Mortlock P.M., W. H. Myers P.M., J. Constable P.M., J. Hugget the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Geo. Hollington Secretary, &c., &c. The sections were worked in the following order:—1st Da Silva, 2nd Campbell, 3rd W. J. Rawley, 4th Hogg, 5th Williams, 6th Pinder, 7th Ives, 8th Cambridge, 9th Rudderforth, 10th Berry, 11th Turquand, 12th Brown, 13th Myers, 14th Taylor, 15th C. H. Webb. Bro. C. Lacey moved a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. Bro. Gottheil, in seconding the motion, thought it derogatory to Bro. Barnes to thank him for efficiency which has been well established for many years past, and is besides a compliment given to the merest tyro. The thanks of the brethren were eminently due to him for his successful labours in rectifying and purifying the ritual and lectures from many anomalies which had disfigured them. It was easy to distinguish the work of a brother who had been directly or indirectly under Bro. Barnes's tuition, it being free from common faults, both in grammar and diction. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes, in thanking the brethren, observed that it was a great pleasure to him to be surrounded on this occasion by so numerous an assembly. From the very earliest period of his Masonic career he had strenuously rejected any teaching that appeared to his mind faulty. His first Preceptor had been the late Past Master Sayne, whom some of them might remember as a very stubborn kind of teacher, and many a hard battle was fought upon different points between them. His endeavours had been sincere; at and frequently condemned, but he was happy to say that the mode of working he advocated was steadily making way. A fair sample had been presented that evening, for most of the brethren who had given their services had received instruction either from himself personally, or from those whom he had previously taught, and were regular attendants in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, the work of whose Preceptor was similar to his (Bro. Barnes's) own. He would conclude by thanking the brethren who so kindly, and very ably, assisted him, and without, in the slightest, detracting from the excellency of the others, would especially distinguish Bro. Campbell, a young Scotch Mason, who, upon his arrival in this country, but a few short months ago, was absolutely ignorant of anything pertaining to English Freemasonry, and it was remarkable how quickly he had progressed in so short a time. A vote of thanks to the section workers was carried nem. con. Some twenty new members were elected. The following letter was handed round by Bro. C. Lacey:—

"Exmouth-street, Commercial-road, E.
"November 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, 19th November 1877, at 8.30 p.m., to consider the arrangements which have been made 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 the case may require.

"Believe me, yours faithfully,

"CHARLES LACEY, P.M. 174, 1625, &c."

The ceremony will be performed first, and the meeting take place afterwards. In the first part of the proceedings Bro. W. J. Rawley will occupy the chair.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, the 20th November, at the Jordan, No. 201, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W.

On Saturday, the 24th November, at the Eccleston, No. 1624, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. Bro. I. L. Coulton as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the St. James's Union, No. 180, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 7. Bro. Woods as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, at 7. Bro. George Read as W.M.*

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 85, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.

On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Confidence, No. 193, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. C. H. Webb as W.M.

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Metropolitan, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.*

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 7. Bro. T. Cull as W.M.

On Tuesday, the 4th December, at the Royal Arthur, No. 1360, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7. Bros. Collings as W.M., Read S.W., Robinson J.W.*

* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections in the Hyde Park, Metropolitan, and Royal Arthur Lodges, on the days referred to above.

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3.	„ Walker 733	„ Abell 1599	„ Holloway 1158
4.	„ Sones 1425	„ Squirrell 206	„ Leaper 12
5.	„ Baker 753	„ J. R. Stacey 180	„ Cameron 180
6.	„ Call 1446	„ Brown 862	„ Farwig 180
7.	„ Davis 167	„ Farwig 180	„ Pulsford 1158
8.	Bro. Powell 753	Bro. Creak 157	Bro. Burrell 1146
9.	„ Smith 1425	„ Larchin 1541	„ Wise 1158
10.	„ Calatron 733	„ Whitaker 1572	„ Woods 145
11.	„ Cole 1681	„ Gosh 1541	„ Steward 1158
12.	„ Dutton 167	„ Vincent 1549	„ Read 511
13.	Bro. Gillian 1425	Bro. Cowan 1572	Bro. Ratcliffe 211
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GAIETY.—At 7.30, AN EVASIVE REPLY. At 8.15 A MUSICAL BOX. At 9.15, LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST.

GLOBE.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, STOLEN KISSES. At 10.0, ISAAC OF YORK.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

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OPERA COMIQUE.—THE SORCERER.

COURT.—At 8.15, THE HOUSE OF DARNLEY.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, THE PINK DOMINOES.

FOLLY.—At 7.45, UP THE RIVER. At 8.15, THE SEA NYMPHS. At 9.0, THE CREOLE.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, CHOPSTICK AND SPIKINS. At 8.15, LA MARJOLAINE.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AS last Friday was the anniversary of the Prince of Wales's birthday, the Queen and the Princ Beatrice visited the Princess of Wales at Abergeldie. T latter with her three daughters subsequently lunched w Her Majesty at Balmoral, and later in the day went do to the ball-room, where the ladies and gentlemen of t Court and the servants and tenants were assembled, a drank to the health of the Prince. At Sandringham t usual festivities were necessarily curtailed in the abser of the Princess of Wales. But the Prince, with the Du of Cambridge and the Crown Prince of Hanover went o shooting. Afterwards His Royal Highness and gue visited the Royal mews, where the labourers were regal with the customary dinner of roast beef and plu pudding. The healths of the Queen, and the Prince a Princess of Wales were drunk with enthusiasm. Saturday, the Duke of Cambridge and the Maharaj Dhuleep Singh quitted Sandringham on the terminati of their visit, and on Monday the Crown Prince Hanover and the Duke of Teck, the latter of who arrived on Saturday, left for Cambridge. The sam day the Prince himself left for Merton, on a visit to Lo and Lady Walingham.

Lord Mayor's Day was one of the most dismal we ca remember for some years past, but the show itself was o a larger and more magnificent scale than usual, so th there was no appreciable difference in the crowds whic gathered along the line of route. As this was of unusu length, the passage of the cortége occupied a long time i moving towards Westminster, and the presence of Cle patra's Needle, or at least a counterfeit presentment of i and of the huge car, with the attendant elephants an dromedaries, caused considerable delay, especially goin under Temple Bar. The Lord Mayor's Ward, which i always traversed on these occasions, was very gay wit Venetian poles, triumphal arches, and bunting, and hi Lordship's reception here, and indeed along the whol route, was hearty if not enthusiastic. On reaching West minster, the Common Serjeant presented Lord Mayo Owden to the Lord Chief Baron, and the latter congratu lated his Lordship on the honour to which his fellow citizens had raised him, being, as it was, the highes civic honour it was possible for him to obtain In doing this, however, Sir Fitzroy committed a capita error by introducing politics into his speech. The civic dignitaries headed by their chief then retired, having pre viously invited Her Majesty's Judges to the banquet, and the procession then returned *viâ* the Thames Embankment and Queen Victoria-street to Guildhall. In due course, and when the Lord Mayor had received his guests, the most distinguished among whom, especially the Prime Minister and the Turkish Ambassador, were greeted with enthu siasm, the banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth, the loving cup was passed round. Then followed the usual succession of loyal, political, and civic toasts, the speeches of Musurus Pasha in response for the Diplomatic Body, and of the Earl of Beaconsfield on behalf of Ministers, being listened to with the greatest interest and loudly applauded. Thus auspiciously, in every respect but that of the weather, did the new civic chief enter upon his term of office.

It seems that the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund has reached a total of £466,000, and there are still donations coming in to further swell the amount, though the Fund itself has been closed. The expenses of collection, &c., under all heads, is under two per cent., a result which must be considered highly satisfactory. The total raised by subscription throughout the British Empire is over £660,000, or in round figures, two-thirds of a million sterling. This large amount has been of immense service in alleviating the sufferings of our poor Indian fellow-sub-

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jects, and cannot fail to raise the respect in which the Paramount Power is held among them. It will now become the duty of the Viceroy to see that precautionary measures are taken with a view to prevent similar calamities in the future. Measures for irrigating the country should be undertaken on a large scale, or a few years hence we shall be met with a similar catastrophe. All this will necessarily cost money, but famines cost not only money, but a terrible sacrifice of life as well.

On Saturday and Sunday the country was visited by a tremendous gale, which ultimately increased to a hurricane, and much damage both at sea and land has been caused. Many vessels have been wrecked along our coasts, and in some cases the loss of vessels has been accompanied by loss of life. Dover, Brighton, Margate, Ramsgate, and other well-known resorts, are among the places which have suffered most severely, or off which great loss at sea has been sustained, while inland parts have not escaped without damage to property.

This evening, between 9 and 10 p.m., if all goes well, Gale of Islington will complete his task of walking 4,000 quarters of a mile in as many successive periods of ten minutes' duration. As in his last feat at Lillie Bridge, there have been several members of the Press in attendance throughout, so that the record will be in every respect satisfactory. It certainly is a marvel that any man should be able to last out as Gale has done for nearly four weeks with periods of rest during five or six minutes, alternating with his work. Yet, except at the beginning of the second week, Dr. Gant, who is in medical attendance upon him, has reported favourably of Gale's condition. We do not think this second performance has proved him to be a greater pedestrian still, but we trust he may accomplish it, now that he is so near the end, and what is more to the purpose, that he may benefit sufficiently to rest contented with the laurels he has already gained. Up to some minutes after half-past eleven on Thursday night the distance covered was 3,716 quarters, or 929 miles, so that there then remained 284 quarters, or 71 miles to be walked, in order to complete the task.

On Wednesday night, the Hall of the Scottish Corporation, in Crane-court, Fleet-street, was destroyed by fire. The Corporation traces its origin to a period shortly before the accession of James I. to a society established for the purpose of relieving indigent Scottish residents in London. In 1665, a charter of incorporation was granted, by which the society was empowered to hold lands and erect a hospital. A second charter was granted in 1775 by George III., and the premises which have been this week, it is believed, wholly destroyed by fire, were purchased from the Royal Society in 1782. There were several fine portraits in the principal hall, and a chapel, belonging to the Corporation, is also said to have been burnt down. The building, which was one of the oldest in the neighbourhood, was surrounded by numerous courts and alleys, and these are supposed to have been more or less seriously damaged.

There is naturally great excitement in France, and especially in Paris, over the present political crisis. Marshal MacMahon, it is expected, will stand firm by his Ministry, and there are rumours that the majority of the Senate will support him. The Opposition have lost no time in challenging the conduct of Ministers, but the general opinion appears to be that they have damaged rather than benefited their cause. The speech of M. de Fortou, a prominent member of the De Broglie cabinet, appears to have been a most telling one, and lashed the Opposition into a state of the greatest fury. What the upshot of the difficulty will be remains to be seen.

There is a lull in the warlike operations in Bulgaria, that is, as regards the action of the principal armies. Suleiman Pasha has been making several reconnaissances, and in each case has achieved a certain measure of success. There has been more firing in the Shipka Pass, but with what effect is not very clear. Chefket Pasha has been removed from his command at Orkhanie, and Mehemet Ali Pasha, lately in command on the Lom, is busily engaged in organising an army with which to attempt the relief of Osman Pasha in Plevna. As regards this last General, and the condition of the army under his command, the most conflicting rumours continue to reach this country. On the one hand, we are told that his surrender is only a matter of days, as he has only a short supply of provisions and ammunition; but the days pass one after the other and yet Osman makes his position stronger and stronger. On the other hand, we hear that his supplies, especially of animal food, will last him for some weeks or even months. One thing seems beyond all question, the Russians have succeeded, or nearly succeeded, in surrounding Plevna. General Skobeloff has been conducting a series of operations along Osman's different lines of communication, and not only have Dubnik and Teliche fallen, but several other positions of greater or less importance have been carried by the Russians. Osman meanwhile makes no sign. He goes on, as we have said, adding to his defences. One of his outworks, which the Russians call the Green Hill, was assaulted during a fog and taken, but this does not affect his main position. In Asia, the Russians, after a series of wonderful successes, have met with a very considerable repulse in an attack on Erzeroum. The Turks must be wonderful fellows to recover after such tremendous losses, and, standing once again at bay, inflict so considerable a defeat on their successful enemy. Still, it cannot be denied that, in the main, the result of the campaign in Asia has been adverse to the Turks. It will be difficult for them to organise a third army strong enough to drive their enemy back to within sight of Alexandropol, as did Moukhtar Pasha after his first considerable victory. Still, while Kars and Erzeroum hold out, Armenia cannot be said to be lost. The rumours of peace which have been flying about appear, unfortunately, to have but little or no foundation. Indeed, Servia is said to be on the point of rushing into the conflict, as though the disasters she suffered last year were not enough for the principality. However, her conduct, whatever it may be, will surprise no one.

We offer our congratulations to Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., on his appointment as Treasurer to St. Thomas's Hospital. At an adjourned meeting of Governors held on Wednesday, at the Board Room of the Hospital, Mr. Chambers moved, and Mr. Alderman Sidney seconded, the appointment of our worthy brother, and the motion was carried unanimously. In returning thanks, the newly elected Treasurer expressed his determination to devote himself most heartily to serving the interests of the Hospital.

It has given us much pleasure to insert the letter, which will be found in another part of our columns, on "the Mace Fund" from Bros. Captain Portlock Dadson and F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School. As our readers are aware, Mr. Mace for whom the fund has been raised is a former pupil of the Institution at Wood Green. Some time since he conceived a wish to take holy orders, but the funds necessary to enable him to fulfil that wish were wanting. In this dilemma, a few friends of the Institution, who knew his career in the School had been an honourable one, and among whom our Correspondents figured most prominently, came forward and resolved that, if possible, a sum should be raised sufficient to pay his expenses while studying at Cambridge. They started a subscription, which has so far met the case successfully that Mr. Mace, after the usual course of study, has distinguished himself by taking a second class in the recent Theological Examination at his University. This is eminently satisfactory, as showing that the *protégé* was in every way worthy of the kindly interest taken in his career. But there is still a balance of college and tutorial expenses to be paid, and as Mr. Mace purposes entering Orders at the Ordination next month, there will be needed a something further to start him fairly on the way. To provide this additional amount is the object of Bros. Captain Dadson and Binckes's present appeal, and we have every confidence their appeal will not be in vain. Mr. Mace has proved himself to be an able, as he had previously shown himself to be an honourable, young man. The duties to which he proposes to devote his life-long energies are of a serious and most responsible, as well as of an arduous and exacting, nature. We trust, under these circumstances, the response of Craftsmen interested in "Our Boys" will not only be a sufficient but also a liberal one. We may add that, as Captain Dadson is about to leave England, the present trustees are Benjamin Head, Esq., 12 Earl's-court-terrace, Kensington, and William Paas, Esq., 8 Duke-street,

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 NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Installation at 3 o'clock.) Banquet at Guildhall-tavern, at 6 o'clock.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
362—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1169—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1496—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1509—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 7. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester. At 6.45
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemason's Hall.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 3.30.
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.)

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.
605—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
641—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
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.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4.30.
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.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, Annual Festival, at 6.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
509—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
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.)
1286—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

46—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
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.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
1314—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
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.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1162—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

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, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at York, when there was an unusually large attendance of members. Bro. Dr. Paley, W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, and Bro. T. Humphris, Eboracum 1611, were duly advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., Bro. G. Balmford, the whole of the Officers being at their posts, Bro. T. S. Camidge presiding at the organ. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W., who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, and this was done according to ancient form, Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M. acting as Installing Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. George Balmford I.P.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., the Rev. W. Valentine J.W., T. Cooper P.M. Treas., G. Garbutt Sec., M. Cooper Reg. of Marks, J. Hollins M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., C. G. Padel J.O., J. S. Cumberland S.D., Matthew Millington J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner I.G., J. Redfare Tyler. The consideration of the report of the Bye-Laws Committee was, on the motion of the W.M., adjourned to the next regular meeting in January. The W.M. also moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Millington, who had presented a collar and jewel of office for the Inner Guard, a post which he had held last year, with credit to himself and the Lodge, and this was carried by

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acclamation. The names of two brethren were proposed and seconded as candidates for joining, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to a capital supper, supplied by Bro. J. Toes, of the De Grey Rooms, York. Owing to the lateness of the hour the toast list was very much abridged. The W.M. in the course of his remarks, in proposing the health of the newly advanced candidates, two of whom were from the West Riding, said that he was at present making enquiries which he hoped would lead to the elucidation of the history of Mark Masonry in the City of York, which at present was in a very confused state, and should he be successful he hoped before his year of Mastership had expired to be able to place the brethren in possession of many deeply interesting facts—he could not say exactly unknown—but at present lost sight of, and any assistance he should receive from any of the brethren he should esteem very highly. The I.P.M., in some observations, said that the circumstance of a brother being installed W.M. of a Craft Lodge and W.M. of a Mark Lodge on two consecutive nights was very unusual, but he knew their W.M. well, and that he was one of the most enthusiastic of Masons, and regarded not time and trouble where the interests of Masonry were concerned. Indeed the numerous responsible offices he now held in the *Haut Grades*, as well as the Craft, proved his great love for everything connected in any way with the oldest society in existence. A most social and intellectual evening was spent, and the meeting was considered one of the most successful in the annals of the Lodge. The W.M. read a very kind letter he had received from the Grand Sec. (Bro. F. Binckes), expressing regret at not being able to be present, as also one from Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O., to the same effect, and conveying hearty congratulations. Amongst the brethren present, besides those previously mentioned, we noticed: Bros. Major Prissick, J. Sampson, G. Seller, J. Ward, J. Morgan, J. F. Taylor, W. H. Gainforth, J. Matson 64 S.C., &c., &c.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—Met on Tuesday, the 6th November, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincolns-inn-fields. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott W.M., F. McCarthy S.W., S. Coste P.M. and D.C. J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, T. Moring P.M. Treas., L. W. Harvey S.D., J. Robey J.D., E. Coste Steward, J. Rawles Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Marsh, Palmer, Vallentine, Cater, Willey, &c. Visitor—Bro. W. Marflet. After all preliminaries had been observed, Mr. Geo. Scrun Gregory was initiated into the Order.

Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement.—Met on Tuesday, the 13th November, at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michaels-alley, Cornhill. There were present Comps. G. S. Row M.E.Z., D. Haslett H., F. Brown J., John Boyd Treas., Thos. W. White S.E., J. Seex S.N., C. W. Noehmer P.S., G. L. Walker, J. B. Sorrell, S. H. P. Moore, P. Wagner, G. Potter, A. Lucking, N. Gluckstein, G. D'Arcy, E. Gottheil, G. Waterall, Thos. Bull, W. Smallpiece, J. Constable, B. Groner. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which the Comps. below the rank of Principal retired, and in accordance with previous arrangement Comp. E. Gottheil worked the installation ceremonies of the three chairs, the Comps. below the higher rank retiring in each case. Upon their reentry Comp. Seex, in flattering terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Gottheil, who upon its being carried, briefly expressed his acknowledgments, remarking that it always afforded him great pleasure to be of service either in Lodge or Chapter. Comp. N. Gluckstein desired the acceptance by the members of the Chapter of his sincere thanks for their kindness in having placed the sum of £5 upon his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. After the election of officers for the ensuing fortnight, the Convocation was adjourned.

Temple Lodge, No. 101.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bro. Thomas E. Taylor W.M. presided; and there were present Bros. J. H. Thomas S.W., Thomas Cox J.W., Walter George S.D., G. C. Boor J.D., Walter Beard I.G., H. J. Reynolds Sec., James Bond Treasurer, and E. Fradd W.S.; with P.M.'s Wynne, Scott, Hastelow, Beard, F. Cox and Grimbly, as well as a goodly array of brethren. Bros. Altman and McNeil were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Scott P.M. was nominated as Steward to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of ten guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Scott's list of subscriptions. The sum of five pounds was also unanimously voted to relieve a distressed brother who had formerly been a member of the Lodge. Letters of condolence were directed to be written to the families of the late Bros. Farthing jun., P.M. and James Smith, who had died since the last meeting of the Lodge. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Painter.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The first meeting since the recess was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at Freemason's Hall, W.C. The W.M., Bro. J. Cumming, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Ebner S.W., J. Aspinall J.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., Dr. Jagielski J.D., Dr. Jackson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Rath, Col. Szulczewsky, Nowakowsky, and Moore. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. W. Saegert P.M. 548, J. H. Oppenheim 1002, Richard Carbery 25, G. H. Smith 1305, H. Clark 788, and W. W. Morgan 1385. After Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, several important matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed. The question of how to reward the energy displayed by the Immediate Past Master during the period he presided over the Lodge was fully considered, and a proposal was made that he be presented by the Lodge with the Commander's Jewel, which has always been recognised by the members of the Polish National Lodge as a distinction to be conferred only for special services, and is always highly prized by those brethren who have been considered worthy to receive it. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed. After the banquet, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Rath, in proposing the health of Bro. J. Cumming, said:—Brethren,—It is my pleasing duty to speak on a subject which will, I am sure, enlist all your attention, by reason of its importance, and its bearing on the destinies of the Lodge. The W.M., who would willingly have passed over this toast, because of its reference to himself and his office, has no wish to interfere with the accepted customs of our social gatherings; he has therefore desired me to discharge my duty on this occasion with as much modesty as he himself would have used had he been called upon to speak for himself. Well, brethren, it is very often the case in ordinary business that people receive large amounts by way of payment on account for performances to come, and in anticipation of services to be rendered. These, of course, are large in proportion to the certainty and the confidence we feel that those services will really be performed. We are to-night placed in a somewhat similar position with reference to our Worshipful Master, inasmuch as this is the first time he has been called upon to preside at a working Lodge. The hopes and the good wishes with which we all greeted him on his installation were so much paid to him on account for what we expected from his energy, ability, and earnestness in our great cause, and he has in his turn given you to-night a first instalment of the solemn obligations to which he stands pledged by virtue of his high office. You have all seen him at work, and you have felt that a new, and I may say, a different master spirit has taken possession of the chair; if new and different, this change was none the less pleasing, and it reminds me of a curious conversation of the famous Moscheles, the philosopher, with the late King William III. of Prussia. The King, an ardent Christian, and no less an ardent patron of men of letters and sciences, who loved to gather around his court all the celebrities of the age, once asked the great Jewish philosopher why he was not a Christian? to this Moscheles replied, "That there were many beautiful flowers in the garden, each of which had a peculiar sweetness of smell and hue about it, one essentially differing from the other, but all of them equally pleasing and acceptable; and so it was with the different religions. Each of them were different from the other, but that all of them were equally pleasing and acceptable to God." Our W.M., although of a different hue from those that have preceded him, will I have no doubt from what we have seen of his acts to-night, be equally acceptable to the brethren, and none the less so because he is the newest edition, and a highly-conscientious, active, and well-instructed successor to King Solomon. Bro. Cumming, in acknowledging the compliment, assured the members he would always do all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Polish National Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters. They were all aware that amongst that august body they had some most able and energetic men. Their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Rath, had well performed his duties; Col. Szulczewsky was one of the founders, and, whenever his health permitted, he was to be found in his place in the Lodge; Bro. Moore had been an able representative of the Lodge at the several Charity Festivals, while other of their Past Masters were universally known and respected throughout the Craft. He regretted there were not more present that evening, but he called on the brethren heartily to recognise the toast. The I.P.M., Bro. Rath, replied as follows:—W.M. and Brethren,—If a spirit of modesty was inculcated in me by our W.M., in speaking of him and of his office, the lesson ought not to be lost on me when speaking of myself. Grateful though it might be for me to hear that the few services which I have been privileged to perform have met with the recognition of my fellow workers, still a truly zealous brother ought never to look back and rest contented, but to consider the many things that are still to be done if continued progress is to be ensured. The W.M., as the guiding spirit of the Lodge, is always the one great centre around which we must gather, and from whom we must receive our first impulses; still, there is yet some sphere of useful action left to others, every one should exert himself in his place, but particularly so those who have in times past known the responsibilities of office. The I.P.M. is the *alter ego* of the W.M., and has especially some direct means of doing that for his brethren which, when the W.M. is unavoidably prevented from doing, is cast upon him to look after and to perform. I need hardly tell you that I am all times ready to do all in my power to further the cause of Freemasonry in general, and this our mother Lodge in particular. And, as the proverb says, "Le style c'est l'homme," from his style you can judge the man, so you will judge my future actions from the manner in which I have performed my duties in the past; if those gave you satisfaction, I trust my further endeavours will likewise meet with your applause. Col. Szulczewsky observed that it was almost superfluous for him to offer any remarks after what had fallen from Bro. Rath. However, he felt he could not let the opportunity pass. It was thirty years since he exercised the rights of W.M. in the Lodge. He was one of its founders, and it was with painful feelings he recalled to mind the many dear friends who had passed away since then. There was one consolation; since he vacated the chair, there had been many able brethren who had filled it, but no one had done so more ably than their I.P.M., and he (Col. Szulczewsky) was pleased to hear that the brethren deemed him worthy of the highest distinction they could confer. The speaker then addressed a few words to the brethren on the reasons that had led to the formation of the Polish National Lodge, and concluded by trusting that a bright future was before them. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Moore, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and to this toast Bro. Saegert replied. The health of the Officers was replied to by Bros. Aspinall, Taylor, and Dr. Jagielski. After the Tyler's toast, and between the several speeches, some capital songs were given, Bros. Dr. Jackson, Taylor, Dr. Jagielski, Runts, Carbery, &c., exerting themselves most successfully.

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St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present:—Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alphonse Guttmann S.W., Jas. A. Withers J.W., D. Drysdale P.M. Sec., C. Greenwood P.M. Treas., Alfred Withers S.D., W. Radcliffe J.D., Dr. Waters I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Carter, Lavers, Lavers, Young, Linsdell, Wilden, &c. Visitors Bros. John Brookes 3, R. G. Mussabini (Canongate, Kilwinning) 2, A. Martin jun. 188, W. W. Morgan 1385. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Henry Green jun., as a candidate for initiation; it resulted favourably, and that gentleman was introduced and received instruction in the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ballot was then taken for the re-admission, as a joining member, of Bro. Alfred Best; the result was satisfactory, and Bro. Best again took his seat as a member of the Lodge. Some little discussion then took place in reference to the bye-laws, and the alterations that were proposed received the approval of the members. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was capitally served under the superintendence of Bro. Jennings, and justice was done to a bountiful repast. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were speedily gone through. Bro. Carter P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He regretted the illness of their I.P.M. Bro. Pycroft, on whom, had he been present, this duty would have devolved. The toast of the W.M. was always well received by the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Green, by industry, perseverance, and hard work, had won the respect and esteem of all, and the brethren appreciated the ability he displayed in carrying out the duties of his post. The W.M. thanked Bro. Carter for the kind expression he had uttered in proposing the toast. He would always do everything in his power to advance the interests of Freemasonry, and thereby encourage and foster the happy feeling exhibited that night. The next toast was the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Drysdale responded. He was the father of the Lodge; he had always been well treated by his sons, and of many of them he had good reason to be proud. He assured the younger members that the Past Masters were ready at all times to render them help in carrying out any of the duties that might devolve upon them. The next toast was the health of the Initiate; the W.M. offered, on behalf of the members, their new brother a hearty welcome. He assured him that if he trod in the footsteps of the P.M.'s a bright Masonic future was before him. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Henry Green, the health of the Visitors was proposed by the W.M., who called on Bro. Mussabini to respond. Bro. Mussabini, who has just returned from the seat of war in the East, commenced his remarks by expressing, on behalf of his brother Visitors, their thanks for the hospitality they had received. He complimented the Master on the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, both in Lodge and at the banquet. He then gave a digest of his experience in Bulgaria. Our brother stated that he found very little knowledge amongst the Turks in reference to Masonic matters, the Russians, on the contrary, seemed to be thoroughly alive to the advantages obtainable by a proper carrying out of the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, and to this Bros. Guttmann, Withers, Radcliffe and Waters responded. The Tyler was then summoned, and the brethren gave full recognition to his toast. The evening's enjoyment was added to by the vocal ability displayed, many of the brethren possessing musical talent of a high order; notably we may mention the W.M., Bros. P.M. Linsdell, Alfred Withers and Bach.

Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354, Leigh, Lancashire.—The annual meeting of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Leigh, on Wednesday, 7th November, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Dr. Hull was supported by his Wardens and Officers, and an unusually large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in solemn form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the chair of K.S. was assumed by W. Bro. John Bowes P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, as Installing Master. Bro. Dr. Evans S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Dr. Hull and P.M. Smith for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being concluded, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all brethren below the degree of Installed Master, except the W.M. elect, were requested to retire, and Dr. Evans was entrusted and left the Lodge room. A board of Installed Masters was opened by Bro. Bowes, assisted by Bros. James Parkton P.M. as S.W., D. W. Finney P.M. as J.W., Dr. Hull as I.G., and P.M.'s Dr. Duncan and Hoult. The W.M. elect was re-admitted and installed according to ancient custom, and proclaimed from the centre, saluted and greeted as Masters have been in all ages. The W. brethren were then "called off," and having discharged their duty in that situation were in due time "called on," and the Board of Installed Masters closed in the name and fear of the Most High. The Master Masons were now summoned, and the W.M. was proclaimed, saluted and greeted in this and the other degrees, after which he nominated and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The auditors made their report, from which it appeared that there was a handsome balance to the credit of the Lodge. After votes of thanks to the various officers the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Kerfoot, Organist, a massive gold ring, suitably inscribed. Bro. Kerfoot, who was visibly affected, acknowledged the gift, and said that when he received the degree of a M.M. he considered he had got all he desired. He thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him as a man and a Mason, and said it would ever be his study to merit the good opinion of the members of his Lodge. Bro. James Jackson P.M. said their thanks were due in an especial manner to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master. That brother admitted him to "Light," and had installed him twice as W.M. He had heard Bro. Bowes go through the ceremony on several other occasions, but he really thought he improved as he grew older, for every time he heard him work that beautiful degree he thought he did it more effectively than on the previous occasion. That day all must acknowledge that a freshness, point and impressiveness marked the whole ceremony, personally, and on behalf of the Lodge, he begged to be allowed to propose a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master of the day. The W.M. said that Bro. Jackson "had stolen a march" on him, for it was his intention to have made the proposition. However, he now warmly and cordially seconded Bro. Jackson's proposition, and would only add that he was very greatly impressed with the reality thrown into the ceremony throughout by Bro. Bowes. Other Past Masters and Visitors supported the proposition in complimentary terms, and the vote was carried by acclamation. Bro. Bowes, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he felt flattered by the kind expressions of the various speakers, and assured the brethren that if his services were acceptable to them, he was amply repaid for any small inconvenience his journey to Leigh might have occasioned him. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where a *récherché* menu was discussed by excellent appetites. The W.M. presided, and was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Finney, W. G. Bennett, Pennington, Hull, Stock, Robert Vanner, C.E., Capt. Hoult, Charles E. Hindley, John W. Thorp, and about fifty other brethren. After *Non Nobis* had been sung by an excellent choir, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention, and a most pleasant day was brought to a close by the Tyler.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of W.M., took place on Monday evening, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, and was the occasion of a good gathering of brethren from York and the neighbourhood. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C., the whole of the officers occupying their respective chairs. After the reading of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W. was presented for installation. The usual ceremonies having been gone through, the brethren retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, consisting of Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236 and W.M. 1611, Geo. Balmford P.M. 236, P. H. Rowland P.M. 236, Jos. Todd P.M. 236, and S. Maltby P.M. 236, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead was duly obligated and entrusted, and placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. The board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the new W.M. invested his Immediate P.M. Bro. T. Cooper, after which the brethren were admitted, and the W.M. received the honours in the three degrees successively. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—John S. Cumberland S.W., Christian G. Padel J.W., George Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, Matthew Cooper S.D., John T. Seller J.D., George Simpson M.C., J. W. Craven Org., Thos. Humphries Assist. Sec., Matthew Millington I.G., Thos. D. Smith and A. T. B. Turner Stewards, Paul Pearson Tyler. The W.M. then said that on the last occasion of their meeting he had had the pleasure of investing their excellent Bro. T. Cooper with a suit of Provincial clothing, the gift of the brethren, but owing to some mistake, the jewel had not been forwarded from London. He therefore now took the earliest opportunity of attaching to Bro. Cooper's breast the jewel of P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies for North and East Yorkshire. He was glad that the first duty that had fallen to his hands was of so agreeable a nature, and he wished Bro. Cooper many years of happiness to wear his honours. Bro. T. Cooper feelingly responded. The W.M. then stated that he had received a most kind letter of congratulation from the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Dr. Bell, expressing regret at not being able to be present, but conveying hearty congratulations. He held also in his hand similar letters from Bros. J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), W. T. Orde-Powlett, F. Binckes, W. Valentine (Whixley), S. B. Ellis (W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge, Sheffield), and several other brethren, expressing hearty good wishes. The W.M. then invited the visitors present to supper, stating that the Installation banquet had been fixed for the 4th December, and he hoped to see on that occasion a good muster of members and visitors. The Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment was made downstairs, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. H. Churchill, the worthy host, and to which over thirty brethren sat down, presided over by the W.M., supported by his Wardens and Officers. After supper the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the S.W. proposed the health of the W.M., whose installation they had had the pleasure of witnessing that evening. He had for some considerable period had the pleasure of Bro. Whytehead's friendship, and he felt sure, as they all did, that the Lodge would suffer nothing in his hands. Bro. Whytehead, he might say, was a Masonic enthusiast, not only in ritual but in spirit, and he believed that he endeavoured in all respects to carry out the glorious principles inculcated in Masonic teachings. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the W.M., on rising to reply, was greeted with repeated applause. He said that Bro. Cumberland had spoken in far too flattering terms of his qualifications for the high office in which he had been placed that evening. On one point, however, his Bro. S. Warden was right. He (the W.M.) acknowledged to being a Masonic enthusiast. Some people would say he made a hobby of it. But if it was so, he was prepared to maintain that there were few studies in this world which could be pursued as a hobby with less detriment and more advantage to the student than that of Masonry. The brethren well knew, and therefore it was hardly necessary for him to assure them of the fact, that his heart was bound up with the interests of the Eboracum Lodge, and nothing should be wanting, as far as his powers of mind and body were concerned, to promote its welfare and that of its members. Before sitting down he would give them the health of the Visitors, and say how pleased they all were to have been able to entertain so many of them that evening. Visiting was such an important point in Masonry, that its mutual advantages could scarcely be over-rated, and gave pleasure to those who were visited no less than to those

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who appeared in the role of visitors. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Maltby P.M. Bro. Maltby, in replying, said that as a Mason of some eighteen years' standing, he quite appreciated the kindness and hospitality extended by the Eboracum Lodge that evening to its visitors, and hoped it would not be the last time he should attend its meetings. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Rowland, who said that after an experience of 21 years in Masonry, chiefly in the Province of South Wales, he never attended the meetings of any Lodge with greater pleasure than those of the Eboracum, of which he had the honour of being a member, and he congratulated Bro. Cooper upon the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and the Lodge upon the excellent attendance of brethren. Bro. Cooper made a suitable reply, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers. They all knew how essential it was for the success of the W.M. that he should be well backed up by his Officers. As far as he was concerned he felt this most strongly, and after stating so much he could not say more than that he believed, in his Officers, he possessed a set of brethren who were each and all "the right man in the right place." Bro. Cumberland S.W. replied, and the Tyler's toast wound up a most harmonious evening. The proceeding were enlivened by the singing of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, J. Appleyard, S. Maltby, and others. Amongst the brethren present besides those already mentioned were:—Bros. H. Jackson 1611, G. R. Leah 1611, J. F. Stephenson 236 and 1611, J. Appleyard 1611, G. Irving 1611, R. Ware 1611, J. R. Jackson 1611, J. Blenkin 1611, G. J. Robinson 1611, H. Churchill 236 and 1611, G. Garbett 236 and 1611, J Morgan 1611, J. Ward 236, G. C. Baskett 236, G. H. Simpson 236, W. T. Gowland 236, M. Rooke 236, K. H. Hartley 236, W. J. Boddy 236, J. Mason 643, H. Oliver 213, E. Wood 838.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Murlis, who was supported by Bros. W. Stephens as P.M., George Penn S.W. (W.M. elect), and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. The business consisted of the installation of Bro. George Penn as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony being completed, that brother proceeded to invest the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. P. Murlis I.P.M. and Sec., S. H. Parkhouse S.W., W. Gordon, M.P., J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, F. Clench S.D., E. M. Lander J.D., S. Smout I.G., F. Delevanté Organist, S. Smout jun. and T. C. Swift Stewards, R. Scholefield Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where, after grace had been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Each of these toasts were enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales was sung. The next toast on the list—the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.—the W.M. remarked, was always considered in their Lodge a special feature, in view of the sanction given by the noble Earl for the Lodge to bear his name. The toast was most heartily received by all present. The W.M. was gratified to propose Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. In the name of the members of the Lodge he tendered a hearty welcome to the many representatives of Grand Lodge who had attended; individually, he expressed his pleasure in being so honoured on the occasion of his installation. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. Hervey G. Secretary, and A. Philbrick P.G.D. Bro. Hervey referred to his visit a year since, on which occasion he acted as consecrating officer. He expressed his gratification at the progress which had been made. As a Lodge, he was pleased to see that they had exerted themselves successfully for the good of the Masonic Institutions, and that after all debts had been paid they had a good balance in hand. He considered their present meeting was a convincing proof they had been careful in the admission of members; this was one of the most important features in Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick followed; he complimented the Lodge on its success, at the same time he warned the members that there was danger even in success. He hoped they would continue to prosper, and ever remain a credit to the Order. Bro. Murlis proposed the health of the W.M., whom he referred to as a good man and a true Mason; one who would preside over the Lodge with credit. Bro. Penn, in reply, acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him by the brethren. He had always endeavoured to do his duty, and hoped that next year they would be in as prosperous a condition as at the present time. He then gave the health of the Visitors, who were upwards of sixty in number; he regretted he was not better acquainted with them, however, he would give one and all a most hearty reception. With this toast he coupled the names of Bros. Dr. Robbins and Thomas Fenn. Bro. Robbins had great pleasure in attending. On behalf of the Visitors he thanked the Lodge for their hospitality. Bro. Fenn added his good wishes for the future prosperity of the Lodge; he trusted they would ever have as successful meetings as their gathering that night. Bro. Kendall also responded. The next toast was that of the Past Master. To him the members owe very much. The zeal and energy he displayed in establishing the Lodge merited their especial recognition. The W.M. had great pleasure in attaching to his breast a Past Master's jewel; this he trusted Bro. Murlis would receive and wear as a token of the respect he was held in by the members. Bro. Stephens exhibited a splendidly engrossed vellum, which he stated he was deputed to present to Bro. Murlis on behalf of the Officers and members generally. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. William J. Murlis, by the brethren of the above Lodge, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge, also in acknowledgment of the courtesy evinced at all times, especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master." This was signed by the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Murlis assured the brethren he was taken entirely by surprise. He had done, during his year of office, all that lay in his power to make them as comfortable as possible, and he was pleased to see his efforts had met with their approval. It had been the pride of his life ever to steer clear of an enemy, and endeavour at all times to make friends; this resolve he had carried out successfully during the year he had been Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He should always remember their kindness, and look on their gifts with pleasure. The next toast was the Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Murlis had been toasted as P.M., the W.M. would therefore pass on to their Treas., Bro. Stephens. He had always been ready to travel from the East End of London to transact the business of the Lodge, not only at the regular meetings, but also at any private ones which had been held to advance the interests of its members. Bro. Stephens was extremely obliged to the W.M. for his kind remarks. The term during which he had been connected with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been a very enjoyable one to him. The fact of his being re-elected to act as Treasurer was a proof of the confidence the brethren reposed in him. The Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by the three senior, and was followed by that of the Masonic Charities. The W.M. congratulated the Lodge on the support already given to the Institutions, and hoped it would continue. He announced that Bro. Stephens had expressed his intention of representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and called upon him and Bro. Terry to reply to the toast. Bro. Stephens briefly acknowledged the compliment; he trusted he should be supported, both by the Lodge and its members. Bro. Terry expressed regret that this important toast should have been left until so late an hour. He referred to the three Institutions, and pointed out the good work they had ever been engaged in; he detailed the increased accommodation that had recently been decided on. The very handsome list that Bro. Murlis had been able to bring up at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution gave a convincing proof that the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were not forgetful of the claims of their needy brethren; it would require most strenuous exertions on the part of the Stewards for next year to raise an amount equal to what had been collected this year. By the end of 1877 it would be shewn that upwards of £42,000 had been raised. Latterly, the amounts subscribed for the Masonic Charities had considerably increased, but it must not be forgotten that the applications for assistance had also increased. He hoped the brethren would not rest because the amounts contributed appeared large, but would ever exert themselves to provide for their distressed brethren, until it could be said that, whenever called upon the Institutions were in a position to respond. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements of the evening were carried out by the Masonic Quartette, whose efforts proved most successful. Among the visitors present were:—Bros. John Hervey G. Sec., F. A. Philbrick P.G.D., T. Fenn P.G.D., John Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., J. Robbins D.D., W.M. 1635, Rev. P. M. Holden, J. Dosell P.P.G.D. Surrey, L. Bryett P.M. 209 Prov. G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks, F. Pendered P.M. 33, E. Burge P.M. 167, M. Spiegel 188, J. E. Carpenter P.M. 234, J. Grunebaum P.M. 1017, W. Handora P.M., J. S. Badkin W.M. 1365, W. F. Savage P.M. 1425, J. E. Walford W.M. 1489, E. C. Woodward W.M. 1637, T. B. Linscott 55, C. S. Mallette 655, H. Stuart 780, J. H. Webb 834, J. C. Hambledon 1319, T. D. Spargin, A. McMillan, and John High 1365, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. H. Pearson Elliot 1567, E. K. Kendall 1635, J. S. Adkins, E. J. Cave, A. Hendrik, J. Empson, &c.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637.—This Lodge held its first anniversary meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton. Present—Bros. E. C. Woodward P.M. W.M., F. H. Varley S.W., A. Hendriks J.W., W. Coombes P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, W. Stephens P.M. S.D., C. W. Davis P.M. J.D., S. W. Cooper I.G., Longstaff Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. Visitors—Bros. H. C. Levander P.M. P.G. Sec. Middlesex, Lucy, Royal Union 382, John Hurdell 1348, John High 1365, R. Pierpoint 1365, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thomas Varley 1421, W. E. Murlis P.M. 1488, W. S. Cantrell P.M. 1501. The Lodge was formally opened at 3.30, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Duffin was a candidate for the 3rd degree, and after the Lodge had been opened in the second, he was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced to the third, and Bro. Duffin was raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was then taken for Bros. J. S. Adkins, No. 733, and the Rev. Arthur John Riddle, B.A., No. 1501, as joining members, and resulted satisfactorily Bro. Woodward then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Adams. Bro. F. H. Varley, the W.M. elect, was presented, and the installation was performed, the veteran Bro. Adams throwing into his work all the vigour and energy he still so happily possesses. The W.M. having been saluted, made the following appointments:—Bros. W. Stephens P.M. S.W., Hendriks J.W., Woodward I.P.M. Treasurer, Coombes P.M., &c., Secretary, Rev. A. J. Riddle Chaplain, Davis P.M. S.D., T. Walker Cooper J.D., Grist I.G., Delevanté Org., Henry Slyman W.S., S. Alfred Cooper D.C., Longstaff Tyler. Bro. Adams then gave the addresses. Afterwards, at the special request of the W.M., he presented Bro. Woodward, the retiring Master, with a very chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel, remarking that it was offered by the members as a token of friendship, and as a slight recognition of the esteem in which Bro. Woodward was held by the members of the Unity Lodge. Bro. Woodward thanked the brethren for their kindness. As founder of the Lodge, he hoped to be long amongst them. He was gratified at the position the Lodge had already obtained; it was owing in a great measure to the admirable way in which the members had supported him. He was sure a bright future was before them; all he would say further was, he hoped they would continue to stand by each other, and at all times beware of cliquism. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was capitally served, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Varley proposed the customary toasts. The Queen and the Craft were identified at all

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Masonic meetings. We live in a blessed reign, and are enabled to realise the advantages that, as Englishmen, we possess. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the M.W. the Grand Master. The appointment of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was universally popular with the Craft; he is a worthy Mason, and we heartily appreciate the way in which he fulfils his duties. In speaking to the toast of the Pro G.M., Bro. Varley remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a most zealous worker, and had the interests of the Order thoroughly at heart. After the health of the Deputy G.M. and Grand Officers past and present had received due honour, the W.M. proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, and the Prov. Grand Officers; he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Levander, who assured the brethren that Col. Burdett took a deep interest in all Masonic matters that occurred in his Province. He regretted the Colonel's absence from this country; he, however, had to congratulate the brethren on the prosperous condition their Lodge was in, and heartily endorsed the remarks of Bro. Woodward, who recommended them to avoid cliquism. Bro. Levander was followed by Bro. Coombs, who also regretted that Col. Burdett was not able to be present. He thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of the Prov. Grand Officers, and trusted they might live to see many brethren of the Unity Lodge receive Provincial honours. Bro. Woodward proposed the health of the W.M., who in reply thanked the brethren, and assured the members that the welfare of the Lodge should ever receive his most careful consideration. By diligent and steadfast working he hoped to hand down the warrant unsullied, and to advance the best and truest principles of Freemasonry. The next toast that received recognition was the health of the Visitors, who severally replied. The health of the I.P.M. was offered, and the W.M. dwelt on the eminent services Bro. Woodward had rendered to the Masonic Institutions. It was gratifying to see the heartiness he displayed in all affairs pertaining to the Craft with which he was identified. Bro. Woodward briefly acknowledged the compliment, and after one or two more toasts had been given, the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed. During the evening some capital songs were sung; altogether the meeting was a most successful one.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Ara Lodge, No. 348, I.C.—The regular monthly meeting of the Ara Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Masonic Hotel, on 3rd September, but the regular business was cut short, as the usual Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge was to take place. After the preliminary business the Lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, upon which the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was received in accordance with Masonic custom,—Bro. Pierce R.W. P.G.M. taking the W.M.'s chair, and his officers assuming the other official positions. The regular business being disposed of, the election of P.G. officers was held, with the following result:—Bros. Donall P.M. elected to be P.G.S.W., Robinson P.M. to be P.G.J.W., the Rev. Dr. Kidd P.M. to be P.G. Chaplain, Mitchell P.M. to be P.G. Treasurer, Rees P.M. to be P.G. Secretary, Brock P.M. to be P.G.S.D., Batt P.M. to be P.G.J.D., Burns P.M. to be P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Heather, W.M. of Lodge Ara, to be P.G. Registrar, Redfern, W.M. Lodge United Service, to be P.G. Pursuivant, and Porter P.M. to be P.G. Tyler.

Sir Walter Scott Lodge, No. 533, S.C., Thames.—At a recent meeting of this Lodge, it was agreed that the anniversary of the Lodge should be held on the 2nd October, and that it should consist of a soirée, concert and dance, and be confined to Masons, their wives, and sweethearts. The following were appointed a committee to carry out the anniversary celebration arrangements:—Bros. T. L. Murray R.W.M., A. Brodie R.W.P.M., R. Skeen Sec., J. Lowe, W. H. Reed, S. Schofield, and C. Brown. Bro. Murray intimated that he had got the commission of Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, beautifully framed by Bro. Dunn, of Shortland, and that he intended presenting it to the new Provincial Grand Lodge as a mark of respect from Sir Walter Scott Lodge. The framed commission was exhibited to the brethren, and was much admired.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1388, E.C.—The interesting ceremony of the installation of the W.M. took place on 20th September last, at the Lodge-room, Star Hotel, when Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson M.A. was installed Master of the Lodge. Bro. M. S. Leers P.M. officiated as Installing Master, assisted by the following Past Masters:—Bros. G. P. Pierce P.G.M. I.C. Lodge Ara, Dr. C. P. Goldsbro' Lodge Waitemata, M. Nicool R.W.M. Lodge Manukau, E. T. Wildman W.M. Corinthian Lodge (Thames), Rev. Dr. R. Kidd P.G.C. I.C. Lodge Ara, W. J. Rees Lodge United Service and Ara, W. R. Robinson P.G.J.W. I.C. Lodge Ara, W. C. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, W. P. Moat W.M. Lodge Rodney, A. Heather W.M. Lodge Ara, W. Lodder W.M. Lodge Remuera, J. Warren W.M. Lodge Waitemata, H. G. Wade Lodge Waitemata, J. W. Basley W.M. Lodge Coromandel, W. P. Hayward Lodge Waitemata W. H. Skinner, F. G. Clayton, and G. M. Mitford Lodge Prince of Wales. After the installation, the officers of the Lodge were invested by the W.M., viz.:—Bros. F. G. Clayton I.P.M., F. W. E. Dawson S.W., R. C. Dyer J.W., W. H. Skinner P.M. Treas., M. S. Leers P.M. Sec., E. S. Willoocks D.C., W. Rattray S.D., Major-General J. W. Gossett J.D., W. S. Collins I.G., C. Burton and L. D. Nathan Stewards, C. Porter Tyler. At the conclusion of the evening a large number of the brethren sat down to a banquet provided in excellent style by Host Davidson. The chair was occupied by the newly installed Master. Bro. C. M. Nelson, supported on the right by Bros. Wildman, Pierce, and Nicool; and on the left by Bros. Leers, Clayton, and Goldsbro'. Bro. Dr. Dawson S.W. occupying the vice-chair. After the good things had been duly discussed, the following programme of toasts was gone through:—"The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M. The choir then sang the anthem "God Save the Queen." The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England;" Bro. E. Harker then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W.G.M.'s of Scotland and Ireland, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, and the Duke of Abercorn," was then duly honoured. Masonic anthem, "Hail Masonry." "P.G.M. I.C. Bro. G. P. Pierce; the D.G.M. (designate), E.C., Bro. G. S. Graham P.M.; the P.G.M. (designate), S.C., Bro. Hon. F. Whitaker." Proposed by Bro. E. T. Wildman P.M., and responded to by Bro. Pierce. Glee, "Lutzow's Wild Hunt." "The W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. F. G. Clayton, responded to by the W.M. Glee, "Two Roses." "The Installing Master." Proposed by Bro. W. H. Skinner P.M., responded to by Bro. P.M. Leers. Song, Bro. Brett, "I fear no foe." "The Past Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. F. W. E. Dawson S.W., responded to by Bro. P.M. Clayton. Duet, Bros. Willoocks and Sharland, "Oft in the stilly night." "The Visiting Brethren, coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. Chas. Clark." Proposed by Bro. M. S. Leers P.M., responded to by Bro. Rev. C. Clark. Part song, "German Rhine." "The Officers of the Prince of Wales Lodge." Proposed by Bro. G. M. Mitford P.M., responded to by Bro. Dr. Dawson. Song, Bro. Lodder, "When other lips." "The Brethren who had rendered the music, coupled with the name of Bro. Brett." Proposed by Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W., responded to by Bro. Brett. Recitation, Bro. Rev. C. Clark, "Over the hill to the poor house." "The newly-initiated Brethren." Proposed by Bro. E. S. Willcocks D.C., responded to by Bro. J. A. Beale. "The Entered Apprentice's Song," Bro. Harker. "The Ladies." Proposed by Bro. Dr. Ellis, responded to by Bro. J. H. B. Coates. Chorus, "Here's a health," &c. "All poor and distressed Masons." After the banquet, the "Host and Hostess," was proposed by Bro. W. P. Moat W.M. Lodge Rodney, responded to by Host Davidson. The following brethren contributed their services as singers during the evening: Bros. E. Harker, Skinner, Sharland, Wethey, Willcocks, Lodder, and Brett, accompanied by Bros. W. J. Rees and J. A. Beale.

New Masonic Hall.—We understand that a project is on foot amongst the various Masonic Lodges in Auckland to purchase the building in Shortland-street, formerly occupied by the Provincial Government, in order to convert it into a Masonic Hall. If this intention is carried out, the Masonic fraternity in Auckland will only have done what ought to have been done years ago. In this community there now exists no fewer than three Provincial Grand Lodges, representing the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions of Freemasonry; it is therefore high time that a Hall, the property of the fraternity, an ornament to the city, and a credit to the Craft, was erected in Auckland, so as to afford the facilities for the working of the Lodges which are now only partially provided at the Masonic and Star Hotels.

The New District Under the English Constitution.—Bro. G. S. Graham, the District Grand Master (E.C.) designate for the North Island of New Zealand, received the confirmation of his patent from the Grand Lodge of England under the hand of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the English Constitution of Free and Accepted Masons, by the San Francisco mail. We understand that all arrangements for the double installation of Bro. Whitaker as P.G.M., Scottish Constitution, and Bro. Graham as D.G.M., English Constitution, as a joint affair, are in progress. The date will probably be the 30th of November (St. Andrew's Day), but this has not been conclusively fixed upon. Bro. Graham has signified his intention of appointing Bro. E. T. Wildman to the office of Deputy District Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev C. M. Nelson as D.G. Chaplain.

The New Province Under the Scotch Consitution.—A meeting of the Committee appointed by the delegates of the various Lodges of the North Island of New Zealand holding under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasonry, to take steps for the installation of Bro. The Hon. F. A. Whitaker as P.G.M., and the other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on 31st August, at Mr. C. K. Tyler's office, Vulcan-lane. There were present—Bros. E. K. Tyler P.M. Grand Secretary designate in the chair, M. Nicool R.W.S.M. designate, A. Brodie P.M. Thames, and H. Brett. Bro. Tyler laid before the Committee copies of correspondence with the Grand Lodge in Scotland, and with Bro. Whitaker, intimating the names and offices of those brethren who had been nominated by the delegates as officers in the P.G. Lodge. To the former no reply had been received, but to the latter Bro. Whitaker had replied, adopting the recommendation of the delegates. Bro. Tyler had also written to Bro. Hislop P.G.M. Dunedin, requesting him to conduct the proceedings at the installation and consecration of the Grand Lodge, but he had intimated his regret that he would be unable to be present on account of his other duties. Bro. Hislop expressed his gratification at the courtesy shown him, and said that although he felt it would be a great honour, he would be compelled to forego it. He approved of the suggestion that Bro. Lazar, of Hokitika, should be invited to officiate, as he was eminently qualified. Bro. Tyler further stated that he had spoken to a gentleman who was proceeding to Hokitika, as to the probability of Bro. Lazar accepting the invitation, and he had since received a reply to the effect that Bro. Lazar would be happy to do so, providing he was in the colony at the time of the installation. Bro. Nicool said that if Bro. Lazar came up, an arrangement might be made to get him to instal Bro. Graham D.G.M., E.C., at the same time. He said that Bro. Graham had named Bros. Wade, Lodder, and Warren, as a committee to consult with the Scottish Constitution on the subject. A resolution was adopted appointing Bros. Nicool, Tyler, and Brett a committee to confer with a similar committee of the English Constitution, with a view to the advisability and practicability of having the installations for the two Grand Lodges carried out on the same day by the same installing officer, and at the same place, and to effect arrangements with Bro. Lazar to perform that office. Bro. Brett was appointed musical director. Bro. Brodie suggested that the 30th November, St. Andrew's Day, should, if convenient, be fixed on as the day for the installation.

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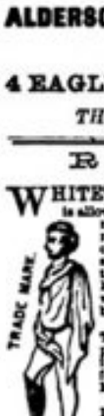
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THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL AND THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

THE *Freeman's Journal* has rejoiced heartily and very naturally over the recent action of Grand Lodge in Ireland in severing all connection with the Grand Orient of France under its new Constitution. We, too, have expressed ourselves strongly in justification of the conduct of the Irish Grand Lodge. The Grand Orient of France, as an independent body, has a perfect right to enact for itself what constitutions it pleases; but if it overt the old landmarks of our Society, it has no reason to be surprised, much less grieved, that other independent Masonic bodies should take upon themselves to renounce publicly all sympathy and connection with it. The Society of Speculative or Free and Accepted Masons as constituted in the early part of last century was founded in England on certain well-defined principles, among which the recognition of a Divine Ruler of the Universe very properly occupied the first place. Gradually this Society found its way into other countries of Europe—into France and Germany, into Holland and Italy, into Spain and Portugal, and likewise into the colonies and dependencies of European powers in the New World. In short, Freemasonry in its new form, gradually spread itself over the face of the known world; and as it spread itself with greater or less success according as its teachings were more or less appreciated, so did it everywhere implant the very admirable principles on which it had been originally established. There may have been introduced from time to time certain modifications of the original ceremonies and rituals; the innate simplicity of the Society may have been more or less signally departed from; but the principles on which it was established always remained the same, those who denied them being rigorously excluded from all connection with the Brotherhood. Just as Christianity has for some centuries been split into rival sections, these accepting, those rejecting certain dogmas, yet all implicitly holding by faith in the divine founder of their religion, so has Freemasonry been divided into rival parties—Ancients and Moderns, and High Grades, for example; but all alike have held by the known principles of the Society, a belief in God, the study of morality, and the practice of Charity; or, if they have denied either or all of these, they have, we repeat, been rigorously excluded from our ranks. Thus we have no hesitation in justifying the resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge to hold no intercourse whatever with the French Grand Orient. The latter may go on describing itself as a body composed entirely of Freemasons, but they are not Freemasons in the sense in which the term has been always interpreted. It may go on its way studying morality and practising charity; it may go on respecting the religious views of those among its constituent members who have any; but it has resolved at the same time to respect the absence of all religious feeling in other of its members; in short, it has destroyed one of the vital principles on which Freemasonry has always been based, and therefore it has lost all claim to the sympathy and respect of those who still continue to observe the "ancient landmarks." But here all sympathy on our part with the views of the *Freeman's Journal* comes to an end. Our contemporary is not satisfied that the Irish Grand Lodge should have formally severed its intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, but must needs indulge in abuse of the old kind at the expense of Freemasonry. It may amuse our enemies, but in the minds of righteous people it will in no wise injure Freemasons, to affirm that their formularies are "always grotesque, semi-idiotic and barbarous, and frequently blasphemous and revolting." The truth is there is more than one opinion about barbarism and blasphemy, and we do not, as men who claim to think and act for ourselves, feel bound to accept the interpretation of others of what is "grotesque, semi-idiotic," &c., &c. It may be, of course, that our own opinion may turn out to be wrong; but we are quite content to wait till it is proved to be so; and meantime our sole duty is to point out that the mere assertion of those who differ with us is not argument. Again, it is no business of ours to speculate as to what kind of God it is which "Voltaire, and Rousseau, and Strauss, and Renan have fancied," nor are we called upon to accept Proudhon's definition—albeit, according to the statement of our Irish contemporary, "he ranked high in French Masonry, and knew well its tendency"—to the effect that "Freemasonry is the very negation of the religious element." Proudhon, as an authority on Freemasonry, or on property, is not one in whom we have any confidence. Just as, if we are desirous of learning what Judaism or Christianity is, we should in the one case turn to the Old Testament, and in the other to the New, so if we wish to know what Freemasonry is, we turn to our "Old Charges," which have been handed down to us from generation to generation, and are still, spiritually if not literally, the Masonic exposition of Faith. We have no need to get our information second-hand, when we can go straight to the fountain head for it; and assuredly we shall not accept M. Proudhon's exposition as accurate, when it must be manifest to every reasonably well-informed Mason that, for all his high rank in French Masonry, he did not know what Freemasonry really was. Otherwise he would not have deliberately stated that which he knew to be false. We are content to know that our Society has Theism for its fundamental principle. The particular form of Theism which a brother may profess, is a matter between himself and his conscience, but the Atheist we turn contemptuously away. There is then no reason whatever, why the *Freeman's Journal* should persist in describing Freemasonry such as it is not. As to the assertion that "it was from a French Masonic Lodge that the founder of the infamous sect of the *Illuminati* went forth with his credentials of propagandism, and recorded his commission to teach and corrupt," we would remark that either our contemporary has access to unknown sources of knowledge, or else the Masonic world has been misled by its ablest historians for the last hundred years. We have always laboured under the belief that the founder of the order of the Illuminati was one Adam Weishaupt, a native of Ingoldstadt in Bavaria, who, in 1775, was appointed Professor of Canon and Natural Law in the University of that town; that he was educated by the Jesuits and had, therefore, a full knowledge of the principles and proceedings of that order; that he was a most enlightened man, and had at heart the good of mankind; and that between him and the Jesuits there existed feelings amounting on the part of the latter to the most determined hostility. Our readers will find much valuable information about this famous order in the pages of the Masonic historian Findel, and in the works of Fessler and others. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with remarking, on the authority of the first named of these authors "that Weishaupt established the Order of the Illuminati for the purpose of opposing moral depravity, civilising the members, and securing the general good of mankind." It had, in the first instance, no connection whatever with Freemasonry. It was first estab-

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lished in 1776, and it was not till the year following that Weishaupt was made a Mason in the Lodge "Theodore of Good Counsel," Munich, while Zwackh, his principal coadjutor, was made a year later in a Lodge at Augsburg. It was after this that the Illuminati endeavoured to effect a union with Freemasonry in order to make the latter subserve its interests. The order is long since dead, but that the foregoing description of its purposes is accurate may be gathered from the following, which is quoted by Findel. The purpose of the Order was "to make the perfecting of the reasoning powers interesting to mankind, to spread the knowledge of sentiments both humane and social, to check wicked inclinations, to stand up for suffering and oppressed virtue against all wrong, to promote the advancement of men of merit, and in every way to facilitate the acquirement of knowledge and science." How visionary soever these objects may be considered by practical men, there is certainly nothing in this statement to warrant the word "infamous" to the now defunct Order. Further, it will be seen that the founder of these Illuminati did not go forth from a French Masonic Lodge "to teach and corrupt" mankind. He was a professor of law at a German University, who was not even a Freemason when he set about his self-imposed task of denouncing immorality.

As regards the further statement that "it was from French Freemasonry that the Commune received its instructions, and it was the encouragement of the Lodges of the Grand Orient that urged the savage *petroleuses* to their diabolical excesses," whatever faults may be laid at the door of French Masonry, we know there is not the slightest foundation for this diabolical assertion of our contemporary. We believe that one of the leading Communists, a certain Felix Pyat, was for some brief period of his life connected with a Masonic Lodge, but we should no more dream, on this account, of charging French Freemasons with the crimes of which the Commune was guilty than we should of cursing Christianity for the excesses of a Cæsar Borgia, or the foul deeds of the Inquisition. We have too much respect for French Freemasons as men to say more than this in their defence; but duty requires that we should say no less.

The *Freeman's Journal* then passes to the question whether the Grand Lodge will be content with severing its connection with the Grand Orient, and suggests that, in order to preserve the stream of Irish Freemasonry pure and untainted, it should go still further, and cut off all intercourse with other Masonic bodies who do not follow in its wake. It asks—"Are the Freemasons of Italy—with all their associated branches—to be esteemed and received as brothers in Ireland whilst those of France are cut off from all social intercourse? Yet, the hideous infidelity of the Orient of France, gross and disgusting as it is, is vastly surpassed by the atheistic principles and practices of the Lodges in the Italian Kingdom. Will a German brother, who comes here with his grip and his password from one of the Lodges of Frankfort or Berlin, where the very atmosphere reeks with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism, be welcomed with open arms, whilst the mystic manipulations of a possible Grand Master from the Orient of France are to be treated as *anathema*? Nay, is a brother from Molesworth-street to sit down under the 'tile' of a Lodge in London with a brother from the Grand Orient of France, who is a 'free and accepted' of brethren in England?" We are not in the confidence of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and cannot, therefore, describe its future policy. This much, however, we may take upon ourselves to say, that when the Grand Orient of Italy solemnly retires from its Constitution the fundamental principle of belief in God, then we feel assured the Grand Lodge of Ireland will adopt the same policy as it has towards the Grand Orient of France, and forbid all intercourse with the Italian Grand Orient and its subordinate Lodges. Let the *Freeman's Journal* prove that atheism is accepted of Italian Freemasonry, and we should say the intercourse with its followers would be stopped forthwith. As to Germany, or, at least, a part of it, it may or may not be, that the very atmosphere of Berlin and Frankfort "reeks with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism," but it does not seem to us that this is a matter of serious moment to the Grand Lodge of Ireland which does not, so far as our knowledge goes, interchange representatives with the "atmosphere" of those two cities, but with the Grand Lodges there established. This, it will be seen, is a very important point. The atmosphere of London is at times a most objectionable one, and in places is always redolent of the most offensive smells; but though this may seriously effect the bronchial tubes or the nasal organs of the London brethren, we are not aware the correctness of London Freemasonry has ever been seriously called in question. So in Berlin and Frankfort the atmosphere of those cities may "reek with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism," but we fail to see in what respect that affects the virtue of Berlin and Frankfort Freemasonry. It will be time enough when we hear that the Berlin and Frankfort Grand Lodges profess a "Godless Rationalism," as the basis of their Masonic faith, to denounce their conduct and decline all intercourse. Meantime, we may assure our Dublin contemporary that one of the three Berlin Grand Lodges is so far un-Masonic as to pride itself on its exclusion of members of the Jewish faith. This, however, though contrary to the true principles of Masonry, should be considered as a virtue rather than a vice in the eyes of extreme Romanists. As regards our Grand Lodge in London, it is long since there was any intercourse between it and the Grand Orient of France. We do not know, therefore, that it will be necessary to take any steps to denounce a body with which we are not connected, either officially or unofficially. If any resolution should be proposed condemnatory of the action of the French Grand Orient, we have no hesitation in saying that it ought to, and we do not doubt but it will, be unanimously supported by the English Craft in Grand Lodge assembled. The Mother of Freemasonry will do well to vindicate the purity of its principles; but if there be a way of admitting into both English and Irish Lodges those French Masons who still continue to believe that faith in the existence of a Supreme Creator of all things is of the essence of Freemasonry, we say, let one be found. It may be this will turn out to be impossible; at all events, we have no reason to suppose that the United Grand Lodge of England will be behind its sister Grand Lodges in resenting the latest and most flagrant negation of the principles of Freemasonry. But even in the event of our Grand Lodge abstaining from any action, seeing that for years and years it has had no intercourse with the Grand Orient at Paris, we do not think the fair fame of Irish Masonry will run any risk of pollution, even in the event of an Irish Mason meeting and sitting down with a French Mason "under the 'tile' of a Lodge in London," any more than the integrity of Russia or Turkey, who are at war with each other, would be prejudiced if the Russian and Turkish Ambassadors were both present at a reception by our Foreign Ministers of the *Corps Diplomatique*.

Had the *Freeman's Journal* been well advised, it would have contented itself with applauding the Grand Lodge in Dublin for the perfect propriety of its conduct towards the Grand Orient in Paris, and not been at the pains of repeating the absurd calumnies against Freemasonry, which have long since been exploded. As it is, we are naturally reminded of the well known passage in Virgil, "*Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes.*" We shall distrust any praise which our contemporary may think fit to bestow on English, Irish, or Scotch Freemasonry, in the belief there will be found lurking behind it some slanderous denunciation of Masonic principles. We trust, however, that whatever may befal us, we shall bear it with our wonted equanimity. To a Freemason there is nothing new or alarming in finding himself periodically denounced. Not once, but many times have we been bespattered with the abuse of our Romanist and other enemies, yet have we survived the successive onslaughts; and no doubt we shall go on prospering, provided, of course, we maintain our principles intact; for otherwise we shall deserve the worst fate our enemies could desire.

The *Keystone* contains a highly interesting account of a pilgrimage of the Maryland Commandery, No. 1, to Mount Vernon, some time the residence of the illustrious Bro. Geo. Washington. The party consisted of one hundred and forty-six Sir Knights, and a hundred ladies. Having seen many interesting relics of the great General, the party turned homewards, and on reaching Washington *en route* were met by a hundred Knights of Columbia Commandery of that city, by whom they were conducted to the Masonic Temple, and there most hospitably entertained. The banquet over, the pilgrim Knights were escorted to the depôt, and renewed the journey home.

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CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE good old town of Bolton, famed as it has been for years for its love of everything Masonic, has seldom seen so brilliant an array of Masons as was presented to it, on Thursday, 15th November 1877. The occasion was the consecration of a new Lodge, for the first time in Bolton for over one hundred years, and the fact that the ceremony was to be performed by the very popular Provincial Grand Master *in propriâ personâ* added additional lustre to the proceedings. A Craft Lodge was opened at the Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Freeman, W.M. of the oldest Lodge in the Province, No. 37, and the brethren being duly ranged in order, the procession of dignitaries of the Craft was received with all appropriate respect. The chair was then taken by Bro. Col. Legendre N. Starkie R.W. Prov. G.M., who was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. George Mellor (Mayor of Ashton), and the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, who were all in their respective chairs. The opening prayer was given in the most impressive manner by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, and the warrant of the M.W.G.M. was read by the respected Prov. G. Sec. Bro. John Tunnah. The oration on the nature and design of the Institution was then delivered by the Prov. G.M., who, at the conclusion of the address, said that as the rose (alluding to the emblem of the County Palatine of Lancaster) was the fairest among flowers, so might the St. George's Lodge become the paragon among the Lodges of the Province. After the invocation a procession was formed, consisting of Bro. James Hall Prov. G. Treas., bearing corn, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier P.G.W. Greece, bearing wine, and Bro. Rev. E. H. Aldridge P. Prov. G. Chap., bearing oil. After the customary solemn observances, the presiding officer formally constituted the Lodge in the name of the M.W.G.M. The chair was then vacated by Bro. Col. Starkie, and occupied by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G. D. of C., who had ably discharged his duty in the foregoing ceremony. The W.M. designate, Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.D., was then presented by Bro. Tunnah, and after the usual formalities, regularly installed into the Oriental chair, before the largest board of Installed Masters ever seen in East Lancashire. On the re-admission of the Master Masons Bro. Brockbank appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Thomas Entwisle P.M. 221, P. Prov. G.S. of W., S.W., J. W. Taylor P.M. 221 P. Prov. G. Org. J.W., George Ferguson P.M. 221 Treasurer (elected), J. Martin Rutter P.M. 221 Sec., Thos. Morris P.M. 221 S.D., W. H. J. Jones P.M. 221 J.D., Wm. Chas. Stanley W.M. 221 I.G. Thus every chair was filled by a P.M. of the Old Mother Lodge, St. John's, 221, and—*mirabile visu*—above each officer's place in the Lodge hung his banner. Hearty good wishes were expressed by all the visitors, of whom it would be impossible to give a list, as it would almost be a roll call of the past and present officers of the Province. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, by the courtesy of the committee of the Conservative Club, was held in their dining saloon. Bro. Brockband presided, and was supported right and left by Bros. Col. Starkie, Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Rev. D. Aldridge, J. L. Hine, John Tunnah, C. F. Matier, J. H. Sillitoe, &c. The chairs of S. and J.W. were filled by Bros. Entwisle and Taylor. After banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the chairman, and cordially responded to by the brethren. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Col. Starkie in an unusually eloquent manner. Alluding to the universality of Masonry, embracing rich and poor, the speaker quoted an epitaph from a tombstone in Elgin churchyard, which we do not remember to have heard before—

> "This Life is a city full of streets,
> And Death is the merchant that all men meets;
> If Life was a thing that money could buy,
> The poor couldn't live, and the rich wouldn't die."

Bro. J. L. Hine responded for the Masonic Charities, and made a powerful appeal both for the local Institution and for the London Masonic Charities. The health of the Visitors was proposed by the J.W., and responded to by Bro. C. F. Matier and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, who both spoke in unqualified praise of the whole of the proceedings of the day. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable day to a close. The musical arrangements, both in Lodge and at banquet, were under the control of Bros. Statham and Lister, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren and visitors. Indeed, we are so thoroughly impressed with the respect paid by our Bolton brethren to the watchwords of the Order that when they again consecrate a new Lodge we trust we may be there to see and wish them continued success and prosperity.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, IRELAND.

THE St. John's Preceptory, No. 384, Dundalk, one of the oldest in Ireland, met on Wednesday afternoon last, in regular Convocation, at the Masonic Hall of that town. Sir Knight Hugh McEwen Preceptor, notwithstanding the extreme severity of the evening, there was a full average attendance of the Comps. The New Ritual was strictly observed in working. Considerable interest was manifested respecting certain proceedings of the Great Priory, not calculated to give satisfaction to the Order generally, as excluding from the Council of Great Priory all Preceptories outside the immediate vicinity of Dublin, though, of course, they have their individual representative at the Convent General. The election of officers for 1878, was then proceeded with, when the following Knights were unanimously chosen—Richard Harvey P.M. R.K.M.E.P., Francis Scott M.D. Constable, W. R. Rogers Marshal, H. McEwen Reg. The minor offices were filled by each Companion being raised a step, after which the Chapter adjourned to St. John's day. The Companions supped together in the evening.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, under the banner of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541. The interest of the gathering was considerably heightened by the consecration of the new Lodge, St. John's, No. 1712, Newcastle. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Earl Percy, M.P., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Joseph Cook P.G.S.W., H. Hanson P.G.J.W., John P. Forster P.G.S.D., J. H. Bentham P.G.J.D., E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., Thomas Cochrane Asst. P.G.D.C., Richard Watson P.G. Organist; Bros. H. J. Heron, J. S. B. Bell, N. Mein, G. T. Gibson, Joseph Archibold, and J. C. Mowbray were the Stewards, and Bros. Joshua Curry and W. Simms Tylers. There was a very numerous attendance of distinguished Masons and Masters and brethren from the various Lodges in the Province, as well as several visiting brethren from the Province of Durham. After the Treasurer's and other reports had been read and received, the Masters of the various Lodges in the Province presented reports as to the condition and working of their respective Lodges during the past year, all of which were highly satisfactory. The routine business having been thus duly performed, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to perform the ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge of St. John's, No. 1712, of which Bro. Thomas Anderson P.M., &c., was duly installed W.M. for the year, and he, after having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. H. Hill S.W., J. Bolam J.W., Ralph Carr Secretary, George Cockburn P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Brewis S.D., William Oglevie J.D., T. E. Smith S.S., William Cockburn P.M. D. of C. Bro. E. D. Davis P.M., &c., performed the duties of Installing Master with his usual ability. The R.W. Prov. G.M. invested the following as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D. Prov. G.M., R. H. Holmes 685 P.G.S.W., W. J. Ward 421 P.G.J.W., W. L. J. Cooler 1167, P.G. Chaplain, T. Anderson 541 and 1712 P.G. Treasurer, W. Cockburn 24 P.G. Registrar, B. J. Thompson P.G. Secretary, Nicholas Mein 541 P.G.S.D., Christopher Hopper 393 P.G.J.D., J. C. Mowbray 1312 P.G. S. of W., E. D. Davis 541 P.G.D. of C., Richard Aynon 481 P.G. Assist. D. of C., Aaron Guthrie P.G. Sword Bearer, Charles Shepherd 406 P.G. Organist, Thomas Halliday 406 P. G. Purs., Charles Alderson 636 Assistant P.G. Purs., Joseph Carry P.G. Tyler. Stewards—Bros. Ralph Carr 24, Thomas Robson 431, Wm. Gladstone 991, Alexander Ingram 1167, Wm. Cooper 1312, and John Nicholson 1537. The Provincial Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where a *réchèrche* banquet was served. The chair was occupied by Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. G.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. R. H. Holmes P.G.S.W. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—A Masonic Lodge has been established at Dubbo, under the style of the "Macquarie." It is under the Scotch Constitution. A dispensation or charter has been granted, and the Lodge was formally opened in September, by P.M. Donaldson, of the Abbotsford Lodge, Gulgong.

The members of the Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C., No. 1653, Sydney, took occasion, at their meeting on the 7th September, to present Bro. Hugh Kennedy P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel on his retirement from the chair of the Lodge, of which he was the first Master. The jewel, which is of solid gold, was designed and made by Messrs. T. T. Jones and Son, of George-street. It is suspended on a blue ribbon, bearing the emblem of the Lodge, and in design and finish is a very attractive ornament.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—There was a gay and festive gathering on Monday night at the annual meeting of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 390, English Constitution, when the most excellent Companion William Webster presented a beautifully illuminated address on vellum (the artistic handiwork of Bro. George Kelp), in handsome massive gold frame, to Bro. Francis Burnand Davidson. The address read as follows:—"To Francis Burnand Davidson, Esq. Dear Sir and Excellent Companion, We, the Companions of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter of Australia, No. 390, E.C., desire, on the occasion of the completion of your twentieth year of service in the important office you have so efficiently and honourably held in this Chapter, to convey to you the expression of our esteem for you as a gentleman and a Royal Arch Mason. And in testimony of our appreciation of the courtesy, integrity, and zeal which have ever characterised your long service in connexion with us as a member of our Chapter, we beg to present you with this address, and hope that it may be the pleasure of the Most High so to dispose events that you may long be spared to be amongst us. On behalf of the Chapter, we remain, Dear Sir and Companion, fraternally yours, William Webster Z., N. J. Robinson H., and E. Kirchner J." Comp. Davidson, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for their esteem and good feeling toward him, and concluded a happy speech by reviewing the progress made by Royal Arch Masonry during the last twenty years. At the banquet, which followed the presentation, nearly 100 Companions sat down. After the usual loyal toasts were suitably responded to, the health of Comp. Davidson was drunk in bumpers.—*Evening News, Sydney, New South Wales*, 26th September 1877.

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PRECEPTORS OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Presuming that, from the many years during which I have had the honour of holding the position, I have justly earned the appellation of "Old Preceptor," the fact seems to impose upon me a duty to say a few words to "a new Preceptor" in reply to questions propounded by him in your last week's issue. To the first question, "*Am I not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry?*" I answer, no, because a Lodge of Instruction is governed upon precisely the same principles as a Mother Lodge. The presiding Master for the time being is the absolute ruler of the Lodge, a W.M. of a regular Lodge is responsible only to the Grand Lodge, and the Master of an Instruction Lodge indirectly to the same authority, but directly to the Mother Lodge under whose sanction it exists. To the second question, "*If my working differs from others, has any one the right to interrupt me, or try to alter my working?*" As a matter of courtesy, no, as a matter of duty, yes. A Preceptor may be an old and experienced Past Master, and in such a case the brethren would instinctively have confidence in his teachings and abide by his decisions; but, on the other hand, it is not impossible, indeed it has of late been not unfrequently the case, that a comparatively young, and in matters of importance, totally inexperienced brother, who happens to possess a decent knowledge of the Ritual, is, for various reasons, and more especially for failing to secure the services of a more expert Craftsman, chosen to fill the responsible position. Under such circumstances those present would naturally incline to accept the ruling of an old Master Mason, who is not only justified, but should most certainly consider it his duty to watch the proceedings, and, in case of need, interfere. To the third question, "*Has any member the right to bring propositions before the Lodge without my consent, although they have nothing to do with the Ritual?*" I reply, decidedly, yes. The very question is sufficient evidence of the newness, not only of the brother's Preceptorship, but of his knowledge of Masonic procedure altogether. A very apprentice, immediately upon his initiation, has the inalienable right to make propositions, even as to the admission or rejection of candidates or joining members, and to the exertion of his will, power and influence in turning the scale in the election of Worshipful Master and other important officers. Why should the right be denied to a member of an Instruction Lodge to exercise these functions? To the fourth question, "*Have I the right to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws, although I am an honorary member?*" I should say no, unless elected distinctly "with all the privileges of a subscribing member." Whether the fees amount to a penny or a pound the principle is the same. Honorary members in a regular Lodge do not enjoy the right to vote, and in this as in all other instances, the same course must be pursued by a Lodge of Instruction. Now I wish to give a word of advice to "A new Preceptor." As I have observed above, it is certainly uncourteous to interrupt a Preceptor, or indeed any of the officers in the discharge of their duties, unless necessitated by a flagrant deviation from the established landmarks, but it would be well for him to remember that the truly wise and cultivated are invariably the most diffident and humble, ever distrustful of their powers and capabilities, susceptible to correction, ready to lend an eager and willing ear to honest criticism, and an eye to the reception of a new ray of light from whatever source it may emanate. "A new Preceptor" may be full of wisdom and replete with knowledge and learning, but he will not, I presume, go so far as to consider himself infallible and immaculate. He should therefore set an example in courtesy by patient attention to the reasonings of his adverse critics, and either frankly acknowledge error or state grounds for adhering to his opinions. It is by such demeanour he may in the end succeed in establishing his authority and efficiency as a teacher, and secure the kindly consideration, esteem and goodwill of his pupils.

Trusting "A new Preceptor" will take these remarks in the fraternal and friendly spirit in which they are given,

I am, yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL,

P.M., P.Z., and Preceptor.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems to me that "A NEW PRECEPTOR" has very crude ideas of the duties and responsibilities which properly belong to him, and that in him is concentred the whole governing power of the Lodge. Now, very little is said in the Constitutions about Lodges of Instruction, but that little, I think, is sufficient to guide us in the way we should go.

Lodges of Instruction are held either "under the sanction of a regular Lodge, or by the special authority of the Grand Master." The working must have "received the sanction of the Grand Lodge." In the case of those in the London district, "notice of the time and place of meeting" must be sent to the Grand Secretary. They are to keep minutes of those present and those appointed to office, and these minutes must be produced whenever "called for by the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or the Lodge granting the sanction." For all this, see our Constitutions, page 88. When a Lodge of Instruction is assembled for the purpose of work, it has the usual complement of Officers, both principal and subordinate who possess for the time being, all the rights, powers, and privileges which belong to their respective offices in a regular Lodge. A Lodge of Instruction has the right to frame its own bye-laws, and these in my judgment must of necessity receive the approval of the parent Lodge; my reason for thus thinking being the ordinance in the Constitutions (p. 88), by which "the Lodge giving its sanction" as well as the brethren, to whom such licence is granted are made "answerable for the proceedings." In the alternative case, where the licence emanates from the Grand Master, the bye-laws enacted for the government of the said Lodge, must receive his approval. It also follows that all subscribing members must have a voice in the regulation of the Lodge proceedings. In short, a Lodge of Instruction must be conducted in the same manner as a regular Lodge, so far as relates to its constitution and proceedings. It cannot, of course, initiate, pass, or raise candidates. Its officers and members enjoy no rights or privileges outside the Lodge-room. For instance, its Masters and Wardens have no right to a seat in Grand Lodge; nor could its members claim admission into a regular Lodge, by virtue of their membership. So far, in the absence of any thing laid down to the contrary, I feel that I am right in making these assertions.

As regards the duties of a Preceptor, these appear to be simply those of an instructor, and nothing more. He is usually some experienced and enlightened Craftsman who is willing to give his time and services so that others may benefit by his knowledge and experience. He is or ought to be capable of rehearsing all the ceremonies and working the lectures perfectly. He should further be able to explain difficult or obscure passages. He has a right to expect that the members of the Lodge of which he is Preceptor will accept unreservedly his mode of working, provided, of course, it has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge. But when I have said this, I think I have stated all the rights and privileges which a Preceptor enjoys. Therefore, taking his four questions seriatim, I should answer them thus:—

First.—The Preceptor is "not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry." It would be a direct violation of our laws, which vest the government of Lodge in the Master and Wardens, were he so considered.

Second.—I do not think a Preceptor could reasonably object to a member suggesting another reading or interpretation, nor do I suppose that any member would rudely interrupt him in the discharge of his duties. Instruction is not confined to the mere parrot utterance of set formulæ, but includes explanation; and explanation involves discussion. This, however, is or ought to be in nowise subversive of the just authority of an efficient teacher who, moreover has, as I have said, a right to expect that members will bow to his judgment in matters of work, provided such has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

Thirdly.—Every member has a perfect right to bring propositions before a Lodge of Instruction without the Preceptor's consent, "although they have nothing to do with the ritual." Otherwise it becomes a farce when the W.M. rises, just previous to closing the Lodge, and asks members if they have any to make.

Fourthly.—An honorary member, and therefore a Preceptor, who is an honorary member, has no right "to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws." Honorary membership is a compliment paid to worthy brethren, whether members or not of the Lodge so complimenting them, and therefore it confers no status whatever that I am aware of. Indeed, I do not see how a Preceptor can be an honorary member; for the latter is a non-subscribing member, and as such can hold no office, and has no voice in the government of the Lodge. A Preceptor may not pay any subscription, but he gives his services which are an equivalent.

Evidently "A NEW PRECEPTOR" has much to learn as to his position and duties. He describes himself as an honorary member, yet by virtue of his office of Preceptor he claims to be considered as Master and Ruler of the Lodge, and would deny subscribing members the right of bringing forward propositions unless they have first of all obtained his consent. I would suggest, in no unkindly spirit, that he should study our Constitutions, and the bye-laws of his Lodge of Instruction. Let him, also, dip occasionally into some work on jurisprudence; and, lastly, let him exercise a little common sense, whenever he finds himself in doubt as to the right thing to do under certain circumstances.

Apologising for the length of my communication, I subscribe myself neither an Old nor a New Preceptor, nor yet an aspirant for the office, but very fraternally yours,

HONORARY MEMBER OF A L. OF I.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an old Preceptor, I venture to answer the question of a "*New* Preceptor," in your last issue:—

1. You are not the Master of the Lodge, only the teacher; you are to see that the brethren acquire a proper and correct knowledge of the Rituals and Sections.

2. Your working ought to be guided by the Mother Lodge from whence the Warrant is granted, and to which the majority of the brethren belong.

3. You have no right to interfere in any proposition brought before the Lodge any more than another member, so long as it is not contrary to the Book of Constitutions, and then only to draw the attention of the members to such a law. You have no right whatever to lay down rules or regulations against the will of the members. And—

4. You have a right to vote, but if a New Preceptor will follow the advice of an Old Preceptor, he will not exercise that right; let him remain neutral on every question. He may propose the brother to occupy the chair; or, that such or such ceremony be worked; but this is about all.

AN OLD PRECEPTOR.

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NEEDING HELP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to acknowledge with grateful thanks the undermentioned subscriptions on behalf of the widow and children of the late Bro. Goddin, referred to in your valuable paper of 17th inst., also to thank you for your kindness in receiving subscriptions on behalf of the unfortunate family.

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Percy Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. Fenner	1	0	0
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Sincerity Lodge, 174	2	2	0
Bro. Hilliard, W.M. 174	0	10	0
„ J. S. Johnson, 174	0	5	0
„ F. Brown, 174	0	5	0
„ H. J. Cant, 174	0	5	0
„ George Jones, 174	0	5	0
„ G. F. Dix, 1421	0	5	0
„ G. H., 1421	0	5	0
A few Friends per Bro. Morgan	0	6	6
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. Morgan	1	1	6
Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933	1	1	0
Langthorne Lodge, 1421	1	1	0
Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554, 933	0	10	6
„ W. Steedman, 1421	0	10	0
„ Geo. Levick, 1421	0	5	0
„ Alfred Furness, 1421	0	5	0

I am, yours faithfully,

CHARLES LACEY, P.M. 174, &c.

[We shall be pleased to receive and forward any other amounts which may be sent us.—ED. F.C.]

MEETINGS AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very glad to see the letter of Bro. J. G. Dunn in your impression of Saturday. It has for a long time appeared to me very ridiculous for London brethren to complain about the drawbacks to meeting in taverns when they fail to avail themselves of the excellent accommodation afforded by the London Masonic Club. When that Club was first started I took a share, and also became a member, although scarcely ever visiting town, simply in the hope and expectation that others were doing the same, and that an institution would be thus formed, widely supported in the Craft, which would become a sort of rallying point for brethren at all times and occasions. My stake, as you see, in the concern is so small as to be a matter of little moment, but I must confess to a feeling of great disappointment at finding the club so wretchedly supported as it is. That many Provincial cities and towns should be able to support Masonic clubs, and that our Metropolitan brethren cannot do so—even with the supplemental aid of their less wealthy provincial brethren—looks to me as if their real love of Masonry lies but skin deep.

I sincerely home that the approaching meeting of shareholders on the 27th inst. will mark the turning point in the history of the Club, and that London brethren will not permit an institution already in good working order to lapse through their lack of pluck.

I am, yours fraternally,

A YORKSHIRE W.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to find that Bro. Dunn, the Secretary of the London Masonic Club, has come forward, and pointed out that the Club premises in Queen Victoria-street "afford every facility and accommodation" for Lodge meetings. He would be doing still further service if he would give some general idea of the terms and conditions on which Lodges might arrange to meet there. Given reasonable terms, I do not doubt there are very many Lodges which would be only too glad to take up their quarters there rather than meet, as now, in taverns; though it cannot be denied that very many of these are highly respectable and well-conducted establishments.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to "a Provincial Mason," I beg to say that in my humble opinion the Attendance Book may very properly, and indeed should always be used on occasions of Masonic gatherings. In the Lodge over which I have the honour to preside the Attendance Book is used whenever the members are called together by circular, whether to attend a banquet, a funeral, or on any other special occasion. As all meetings convened by circular are official I should say that there is every reason why the names of the brethren present should be recorded in an official manner.

I am, yours fraternally,

20th Nov. 1877. A NORTH COUNTRY W.M.

VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your correspondent "A Knight, &c," I would submit that when a Masonic body, which may originally have been deemed "a schism," receives the patronage of the highest rulers in Masonry, and the submission of the largest proportion of members of the Order which it professes to govern, in the country in which it is established, it ceases to be a schism, and should, according to all Masonic usage, be recognised, as representing the wishes of the majority. If this be not so, we need not look very far back to find that every institution on the face of the earth is "a schism."

Hitherto I believe all Masonry in the Australasian colonies has derived from the ruling Masonic bodies of Great Britain and Ireland, and it would be thought a monstrous breach of decorum if any party of Australian Masons were to apply for, and receive from the Grand Orient of Egypt—for instance—a charter for a Blue Lodge. In the same way, if our New Zealand friends wished for a separate Supreme Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite, why did they not apply to one of the ruling bodies in England, Scotland or Ireland, and so obtain their constitution in an orthodox manner?

As your correspondent has not corrected me on that point, I presume my information is correct, that the New Zealanders did obtain their authority from the Grand Orient of Egypt.

Considering that our Colonial brethren are agreed, by an overwhelming majority, that the time has not yet arrived for any movement on their part for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for all Australia and New Zealand, I should say that the acquisition of a Supreme Grand Council for New Zealand alone was highly undesirable, and far from calculated to maintain the prestige of the Order.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROSE CROIX.

19th November 1877.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CALENDAR.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I quite agree with you that the editing of this publication is of a very lax description, which is much to be regretted, as I believe it is the only publication professing to give Masonic information beyond the strict limits of "The Craft." Turning over a copy of the edition for 1878, just received, and glancing down the list of Mark Lodges, I find no mention on the list of the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial), a Lodge which worked independently until November 1876, when it was received under the banner of the Grand Lodge Mark Lodge of England, and honoured with a "Time Immemorial" position. Surely this is a grave omission, nor does it stand solitary.

I am, yours fraternally,

16th Nov., 1877. A MARK MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am under the impression that a new chapter of H.R.M. of the Royal Order of Scotland was opened in London this year, but I see no mention of it in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," which professes to give a list of R.O.S. Lodges and Chapters. Am I correct in my impression, and if so can you inform me where an authentic list is to be obtained?

I am, yours fraternally,

20th Nov. 1877. AN ENQUIRER.

A few members of the St. John's Lodge met on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Bro. G. Bubb's, 167 New Bond-street, for the purpose of presenting a gold Past Master's jewel, set with a diamond, with suitable inscription, to Bro. A. Pinto Leite, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795. The presentation was made in appropriate terms by Bro. G. Bubb W.M. of the Lodge and P.M. 110, and was suitably acknowledged.

THE English nation is said to be deeply agitated over the question as to whether Shakespeare was ever a Freemason. Some people think he was, because he alludes somewhere to the kingly pines and the royal larches. From this they infer that he was a Royal Arch Mason. But he wasn't. It is true that he was a skilful performer on the triangle, and that he used occasionally to get plumb full; but his weakness was smuggled whisky, which had never been gauged, and it invariably levelled him. When Shakespeare was a little boy, he used to ride on a big goat all round the lodge of Sir Thomas Lucy, but that is the nearest he ever came to being Free and Accepted. Further particulars can be had by applying to Mr. Morgan, who was thrown over Niagara Falls some years ago.—*San Francisco News Letter.*

Deaths.

On the 17th November, at 3 Queen's-road, Lancaster, PER V. ST. AUBYN DANIEL MOORE, aged seven years, only son of Rev. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, &c.

At his residence, 9 Cambridge-terrace, Arundel-square, Barnsbury, on Sunday, the 18th inst., GEORGE PRICE, aged 47.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

William Preston Lodge, No. 766. — The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Newton the W.M., with S. D. Ewins S.W. and W.M. elect, C. R. Cutmore J.W., Capt. Geo. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., E. Kidman S.D., W. Drake J.D., W. J. Roberts I.G. Past Masters Bros. G. Newman, A. Braun, W. J. Miller, John Pringle, A. C. Rees P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. New Zealand, and several brethren. Bro. James Turle Lee was passed, and, after favourable ballots had been declared in the case of Messrs. E. Wood and W. J. Heath, those two gentlemen, together with Mr. C. Pay, who had already been accepted, were initiated. This ceremony completed, Bro. S. D. Ewins the S.W. was presented, and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the admission of the brethren and usual formalities having been observed, he invested the following as the Officers for the year, addressing to each a few well chosen remarks on their appointment, and performing the whole ceremony in such an eloquent manner as to win the approval of all present:—Bros. W. E. Newton I.P.M., C. R. Cutmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., Capt. Kain P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Sec., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. F. Smart I.G., George Newman P.M. Steward, W. J. Collins D.C. The W.M. then attached to the breast of the I.P.M. a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and presented it with a few appropriate remarks, hoping that their I.P.M. would long be present, adorned with this mark of the appreciation in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. Capt. Kain then formally moved a proposition of which he had given notice, and this being seconded, was unanimously carried. The W.M. then closed the Lodge, and this ceremony he performed as well as those of the other three degrees in first-rate manner, showing that the work of the Lodge had received careful study from him. The appearance of the Lodge room, as well as the banquet saloon, was greatly admired; the banners of the Master and Past Masters greatly adding to the effect. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which finished, and grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master and the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, each receiving an enthusiastic reception from the brethren. The next toast was that of the Initiates. The W.M. gave the new brethren a hearty welcome. Every Lodge is proud of new members, and as they had three this evening they must give them a good reception. Bro. Wood was the first to reply. He would endeavour to act up to the principles laid down to him during the evening. Bro. Pay returned his most sincere thanks, he trusted he should become a good Mason, and fulfil all that is required of a true brother. Bro. Heath also tendered his thanks. The I.P.M. Bro. Newton rose, and proposed the health of the W.M. From what the brethren had seen they could judge that he would prove a most efficient Master. In acknowledging the toast, the W.M. thanked the brethren for electing him as Master and assured them that he would perform the duties to the best of his ability, and hoped it would prove to the satisfaction of the brethren. He then gave the health of the Visitors, all of whom he was pleased to see. Bro. White expressed the pleasure he experienced in seeing the W.M. in his present position. Bro. Rudderforth followed, and, as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction working under the sanction of the Lodge, briefly recorded what use they had made of the privilege accorded them by the Mother Lodge. Several other visitors also replied. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Miller replied, and on their behalf tendered his thanks for the reception given the toast. He was sure that all the Past Masters would agree with him, when he stated that he and they were ever ready to work for the good of the William Preston Lodge. The toast of the Officers, coupled with the names of the Treasurer, Secretary and Senior Warden followed, and was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Kain hoped he was known and respected by all. As Treasurer, if any brother was in arrears, it would soon be his privilege to know Bro. Kain. The Secretary and S.W. also tendered their thanks, after which the Tyler was summoned and the meeting concluded. Several members of the Lodge, as well as some of the visitors, gave some excellent songs during the evening, Bro. J. Turle presiding at the piano in his well-known style. The visitors were Bros. John White W.M. 1076, John Dorton I.P.M 1076, H. B. Holliday P.M., F. Brien S.W., A. Renshaw, H. Massey P.M., W. H. Rudderforth 12, W. W. Morgan jun., and many other brethren of distinction.

Andrew Chapter, No, 834.—The regular Convocation of this well established Chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The Chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the Companions admitted, when the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. Amongst those present were Comps. Worthington M.E.Z., Bryett H., Adamson J., Lines Treas., Read S.E., Cole S.N., Game P.S., Avery 1st Ass. Soj., Barfield 2nd Ass. Soj. P.Z.'s, Hardy, Thompson, Slack, Millis, &c., &c. The Visitors were Comps. Carter and Dixon, both of the Windsor Castle Chapter 771. Comps. Bryett, Adamson, and Game were duly installed as 1st, 2nd and 3rd principals, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. Read P.Z. in such a manner as to draw forth the special approbation of those present. After the M.E.Z. had been saluted in due form by the re-admitted Companions, several brethren were ballotted for, to be exalted at the ensuing meeting. The presentation of a P.Z. jewel to Comp. Worthington for his past services concluded the business of the evening, when the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by and served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Millis, and it would be well if some of the larger establishment at the City and West End took a lesson from Comp. Millis in this respect. The menus were of a particularly novel character, great taste being shewn in their style and execution. Grace having been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and responded to. Comp. Worthington, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., took occasion to give an account of his long experience of Comp. Bryett's abilities, and the pleasure it gave him to see so worthy a man and Mason at the head of the Andrew Chapter, feeling assured that from his industry and skill the working of the Chapter would not suffer at his hands. The M.E.Z. responded in a few choice sentences. In proposing the health of the Past Principals, he referred to Comp. Worthington for the able way he had carried out his previous duties, Comp. Lines for the kind manner he always looked after their finances, Comps. Thompson and Slack for always attending when their healths permitted, Comp. Millis for doing so much towards the creature comforts, and Comp. Read for his kindness in always being there to give instruction and lend a helping hand in carrying out the beautiful ceremonies. The Janitor's toast brought to a close a most delightful evening.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862,—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M. Bro. C. Walker occupied the chair, he was supported by Bros. A. Moore S.W., Jones P.M. as J.W., T. Kingston P.M. Treas., J. Weaver P.M. P.G.O. Middx. Sec., Blakemore S.D., C. E. Packer J.D. P.M.'s Bros. Howson, Jones. T. Kingston, W. Harlestone, and Bros. Knell, Ward, Brown, Devine, Collinson, Cox, Hill, Pike, Boxell, Maxwell, &c. Preliminaries being observed, Bro. Pike was raised to the third degree. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Alf. Moore W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, by Bro. J. Weaver P.M., and the retiring W.M. Bro. Chas. Walker installed his successor into the chair of K.S., in a manner that reflected great credit on him. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. C. Walker I.P.M., Blakemore S.W., C. E. Packer was appointed J.W., Jones P.M. kindly accepted the office pro tem, T. Kingston P.M. re-elected Treas., Jas. Weaver P.M. Sec. P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Godden S.D., Tate J.D., Bolton I.G., Nell D.C., C. Walker I.P.M., W. S. Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. The W.M. addressed each Brother on investment in feeling and appropriate terms. A proposition for a brother to join the Lodge was handed in, and the Secretary read a very flattering letter from his Lodge, showing the high esteem he is held in. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. A letter was read from Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, regretting his absence; one from Bro. J. Hervey G.S.; also one from Bro. C. E. Packer J.W., who was absent in Germany. Bro. T. Kingston P.M. had handed in the sum of £6 to be placed to the Benevolent Fund, and a Brother, whose name was not to be mentioned, also gave the sum of 21s. Bro. Jones proposed, and Bro. C. Walker I.P.M. seconded, that a sum of £10 be placed on the list of Bro. Sedgwick, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sixty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. *Non Nobis Domini*, having been sung by Bros. Hodges, Stedman, J. T. Lee and Tinney, the W.M., who very ably presided, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Glee, "Haste ye, soft gales," was then sung. The toast of the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was given and very energetically responded to. Bro. C. Walker I.P.M. then rose: It was his province for the next twelve months to propose the toast of the W.M. He felt sure they would receive it with a great deal of pleasure; all had witnessed the manner Bro. Moore had performed his duty; he was true and trusty, and he would fill the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. Bro. E. C. Tinney then sang, "Watching the Life Boat," and was deservedly applauded. The W.M. in reply said he was very gratified by the kind remarks of Bro. Walker; he hoped to deserve the encomiums passed on him. He hoped during the year they might have many additions to their numbers. However, let them have quality in preference to quantity. He likened the Craft to a good old ship, and very ably illustrated his remarks by saying they should not ship any hands that would not in the end be a credit to the good old ship. He now had a pleasant duty to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Chas. Walker. They had accepted what he had to do as granted; Bro. Walker had done his duty in every respect, and had concluded a very successful year of office. Bro. Moore then presented the I.P.M. with the elegant jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. Bro. Walker said, he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the way they had received the toast; he stood in a very proud position; the Whittington was not his mother Lodge, but he had been a member for eleven years. He had now passed the chair, and he was proud to join the ranks of its Past Masters. He would always wear the jewel with pride, and as a token of their approbation; the present W.M., he was sure, would in every respect do his duty. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he mentioned their names, and called on Bro. Benson to respond to the toast. Bro. Hodges then sang the "Meeting of the Waters." Bro. Capt. Benson returned thanks; his cosmopolitan antecedents were such that he had responded to the toast of the Visitors in every part of the globe; it was the same feeling that had existed from time immemorial, he had seen the benefit of it in every clime, for while we are wearing the badges and exhibiting the certificates of Freemasonry we as brethren are welcome in every part of the globe. He then gave a very interesting episode of the Russian war in 1854, when a brother was taken prisoner. On being cast on shore, a Russian officer saw he was a Mason. His life was spared, and he was taken to the camp, where he was well treated. Captain Benson then, in the name of the visitors, heartily thanked the members. The W.M., in proposing

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the toast of the P.M.'s, said it was a toast frequently brought before them, but always with credit. On this occasion he had great pleasure in compling with it the name of Bro. Harlestone, one of the founders of the Lodge. A quartette, "The Tar's Song," was then sung. Bro. Harlestone returned thanks for the kind manner he had been referred to. It was to him a great happiness to be present on this occasion; he wished their Lodge every prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers. Bro. James Weaver P.M. and Secretary replied. Bro. Kingston P.M. followed, as did also the S.W. and J.W. The Tyler's toast was then given. The Visitors were Bros. T. A. Briggs 1503, H. Massey P.M. 619, H. W. Vaughan 1503, Tilley 891, Benson, W. A. Tinney P.M. 1319, H. Whally 1670, J. Canham 190, J. Bingemann P.M. 55, C. E. Tinney 1319, W. H. Marston W.M. 1599, Anderson J.W. 60 and 11, Ansell, B. Cant 201, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, 21st instant. The following officers were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones W.M., W. A. Morgan S.W., A. N. Newens J.W., J. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Huntley J.D., J. J. Holland I.G., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Secretary, and S. Steed Tyler. The Past Masters were—Bros. P. Cooke, J. G. Carter, E. H. Boddy, J. G. Kewney, F. H. Newens, and G. Howick; also Bros. R. Walker, G. Clark, J. W. Haines, G. W. Smith, R. Neal, G. Neal, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, J. Stonehewer, S. C. Landon, H. P. Goodchild, and A. A. Denham. Bros. R. H. Keeley No. 1184, H. Bickerstaff P.M. No. 1329, and E. Carter No. 1044, were visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. Reed, Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, was elected a joining member, being proposed by Bro. P. Cooke P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Kewney P.M. The ballot was then taken for two new members—Mr. William Price and Mr. Henry John Newens. The former was proposed by Bro. W. J. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. A. N. Newens, while the latter was proposed by Bro. A. N. Newens, and seconded by Bro. Past Master F. H. Newens. The election proved unanimous, and the candidates were then duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones. Bro. A. A. Denham, seconded by Bro. W. J. Huntley, gave notice of the following motion:—"That the *Freemason's Chronicle* and the *Freemason* be procured weekly, at the expense of the Lodge, and filed for reference." The brethren now adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., whose health was proposed by Bro. Past Master P. Cooke, and drank with Masonic honours. Other customary toasts were given.

United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069.—A most successful meeting was held on Monday, 12th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Southsea, when Bro. J. E. Ivimey was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, who was one of the founders of 1069, and has twice filled the chair, besides being for several years its Secretary. Among the members and visitors present on Monday were the following:—Bros. G. Rake J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. Ford P.P.G.W., G. H. De Fraine P.P.G.D., E. M. Wells P.P.G.D., T. Batchelor P.P.G.S.W., F. Court W.M. 257, G. Bond W.M. 487, Whitcomb W.M. 1705, Bunting P.M. 487, J. Whale P.M. 309, R. V. Brown P.M. 1069, W. Gibbs 487, W. E. Atkins 487, Parker 257, G. F. Sherman 487, H. J. Andrews 309, Kelway, and the officers of 1069. The new Master having been duly installed appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bro. M. E. Frost I.P.M., R. J. Murrell S.W., E. Izod J.W., H. M. Emanuel P.M. Treasurer, E. Groves P.M. Secretary, Fred. Feltham S.D., J. Gieve J.D., W. C. Redward P.M. D.C., A. Wendover I.G., Exell Tyler.

Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364.—The interesting ceremony of the installation of W.M. took place on Saturday last, at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on which occasion a large number of brethren and visitors were present. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. Ernest Wright. The whole of the officers were present. After the reading of the minutes the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Maples, was presented for installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. E. Compertz P.M. Gresham 869, W. R. Marsh P.M. Albion 9, James Pinder P.M. Kent 15, Perrin P.M. Victoria 1056, H. Hollis P.M. St. John's 167, J. Tickle P.M. Urban 1196, J. Bartleet P.M. Era 1423, E. Wright W.M., W. Bristo, G. A. Rean, Low, and R. A. Wright 1364, when Bro. J. H. Maples was duly obligated, entrusted, and placed in the chair of K.S. The board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the new W.M. invested his Immediate P.M. Bro. E. Wright. The brethren were admitted, and the W.M. was saluted in due form. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follow:—Bro. Gompertz S.W., Fieldwick, J.W., Rev. H. D. Pearson, M.A., Chaplain, R. A. Wright P.M. Treasurer, J. L. Fysh P.M. Secretary, Augustus F. Lay S.D., Cockett J.D., Low P.M. D.C., James F. Haskins Organist, Benn Humphrey I.G., Fitzgerald Sen. W.S., Otto Dittmar Jun. W.S., R. W. Goddard Tyler. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. W. Heath P.P.G.S.W. Herts for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. E. Wright by the W.M., who feelingly referred to the admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties, and hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, which compliment the I.P.M. suitably acknowledged. A proposal was made for initiation at next meeting. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned to Guildhall Tavern to the banquet, where, after grace had been sung by Madame De Valence, Bros. Colson Phillips and Seymour Smith, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., both of which toasts were received with enthusiasm, and the National Anthem and "Hail to thee, Albert," were sung. The next toast on the list was the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was acknowledged by Bro. Buss, who specially dwelt on the invaluable aid promptly rendered by the Pro G.M. to Masonry, notwithstanding his innumerable engagements. Bro. Buss took occasion to comment upon the working of the officers of the Lodge, and said it was a bye-word in Masonry that if you wanted to see good working, go to the Earl of Zetland Lodge; if you wanted to see a good Director of Ceremonies, you would there see Bro. Low. Bro. Ernest Wright proposed the health of the W.M., who he referred to as one who would preside over the Lodge with credit; he was the first initiate, and had filled every office in the Lodge. Bro. Maples acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him by the brethren; he would always do his duty. He then gave the health of the I.P.M., who, in reply, warned the brethren against indiscriminately proposing persons of whom they had little knowledge. The financial position of the Lodge was such that they could even dispense with joining members, and no person should be proposed unless they were such as they could feel they could invite to their houses. The health of the Installing Master followed. He, in thanking the brethren, said that he thought joining members were the back bone of a Lodge. The health of the Chaplain, Initiates, Visitors, Officers, Treasurer, Secretary, D.C., Organist and Stewards followed, in rapid succession. Each toast was suitably acknowledged, and the Tyler then brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, and the rendering of the song of the "Dashing White Sergeant," by Madame De Valence and the humourous songs, "Lord Mayor's Day" and "A Visit to the Opera," both of which were rendered by Bro. Seymour Smith, were much applauded. In addition to the list of Visitors already given, there were present Bros. W. Gray Marquess of Ripon Lodge 1459, J. W. Cook Guion, G. Blackman Albion 9, W. S. Buck Urban 1196, Kingsford, J. Lake and T. Taylor, &c.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1626.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. T. W. Adams W.M., G. S. Elliot S.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. P.M. Sec., J. Howe J.W., G. H. Stephens as S.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. J.D., W. Malthouse W.S., and Bros. J. Mc Cluer, Butt, Steward, W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., &c., and Visitors—Bros. S. Page 1326, L. Van Boolen 1275, H. Roffey 1326, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bros. C. Craddock and H. Roffey were raised. Bros. E. C. Van Wasenen, W. McCluer, Butt, J. Chapman, and C. Goodchild were passed, and Mr. J. Howard was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. E. Mallett W.M. 141 was elected a joining member. Bro. J. Howe was elected to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

Langton Lodge, No. 1673.—We had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of this Lodge, on Wednesday last, at their convenient quarters, the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. H. Stead), his son Bro. J. K. Stead P.M. and Treas. occupied the chair, and opened the Lodge with Bros. J. Langton S.W., Dobbin J.W. and acting Sec., Dunn as S.D., A. Rosenthall J.D., Fuentes I.G., A. P. Fabian P.P.S.G.W. Hampshire as P.M., W. Laing Tyler. The agenda paper was a very full one, and the business commenced with the rising of Bros. Davies, Marner, and Strauss, after which Bro. McKinlay was passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. A. Dickson and S. Semple, and both resulted favourably. Lodge having been called off for a short time was resumed, and the above two gentlemen, with Mr. Faber, who had already been accepted, were admitted to Masonic light, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. each candidate separately. The W.M. proposed that the thanks of the members be voted to Bro. Ridley for his having so successfully represented the Lodge at the recent Festival of the Boys' School; this being seconded, was passed and briefly acknowledged. Four propositions for initiation, and one for joining were handed in, after which the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of a well propided repast, which was served in a way reflecting great credit on the officials of the Club. The usual toasts were given by the acting Master. Bro. Fabian proposed the health of the W.M. of the Lodge; he is a most excellent Mason, and a good Master. In his absence they were presided over by his son, who was, if he might say it, in every respect his equal. This toast having met with a hearty response, was briefly acknowledged. The W.M. regretting that the absence of his father had brought him into such prominence. He now gave the Initiates. All Lodges, especially new ones, want new blood, this evening they had three new members; he was pleased to give them a hearty welcome, and although not strong in number, he felt sure they would prove strong in quality. The initiates having each replied, the W.M. gave the Visitors. At no meeting of their Lodge had they been without some, he hoped they would always be so favoured. He tendered the welcome of the Lodge, and trusted their visitors had been entertained, both during labour and at refreshment. Bros. Levy P.M. 188 and Harty W.M. 1201 replied. The toast of the Officers was next given. In the person of the S.W., Bro. Langton, after whom the Lodge had been named, they had a most energetic brother; he is wo king hard to fill the chair of the Lodge, which the Master felt sure he would do with credit. Bro. Dobbin the J.W. was deserving their special thanks, for having stepped in and so efficiently acted as Secretary since their late one had resigned. Bros. Langton and Dobbin each replied, after which the Tyler was summoned. The visitors were—Bros. J. Wood 180, John G. Horsey 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, E. J. Harty W.M. 1201, W. W. Morgan jun. 1395, W. E. Cotton 1470, J. S. Sealey 1498.

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THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th of December 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. Dinner can be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock at a charge of Five Shillings, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary as under, not later than Monday, the 3rd of December.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

YESTERDAY had been arranged for the return of the Court from the Highlands, but the illness of Prince Leopold has, we regret to say, prevented the Queen from undertaking the journey. The Princess of Wales, also, had been detained at Abergeldie by reason of the continued illness of Miss Knollys, who recovers from her severe relapse more slowly than had been expected, but according to arrangements Her Royal Highness left for the South on Thursday afternoon. After his visit to Lord and Lady Walsingham, the Prince of Wales honoured Lord Londesborough by becoming his guest at Londesborough House in the East Riding. On Tuesday His Royal Highness paid a flying visit to Selby, *en route* to Lord Londesborough's estate at Thorpe for the purpose of a day's shooting. The worthy people of Selby resolved therefore on preparing a hearty welcome for the Royal visitor, and set about decorating the streets and houses of their quaint old town. The Prince had a good day's sport, but during the day a most unfavourable change occurred in the weather, and the return of the shooting party to Selby Station was accomplished through a persistent heavy rain, which would not be denied. Consequently there was intense disappointment, especially as the illumination, which had been looked forward to as the great achievement of the day, was a complete failure. The Prince, however, let it be known that he highly appreciated the honour which it had been determined to show him, and that he sympathised fully with the people of Selby at the disappointment they had met with. On Saturday, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, and her husband, accompanied by the Earl and Countess of Brownlow visited Hemel Hempstead for the purpose of opening the new infirmary just erected there. The Earl of Verulam, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, the Bishop of St. Albans, the members for the county, Messrs. Abel Smith, the Hon. H. F. Cowper and T. F. Halsey, Esq., with the principal nobility and gentry of West Herts and the Municipality of Hemel Hempstead, were present. After the usual address Her Royal Highness declared the building open, and then followed a *déjeûner*, at which the Earl of Verulam presided. One of the toasts of the afternoon, "the health of the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck," was drunk with the greatest cordiality, and responded to by the latter in a brief but suitable speech. The other important toast, "Prosperity to the West Herts Infirmary, &c., &c." was also received with enthusiasm, and after Earl Brownlow and Mr. Ryder, president of the Institution, had duly acknowledged it, the Rev. Mr. Thompson read out the list of subscriptions, and announced that the amount contributed was in excess of £3,000.

The trial of the four detectives and Mr. Froggatt, solicitor, terminated on Tuesday. The jury found Meiklejohn, Druscovich, Palmer, and Froggatt guilty, but acquitted Clarke. Two of the four convicted, namely, Druscovich and Palmer, were recommended to the merciful consideration of the Court; but, in passing sentence, Baron Pollock made no distinction, and they were severally condemned to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoners were removed in custody, and as there are other indictments on which the law advisers of the Crown may proceed, if they are so minded, Chief Inspector Clarke was released on his own recognisances of £100, to appear, if necessary, on a future occasion and answer them. Thus has ended one of the most memorable, and certainly most exciting, trials of our day. The one point on which we think it needful to offer a remark is, that it was protracted to an inordinate length. It seems to us that either the preliminary examination before the magistrate, or the trial at the Old Bailey, might have been shortened.

As at Lillie Bridge, so at the Agricultural Hall, Gale's

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marvellous performance drew large crowds of people, as it gradually approached completion, and he succeeded in completing his task on Saturday night with the greatest ease. He certainly possesses extraordinary powers of endurance, and deserves all in the way of money which he reaps by his walking. We trust, however, that he will rest satisfied with having surpassed every pedestrian of ancient and modern times. There is no one left for him to conquer but himself, and he will gain nothing by doing this. A day or two after his walk, Gale underwent a strict examination at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, and the medical officers pronounced him to be sound in wind and limb, the varicose veins on his left leg being the only matter that had caused him any pain. Sir J. D. Astley decorated him, when the walk was over, with a champion belt, an honour which is certainly well deserved, and all we can hope for now is, that others will not be induced to repeat and exceed Gale's performance.

At a meeting of the Royal Humane Society on Tuesday, the silver medal was unanimously voted to a young lady only sixteen years of age, a Miss Grace Vernon Bussell, by whose courageous conduct the lives of several people were saved in December of last year in the neighbourhood of Perth, in Australia. A screw steamer, the Georgette, voyaging from Freemantle to Port Adelaide, sprung a leak, and was stranded at a place called Kalnagup, not far distant from Mr. Bussell's residence. On hearing of the accident, Miss Bussell, attended by her black servant, rode down a steep cliff at full speed to the scene of the disaster, and found the boat capsized in fifteen feet of water, and the passengers clinging to her. Without hesitation, she rode her horse into the sea, and with great difficulty, owing to the tremendous surf that was on, succeeded in reaching the boat, and with as many women and children clinging to her and her horse as possible, made her way to the shore, after which the black servant followed her example, and rescued a man who had been left clinging to the boat. For this courageous act the young lady was duly rewarded on Tuesday, her servant, too, being awarded the bronze medallion for his display of daring.

The marriage of the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and premier Earl and Duke of England, with the Lady Flora Hastings, daughter of Mr. C. and Lady Abney Hastings, Countess of Loudoun, was solemnised on Wednesday at the Brompton Oratory, with great pomp. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southwark, and among the distinguished personages present were the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, the Earls of Beaconsfield, Denbigh, and Granard, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, &c., &c. After the breakfast, the Duke and Duchess set off by special train for Arundel Castle, where they will pass the honeymoon.

The crisis in France is far from being at an end. As M. Albert Grévy's motion was carried against ministers by a majority of 320 to 204, the latter have tendered their resignation, which has been accepted by the President, and they only hold office pending the appointment of their successors. The composition of the new ministry is not yet settled, meanwhile the Legislative Assembly has adjourned. In the Senate the Government has gained a majority of twenty-two. This is considered as an indication that the Upper Chamber will support the Marshal, and that in the event of another dissolution of the Assembly being called for, the Senate will grant it.

The news from the Seat of War is very serious, if not disastrous, for the Turkish arms. The Earl of Beaconsfield at the Guildhall banquet on the 9th instant very accurately described this as a "war of surprises," and certainly it surprised every one when the news came that Kars, which held out so long and bravely in 1855, had fallen after a night assault, when scarcely any siege operations had been undertaken. The result is a grand success to Russia, who has now, in Asia, no foeman worthy of her steel opposed to her. Some 300 guns, 10,000 prisoners, and vast stores of provisions have fallen into the hands of the victors, and there is every reason to suppose that Erzeroum will soon share the same fate. In Europe we hear of a sharp attack on Orkhanie having been repulsed by Chakir Pasha with heavy loss to the assailants, and there has been sharp fighting in the neighbourhood of Pyrgos, the accounts of which are very conflicting. The Turks claim to have secured the advantage, and inflicted a loss of 1,400 men on the Russians, but the latter, while admitting the severity of the fighting, set down their loss, after about nine hours' conflict, at one officer killed and about eighty officers and men wounded. They admit, moreover, that a portion of their troops engaged were so hard pressed as to be compelled to retire, and that the Turks had succeeded in reducing Pyrgos to ashes. For this reason, though the Turks may have somewhat exaggerated the result achieved, we incline to the belief that the Turkish account is the more trustworthy of the two. The Roumanians, after a three days' fight, have captured Rahova, the Turks retiring in the direction of Widdin and Lom Palanka, pursued by the enemy. Servia has not yet made up her mind whether to fight or not, and as Mehemet Ali is not far from her frontier, it will be as well, perhaps, if she remain passive.

We learn from the *Masonic Review* that the Grand Lodge of Ohio met on the 17th and 18th ult., and that on the latter day the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. W. M. Cunningham G.M., Reuben C. Lemmon D.G.M., James E. Stewart G.S.W., S. L. Fisher G.J.W., Flavius J. Phillips Grand Treasurer, John D. Caldwell Grand Secretary, John R. Miner Grand Orator, Jos. M. Stuart Grand Marshal, L. F. Von Cleve Grand Chaplain, W. L. Buechner G.S.D., Hugh Buckley G.J.D., Jacob Randall Grand Tyler, and Edward Morrell and A. P. Taylor District Lecturers. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky held its Annual Communication on the 16th ult., when the following were among the officers elected, namely:—Bros. C. H. Johnson G.M., the Hon. Jake Rice D.G.M., Hiram Bassett Grand Secretary, and the Rev. H. A. M. Henderson Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming held its third Annual Communication at Evanstown on the 9th and 10th ult., when Bro. Fred. E. Addoms was elected G.M., and Bros. Orlando North D.G.M., Thomas McCoy G.S.W., S. L. Mills G.J.W., John S. Taylor Grand Treasurer, and William G. Tonn Grand Secretary.

The *Freemasons' Repository* contains an account of the dedication, at Providence, R.I., on the 16th ult., of the monument erected to the memory of Roger Williams, founder of the City of Providence, and of the State of Rhode Island. The police led the way; then came the first division, composed of Knights Templar to the number of about 200, and then the second of Craft Lodges to the number of between 300 and 400, Grand Lodge under its G.M., Bro. Challis, bringing up the rear in nine carriages, escorted by forty mounted Knights of Calvary Commandery, under the command of acting E. Commander William Gifford. The gathering around the monument was very numerous, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Cutler and his officers most impressively. As the tent in which the customary repast had been arranged was blown down by the wind, the brethren with their friends and the ladies were compelled to dine *al fresco*. Still everything passed off very successfully.

According to the *Masonic Advocate*, the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters was held at Indianopolis on the 16th ult., when the following were among the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. C. H. Butterfield Ill. G.M., A. P. Charles Dep. Ill. G.M., W. R. Godfrey Ill M., E. S. Ross G.P.C. of W., Charles Fisher Grand Treasurer, and John M. Bramwell Grand Recorder. The day following, the Grand Chapter R.A. Masons was held, sixty-eight subordinate Chapters being represented. The following are the newly-elected principal Officers, namely:—Comps. Simeon H. Johnson G.H.P., Martin H. Rice Dep. G.H.P., Thomas B. Long G.K., Addison D. Williams G.S., F. M. Symmes G.C., Charles Fisher Grand Treasurer, and John M. Bramwell Grand Secretary. The receipts for the year amounted to 6,233.50 dollars, and the disbursements to 3,970.36 dollars leaving a balance in hand of 2,263.14 dollars.

Miss Emily Mott's annual concert will take place on Friday, 7th Dec., at St. James's Hall, on which occasion she will have the assistance of Mrs. Osgood, Miss Josè Sherrington, Messrs. Sims Reeves, Edward Lloyd, Walter Clifford, Maybrick, and the English Glee Union.

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THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction :—

On Saturday, the 24th November, at the Eccleston, No. 1624, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. Bro. I. L. Coulton as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Strong Man, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, at 7. Bro. R. W. Tolmie as W.M.†

On Monday, the 26th November, at the St. James's Union, No. 180, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 7. Bro. Woods as W.M.†

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, at 7. Bro. George Read as W.M.*

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.†

On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Confidence, No. 193, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. C. H. Webb as W.M.†

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Metropolitan, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.*

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 7. Bro. T. Cull as W.M.

On Tuesday, the 4th December, at the Royal Arthur, No. 1360, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7. Bros. Collings as W.M., Read S.W., Robinson J.W.*

On Friday, the 7th December, at the Upton, No. 1227, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C.

* The names of the brethren who will work the sections in the Hyde Park, Metropolitan, and Royal Arthur Lodges, were given in our issue of 17th November.

† The following are the brethren who will work the various sections in the Strong Man, St. James's Union, Constitutional, and Confidence Lodges, on the days referred to above.

	STRONG MAN.	ST. JAMES'S UNION.
	1st Lecture.	
1.	Bro. Millward 179	Bro. Morphew 1585
2.	„ Gibbs 1178	„ Hancock 1687
3.	„ Powell 186	„ Wood 173
4.	„ Fenner 1693	„ Docker 1687
5.	„ Killick 1693	„ Belfrage 179
6.	„ Pulsford 1158	„ Bentley 193
7.	„ Legge	„ Watts 1201
	2nd Lecture.	
8.	Bro. Halford 228	Bro. Beck 1687
9.	„ Stock 1178	„ Lowrie 1556
10.	„ Pearcy 228	„ Bubb 180
11.	„ Isaac 1693	„ Farwig 180
12.	„ Trowinnard	„ Pulsford 1158
	3rd Lecture.	
13.	Bro. Hunter 228	Bro. Cameron 180
14.	„ Crawley 73	„ Burrell 1446
15.	„ Cook 382	„ Parsons 180

	CONSTITUTIONAL.	CONFIDENCE.
	1st Lecture.	
1.	Bro. J. Thompson 862	Bro. Walker 429
2.	„ E. Abell 55, 1599	„ Blinkhorn 1471
3.	„ T. B. Dodson 860	„ Stephens 1623
4.	„ J. C. Dwarber 55	„ Taylor 554
5.	„ J. Mander 1201	„ Stephens 1426
6.	„ J. S. Brown 862	„ Howlett 141
7.	„ J. H. Watts 1201	„ Constable 185
	2nd Lecture.	
8.	Bro. E. L. Miroy 1599	Bro. Campbell 413
9.	„ W. H. Marston 55	„ Andrews 1227
10.	„ J. Bingemann 55	„ Job 1076
11.	„ W. G. Dickins 860	„ Rudderforth 12, 1668
12.	„ W. Long 435	„ Ellis 933
	3rd Lecture.	
13.	Bro. J. H. Dodson 55	Bro. Musto 1549
14.	„ W. B. Kidder 12	„ Maidwell 27
15.	„ J. Gilruth 55	„ Berry 554

RED CROSS MASONRY.

The installation of the M.P.S. and V.E. of the De la Pole Conclave, 132, Hull, is fixed for Monday next, the 26th inst., when the ceremonies will be performed by Ill. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.Int.Gen. for North and East Yorkshire, who will probably be aided by the Sovereigns of the De la Pole, Eboracum, and White Rose of York Conclaves. Several candidates will be installed members of the Order, and a large gathering is anticipated.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The regular November meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. John Hammond, the lately installed Master, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. Hurst I.P.M, Fox S.W., Jessett J.W., E. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, T. W. Ockenden S.D., T. C. Walls P.G. Organist Middlesex J.D., Kent I.G., Hiscox W.S., Moody Asst. W.S., Aston I.G., Tagg, Knaggs (W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge,) Tozer, Murphy, W. A. Messenger, H. J. Jones, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting last month read and confirmed. Two candidates for initiation named in the summons not being present, the W.M. examined and entrusted Bro. H. J. Jones, who retired. The Lodge was opened on the square, Bro. Jones re-admitted, and advanced to the degree of F.C. Bro. Tozer was then presented as a candidate for the sublime degree, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, he withdrew until after the opening of the Lodge on the centre, when he was duly raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were admirably rendered by the Master, and the Lodge is to be congratulated in having a brother in the chair so perfect in the ritual. Bro. J. Hurst I.P.M. was appointed Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was received from R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, regretting absence from home precluded his attendance, and a similar communication was sent by Bro. J. E. Hunt D.C. All other business being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshments well catered by Bro. Murphy. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. All the speeches were judiciously short, the responses hearty, the firing excellent, the enjoyment thorough, and after some vocal contributions by Bros. Hurst, Jessett and Walls, the brethren separated, at an early hour. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 17th January 1878.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its weekly meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8 p.m., on Friday the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Lane W.M., Carrociero S.W., A. Posener jun. J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Hine S.D., Kent J.D., Smith I.G., also Bros. W. W. Morgan, Posener sen., Bolton, Campbell, Pearcy, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Posener sen., having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Posener sen. being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On Friday, 16th November, Bros. Crouch W.M., Posener jun. S.W., Simmonds J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Cleverley S.D., Hine J.D., Lane I.G.; Bros. Bolton, Kent, Smith, Campbell, Pearcy. Visitors—Bros. Gordon 511, and Hambling 898. After the observance of customary formalities, Bro. Gordon answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted and raised. Bro. Gordon was elected a member and Bro. Posener jun. was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, on Thursday evening. Bro. Shepherd W.M., Hewlett S.W., Calverley J.W., Musto P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Weir having offered himself as candidate, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony worked by the W.M.; the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, Bro. Calverley assisted Bro. Hogg in working the second section; Bro. Shepherd assisted Bro. Ellis in working the fourth. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th November, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Adkins W.M., Wood S.W., Penn W.M. J.W., Smout jun. Secretary, Smout sen. S.D., Kelly J.D., Spiegel I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Poulter, Hopton and others. Business—The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate; the W.M. gave the charge; after which Bro. Poulter offered himself as candidate to be passed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

On Friday, 16th November, Bros. Wood W.M., Penn S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel S.D., Lichtwitz J.D., Parkhouse I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Murlis P.M., Michael P.M., Kelly, Woodmason, and many others. The W.M., after opening the Lodge, vacated the chair, when Bro. Michael P.M. took the same, for the purpose of working the installation ceremony, which he carried out in its entirety. Bro. Spiegel proposed that this Lodge of Instruction assist Bro. Stevens P.M. in his Stewardship for the next Festival for the Girls' School, and subscribe £1 1s out of the funds, the members also to augment the amount, with a view to make up £5 5s. Bro. Penn, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, moved an amendment, that £5 5s be voted from the funds to head the list. Bro. Spiegel therefore withdrew his original motion, but on being informed that the Lodge was not in possession of that amount, the matter was adjourned for a fortnight. Bro. Spiegel will occupy the chair next meeting.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Met on Thursday, the 15th of November, at Bro. Brown's Hotel, Ealing. Bros. Pooley W.M., T. W. Fisher S.W., A. H. Burr J.W., G. Unis S.D., T. Garron J.D., S. Dyer I.G.; Bros. Rand, Nye, Gunner, Clark, Day, Jones, Harrison, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. E. C. Porter offered himself as a candidate, and the first ceremony was rehearsed.

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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 NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

1—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1823—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

46—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
330—One and All, Bodmin.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.
M.M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1807—Metropolitan, 369 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
567—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1388—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

Provincial G. Lodge Leicestershire and Rutland, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)

996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6. First Annual Banquet.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Emergency.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
109—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, 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.)
1293—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, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1365—Gladstone, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1822—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Reburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 367—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Botsoms, Stansfield.

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 Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 7.30. Present Bros. Da Silva W.M., Aarons S.W., Marks J.W., Norden S.D., Grammer J.D., Hunter I.G., Webb Preceptor and other brethren. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson candidate. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. King candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King, No. 27, was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its weekly meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. Bros. Hunter W.M., Wing S.W., Crawley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Humphrey J.D., Trewinnard I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. Cook, Powell, &c. Lodge opened in form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the 2nd degree. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Cook answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cook acting as candidate. Bro. Humphry answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was admirably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Humphry acting candidate. Lodge lowered to 2nd degree. Bro. Powell worked the 2nd section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge lowered to 1st degree. Bro. Crawley J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening.

On Monday last Bros. Crawley W.M., Hallam S.W., Ross J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Isaac S.D., Ayres J.D., Thompson I.G., Christopher Tyler; Bros. Simmonds, Hunter, Pearcy, Moseley, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. Several of the sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Chapman W.M., Cooper S.W., Brown J.W., W. G. Dickins Secretary, Dwarber Treasurer, Mirov S.D., Hallam J.D., Rosser I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Soper, Tranter, J. H. Dodson, Scott and several others. Business—After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Walker, a candidate for raising, was entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Walker raised. The traditional history was given by the W.M. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Cooper was unanimously elected W.M. for Tuesday fortnight, Tuesday 27th November being set apart for working the Fifteen Sections. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Chapman, for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in this Lodge of instruction.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The annual supper of this Lodge was held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern,

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Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge as W.M., Rudderforth S.W., Hollands J.W., and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Some minor business transacted, Bros. Loewenstark and Burgess were elected members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to do full justice to the excellent supper provided by the worthy host, Bro. Maidwell. This over, the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony and recitations from Bros. Harris, Rudderforth, Morgan, Campbell, West, and others. Bros. Barnes, Macarthy, and Fellowes responded for the Visitors. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Maidwell for the liberal manner he had catered for the brethren, and the excellency of the viands. The brethren dispersed at an early hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181.—Held its autumn meeting on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Mr. Baylis's, Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. Colonel Wigginton J.P. W.M., Hammond S.W., Court jun. J.W., Taylor Secretary, Dr. Knaggs M.O., Clayton Palmer S.O., Court sen. J.O., Hopwood J.D., Kyezor I.G., Harrison Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Dr. Clark W.M. the Hiram, Brighton, P.G.S. Visitors—Bros. Walls and Taylor. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Brighton and Dr. Clark were unanimously elected honorary members; each returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him; the brethren then proceeded to elect a Master for the coming year. The ballot was declared unanimously in favour of Bro. S. W. Hammond. Bro. Hammond expressed his gratification at the result of the election, and stated his intention to endeavour to increase the lustre shed upon the office by the retiring Master. He hoped to have the support of his Officers. Bro. Harrison was again appointed Tyler. The Lodge was closed in proper form, when the brethren adjourned to banquet provided by host Baylis. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated, having spent a most agreeable evening.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. Chapman in the chair. There were also present Bros. Croaker S.W., Tollis J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, S. Wharman S.D., Lay I.G., Christopher Tyler. James Stevens P.M., Webb, Ellis, Aarons, Walker, &c. The ceremony of the 3rd degree and two of the sections appertaining thereto were rehearsed. Bro. Webb was elected to preside on next Wednesday. He will, on that occasion, according to previous arrangement, work the Fifteen Sections. A number of well-known brethren skilful in the section work have placed their names upon the list, and therefore a very instructive evening may be anticipated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 17th November, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Bedwell W.M., Gibbs S.W., Garbett J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Sparrow S.D., Powell J.D., Nestern I.G. Bro. J. Cuthbert 4 Kilwinning, Scotland, was present as a visitor, and at a later stage of the evening was elected a member. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson candidate. The sections of the third lecture were worked by Bros. Pearcy and Moss. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed next Saturday, by Bro. Seex P.M.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Tuesday last at this Lodge, and in a way fully appreciated by the brethren assembled. Bros. Koester occupied the chair, Bro. Ash S.W., Long J.W., Fox Secretary, Hiscox Treasurer, Hurdell S.D., Pope J.D., Dyson I.G. After usual preliminaries, the acting W.M. proceeded to work the sections, being assisted by Bros. Belfrage, Arrowsmith, Hurdell, Ash, Christie, Davey, Bentley, Forbes, Long, and Kew. These being completed, and Lodge resumed, Bro. Ash was chosen as W.M. for next meeting. Bros. Ash and Kew were elected honorary members, and suitably responded. Bro. Kew was invited to work the ceremony of installation on that night month, and this he kindly offered to do. A vote of thanks was given to the acting W.M., after which Lodge was closed. We were pleased to see such an excellent gathering at this Lodge, upwards of twenty-six brethren being present during the evening.

Huddersfield Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290.—The adjourned convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield. Comps. W. Schofield Z., W. Harrop H., Jno. W. Turner J., C. Wheawell S.E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer; as well as about twenty other members of the Prosperity Chapter. Visitors—Comps. Tyers P.Z., Robert Coldwell P.Z., Dore P.Z., and Crowther P.Z. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the First Principal was performed (all below that rank having retired) by Comp. Wm. Smith P.Z., in his usual masterly manner. Comp. Harrop Z. installed Comp. J. W. Turner as H., and Comp. Allen Haigh as J., in such an efficient manner as to meet with the approval of those present. The Comps. having been re-admitted, the first Principal proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Comps. C. Wheawell S.E., B Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wm. Smith P.Z. Registrar, E. Dyson P.S., Mitchell and Brierley A.S., Faner S.N. After a short discussion respecting the bye-laws, the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. retired to refreshment, after partaking of which the usual toasts, Masonic and otherwise, were duly honoured, and a very happy and pleasant evening was brought to a termination.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th November, at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., A. Phipps S.W., P.M. Caulfield acting J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., D. W. J. Thomas Treas., T. Jones S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G., A. Orlopp Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. C. Rich and E. C. Phillips. Business—The Lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter having been read from the Prov. Grand Secretary, in respect to the Indian Famine Fund, it was resolved, as the fund had been officially closed, not to do anything in the matter. Upon the motion of Bros. P.M. Caulfeild and S.W. Phipps, the popular and esteemed W.M. was re-elected for the ensuing year, and Bro. David Evans was elected Treasurer for the same period. The Tyler having resigned, any action in the matter was postponed to the next meeting. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, and with perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, during which a pleasing incident occurred, that of presenting a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Hans St. George Caulfeild, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the Lodge, and as a token of their respect on his leaving the town. Bro. E. C. Phillips, having been requested by the W.M. of the Lodge to present the jewel, said that he rose in obedience to the command, but before making the formal presentation he would offer a few remarks. He said that he felt some difficulty in speaking on that occasion, seeing that Bro. Caulfeild was an old friend, and an esteemed Masonic brother. Bro. Caulfeild had proved an excellent Mason, as a private member of the Lodge, as a Master of the Lodge, and as a Past Master of the Lodge, and in thus presenting the jewel of the Lodge he felt proud in so testifying to the respect and esteem in which Bro. Caulfeild was held among them. Having had to carry out the wishes of the Lodge, he was much gratified when he thought of the way in which the members generally had responded to his call. The work had been a labour of love to him, and from the cordial and sympathetic manner in which the members had assisted him, it seemed that it had also been a labour of love to them. Turning to Bro. Caulfeild, the speaker added: I have now the greatest pleasure, Bro. Caulfeild, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, and brethren of this Lodge, in presenting you with this jewel, and beg that on all possible occasions you will wear it on your breast as indicative of the honour and esteem in which we hold you. Bro. Phillips then referred to the motto at the close of the inscription, and concluded by saying that as the motto was made applicable in the Roman arena of old, so it could be made applicable on that occasion, and that as Bro. Caulfeild had deserved and earned the palm, so might he live long to wear it. Bro. Caulfeild, in responding, said that he certainly rose with very strong and deep feelings to return his most sincere and hearty thanks for the honour which had been paid to him. He did not know how to express himself, seeing that he was not in the habit of much speaking, but even if he had been he should not have been able on that occasion to have found the words to express himself as he should like to have done. In the first place, he must thank his good friend Bro. Phillips for his flattering remarks, and he must then thank those present for the kind way in which they had received them. If at any time he had not performed his duties as he should have done, it was not from any want of willingness on his part, and for what he had done it was quite unnecessary that they should have presented him with such a handsome present to enable them to testify to him any respect or esteem they might feel for him, for when he looked around and saw the large number of brethren present who had assembled to do him honour, he was more than proud to think that they had done so, and that each of them had been a good and kind friend to him, both outside and inside the Lodge; very many of them had been much kinder to him than he had ever deserved. They might rest assured that wherever he might be, and that as long as he should live, their kindness would be an incentive to him to continue his connection with the Brecknock Lodge, and that should his recollections ever flag, the sight of their handsome gift would be sufficient to recall them, and to remind him of their kindness, not only on that but upon many other occasions. The jewel is thus inscribed:—

To
Bro. Hans St. George Caulfeild P.M., P.P.G.S.W.,
with the fraternal regards of the brethren.
September 1877.
"Palman qui meruit ferat."

A most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of the brethren.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. It was well attended, both by members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. (who, in the absence of the W.M., opened the Lodge), C. P. McKay S.W., R. W. Sheadd J.W., W. Smith S.D., W. McMurray J.D., W. Mitchell I.G., M. Spiegel D.C., G. Lambert W.S., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. James Stevens, C. Pulman, H. Payne; also Bros. Lilley, Richardson, Ash, Saunders, Pascall, Whittaker, Mulley, Huntley, Anthony, Gunner, Green, Barton, Kerr, Treves, &c. Visitors—Bros. John Syer 1017, S. Clarke 1536, E. Bye, and H. Stokes 141. The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. Poore as W.M., and minutes confirmed, Bro. Anthony was proved, and subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Adolphe Van de Water and Mr. Charles Glenister were balloted for, approved and duly initiated into the Order. A notice of motion, having reference to the question of "refreshment after labour," was discussed, and its having been represented by the Treasurer that the Lodge was in a more flourishing condition than at any time since its establishment, it was decided to continue the practice of entertaining members and visitors after

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each meeting. The sum of Ten Guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of Bro. C. Pulman P.M., as Steward representing the Lodge, and we were glad to observe that later on his list was liberally increased by the Lodge members individually. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, Bro. James Stevens P.M. presiding as W.M. The usual toasts were honoured, and in giving that of Grand Lodge, the acting W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the late action of the Grand Orient of France, deprecating the course which had been adopted, and hoping that the Grand Lodge of England would express its opinion thereon in the most forcible manner possible. His remarks were listened to with great attention, and were cordially endorsed by all present. The W.M.'s health was drunk in his absence, a circumstance which was much regretted, every officer of the Lodge being in his appointed place. The toast of the P.M.'s was enthusiastically received, and hearty acknowledgments were rendered to Bros. Poore and Stevens for their readiness to discharge the all-important duties of the chair, as well as for other assistance in the working of the Lodge. The Initiates made very able responses to the toast given in their honour, and the Visitors expressed much gratification with working and subsequent hospitality. A most enjoyable evening terminated at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, 9th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road, Bros. G. Tribbel W.M., G. West S.W., Cleghorn J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Godden S.D., Nichols J.D., Hayes I.G.; Bros. Tyler, Hill, Heath, Parsons, &c. The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Heath, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Hill was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Preceptor Rudderforth. Bro. Charles Dodd was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. G. West was elected W.M. for Friday, the 23rd instant. Lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. Hawkins was successful in obtaining the ballot for the Life Subscribership of the William Preston Benevolent Association.

On Friday evening, 16th instant, the Fifteen Sections were worked for the first time since the formation of this Lodge of Instruction, which took place twelve months since. Bro. Rudderforth D.C. 12, J.W. 1668, presided as W.M., and the following are the names of the brethren who assisted:—Bros. C. H. Webb I.G. 174, S.W. 1607, S.W.; G. West J.W. 1287, J.W.; T. J. Barnes P.M. 938 I.P.M. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Hill 862, Hayes 619, Godden I.G. 862, G. West J.W. 1287, Harris 1586, Cleghorn 1287, Evans 862. Second Lecture—Bros. Hall 193, Hayes 619, Tate 862, C. H. Webb S.W. 1607, Barnes P.M. 933. Third Lecture—Bros. Braun P.M. 766, Maidwell J.W. 27, Barnes P.M. 933. Besides the brethren mentioned there was present a large gathering of the Craft, and all evinced great interest in the proceedings. When the Sections were concluded the W.M. rose. He had one or two propositions to make, which he felt sure would meet the approval of the brethren. He felt particularly gratified by the presence of so many visitors: he alluded especially to Bro. Barnes, who was widely known and respected in the Masonic strongholds of the other quarters of this great city, particularly the E. and N. He expressed a hope that this gathering might prove a stepping-stone to Bro Barnes's further acquaintance with the Masonic resorts at the west end of the town. He further alluded to the history of that brother's well-known efforts to purify the language used in the Ritual, and proposed that he be elected an honorary member. The W.M. also proposed that the like mark of respect be conferred upon Bro. Webb, who had come so great a distance to act as S.W., and who had performed his duties in so agreeable and courteous a manner. Both these propositions were seconded by Bro. P.M. Braun, and carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes, in reply, remarked that he thought this mark of respect was conferred only upon those who had done some service for the Lodge; he could therefore easily understand why it was conferred upon Bro. Webb, the S.W., but he did not see upon what grounds it would apply to him. However, he thanked the brethren very cordially for the feeling that prompted the act, and added that he was highly gratified with his visit. He would at the same time take the opportunity of congratulating the Worshipful Master and the brethren upon their excellent working, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Rudderforth, as Preceptor of the Lodge, and upon the brethren for the attention they must have paid to his teaching. Bros. T. J. Maidwell 27, R. Maidwell 27, Lewis 172, B. P. Todd 193, Norrington 619, Cobham 382, Carter and Morgan 1385, were elected members. Bro. Tribbel proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, the proposition that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rudderforth, for his able presidency in the chair, which was carried. The W.M., in returning thanks, said that it was undoubtedly very gratifying to him to receive such a pleasing mark of their esteem, especially as it was accompanied by such flattering observations. He felt that the great success attained that evening was due to the manner in which the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections had acquitted themselves of the task. It was especially to be remembered that eleven out of the Fifteen Sections were rendered by young Masons, who had never attempted anything of the kind before. He would, therefore, ask them to render "Honour to whom honour is due." Bro. Rudderforth proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, in favour of those brethren who had assisted in working the Fifteen Sections. This was seconded by Bro. Morgan, and carried. The Lodge was then closed in due form. We may remark, as an evidence of the success which attends this young Lodge of Instruction that it is already a Life Governor of the "Boys," that it has a good balance in hand, and, further, that the Benevolent Association in connection with it has furnished six Life Subscribers to the Charities.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 9th November. Bros. W. Goss W.M., B. Blasby S.W., Gomm J.W., H. E. Tucker S.D., Costelow J.D., Gunner I.G., Blasby Secretary. Bro. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Kvezor, Nye, &c. Lodge opened at 7.30 p.m. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Nye offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Nye and Gunner replied in a satisfactory manner to the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge then opened up to the third. Bro. Tucker offered himself as candidate, and was duly raised by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The other brethren present expressed their gratification at the instruction they had received.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Brown W.M., Williams S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Christian J.D., Stevenson I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Cook, Lines, Bonner, Darnell, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sanders answered the necessary questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the traditional history. The brethren ceased labour and went to refreshment. After resuming duties, the Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Darnell, of Lodge 192, was elected a member. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. A. Rowley W.M., G. M. Taylor S.W., La Marque J.W., F. W. Jones P.M. Treas., L. Stean P.M. Sec., J. H. Van Raalte I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Haines, Basilin, Gibson, J. Corke, Keayes, and Bros. Fould, Parker, W. Rowley, Ellis, Joel, J. Field, Kosman, &c. Preliminaries being observed, Messrs. H. Van Raalte and J. Warner, were initiated. Bros. G. Toff and G. Kearsey were passed. A Board of Installed Masters was now formed, and Bro. G. M. Taylor was presented, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Rowley, in a very excellent and perfect manner, and he was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The Officers were then invested:—Bros. A. Rowley I.P.M., La Marque S.W., Abbott (who was absent through illness, but his appointment was announced) J.W., F. W. Jones P.M. Treas., L. Stean P.M. Sec., Ellis S.D., Van Raalte J.D., S. Corke I.G., Pitt D.C., J. Corke P.M. W.S., Gilchrist Tyler. The petition of a distressed Bro. was read and duly signed for presentation at the next Grand Lodge of Benevolence; the brethren also liberally subscribed. The Lodge was then closed, until the second Monday in January. An excellent banquet was served, Bro. E. H. Rand superintending. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M.; in the various offices he had held, the ability he had displayed entitled him to a hearty and enthusiastic reception. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the manner his health had been proposed and received; his best endeavours were always at their command. In proposing the health of Bro. Rowley the I.P.M., the W.M. said they had seen how ably he had performed his duties during the past year, and he (Bro. Taylor) would be well satisfied could he follow in such worthy footsteps. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a gold Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. All hoped he might live long to wear it among them. Bro. Rowley, amidst great cheering, rose with a great degree of pleasure to respond to the toast. He would do all in his power for the interests of the brethren. He should like to see the Lodge Life Governor of the three Institutions. He was going to become a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. As there were so many among them, he would not individualise them, but would assure them a hearty welcome. Bro. Themans, P.M. 141, in brief but appropriate terms returned thanks. Bro. E. Somers followed. Each offered a compliment to the working of the I.P.M., and hoped the Lodge would eventually become Vice-President of the Institutions. Bros. W. H. Lee and J. B. Shackleton also replied. The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given. They had two brethren—Bros. J. Corke P.M. and Bro. L. Stean P.M.—who had ably represented the Charities. Bro. J. Corke felt a pride in responding to the toast. He spoke of the benefits attending them. Bro. L. Stean endorsed what had been said by Bro. Corke. He announced that the contributions of the brethren on behalf of their distressed brother had amounted to £6 5s. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, to which Bros. Kearsey, Van Raalte, and Toff replied. The W.M. paid the P.M.'s a just compliment for the able manner they had discharged their duties while in occupation of the chair, and thanked them for their assistance, cheerfully rendered on every occasion. Bro. L. Stean P.M. and Secretary said he was one of the founders, and also, he might say, the Father of the Lodge; he was pleased to see so young a Mason perform the ceremony of installation. He (Bro. Stean) had been a member of the Craft for many years, and he was proud to see the junior members doing their Masonic duties so correctly. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. Bros. La Marque and Ellis returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Bailey, Barker, W. H. Lee, and Jones contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were:—Bros. E. Somers P.M. 1602, J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524, D. Davis 141, Themans P.M. 141, L. E. Stean 212, W. H. Lee W.M. 975, J. Emsley 548, H. B. Humphrey 1508, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. F. Paulton 192, S. Rowley 1602, E. Somers P.M. 1602, Berliner 1017, H. Pratt 192, F. Ferentes 21, J. W. Hatton 610, S. Rennat 1305, Medwin 1613, Pratt 192, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

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Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its Installation meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., Arthur Welch S.W. and W.M. elect, T. Newman acting J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., John T. Stranscm Treas., John Early Danks S.D., William Ferguson J.D., Richard Dowsett D.C., W. W. Ridley Stwd., Edward Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hurley, Brown, Chancellor, Weightman, Egginton. Members—Bros. Hunt, Pulley, Prickett, Creed, Rhind, Hukins, Hawkes. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Sec. Berks and Bucks, Moxhay Installing Master, Wheeler C. Hawkes, Withers, Baker, Botly, Yeks, Stephens and Pocock W.M. of 414, Marshall 241, 335 S.C. Mount 1328, Harvey 425, Griggs 228, Davies 1288, Bubb 180, Huckvale 1501, Ravenor 574, Toms 574, Eve P.P.S.G.W. Hants, Belcher 945, Wilson 209, Browne 1295, Dormor 340, Welch 833, Park 340, Nichols 1567, Newstead 463, Nichols 1046, Smith 742, Ansell 340, Hackford 1328. The appearance of the Hall, when the brethren were assembled, was certainly of a most brilliant character, the numerous Orders represented by the jewels, with the purple, blue, and Royal A. clothing, made up a *tableaux vivants* not often seen in a Provincial Lodge. On the Master and Officers taking their seats, the Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. It was explained that in consequence of heavy domestic affliction in the families of the W.M. elect, and the Senior and Junior Wardens designate, the regular Lodge in October (in which month the installation has hitherto taken place), was adjourned to the present time; and it is contemplated to have the future installations in November. The Lodge was opened in the second degree; soon after which the installing Master, Bro. Moxhay P.M. (Hon. Mem.) entered, in whose favour the chair was vacated by Bro. Margrett W.M., who at once presented Bro. Arthur Welch for the purpose of receiving the benefit of installation; the ceremony was performed in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and feeling manner. After being saluted in the several degrees, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers; making to each a short appropriate speech, they were as follow:—Bros. Margrett I.P.M., Flanagan S.W., Danks J.W., Honey Chaplain, Stranson Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Newman D.C., Ridley and Hawkes Stewards, R. Dowsett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. After the installing Master's address the W.M. said he had been gratified to find that in no case in which he had requested a brother to take an office had that request been declined. He thought this to be encouraging, firstly, because it shewed that the brethren were quite willing to undertake any duty which they might reasonably be called upon to discharge, and, secondly, because it was evident that there existed a laudable ambition to rise from one office to another until the highest was reached. The W.M. then said that he had great pleasure in presenting, on the part of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor in office, Bro. Margrett. It had formerly been the custom to present the jewel at the banquet, but it appeared to him that the proper place in which to make the presentation was in the Lodge. He could very well understand that if the presentation were intended to compliment a man because he was pre-eminent as a *bon vivant* (laughter) it would accord with that notion to give the jewel at the banquet. As, however, the jewel was really given in recognition of work done chiefly in the Lodge, it seemed that the Lodge itself was the place in which the ceremony of presentation should take place. The W.M. then went on to say he had never seen the ceremonies performed with more accuracy than they had been by Bro. Margrett. The I.P.M. had also not been unmindful of the claims which charity has upon every Mason. He had, during his term of office, acted as Steward of one of the great Masonic Charities. In presiding over the Lodge Bro. Margrett had conducted its proceeding with excellent temper and discretion. The W.M. then affixed the jewel (which was much admired, being of new design) on the breast of the I.P.M., expressing a hope that he would live to wear it for many years to come. (Applause.) Bro. Margrett feelingly returned thanks to the W.M. and the members of the Lodge, for their handsome present; he should appreciate it, not so much for its intrinsic worth (although very valuable), as for the kind feeling manifested towards him by the officers and brethren during his year of office. (Cheers.) The Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, the Upper Ship Hotel, where a magnificent banquet was spread, to which about seventy brethren sat down, presided over by Bro. Welch W.M., the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. W. P. Ivey P.M. and Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Flanagan), and the Junior Warden's by Bro. J. Early Danks. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured. The speeches were all thoroughly good and very appropriate; we have not space to give them *in extenso*, but we cannot resist giving an outline of the new Prov. Grand Secretary's, it being his maiden speech since his recent appointment. After congratulating Bro. Welch on having attained the chair in the Grey Friars Lodge, and the Lodge in having obtained him as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Bradley said it was a trite saying that Masonry spread; still there was no denying the fact. He was glad to find that Masons in this part of the world are upholding the ancient landmarks; that the action of the Grand Lodge of Germany in excluding Jews from the benefits of Masonry had met with an indignant and universal protest from the Masons of England; that any man who believes in a God who created the world, and will reward the good and punish the evil, was not, on account of his particular form of belief, to be excluded from the benefits of Freemasonry—more particularly the Jew, for if we believed what we were taught, all the orders of Masonry originated with the Jews. He was also glad to notice that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had taken action with reference to the declaration of the Grand Orient of France, which he trusted would be followed by similar action on the part of the Grand Lodge of England; that the growth of Masonry in the Province of Berks and Bucks had been great within his experience; that some few years ago the Province was in commission, and its affairs managed by the Grand Registrar, whose duty it is to take charge of all Provinces happening to be without a Grand Master. Since the appointment of Sir Daniel Gooch as Prov. Grand Master (a most accomplished Mason, and one who has taken all, or nearly all, the degrees recognised in Masonry), the Lodges in the Province had about doubled. In our own town a well-known brother often spoke of the time when he came to Reading, and found very few Masons, and the tavern element predominating. Through his exertions, and of others like-minded, Masonry in Reading had grown to two well-filled Lodges, doing their work in a creditable way, working in harmony with each other, and actuated only by an honourable rivalry. He again thanked them for the reception of the toast, and wished the Lodge and the W.M. a very successful year (cheers).

South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139.—Held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Public Hall, South Norwood. The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. R. Corner, who was well supported by his officers. The formal Lodge business having been disposed of, Bro. Mounsey was passed. The S.W., Bro. W. C. Corner, was then presented as the Master elect, and after taking the obligation, was formally installed into the chair in a very able and efficient manner by the W.M. He appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. E. O. Day S.W., J. Churchward J.W., Evans Treas., W. Duffitt Sec., Porter D.C., Harris S.D., J. Kearn J.D., Warne I.G., and Steed Tyler. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. That over, and grace having been said, the W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, said:—The privileges enjoyed by us as Englishmen are thoroughly appreciated; we live in a country the best governed in the world; this in a great measure is due to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. On us she has peculiar claims, being daughter to a Mason, mother to Masons who hold the highest positions in our Order, and, moreover, she is the Patroness of our Institutions. He called on the brethren very heartily to drink to the health of our beloved Queen; he would associate with the toast Prosperity to the Craft. The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. again rose. The toast of the Prince of Wales is always acceptable wherever the English tongue is spoken. Every brother appreciates his ardour for Freemasonry, and his love of travel and sport make him popular all over the world. He is not unmindful of charity, and is always willing to take part in assisting cases of distress. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was the next toast. The Worshipful Master said, that during the years he had the privilege of occupying the Junior and Sen. Warden's chairs, he had attended the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and had been exceedingly pleased with the admirable way in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties. Bro. Sandeman then rose: He had the pleasure to propose the health of the W.M.; judging by the way he had presided, both in the Lodge and at the banquet, he would become a shining light in Freemasonry, and would be a credit to the Lodge over which he is now called upon to preside. The toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. in responding said he hardly knew how, sufficiently, to express his thanks for the very kind and cordial way they had received the toast of his health. It was easy to say I thank you, but exceedingly difficult to express his feelings; he had long wished to occupy the proud, noble, and distinguished position, and by their assistance his wishes had that evening been gratified. As he had not passed through quite so many summers as the former occupants of the chair, he felt he would not fill it with that grace and dignity their honoured P.M.'s had done, but he hoped in some measure to atone for his youthfulness by the accuracy and precision with which the Lodge duties would be carried out. He knew these were not the only qualities requisite in a Master, but he could assure them no efforts would be spared on his part to uphold the dignity and enhance the prosperity of the Lodge, and he sincerely hoped that when his year of office had expired they would have no cause to regret the confidence they had placed in him. The P.M.'s of the South Norwood Lodge was the next toast on the list, in proposing which the Worshipful Master said they were blessed with a very efficient and hard working staff. Every true and good Mason looked upon the Past Masters of his Lodge as guides and counsellors from whom to seek advice and look for instruction; the courtesy and kindness with which any doubt and difficulty which arose was dispelled made the members feel proud of their able board of P.M.'s. Unfortunately this toast reminded him of one (Bro. Alfred Prime) whom it had pleased the G.A. of the Universe to remove from our midst since the last assemblage of the Lodge, but while deeply lamenting his loss, he looked forward to the time when they would meet him in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Bro. W. C. Corner concluded by saying he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, in presenting Bro. G. R. Corner with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge in recognition of his services. It was a well merited reward, and was freely given. No Master could have presided over an assemblage of the brethren with such ability without devoting a great deal of time and hard study to its ritual. Not only had he discharged the ordinary duties of a Master, but had performed those of installing Master, and in recognition of his services the Lodge now bestowed the highest honour it was in its power to confer. They trusted he would be spared very many years to enjoy the privilege of wearing the same. Bro. G. R. Corner was extremely grateful for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was never happier than when at work in the Lodge, and had been amply repaid for any sacrifices he had made by the kind wishes expressed that evening for his prosperity and welfare. The Visitors was next given, and responded to. 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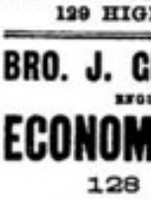
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GRAND LODGE.

IT must be many years since any Communication of our United Grand Lodge has been looked forward to with so much interest as that which will be held on Wednesday next. The greater part of the business set down on the agenda paper is of a very ordinary character; but two matters will be brought under the notice of the brethren which it is no exaggeration to say are of vital importance, as affecting the well-being of the Craft Universal. The two points which will be considered are as widely separate from each other as the Poles. In one case, the attention of brethren will be called to a conspicuous illustration of that narrow-minded religious bigotry which it has ever been the chief object of Freemasonry to destroy; in the other, to a display of irreligious licence, to which the grandly-simple teaching of the founders of our modern system has been equally opposed. Two mortal blows, from two opposite directions, have been dealt at the integrity of our Order. On the one hand, we are invited to believe that one who is a Mason may justly have in him no degree or kind of religious belief whatsoever; on the other, that one, and one form only, of religion is necessary in order to justify admission into our ranks. Thus there devolves on Grand Lodge on Wednesday next the solemn function of upholding the principles of Freemasonry in all their native purity. We do not doubt but it will prove equal to the occasion, and that it will approach the important subjects which will be submitted for its consideration with mingled calmness, dignity, and resolution. It is beyond all question that ours is the mother Grand Lodge of all the Grand Lodges in the world. Other countries, perhaps, may be able to boast of an earlier acquaintance with operative Masonry. Elsewhere may be found earlier instances of gentlemen, or non-operative Masons; but ours is the first, both in order of time, and we may add, in rank, of the Masonic governments specially organised on purely speculative principles. It is from us that other and more recent Masonic governments have derived their being. We have, therefore, an undoubted, nay, an inherent right to proclaim, in the presence of the whole Masonic world, what are and have been the principles on which this our constitution is based. We in England are far from being faultless, but on the whole, we have been scrupulously faithful in carrying out the designs of our founders; and now that the magnificent results of their labours are endangered elsewhere it behoves us, as men as well as Masons, to stand up boldly and defend the right. However, we need not dwell longer on a duty which must be patent to every one. Rather let us turn to the two subjects which it will be the business of Grand Lodge to take into solemn consideration next Wednesday.

First of the two in order on the agenda paper for that day is the simple announcement that "the M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France." What this action is we have already stated in former articles, nor does it seem necessary we should offer any sort or kind of justification for the proposed reference. We have already pointed out that this action of the French Grand Orient is subversive of the true principles of Freemasonry, and that it is the duty of the mother Grand Lodge of the Fraternity to vindicate those principles on all necessary occasions. And if we consider who and what manner of man he was who took the leading part in the establishment of our modern speculative system—who was, in fact, the presiding genius of the movement—we shall see in a still stronger light the necessity there is for some counter-action on the part of our Grand Lodge—some protest against this fatal policy of destruction which has been tried on more than one occasion in other countries but never before with such conspicuous success. Dr. Desaguliers, to whom all students of our history must be aware we are chiefly indebted for the erection of our modern Masonic Temple, was the son of a French refugee, who had been driven to seek asylum in a foreign land by the intolerance of his sovereign. Like numbers of his fellow-countrymen the elder Desaguliers was successful in establishing himself in his new English home, and from him, no doubt, the future founder of Speculative Freemasonry must have imbibed his first lessons of hatred for all kinds of intolerance. Moreover, during the earlier years of his life he must have seen in his adopted country much that reminded him of the land of his fathers; for men's minds here were still inflamed by the bitter struggles of our own revolutionary period; nor, indeed, was the contest by any means determined, even when the young Desaguliers was approaching man's estate. It is obvious then, that he, as the son of one who had been the victim of religious intolerance, and seeing on all sides how deadly was the feud between rival political and religious parties, and moreover, as possessing a practical as well as a philosophical turn of mind, must early have directed his energies to softening, if possible, the bitterness of party discord. Probably it was mere accident which threw him, in the first instance, in the way of the Freemasons of this day, then in a transition state, and but a sorry remnant of the grand old operative guilds of the middle ages. But once entered as a member of the Fraternity, he quickly found that while its teaching contained little, if anything, that was either very profound or novel, it might easily be made the means for promoting the principles of political and religious tolerance. Here, at all events, he must have pictured to himself, were the scattered remains of a body which it would be possible and desirable to re-unite; and these once re-united would form the nucleus of a society which in time might be spread over the whole world, so as to include not only men of every nationality, but likewise of every religious creed, as well as of every shade of politics. It was a grand idea, and grandly carried out. There was little to be done beyond laying down certain general principles which all men might conscientiously accept. It was necessary, in order to secure the peace and harmony of the society, that it should be a non-political one, though necessarily composed of men of every shade of political opinion. It was equally necessary that, while imbued with a due sense of religion, it should be a non-sectarian religious body. It was never intended that Freemasonry should be, either passively or actively, the enemy of religion, but simply of those terrible persecutions which had been practised in the name of religion by more powerful politico-religious bodies against those who were weak and more or less incapable of defending themselves. Thus, from the very first, the discussion of those questions which were sure to arouse a hostile feeling on the part of some towards others was strictly forbidden. But though this class of subjects controversial was rigidly excluded from the programme of the new society, it was necessary, as we have said, there should be certain general principles which all men might accept and abide by, and these were declared to be a just sense of religion, the love and practice of morality for its own sake, and a ready obedience to all legally constituted civil authority. That Desaguliers and his able coadjutors were right in the plans they had formed, is evident from the fact that within twenty years from the erection of the Grand

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Lodge in London, the principles of Freemasonry had found their way into every civilised and even semi-civilised country in the world; that all classes of men eagerly joined it; and that where those principles were once rightly understood, they met with general encouragement and support. True it is that despotism, whether religious or political, at once proved itself the enemy of Freemasonry; but then it is impossible for despotic power and liberty of conscience to go hand in hand. But in our own and other countries where anything like liberal ideas of government have prevailed, Freemasonry has gone on prosperously; so that had it been really designed for irreligious or political purposes, there is no ganging the power it might be in a position to exercise at the present time against those who assail it. But the external dangers which have threatened it from time to time have proved innocuous; when any real harm has been done, it has generally had its origin in momentary discords, or in the distortion of our first principles from their original intent. This latter is what has just happened in French Masonry, which in one important particular has summarily broken off all connection with our worthy Society. It has weakly sacrificed itself at the altar of expediency, and in order to accept as members a few learned but unworthy atheists, has set at defiance the chiefest of those principles on which our Order was founded. Here then is a case on which it behoves our Grand Lodge to come forward and resolutely maintain the integrity of Freemasonry; nor will French Freemasons have reason to complain if England should follow the example of Ireland, and not only proclaim anew its abhorrence of atheism, but likewise forbid all intercourse as Masons between English and French members of the Fraternity. Here then is the case of liberty carried to the extreme of licence which will be brought under the notice of our Grand Lodge on Wednesday. The other case to which a Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge will invite the attention of brethren, and on which he will propose for their acceptance certain resolutions, is equally, but in an entirely opposite direction, opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. We have said that the main object with which our Order was established was to allow men of all religious and political opinions mingling together in perfect harmony, but the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, deliberately sets at naught this purpose, and requires all who seek admission into its Lodges to proclaim their belief in Christianity. Here then is an error as conspicuous in the direction of a narrow-minded bigotry as is that recently perpetrated by the Grand Orient of France in the direction of a boundless and extravagant licence. The rejection of other than Christian candidates on the ground of their religious belief discloses a flagrant departure from our Masonic principles; and, in our judgment, it will be necessary, if the resolutions of our Rev. Bro. Simpson are passed, and the expostulations of our Grand Master should be disregarded, to withdraw our representative at the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, and forbid all intercourse between the two Grand Lodges and their subordinate Lodges till such time as the Berlin G. Lodge sees fit to carry out the principles of Freemasonry in their integrity. If we condemn the Grand Orient of France for its *excess* in interpreting liberty of conscience, equally are we in duty bound to condemn the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes for its *defective* interpretation of that liberty. It is to be regretted that so unpleasant a duty should be enforced upon our rulers in this country; but it is especially incumbent on them, as being momentarily entrusted with the maintenance of those principles which have been handed down to them pure and and unsullied through successive generations from the very founders of our Order, that they should insist on their most rigid observance. We repeat, those who decline to abide by these principles will have no just cause of complaint if they find we decline to regard them any longer as members of the great confraternity of Freemasons.

Through the kindness of Bro. Charles Leggott, the first J.W. of the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull, we have been shown a new design in library furniture, manufactured by Messrs. Audas and Leggott, of Hull. The style is in accordance with the prevailing fashion—Early English—and certainly reflects great credit on the designer. The chairs are well suited for Masonic Lodges, being really easy to sit in, which is more than we can say of most of the chairs in Masonry we have had the honour of filling.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and Constitutions, from A. L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. Compiled and Published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Part I. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co., Printers. 1877.

It is, on the one hand, extremely gratifying to note the great progress which the study of Masonic History is making in the United States. Englishmen, indeed, are directly and especially interested in the progress of our Transatlantic brethren. It is to this country that these States, once Colonies of the United Kingdom, owe their knowledge of the Royal Art. Though now a separate and distinct State, the people are intimately connected with us by blood. The bulk of American citizens are of the same race as we are. When, therefore, we find that Freemasonry has such grand attractions for them, and bearing in mind that they are indebted to us for its first introduction into their country, we cannot but watch with a loving interest their noble efforts to distribute among themselves all the knowledge they can of the art we love so well. But this feeling of intense satisfaction is not wholly unmingled with one of sorrow, that in England, which is certainly originally the home of speculative Freemasonry, there should be such utter indifference to Masonic History, or, we may almost say, to Masonic literature generally. There are a few hard working Craftsmen among us who willingly devote themselves to elucidating the progress of the Craft from the days of Anderson, Desaguliers, Payne, and other enlightened spirits of what is commonly known as the Revival period. Others, like Hughan, have gone still further back for the purpose of showing what Masonry was in pre-speculative times, and the undoubted connection existing between the Freemasonry of the last one hundred and sixty years and the legends of the old Masonic Guilds. But these are only a small body, and the majority of English Craftsmen take little or no interest in the history of the society they belong to. We deplore this state of indifference with the greater vehemence when we find a country which is indebted to us for their early possession of Masonic knowledge continually adding to our stores of knowledge, and we are minded to ask our English friends why it is they cannot, out of their devotion to routine work, tinsel, and the study of the fourth degree, pluck up courage to find just a little to spare for the encouragement of Masonic study? But we have no intention to inflict on our readers a homily on so painful a subject. Rather will we pass to the consideration of the work before us, in the hope that the example of Pennsylvania, New York, and other American States, may not be without its effect on English members of the Craft universal.

As long ago as December 1873, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania authorised a Committee of its members to prepare, with a view to publication, the official records of its proceedings from the earliest date. Only a short time previously Philadelphia had been the scene of one of the grandest and most stirring events in American Masonic History, to wit, the dedication of its New Temple. In the course of the year following, the Library Committee of Grand Lodge were busily engaged in preparing the materials for the "Dedication Memorial," a notice of which appeared in one of our earliest issues. We have now received Part I. of the early Masonic History and Proceedings of Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. This consists of an elaborate introduction of some one hundred and twenty pages, and Records to the end of September 1786, filling another sixty-four pages. It is expected that the whole work, when completed, will comprise some five or six numbers, and as the matter it contains will be of an authentic character, the reader will at once perceive the importance of such an addition to our stock of Masonic History. The price of each Part is one dollar, so that the whole work will cost only about £1 or £1 4s, no very terrible price considering the style in which it is brought out, and what is still more to the purpose, the value of its contents.

As to the earlier portion of the introductory chapter, we need not dwell upon it at great length, and for this reason. We have more than once expressed ourselves with tolerable clearness as to what Bro. Norton would describe as the Mothership of American Masonry. The first time we did so was in our review of the Dedication Memorial already alluded to. Since then we have had occasion to revert to the subject more fully still, chiefly owing to certain criticisms of our worthy Bro. Norton, who, whatever his views may have been previously, seems now inclined to favour the pretensions of Boston rather than those of Philadelphia. We do not agree with him, and we have explained the grounds of our disagreement. In doing this, we have necessarily dwelt on all the leading evidence, and as this evidence is embodied in the pages of this volume, we shall be only repeating ourselves unnecessarily. We say this in order that our Pennsylvanian friends may not come to the conclusion that we have relaxed in our attentions to the subject of American Masonic history. However, there is one part of the introduction which deserves reference. We allude to the article by Bro. Hughan, which originally appeared in the *Voice of Masonry* for September 1875, and is reprinted here. It describes, with all that clearness and precision of statement for which our Brother is remarkable, the substance of the case, and is worthy of the most careful attention of our readers; for whosoever masters his statement, may rest satisfied that he has a complete knowledge of the circumstances, as far as it is possible they can be known. But though we need not travel again over familiar ground, there is an ample supply of material which is less well known. Thus, there are further extracts from Franklin's paper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, which we saw recently in the pages of the *Keystone*

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and which all help to elucidate the early history of the Craft in Philadelphia. These begin with a notice, bearing date 28th June 1733, that at the Grand Lodge held the preceding Monday, at the *Tun* in Water-street, "Humphry Murry, Esq., was elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, who appointed Mr. Thomas Hart his Deputy; and Mr. Peter Cuff and Mr. James Bingham were chosen Wardens. A very elegant entertainment was provided upon the occasion, at which the Proprietor, the Governor, the Mayor of the city, and several other persons of distinction honoured the Society with their presence." In a similar extract, dated 27th June 1734, a similar announcement is made as to a Grand Lodge having been held at the same place, "when Benjamin Franklin being elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, appointed Mr. John Crap to be his Deputy, and James Hamilton, Esq., and Thomas Hopkinson, Gent., were chosen Wardens." A similar entertainment followed. It will be noticed, with regard to the latter excerpt, that it precedes by several months the formal application by Franklin to Price, which bears date "Philadelphia, 28th November 1734," for a Deputation confirming the brethren of Pennsylvania in the privileges they already enjoyed. This is a point of some importance, for many allege that Philadelphia Masonry owes its origin to Price; whereas, in the above notice, we have irrefutable evidence that a Grand Lodge was in full working order full five months before. Franklin, on the strength of a report from London in the Boston prints, that Price's powers had been extended over the whole of America, thought it necessary to apply to Price for a confirmation of Philadelphian Masonic rights and privileges. What, if any, response was made by the Bostonian Masonic chief does not appear on the record, but we think the Philadelphia evidence we have just quoted and commented upon, must set at rest any claim that Philadelphia was indebted for its Masonry to Boston. Five other announcements of a similar character follow. In the first, dated 3rd July 1735, it is stated that "James Hamilton, Esq." was chosen Grand Master, that he appointed Thomas Hopkinson to be his Deputy, and that Messrs. William Plumstead and Joseph Shippen were nominated and chosen Grand Wardens. In the second, dated 8th July 1736, Thomas Hopkinson is the G.M., William Plumstead Deputy, and Messrs. Joseph Shippen and Henry Pratt Wardens. In the third, dated 30th June 1737, William Plumstead is G.M., Joseph Shippen jun. Deputy, and Messrs. Henry Pratt and Philip Syng Wardens. In the fourth, of 6th July 1738, Mr. Joseph Shippen is G.M., Mr. Philip Syng Deputy, and Dr. Thomas Cadwalader and Mr. Thomas Bonde Wardens; and in the fifth, and last, of 25th June 1741, Mr. Philip Syng is G.M., Mr. Thomas Bonde Deputy, and Mr. Lambert Emerson and Dr. Thomas Bond Wardens, it being further mentioned in notices 1, 3, 4 and 5, that the Grand Lodge was held at the *Indian King*, "in Market-street," or, more generally, "in this city." Following these is an extract from a work now in the library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, published in 1811, and republished in 1831, which refers distinctly to a Grand Lodge having been held as early as 1733, at the Tun Tavern, "the fashionable hotel of the time." It then goes on to mention an incident which occurred in 1737, and which is worth quoting.

"In the year 1737, a melancholy event occurred, which gave the brethren much uneasiness. A party of idle men, not belonging to the Craft, with a view of enjoying the fright which they supposed they would excite, either volunteered their services, or acceded to the wishes of a young man, to initiate him into the mysteries of Masonry, and accordingly instituted a variety of ridiculous operations at night in a cellar, to all which he submitted with fortitude, although they were painful and extremely trying to a young mind. Finding that their object was likely to be defeated, a bowl of burning spirit, into which he had been directed to look for some time, was thrown over him, and his clothes taking fire, he was so much burnt that he died in a few days afterwards.

"This melancholy event justly excited the public indignation, and the chief promoter of the mischief, after a legal investigation, was ignominiously punished by being burnt on the hand: but unfortunately the scene having been conducted under the impression of a connection with Masonry, a considerable prejudice among those who were unacquainted with the principles of the Craft was excited, and to such a degree did it extend, that the brethren deemed it necessary to come forward, and after stating the occurrence in the newspapers, to 'declare the abhorrence of all true brethren to this practice, and that the persons concerned were not of this Society, nor of any society of Free and Accepted Masons.'" This disclaimer, we are told, in a footnote, was signed by "Thomas Hopkinson G.M., W. Plumstead D.G.M., Joseph Shippen, and H. Pratt G.W."

The extract then goes on to mention that, on the 23rd September 1743, the Right Honorable Lord John Ward, Grand Master of England, nominated Thomas Oxnard, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of all North America"—this is mentioned, but without detail, by Preston—and that acting under this Deputation, the said Thomas Oxnard, on the 10th July 1749, appointed Benjamin Franklin Provincial G.M. of Pennsylvania, with full authority to appoint his officers, hold a Grand Lodge and issue warrants. In accordance with this, the first Grand Lodge was held on 5th September of same year at the "Royal Standard" in Market-street, and Franklin appointed Dr. Thomas Bond his Deputy, Joseph Shippen S.G.W., Philip Syng J.G.W., W. Plumstead Grand Treasurer, and Daniel Byles Grand Secretary. At this meeting a warrant, signed by Lord Byron, was granted to James Pogreen and others to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia. On 13th March 1750, William Allen, Recorder of the City, presented to the Grand Lodge a commission from England, appointing him Prov. Grand Master—the issue of a patent for Pennsylvania, but without details, is mentioned by Preston. The appointment was recognised, and Allen appointed Franklin his Deputy, and the other officers according to rank. Under this patent, they continued working till they were ultimately superseded by "the Ancients." We read further that a Grand Lodge was erected in the alley leading from Second-street to Dock-street, and remained till 1785, when "the Moderns" had so diminished that the two surviving trustees were authorised by an act of the Legislature to sell it, and apply the proceeds to a charitable purpose. The Prov. Grand Lodge Ancients was chartered by Earl Kelly on 14th July 1761, William Ball of Philadelphia being appointed Prov. Grand Master thereunder. The other particulars refer to the progress of Freemasonry under this system, and the erection of a Masonic Hall in Philadelphia.

The next important contribution to this history is a copy of the original subscription list for the erection in 1754, by the Grand and first St. John's Lodges, of a Masonic Hall. From this it seems that the project was started on 12th March 1752. Among the subscribers will be found the names of James Hamilton £50, William Allen £50, B. Franklin £20, Wm. Plumsted £25, Thos. Cadwalader, Thomas Bond £15, and Thos. Bonde £15. Several of them, and notably the names of Allen, Franklin, and Bonde in 1732, have already been mentioned among the Grand Officers of the Lodge. Then are given particulars of the meeting on St. John's Day, 24th June 1755, when the Prov. G. Lodge attended Divine Service in Christ Church, Philadelphia, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. William Smith, who received a vote of thanks, and was requested to furnish a copy for the press. Next is a list of "Debts due to the Lodge for quarterage," this being, we are told, "the original accounts of the members of the first Lodge," though why it should be described as "the first" Lodge is a puzzle, seeing there had been already a Lodge or Lodges in 1730. We presume it is meant to be "the first Lodge which is shown to have been warranted, namely, that referred to as having had a warrant granted to James Pogreen and others in 1849, for we find among the members the name of "Jas. Polgreen." From another list we note that £1 7s was the sum paid for membership, £3 for being made a Mason, fifteen shillings for being passed, and £1 7s for being raised—at least, we presume this is meant by "(Master)" being inserted against certain of the names. Next in order is the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge (Ancients), London, to No. 2, Philadelphia, or it should be said, the warrant granted by the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania under date of 10th February 1760, in confirmation of the original warrant granted by the London Grand Lodge on 7th June 1758. We pass next to the Prov. G. Lodge Warrant granted to W. Ball, as P.G.M. and others by the G. Lodge, Ancients, Earl of Kelly G.M., being No. I. Pennsylvania and No. 89 England. The Warrant is printed *in extenso*, and is preceded by a very curious letter from the well-known Laurence Dermott, G. Secretary "Ancients," explanatory of the delay which had occurred in complying with the request of the Pennsylvanian brethren for such an authorisation. Bro. Dermott declares on "the word of a man," that he had "wrote three Warr." The first was captured by the French. "The Second Warrant," proceeds Dermott, "I delivered to the Senr. Grand Warden (now Deputy) and he to his Servt. and from whence God knows all the account I can give of it is, that I suppose it was mislaid and consequently lost. doubtless you'll wonder why this seeming negligence, if so I beg leave to make a remark which you little expect." Then the worthy G. Sec. goes on to point out how the application "was made in a wrong corner I mean the Lodge No. 2 who are compo'd of very poor mechanicks (tho honest men) and complain'd of a great hardship on them in subscribing 2. 6 pence each for the first warrant that was sent to philadelphia." Payment was made in two capital sums amounting together to under "2.14.0 and about 3 Shills left unpaid to this day. however, the brethren of Philadelphia refunded the cash which doubtless was Joyfully Recd." Then the second application was made to No. 2 for Prov. G. Warrant "without any notice taken of the Grand Lodge." But Dermott was ordered to prepare one which was lost as stated. Another was prepared and "Brother Joseph Read having Recd. Money from philadelphia to pay for provincial Gd Warrant was call'd on to pay the same absolutely refused to pay one farthing until the Gd. Officers, wou'd first produce a Receipt under your hand that you had received the said provincl. Grand Warrant. This being A matter unprecedented as well as disagreeable in the proposal had a sensible effect upon Gentlemen who thought it not altogether consistant with their duties as Gd. Officers To send ventures of Masonry abroad to persons who had a warrant (and consequently knew where and who to address) yet did not think it worth while to write to them." However, as he goes on to remark, "it is all over and every thing is made agreeable and I hope will continue so;" and he concludes by mentioning the expense of warrant and registry as 3. 10. 6, and he sends a doz. of Constitution Books "sold in London at 5s. a piece and One Book bound in blue morocco and gilt which I beg you'll take care of for the Owners whoes Name you'll find in Gold letters in the inside of the Cover." A postscript is added to the effect that the letter is private and confidential and there is added an earnest hope "That you will do me justice in Assuring the Society that next to God I love the Brotherhood."

The last printed record of the doings of the Moderns appeared under date "Thursday, 19th June 1760," in *The Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser*, and is a notice to the members of No. 3 (the Tun Lodge) to meet and celebrate St. John's Day. The last written official act of the same is dated "Philada., 28th Febry. 1782," fixing a meeting of subscribers for 11th March, at 6 p.m., at the City Tavern. It concludes, "So many deaths and removals have happened lately, that we can't expect above ten or twelve." This is signed by Edward Shippen, and addressed to "John Swift, Esq., Neshaminy, Bucks County." The Moderns wholly ceased working about 1793, when their hall was sold, and the proceeds thereof belonging to the first Lodge, donated to the city as a fund to "furnish the poor with wood," and has since been merged into the City Fuel Fund.

So far the record is almost wholly occupied with particulars of the Moderns. We next come to the minutes of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, of Philadelphia, which it seems are complete from the end of 1767 till now. Some curious circumstances are noted. Thus it is entered, on 2nd November 1769, that two brethren having used the "Master and brethren of Lodge No. 13 with great indignity," shall not be ad-

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mitted to visit the Lodge till they have made satisfaction to Grand Lodge. On 22nd February 1770, three brethren "petition for a certificate to Grand Lodge for a Warrant to erect a new Lodge," and are permitted to separate themselves by the narrow majority of ten to nine. They are subsequently allowed, by vote of the majority, to "have the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, which is fifty shillings each for the three, for their full share part and proportion of the money, stock, furniture, implements, utensils and necessary's belonging to" the Lodge, provided Grand Lodge approves their petition and grants them a Warrant. On 3rd May 1770, Bro. Thomas Moore, a modern Mason, was entered and passed. On 4th October 1776, a "Bro. Fox declares his puting in the black ball against Joseph Kendall, the last Lodge night, but he is now satisfied that he is worthy." The following is noted on 24th June 1771. "At ½-past 6 walked out to take the air, at 8 met again and supped. Drank sundry Toasts proper for the day, and parted in due time in good Harmony." On 10th November 1774, it was proposed and arranged "to go to church in form on St. John's Day next, and to have a Sermon on the principles of Masonry." On 17th August 1775, it was agreed to remove to the City Tavern. On 24th June 1776, St. John's Day, it is recorded "Dined at half-past two, and after Dinner drank thirteen Masonic Toasts, and the entertainment concluded with an Anthem, accompanied with a grand band of music provided for that purpose." On 10th October 1777, the Lodge met to consider what should be done with the jewels, Books, and Papers of Lodge No. 2, and those of former Lodge No. 3, which had been stolen out of Lodge No. 2, but had fortunately fallen into the hands of Bro. Captain W. Cunningham. It was resolved to deposit them with Lodge No. 3 for a time, and an account was taken of them, from which it appeared they were "twenty in number a punch ladle, handle broke off, and a few pieces of small lace ripped off the collars of No. 2, with a Delft Punch Bowl." On 2nd July 1778, it is mentioned that the recently elected W.M., Bro. Yieldhall, being a person suspected of being inimical to the government, did not attend in his place, lest his presence should be disagreeable to any brother. It is further recorded that the late J.W. and Sec. "having gone with the enemy," two others were appointed in their stead, as well as a new W.M. However, on 14th December 1778, the aforesaid Bro. Anthony Yieldhall, who had relinquished his office in consequence of being a suspect, attended and produced "a legal discharge from the High Court of Justice of this State, and was received with the Lodge's full confidence of his innocence, and as a respectable brother." So likewise was a Bro. Peter Sutter, who was similarly welcomed. In accordance with a resolution passed on 6th August 1778, it was determined to seek a convenient private house for meeting, and the Committee entrusted with the needful inquiries and arrangements, report they have promise of one in Videll's Alley, which is taken for a year, provided it is properly repaired. Four days later, "Captain Stephen Girard was initiated, and paid his dues—twenty dollars. On 23rd December 1778, the Committee which had been appointed to confer with Lodge No. 2, with a view to inviting General Washington to attend the procession on St. John's Day, report that "the Masters elect of the different Lodges of this city do personally wait upon Bro. General Washington, and inform of the time, place, and mode of the procession." Following this is a full account of the procession, in which Washington figured, taken from Westcott's "History of Philadelphia," and of the service in church. On the 19th June 1779 a number of members petition to separate themselves and form a new Lodge (No. 13), and the prayer is granted. On 30th October 1780 a Mr. Harry Gieger is initiated, and pays the initiation fee "750 dollars—" we presume this means seven and a-half dollars. Then is given a list of the places of meeting of Grand Lodge. The latter half of the Introductory Chapter consists of Smith's "Ahiman Rezon," 1783, with the alterations made at its revision in 1815, Locke's letter, &c., and the songs at the end being omitted, but in all other respects—as to title-page, approval of Grand Lodge, dedication to Washington, and Preface—it is complete. The remarks made in 1815 are easily distinguishable. But it would be impossible for us to find space to note at any length the laws and regulations, &c., contained herein. It were hardly necessary, indeed, to do so, as the contents are doubtless not altogether unfamiliar to many of our readers. Their presence in the volume gives an air of completeness to the work, which it would lack otherwise, and the Committee have done wisely therefore by inserting it, but what we have not read elsewhere is what specially interests us, and it is to the minutes of Grand Lodge itself we shall henceforth direct our attention.

(To be continued.)

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the W.M. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1722.—Excelsior Lodge, Dugshai, Punjab.
1723.—St. George's Lodge, Bolton, Lancashire.
1724.—Kaisar-i-Hind Lodge, Regent-street.
1725.—Douglas Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
1726.—Gordon Lodge, Bognor, Sussex.
1727.—Tenterfield Lodge, Tenterfield N.S.W.
1728.—Temple Bar Lodge, Fleet-street.
1729.—Skelmersdale Lodge, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
1730.—Urmston Lodge, Urmston, Lancashire.
1731.—Cholmeley Lodge, Muswell Hill.
1732.—King's Cross Lodge, King's Cross.

THE Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday next, by the members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, at the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea. The names of the brethren who will work the various sections were given in our issue of the 7th ult. The chair will be occupied by Bro. Collings 511, with ros. Read 511 S.W. and Robinson 1158 J.W.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th December 1877.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September 1877 for confirmation.

2. The M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.

3. The Grand Secretary to read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.

4. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A Brother of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, London	£100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, Grays, Essex	50		0
The Widow of a Brother of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, Deptford	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland	100	0	0
The Daughter of a late Brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th November, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,636 18s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th November 1877.

10. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal of Brother John Henry Henry, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire,—the late Earl of Shrewsbury,—for deciding a case, and censuring Brother Henry, without hearing him.

(2.) Appeal of Brother Alfred Leander Vaillant and others against a judgment of the Deputy District Grand Master for British Burmah, declaring Brother the Rev. John E. Marks eligible to be elected Master of Lodge Victoria, in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, he not having previously served as a Warden, and not having been present when appointed Senior Warden, consequently not having served as "Warden for one year" as required by the Constitutions, Article 2, page 62. Also against the exclusion of Brother A. L. Vaillant and five other brethren from the said Lodge, No. 832.

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. Notice of Motion.

By V.W. Brother the Rev. Robert J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain:—

1. That the 300 Petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called "The German Question" be received.

2. That whereas it appears from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand National Lodge of the Prussian States (called the Three Globes, held at Berlin), that those only who profess the Christian Faith are eligible to become members of the Craft in any Lodge within its jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge, in the interests of Masonry, would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge aforesaid a reconsideration of the following sections of the Book of Constitutions:—

Page 50, *Section* 165, *Clause* 1.

In the jurisdiction of the Great National Mother Lodge (of the Three Globes) only those may be proposed for acceptance into Freemasonry who acknowledge Christian belief (Christlichen Glauben) without distinction of sect.

Page 51, *Section* 167.

It is necessary for the candidate to state, &c.

Clause 3.—His religion (Creed).

Clause 9.—Whether he has tried hitherto to fulfil his duties as a Christian citizen, and whether he will continue to do so.

Page 57, *Clause* 197.

Every Brother who wishes to join a Lodge of our Constitution must be of Christian faith, and able to give his honourable discharge from his former Lodge by a written discharge therefrom, &c., &c., &c.

with a view to widening the basis on which German Masonry now stands, and bringing it into more complete and fraternal harmony with Freemasonry throughout the world.

3. That in order to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate them to the Grand Lodge of Germany in any manner His Royal Highness may deem most expedient.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Rumour, mostly mendacious, but sometimes possessed of some amount of veracity, asserts that at its next meeting the Grand Lodge of England intends to emulate the example of the Irish Grand Lodge, and propose the cessation of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. Although one might venture upon an approximate guess as to the views generally entertained by the members of the English Fraternity regarding the anomalous stand the Grand Orient in its discretion has thought it wise to take, it would be idle to speculate upon the measures Grand Lodge will be likely to adopt in a matter of such high and vital importance. As an individual whose feeble influence is powerless to bias their decisions, I would ask those who take interest in the question to well reflect upon the course which ought to be pursued. It may at once be admitted that the resolution of the Grand Orient to eliminate from their constitution the direct acknowledgment of the only safe basis upon which Freemasonry, and indeed any other society, can hope to rest with any degree of permanency or prospect of real usefulness is most deplorable, and it is easy to understand that, to a mind imbued with the natural faith in the Supreme Artificer, and a yearning for a life to come, the omission must be distressingly shocking. Nevertheless, I venture to affirm that the course the Irish Grand Lodge has adopted is, to say the least, impolitic and injudicious. Their resolution savours too much of the spirit of persecution, and bears too close an affinity to an act of excommunication. Any approach to this fearful weapon, always mercilessly wielded against opponents by the most intolerant creed upon earth, should be resolutely discountenanced by Freemasonry, whose tendency has ever inclined towards freedom and enlightenment, and whose benign influence has done more, perhaps, than any other cause to destroy prejudice against race and rancour in matters of conscience. After all, upon calm consideration, what is the great sin of which our French brethren have been guilty, that it should raise up so great an amount of ill will? They omit to make it imperative upon the novice to declare his belief in God, but at the same time aver that Masonry has never claimed to be considered a system of religion, and as their society has for its object the encouragement of the practice of charity and benevolence, and the promotion of fraternal feelings and unity of sentiment in the performance of every good work calculated to ameliorate the condition of mankind, man might be permitted to participate in these acts of mercy without any reference whatsoever as to their beliefs or non-beliefs. From this it does not follow that the French Masons are Godless. By their works let them be judged. Belief, especially when made designedly conspicuous, is not always beneficial; ostentatious lip worship has before now been known as a creator of mischief, while true piety is silent and only discerned by its blessed results. The character of an individual is judged by his conduct, regardless of profession of faith, why should a different mode be pursued when estimating the value of an association? In the consideration of this subject we must not lose sight of the surroundings and conditions of French Masonry. They cannot be compared with those of this favoured country. Who knows but that the Grand Orient was forced to take this step, so distressing to English susceptibilities, as an emphatic and unmistakable protest against the arrogant presumption of the dominant priesthood, whose fierce antagonism against any kind of freedom of thought or conscience knows no limit? It is therefore I raise my feeble voice to urge English Masons to pause before they conclude to refuse recognition and fellowship to our foreign brethren. Time enough to do that when their acts and not their profession merit condemnation. It does not require a wonderful amount of sagacity to foresee that should the example of the Masonic authorities of Dublin be generally followed, a fatal blow will be struck against one of the most important bulwarks of the Craft, its universality, but no one can tell the disastrous consequences which may follow. If our brethren across the Channel have erred, it is not by anathema or coercion you can hope or expect to lead them back to the path of wisdom and truth. Kindness and the force of example are much more likely to bring about the desideratum. Meanwhile, the interest, nay the very stability of the Order, is threatened by disunion. Our enemies, and they are not few or impotent, ever vigilant, will not be slow to take advantage of any show of weakness, and are not likely to miss striking at the most vulnerable part. Let us, therefore, be wary and cautious. Our prosperity has reached a dazzling height, and days of adversity seem to be at hand. These may, however, still be averted, by prudence, justice and moderation.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

THE BRITISH ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space in order to bring before your readers the claims of the above Charity on their support. The asylum was established in 1827, for the gratuitous maintenance and education of orphans of both sexes, and of all denominations, whose parents once moved in prosperity, and lived in any part of the British empire. The number of children at present in the establishment is over 200; they are the sons and daughters of clergyman, naval and military officers, solicitors, merchants, &c. The education imparted is of a practical Christian character, and many pupils have been enabled to regain the position once occupied by their parents. The present being the jubilee year of the Institution, an effort is being made to raise a jubilee fund to enable the Board of Directors to enlarge their sphere of usefulness, and I am endeavouring to obtain a hundred guineas to add to this fund at the annual meeting in January next. I have a special reason for making this effort. My brother, William Charles Cooper, died on Whit-Monday last year, after a severe and protracted illness, the result of the exposure to which he was subjected when serving his fellow-countrymen as a reporter in many parts of the kingdom. He left a widow and five children, the eldest only nine years old, entirely unprovided for, his illness having absorbed all his means. My sister-in-law is doing her best to provide for herself and little ones by lodging letting; but, as you can easily imagine, finds the care and other accompaniments of so large a family a serious drawback to her success. With a view, therefore of assisting in the removal of this obstacle, a good brother Mason, who knew my brother, and who is well known for his Christian liberality in such cases, has nominated my brother's eldest child, Catherine Jane Cooper, as a candidate for admission into the above-named asylum. After two elections we find that we shall require at least four hundred more votes than we can hope to obtain by canvassing to secure her election at Christmas; but if I can succeed in filling my subscription list of one hundred guineas, I shall be entitled, under one of the rules (the 47th), to the required number of votes on that occasion only. It is on this account that I seek the kind co-operation and assistance of my brother Masons everywhere—and especially those connected with the Press—and I am sure I shall not appeal to them in vain, for the care of the fatherless and the widow is one of the chief objects of our banding ourselves together. It is especially desirable that my niece should be successful at the forthcoming election, as my aged mother, by whom necessarily the greater part of the canvass has been conducted, is unable to continue it, on account of failing health and sight. Will you kindly permit me to acknowledge in your columns any contributions I may be favoured with? Many of us have recently been attending thanksgiving services for the bounteous harvest with which we have been favoured, and for preservation from the horrors of a war into which at one time it seemed probable we might drift. Is it possible to conceive of a better way in which to show our gratitude to the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow, than by doing our best to provide for those who are left desolate by the hand of death?

Yours fraternally,

E. SEYMOUR COOPER.

7 Garrick-street, Covent Garden, W.C.
28th Nov. 1877.

P.S.—The following amounts have been promised, or contributed:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Bro. Magnus Ohren, and the employés of the Crystal Palace Gas Co. (for whom my brother acted as Collector) ...	3	13	6	C. Umney, Esq., London	1	1	0
J. Tattersall, Esq., Stoke Newington	2	12	6	Mr. George Powlson, Warrington	1	1	0
E. Seymour Cooper ...	2	12	6	Mrs. Bevitt, Edgbaston, Birmingham ...	1	1	0
A Friend, Warwick ...	2	2	0	Messrs. Unwin Bros., London	1	1	0
Miss E. Cooper	1	1	0	Mr. R.E.Cooper, Henley-in-Arden	0	10	6
Mrs. C. Cooper, Bedford	1	1	0	Mrs. Orman, Bedford	0	10	6
Mr. H. C. Cooper, ditto	1	1	0	George Hurst, Esq., J.P., Bedford	0	10	6
Messrs. McIntyre, London	1	1	0	James Wyatt, Esq., Bedford	0	10	6
G. C. Yonne, Esq., do	1	1	0	F. Trapp, Esq., Bedford	0	10	6
J. Atkins, Esq., Bedford	1	1	0	Bro. R. H. Coombs, Bedford	0	10	6
The Loyal Bruce Castle Lodge of Oddfellows, Tottenham	1	1	0				

VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to inform "Rose Croix" that I apply the word schismatic to all so-called Masonic bodies outside the recognised degrees of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry according to the articles of Union.

I do not know where the so-called S.G.C. Valley of New Zealand obtained its charter, neither does it much matter, in my simple opinion; because I deny the right of any so-called Grand Lodge or Council to prohibit me from joining any other body which does not infringe on the rights and privileges of that Order. For instance, supposing I am a member of the Mark degree, what right have they to prevent me joining the Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine or the Royal Order of Scotland? again, supposing the members of a "time-immemorial Mark Lodge which has never acknowledged the Grand Mark Lodge chose to form a new Lodge of Mark Masons in whatever town or province they desire, what power or authority has the so-called Grand Mark Lodge to attempt to prevent their doing so? It is on these grounds that I claim the liberty of our New Zealand brethren to patronize what Council they choose to obtain a charter from; there is room enough for all, and the same freedom of inclination which has founded our [illegible] we will not have any of that persecution which was attempted a year or two ago by the so-called [illegible].

Yours fraternally,

A KNIGHT ROSE CROIX, 11°.

Orion Chapter, No. 3, 20th Nov. 1877.

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SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I do not dispute the signing of the attendance book on occasions of Masonic gatherings, but the names should not be entered in the minute book if it is not legitimately Lodge business. In the majority of cases I believe the Lodge is closed before the banquet takes place. If so, I cannot understand why members coming late, or early to the banquet, should sign their names. As I read the sentence, it led me to suppose that their names would be entered on the minutes as being present at Lodge; if so, does it not tend to make the the minutes misleading?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL MASON.

26th November 1877.

CALLING OFF.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should like to put a case to some of my more experienced brethren, which I have not yet seen discussed, and for which I find no directions in the Book of Constitutions.

At a regular meeting of a Lodge the business to be disposed of is very heavy, and, at a very late hour, is not half concluded. The business is of such a character that it must be disposed of at once, and it would be impossible to defer its progress until the next regular Lodge meeting—a month from that time. It is also of such a character as would prevent its being disposed of at a Lodge of Emergency. Under these circumstances can I "call off" the Lodge, giving the members warning that I shall "call on" again on such a day, say the following day, or that day week, &c., at such an hour?

I raise this point simply as a question of Masonic Jurisprudence. I have only seen the "calling off and on" used for refreshment, but I wish to know if it can be applied under such circumstances as I have stated, or any other. Of course I am fully aware that a Lodge must be formally closed on all occasions, and cannot therefore be "adjourned," but if a Lodge can be "called off" for a time, what is the limit of that time?

Yours fraternally,

26th Nov. 1877. A YOUNG W.M.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland an omission of the greatest importance has been made, for in it there is no mention of what was done for the Charities. I am quite sure that your readers will thoroughly appreciate the intelligence that the body in question, after voting very handsome sums to the Masonic Charities, voted donations to the following local charities:—Newcastle Infirmary, six guineas; to the Northern Counties Orphanage for Boys, ditto for Girls, and to the Boys' Refuge, each ten guineas; to the Hospital for Sick Children, six guineas; to the Wellesley Training Ship, fifteen guineas; and to the Newcastle Dispensary Samaritan Fund, the Blind Institution, and the Deaf and Dumb Institution, five guineas each; making a total gift to the local charities of seventy-two guineas.

I am, yours fraternally,

A NORTH COUNTRY W.M.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall esteem the favour of your kindly giving notice in the next issue of the CHRONICLE that the meetings of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, for many years past held, at 7 o'clock, on Friday evening in each week, at the Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich, will in future be held on Mondays, at the same hour and place; this arrangement admitting of the members attending the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at Freemason's Hall, the working of which is taught and strictly observed in this Lodge of Instruction, and at the mother Lodge.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

Greenwich, 27th Nov. 1877. GEO. BROWN, Secretary.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I did not admire your article which appeared a few weeks since, entitled "Forewarned—Forearmed." I considered that, on the one hand, you gave too great prominence to a work which you described as full of errors; on the other, that you did not make sufficient allowance for the inevitable occurrence of errors in such a compilation as that which proved the subject of your censure. Since then I have read, in the columns of the only other Masonic journal in this country of whose existence I am aware, another article bearing almost *verbatim* the same title as yours. Now, I have had many years' experience of English journalism, and I am certain every decent and respectable journalist will bear me out when I say, that it is only in the lowest and most disreputable papers that you would find such impudent trash as was be to found in the last week's leader (!!) of your Masonic contemporary. I have not altered my original opinion of your article, which, if incisive, was not unkindly; but now that I have had this practical proof of the disgraceful malignity to which a journal professing to be an organ of free Masonic opinion can descend, my verdict as to your effusion is "Not guilty,—but don't do it again."

I can see pretty well how the land lies. Your contemporary is angry because you have presumed to enter into competition with him; but that is no excuse for his gross misbehaviour, both now and formerly. The proprietor of what are audaciously described as "*the* four Masonic periodicals" is a dealer in Masonic wares, and rightly judges that these periodicals of his are better advertising media than ordinary newspapers; but common sense, to say nothing of Masonic courtesy, should have prevented him yielding to such discreditable exhibitions of ill feeling. There is, as was stated in the article I read in the last issue of his weekly, plenty of room for open and above-board competition, but his practice and his teaching do not agree. Though he has again and again criticised its articles, he has gone on ignoring the CHRONICLE, though its publication is sanctioned by His Royal Highness the Grand Master. I have even heard, though I hope for the honour of Masonry it is untrue, that he declines to insert advertisements which contain any extracts from or reference to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Such misconduct as this I hold to be tantamount to a censure on his Royal Highness.

Again, his advertisement of "*the* four Masonic Periodicals" is a piece of audacity; I think I am even justified in saying mendacity, which deserves to be brought under the notice of the Masonic public. I do not say this because he ignores you, but because if there is one publication in this country which it is right should be described as "the Masonic periodical," it is the *Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book*, which is published under the authority of Grand Lodge, by command of the Grand Master, and for the benefit of the Charity Fund.

I remain, Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

AT an unusually brief notice, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk met in Norwich on Monday last, the Lodge being held in Noverre's Room. Contrary to custom, no agenda of business was issued, and there was no attendance at divine service. There was, however, a fair attendance of brethren, every Lodge in the Province being represented, with the exception of Lodge Joppa. The Lodge was opened by the R.W.P.G.M. Lord Suffield, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. the Rev. H. Evans Lombe and Hamon L'Estrange. The Finance Committee presented their report which was adopted, and the officers were appointed for the ensuing year—Bros. W. A. T. Amherst being P.G.S.W. and E. Orams P.G.J.W. In the course of the proceedings the subject of the building of a new Masonic Hall, the site of which has been purchased in St. Giles'-street, was introduced and discussed. A collection was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and amounted to upwards of £11. At five o'clock the brethren assembled at the Norfolk Hotel, where they dined, to the number of about 70, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M. Lord Suffield, who was supported by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Major Penrice, P.D.P.G.M. Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, the Prov. G. Chap., and other Grand Officers. The other chairs were filled by the newly-appointed Wardens. A first class menu was placed before the company by Mr. Tidman, the proprietor of the hotel. After dinner the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the health of the Provincial Grand Master being received with every cordiality. A great feature in the proceedings was the proposing by his lordship of "Success to the Masonic Hall Company"—a toast to which practical effect was given by Bro. Chittock P.P.G.S.D., announcing that he would take 500 shares, which was received with great cheering, and by a great many of the brethren doubling the number they had previously taken, so that finally the Provincial Secretary, Bro. J. B. Aldis, was in a position to state that just 4,000 shares had been taken. The building will therefore at once be proceeded with. After spending a very pleasant evening, the brethren separated, about ten o'clock.—*The Eastern Daily Press.*

NEEDING HELP.

We this week acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the receipt of the following amounts for the family of our late Bro. Goddin:—

	£	s	d
Bro. Mortlock, 186	1	1	0
„ J. Miller, 174	0	10	0
Miss J. R.	0	10	0
Bro. J. R. Large, 1607	0	5	0
C. B.	0	2	6

As we go to press we learn, with great regret, that Mrs. Goddin, whose serious illness we previously referred to, is dead.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—An Infallible Remedy for Bad Legs and all kinds of Wounds.—The surprising sale of these invaluable medicines in every part of the civilised world is the most convincing proof of their efficacy. They speedily cure bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and diseases of the skin. Thousands of persons suffering from these dreadful maladies have been cured by them after every other means had failed; and it is a fact beyond all doubt that there is no case however obstinate or long standing, but may be quickly relieved and ultimately cured by these wonderful medicines. Their united action is irresistible; more need not be said in praise of these celebrated Pills. Let those who doubt their excellence give them a trial.

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THE "*HULL PACKET*" AND THE "*FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.*"

The action of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland, refusing any longer to recognise the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body, from the latter having altered its fundamental constitution of belief in a personal Deity and the immortality of the soul, has won approval from a source where approval was most expected. The Dublin *Freeman's Journal* applauds the action with all the energy at its command, which is not by any means small. This paper, for many years, was owned by a Protestant, Sir John Gray, but under him it was conducted on Roman Catholic principles. Mr. Dwyer Gray, the present proprietor, was, until lately, a nominal Protestant, but he has gone over to Paul Cullen, and his journal has become, if possible, more Roman than before. The well known antagonism to Freemasonry evinced by the Roman Church is amply shown in a leader published in the Dublin print this week. After applauding the action of the Irish Lodge, the writer of the article goes on to say, that to the outside world it would seem that it did not require a gigantic effort to sweep away the very vague and shadowy professions in which a Freemason is asked to assert his belief in the Divine Existence. While admitting that the formularies of Freemasonry talk of a Great Being, a Supreme Architect, the formularies themselves are declared to be grotesque, semi-idiotic, barbarous, and frequently blasphemous, and revolting; the name of God is dragged into the midst of inhuman oaths and invocations, but it is not the God of the Christian religion, but such a God as Voltaire, Rousseau, Strauss, and Renan have fancied, to be set up and destroyed by them as their whims or their atheism might suggest—robbed according to their impious creed of his very existence. This is something like a sweeping condemnation of the Freemason's God, which we should like to see answered by one of the leaders of that society. In Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, perhaps, more than in any other part of England, Freemasonry flourishes, and it is therefore all the more desirable to know whether the Hibernian is right in his description of the Craft's belief, or if he be not uttering a gross calumny on an organisation which the outside public has always understood to be conducted on principles having Christian love as their very essence. The step taken by the Irish fraternity is urged by the Dublin journalist as one which must have further results. The Italian brotherhood must also be dismissed from all fellowship, for if the Orient of France is gross and disgusting in its infidelity, it is far surpassed by the atheistic principles and practices of the Lodges of the Italian kingdom. The Lodges of Frankfort and Berlin, we are further told, reek with the abominations of a godless rationalism. If this be the case—and the Irish scribe says so, and must surely know—then the Grand Lodge of Ireland may be regarded as a mighty saviour of the purity and the orthodoxy of the mystic brotherhood. The English Lodges are warned that unless they break off with the French Orient the Irish Freemasons must logically sever their connection with them, and, in fact, with all Masonic associations that will not disown the Grand Orient. What the English Freemasons will do we are not aware, but we have sufficient confidence in those who are at the head of affairs in the English Fraternity to believe that when the time comes for a deliverance on such an important subject, it will be such as all good and genuine Masons will accept. The secret of the attack against the Craft in the Irish paper is not far to seek; the organisation is a secret society, and the Church has condemned all secret societies. There must be nothing secret from the Church, says Pio Nono, and as I do not know your proper constitution, I shall do my best, by abuse and misrepresentation, to annihilate you. This old man says that Freemasonry has always cherished an alliance with revolution and irreligion all over the world; that it has been made such a thing that Catholics cannot touch it; that its influence is suspected and feared in our law courts, and its operations unjustly extended to the domains of politics, literature, and commerce; and that its charity is most selfish, and its benevolence quite bounded. All this, and more the enemies of the Craft are continually urging, and especially in countries where the priests have any power. Freemasonry, as we take it, is not an organisation confined to any particular sect of Christians, and it can well afford to meet openly and fearlessly all the charges brought against it by those whose opposition spring from chagrin and priestly hate.—*Hull Packet*, 16th November.

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

The regular meeting of the Fidelity Priory of Malta was held at the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and was presided over by Sir Knight Gibson E. Prior, assisted by Sir Knights Kay P.E.P., Mason P.E.P., Beck P.E.P., Poulter, Rowley, Craig, Eastwood, Pullen, &c., and Sir Knight C. F. Matier K.C.T. as visitor. The following candidates were duly elected, and having received the Mediterranean pass, were admitted to the honour of Knights of Malta:—Bros. Hatfield, Wormald, Boswell, and Wilson. After the close of the Priory, the Knights partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

Bro. Seebohm and his Travels.—On Monday evening, 12th November, at the Royal Brunswick Lodge of Freemasons, Bro. F. Seebohm, who has recently returned to Sheffield, gave a most graphic and spirited account of his travels in Siberia. Bro. Seebohm, who has been away for a considerable period, has travelled over something like 15,000 miles, having spent the last few months in sledges drawn by reindeer, dogs, or horses. He described the customs and habits of the people with whom he had come in contact, and was attentively listened to. At the close of his remarks he was warmly thanked for his kindness in according the Royal Brunswick Lodge the privilege of first listening to his interesting accounts of comparatively unknown regions.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. James Mott, late Superintendent of the A. Division Metropolitan Police. Bro. Mott was initiated in the New Concord Lodge, and joined the St. Dunstan's on its consecration. He was in his forty-ninth year, and was one of the most popular officers in the force; he was greatly respected, not only by many of the highest in the land, but also by every man in the Division. He received the Commemoration Jewel on the occasion of H.R.H. being installed as M.W.G.M., for his efficient services on that auspicious occasion. His loss will be deeply felt by his sorrowing family.

Le Monde Maçonnique announces, in its summary of news from Brazil, that the Lodge Zur Eintracht, whose members are Germans, and work according to Schröder's rite, have just inaugurated their new temple.

From the same source of information we learn that the Council of the Grand Orient has subscribed 500 francs towards the work of the African International Association, and that it has decided to open a subscription in favour of the victims of the Turco-Russian War, to be distributed without the slightest regard to nationality. We are also informed that the committee charged with the erection of a monument to the late Bro. Manol have delivered their report, from which it appears that the receipts amount to 3,349 francs 30 cents., and the expenditure to 2,483 fr. 15 c. The balance, 866 fr. 15 c., it has been resolved to place in the hands of the Council of the G. Orient, to be devoted towards defraying the expenses connected with the various courses of instruction founded by the G. O., on condition that an annual prize, to be called the Manol Prize, be presented to one of the pupils attending such courses.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862. — On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Black Bull, Holborn. Present—Bros. Kidder W.M., Thompson S.W., Tate J.W., Abell S.D., Blakemore J.D., Blum I.G.; Bro. Long Preceptor, and several others. Business—The ceremonies of initiation and passing were very ably rehearsed by Bro. Kidder. In the course of the evening a distressed French brother, from Turkey, was relieved.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held its usual meeting on Thursday, at Bro. Wright's, the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. Present—Bros. Cleverley W.M., Hewlett S.W., Shepherd J.W., Holland S.D., Ellis J.D., Goldstein I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor, Hogg Hon. Sec. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Campbell answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Campbell candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Hewlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, 13th inst., as the room is required next Thursday for an "Arch Chapter." The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. There was a good attendance of brethren. We hope this will continue, as the Preceptor is a P.M. of the Mother Lodge, and makes a point of being at his post to give instruction.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross. Present—Bros. G. Clark W.M., J. W. Smith S.W., H. Lovegrove J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, J. Willing S.D., H. Clark J.D., T. C. Edwards I.G., C. Cox Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor. Business—The Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Steele candidate. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor. Bro. J. W. Smith S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. Bros. Adams P.G.P., Willing P.M., and Stiles were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively, and the sincere thanks of the Lodge of Instruction accorded them for their indefatigable exertions and services rendered during the past year. After these brethren had severally thanked the members for this renewal of confidence, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer, and in perfect harmony.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624. —A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd November, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulburne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Smout jun. S.W., Adkins J.W., Gabb S.D., Wood J.D., Hopton I.G., Past Master Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Tottenham, Kelly, Nealand, Poulter, and Reynolds. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate; the W.M. gave the Traditional History, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds being candidate. Bro. Penn, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside at the next meeting. Bros. Gabb and Reynolds were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

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THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th of December 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. Dinner can be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock at a charge of Five Shillings, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary as under, not later than Monday, the 3rd of December.

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DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, SARAH'S YOUNG MAN. At 7.45, AMY ROBSART, and THE CONSCRIPTION.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, A ROUGH DIAMOND. At 8.30, HENRY DUNBAR.

STRAND.—At 7.0, TIMOTHY TO THE RESCUE. At 7.45, FAMILY TIES, and CHAMPAGNE, A QUESTION OF PHIZ.

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GLOBE.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, STOLEN KISSES. At 10.0, ISAAC OF YORK.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, AN UNEQUAL MATCH, and TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

OPERA COMIQUE.—THE SORCERER, &c.

COURT.—At 8.15, THE HOUSE OF DARNLEY.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, THE PINK DOMINOES.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, UP THE RIVER. At 8.0, THE CREOLE. At 9.15, SHOOTING STARS.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, CHOPSTICK AND SPIKINS. At 8.15, LA MARJOLAINE.

QUEEN'S.—At 7, FARCE. At 8, OMADHAUN.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Court is still detained at Balmoral by reason of the continued indisposition of Prince Leopold, but there is reason to believe that it will return southward at an early date. The Princess of Wales and her daughters accomplished the return to London safely, and Miss Knollys appears not to have suffered in any way by the journey. On Monday, the Prince and Princess left Clarence House, which during the absence of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh they have occupied, pending the repairs and alterations which are being carried out at their own residence, on Monday for Sandringham. Here the Prince, with Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and the other guests, have been enjoying some excellent sport in the Royal preserves. It is anticipated that at no great distance of time a ball will be given by their Royal Highnesses, and this is the more likely, owing to the absence of the customary festivities on the anniversary of the Prince of Wales's birthday. To-day is the Princess of Wales's birthday.

Though the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund has been closed for some time, considerable sums are still being received daily. The fund has already reached, by reason of these further remittances, the handsome total of £482,400, and there is every probability that it will amount to a round half million before the flow of contributions ceases entirely. On Wednesday the Lord Mayor received a telegram from the Mayor of Sydney, N. S. Wales, to the effect that he had remitted £6,000 by the mail the same day, and that more would follow.

The Privy Council have issued instructions with reference to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which will be held the week after next at the usual quarters, the Agricultural Hall, Islington; and the Council of the Club have given notice to exhibitors of the special arrangements to which they will have to conform. The entries are said to be equal to those of any previous year, and among the exhibitors will be, as for some years past, both Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales.

The meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday morning was of an unusually interesting character, and the hall and all the approaches were thronged with people all anxious to hear Professor Bell's lecture on the Telephone. Indeed, large numbers of people were unable to be present. The lecturer was listened to throughout with the most rapt attention. At the conclusion of the lecture some conversations were carried on, one with a correspondent in the hotel close by, at a distance of some hundred yards, and another with a person in Gough-square, Fleet-street, distant about a mile. The longest distance through which a conversation has been conducted is said to be 258 miles, namely, between Boston and New York, but experiments in the laboratory have shown that communication is possible at a distance of 60,000 miles; that is, conversations have been perfectly clear through resistances such as would be experienced in traversing such a distance.

A deputation from three different societies waited on the Earl of Derby at the Foreign Office on Wednesday, for the purpose of presenting to his Lordship a memorial urging on the Government to depart from their present policy of inaction. Lord Stratheden and Campbell introduced the deputation, and when he had read the memorial, several among those present addressed his lordship. In reply, the Earl of Derby promised to lay the statement that had been read out to him before his colleagues, and to read it carefully himself, but he pointed out that the deputation must not expect him to express any opinion on current events in the East. At the same time he declared emphatically that the Government would strictly adhere to the policy they had laid down, and that they would continue to observe, as long as possible, consistently with the interests of the British Empire, the conditional neutrality they proclaimed at the outset of the war.

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The weather has been about as unfavourable as it could be, and each succeeding week has its sad tale to tell of loss of life and property at sea. Numerous wrecks, and still more numerous casualties, have occurred along our coast, and there has been plenty of hard and venturesome work for our life boats.

The strike of Masons still continues, and efforts are being made by the masters to import foreign labour into this country. This week the plan has been attended with greater success than usual, a large number of German Masons having arrived *vid* Flushing. On their arrival at the Victoria Station, omnibuses which had been awaiting them carried them off to the New Law Courts, and though the pickets of the English masons on strike endeavoured to seduce them from their employment, their efforts were fruitless. The Germans were driven into the works, where they will be comfortably and well looked after. It seems to us that these constant disputes between capital and labour will end some fine day in the loss of our manufacturing supremacy.

Jewel robberies on an extensive scale appear to be of very frequent occurrence just now. This is not to be wondered at, as the present is the most convenient season for burglaries. The other day the newly-married Countess of Aberdeen was relieved of valuable property to the value of some £5,000. The robbers entered Ashstead House, where her ladyship and her husband were spending the honeymoon, and managed to get away. However, in this instance, the police have succeeded in arresting one of the party, and there is therefore a chance that the others may be taken also, and perhaps that some of the stolen jewellery may be recovered. At Wimbledon, two other and similar robberies have been committed, one being at the house of Mr. Bazalgette, the well-known engineer.

The Monday Popular Concerts at the St. James's Hall draw as large and as enthusiastic audiences as ever. Among the leading artists, vocal and instrumental, who have been charming successive audiences, must be mentioned Miss Agnes Zimmermann, Madame Norman-Neruda, and Messrs. L. Ries, Zerbini, and Piatti. The theatrical world is in full activity, but Old Drury will be closed after Saturday next, in order that the needful preparations may be made for the Christmas pantomime, in which the Vokes family will prove the chief attraction.

The successors of the De Broglie ministry have been summarily defeated in the Legislative Assembly, and by as crushing a majority, and the public mind is necessarily agitated as to what will next happen. We can hardly imagine that the party of M. Gambetta has greatly strengthened itself by its onslaught on ministers when they had not had time enough even to present a programme of their measures. It would have been in better taste to have waited for a proper opportunity to try conclusions with General Rochebouet and his colleagues. However, it may be in this, as in other matters, that they manage things better in France than they do in other countries. There is a talk that the Assembly will vote the direct taxes, and then that there will be another dissolution. Meanwhile, however, the trade and commerce of the country are suffering terribly from this dead-lock, and there is naturally much anxiety as to the future course which France will pursue.

The news from the Danube is to the effect that there is almost continuous fighting going on between the opposing armies, and in all directions—on the Lom, in the Chipka Pass, and around Orchanie and Plevna. In the engagements on the Lom, which, however, have been rather intended as reconnaissances than battles on a large scale, Suleiman Pasha is evidently feeling his enemy with a view to discovering his weak points, and possibly with the resolution to make a desperate attack either on the Russian left near the Danube, or in the direction of Osman Bazar on his right. Mehemet Ali Pasha has reached Orchanie with a force of 15,000 men, and doubtless further forces are being sent on to him, as these with the former garrison are certainly not sufficient to enable him to operate effectively for the relief of Osman, who still presents a bold front in his stronghold at Plevna. How long he will be able to hold out there it is impossible to say. Now we hear of his contemplated surrender, now that he has provisions and ammunition to last him many weeks, but at the same time there are some 9,000 sick in Plevna. The Russians, meanwhile, remain on the alert, and General Ghourko is operating vigorously against the enemy. Etropol is taken, and so is a place named Provetz, which must seriously concern Mehemet Ali for the safety of his communications with Sofia. There is this, however, to be said, and it may seriously alter the aspect of the war, the weather is reported to have changed for the worse, both in Bulgaria and in Asia. If so, the Russians will have their work cut out for them. Their advance towards Erzeroum is already stopped, according to Mukhtar Pasha. As for Servia, she is not yet in the field, and we think she will do well to put off her attack on Turkey till the present struggle is concluded.

The Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be held on Tuesday, the 4th December, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock in the afternoon. The dinner will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, at seven o'clock. Those desirous of attending are requested to intimate their intention to the Grand Secretary, at the Office, 2 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., not later than Monday, the 3rd December.

W. R. Parker, a pupil in the Royal Masonic Boys' School, gained the 9th place out of a large number of candidates seeking to be educated as naval engineers in Her Majesty's Dockyards. Parker had no special preparation. The subjects were English, French, Mathematics (including the XI. Book of Euclid).

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE Annual Festival was held on Friday, the 23rd instant, at Freemason's Hall, W.C. Lodge was opened at six o'clock, by Bro. C. A. Murton P.G.D., and after some formal business, the Sections of the Second Degree were worked. The supper was presided over by the the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore P.S.G.W., and being finished, the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. It had been his good fortune to be in such a position with regard to the Pro Grand Master that a great deal of the work of the Craft passed through his hands; he was thereby able to judge of the interest the Grand Master took in the Craft. This toast having been enthusiastically received, was followed by those of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, all of which were duly honoured. Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, rose and proposed the health of the Chairman. All were obliged to him for presiding. The Earl of Donoughmore thanked the brethren for the flattering way in which the toast had been received. He was personally indebted to the Emulation Lodge for instruction given; last year he founded a Lodge, and was enabled to carry out the ceremonies satisfactorily, and this because he had received instruction from the Emulation Lodge. He referred to the Festival of last year, on which occasion Bro. John Hervey had presided in the Lodge. On that occasion Earl Carnarvon spoke of the very great services rendered to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary. He should therefore have great pleasure in proposing Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. J. Hervey. The toast having met a most hearty reception, was acknowledged by Bro. Hervey, who was gratified at the reception always accorded his name. He was happy to vacate the chair of the Lodge in favour of such brethren as had presided that evening. Last year the work was performed by Grand Officers, on this occasion they had seen what younger brethren could do. As he had often said, it was his opinion that the first impression a candidate received of Masonry often had great influence on his future dealings with the Craft. He was sure that the working of the Emulation Lodge would conduce to perfection in the Ritual. The chairman next proposed the health of the W.M. and officers who presided during the evening. He was sure the young members would ever remember Bro. Hervey's promise, and should they ever be at a loss how to act they would go to him for advice. Bro. Murton acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself and other officers of the evening. He was proud to say that Bro. Hervey was his father in Masonry. He then gave "Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions," under whose licence they worked, and to whom they should be grateful. With this toast he coupled the name of Bro. Farnfield, who replied; he considered that, in this instance, the child shed lustre on its parent. The toast of the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, and the Stewards of the Evening, were severally given and acknowledged, after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the proceedings. Among those supporting the chairman were Bros. Colonel Somerville Burney, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, J. M. P. Montagu, Hyde Pullen, Peter de Lande Long, T. Fenn, J. A. Rucker, Capt. Philips, J. Hervey, S. Tomkins, W. Smallpeice, C. A. Murton, A. J. Filer, Rev. Dr. Robbins, J. M. Case, A. B. Cooke, H. J. P. Dumas, &c.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

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.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
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.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1046—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.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. (Installation.)
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
173—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1287—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
283—St. David, 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.
695—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1372—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1396—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Aenlwch.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York. (Installation Banquet.)

WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)
1652—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1667—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
296—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
336—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
606—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
617—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
628—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
671—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
811—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
845—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, 6th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
349—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 23 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, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—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, Bullring-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.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1629—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R.A. 906—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.

FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (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.)
1286—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1613—Crippiegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goalborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

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—Beflon, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
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.
1666—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stanadield.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Gesterich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1362—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
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. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

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THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Saville, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

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.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—This well-established and prosperous Chapter held its installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, the 24th ult. The result of the labours of the Audit Committee showed the finances to be in a sound condition. The Chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann Z., J. B. Sorrell H., W. M. Goss J., P. A. Nairne P.Z., Dr. W. S. Wyman P.Z., R. S. Foreman P.Z., and F. Walters P.Z. Treas. P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex. The Companions were then admitted. Minutes of the last regular convocation read, confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. Ballot unanimous in favour of Bro. William Ansell P.M. 30, who, being present, was exalted, in an impressive manner, every officer being perfect in his work. The Bye-laws having been read and the elections over, Comp. G. K. Lemann M.E.Z. installed Comp. J. B. Sorrell M.E.Z. Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. installed Comp. W. M. Goss H. In consequence of illness, Comp. C. Browne was absent, and his installation was deferred until the next meeting. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. F. Walters Treasurer (re-invested for the 10th time), A. Williams, C.E., S.E., J. B. Sorrell jun. S.N., A. Middlemas P.S., who appointed as his assistants Comps. R. P. Tebb 1st A.S., S. Pownceby 2nd A.S., A. W. Thorpe Steward, C. T. Speight Janitor (re-invested for 11th time). The usual Past Zerubbabel's jewel was voted to Comp. G. K. Lemann, who graciously acknowledged the gift. In consequence of Comp. G. K. Lemann being about to reside abroad, he resigned his membership. The Chapter, to show what high estimation they held him in, unanimously elected him an honorary member for life. Some propositions were given in for candidates. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 23rd February 1878, to meet at 5 p.m. The banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, was, as usual, first class. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been honoured, the Companions separated, wishing each other the compliments of the approaching season. The visitors were Comps. Frederic Grave 3, Louis Beck 1326, W.M. Rothesay Lodge 1687, &c.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—The usual meeting was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday evening last. Bro. I. P. Cohen presided, and was ably supported by his officers, Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. and S.W., A. Passington J.W., H. G. Phillips S.D., L. Norden I.G., Chas. Coote Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, W. Littaur P.M., and Francis Buckland P.M. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bros. J. H. Lobel and H. Sol. Myers were raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony in each instance being most ably worked by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. Louis H. Leon, and being unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated. Upon the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen, the following resolution, of which he had given notice at the previous meeting, was carried unanimously:—"That Bro. Emanuel Gompers, of 3 Crown-court, Threadneedle-street, diamond merchant, Joseph Raphael, of Howard's Coffee House, St. James's-place, Aldgate, gentleman, and Bro. Francis Buckland, of 54½ Bishopsgate-street-within, solicitor, be, and they are hereby, elected trustees of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, in place of the present trustees, several of whom are no longer members of this Lodge."

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—At the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 22nd Nov., the regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held. At five o'clock, the W.M. Bro. J. J. Pakes opened the Lodge, and invested with the collar and jewel of their offices Bros. G. T. Limn S.W., R. Harman J.W., J. G. Vohmann S.D., G. Harvey J.D., W. A. R. Harris I.G.; the appointment of the Inner Guard gave great satisfaction; he is a worthy brother, and has distinguished himself in the Craft as a good worker of the ceremonies. The arduous duties of the W.M. (after the minutes had been read, confirmed, and signed) then commenced. He in his usual careful manner initiated Mr. Thos. Weston into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. G. Andrews P.M. most impressively gave the all-important charge to the Entered Apprentice, who retired. The Craftsmen, Bros. William Henry Luckcraft, John Eberhardt Schunbel, and John Lorenz Brodbeck, gave proof of proficiency by the manner in which they answered the usual interrogations. To add to the solemnity of the raisings, each brother was introduced separately. The W.M. distinguished himself by the manner he gave the ceremony, which included the traditional history. The Father of the Lodge, Bro. Frederick Walters P.M. and Secretary P.P.G.D. Middlesex, made a forcible appeal for some member of the Lodge to represent it as Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1878, pointing out to the newly appointed S.W. how desirable it would be for him to accept the office. His efforts were warmly supported by the late Steward, H. J. Tuson I.P.M., and Bro. G. T. Limn consented. Some names were given in for initiation. The usual formalities were observed in closing, and the Lodge adjourned to Thursday, 24th January 1878, to meet at 5. There were present, besides those named, Bros. W. Andrews P.M. Treas., J. Truelove P.M., all the Officers, and nearly fifty members. The only visitors were Bros. J. T. Adams 1326 and John Evans 797.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.D. Sec., L. Salomons S.D., E. Ellis I.G.; P.M.'s A. Eskell, A. D. Loewenstark, and S. V. Abrahams; and Bros. Goldberger, Cooper, Brall, M. Levy, Simms, &c. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes were confirmed, the election for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place. Bro. W. H. Gulliford S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., L. Jacobs Treasurer (for the 11th time), and Smith Tyler. The W.M., in informing Bro. Gulliford of his election said, he had much pleasure to inform the brethren, that although this is a so-called Jewish Lodge, in reality it was not so; he was a member of another faith, and was the first Christian member who had been selected to fill the office of W.M. This showed that Masons were not sectarian; it exhibited the universality of Freemasonry, and from his knowledge of Bro. Gulliford's qualifications the Lodge might be congratulated on its selection. Bro. Gulliford suitably replied. Bros. M. Levy, Cooper, and Brall were elected to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. A. Eskell in felicitous terms, proposed that a testimonial be given to the W.M., as a token of esteem and regard, and to mark the estimation he is held in; the sum of two guineas to be given from the funds; this he hoped would be augmented by the brethren. Bro. Gulliford in seconding the proposition said, every Brother was delighted with the excellent working of the W.M., and he hoped he would have a testimonial worthy of his acceptance. The Bye-laws were then read, discussed seratim, and afterwards adopted.

Lodge of St. Mary Booking, No. 1312.—The brethren of this Lodge had a busy afternoon on Tuesday, 20th Nov. The Lodge was opened at 2.30, under the presidency of W. Bro. Rev. H. L. Elliot P.M. 468 and P.P.G.C. Warwickshire W.M.; the Officers present were Bros. Thos. Malyn S.W., C. Jones J.W., A. Portway Sec., W. Johnson S.D., Jno. Jessop J.D., J. W. Case Org., J. Claydon I.G., W. Cook Tyler. Some correspondence having been read, and a vote of £5 to the wife of an afflicted brother, whose family are in present need, having been made, the Lodge was opened to the third degree; and a brother was raised. The next business was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, for which purpose the W. Bro. Vero W. Taylor P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Essex assumed the gavel, and the chairs of S.W. and J.W. were occupied respectively by W. Bro. G. D. Clapham I.P.M., and Thos. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.S.G.W. Essex. The W.M. elect Bro. Thos. Malyn S.W. was then presented, and the installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Vero Taylor. The new W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—W. Bro. H. L. Elliot P.M. 468 and P.P.G.C. Warwickshire I.P.M., Bros. C. W. Jones S.W., W. Johnson J.W., W. Bro. Neville Tufnell P.M. Treas., A. Portway Sec., John Jessopp S.D., Isaac Claydon J.D., Charles Howard I.G., William Cook Tyler. The powers of the W.M. were at once put to the test, and himself and Officers showed their efficiency for work by executing the initiation ceremony in a very admirable manner. In the evening a large party sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Phillips. The chair was occupied by Bro. Malyn, the W.M., and there were also present, besides the officers mentioned above, Bros. G. D. Clapham P.M., Thos. W. Wood P.M., B. Beard, W. Bright, Jno. Bush, Geo. Elliott, C. Howard, Jno. J. Cavill, G. Butcher, E. H. Inman, F. Hale, A. B. Collis, &c., &c. Visitors—W. Bros. Joseph Burton P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., Thos. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.S.G.W., Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. E. H. Crate W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., J. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.J.G.W., Thomas Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.P., W. C. Bell W.M. 1024, and C. Gunner No. 51.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled in full force on Thursday evening, at the Havelock Tavern, Dalston. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., presided, and most ably performed the work, which was unusually heavy. At four o'clock Bros. Hollingsworth, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, — Fisher, and Norman were raised. Each candidate was taken separately. Bros. Dexter, Beasley, Bell, Bigg, and Blow were then passed. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Ford, and being unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and Bro. Bernard Mayer, the J.W. of the Lodge, elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—An emergency meeting was held at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. G. Brown W.M., Lyons S.W., Webster J.W., Fenner acting S.D., Andrews J.D., Kincombe Secretary, Wayland Treasurer, R. W. Pearcy acting I.G., Lane W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Bratton and Posener; also Bros. Kinnear, Witherstone, Leftley, Cornell, Austen, and Simpson. The visitors were Bros. Quency 1178, Stewart 896, Lorkin 192, Goodwin 733, and Giles 1420. The usual preliminaries being duly observed, the following gentlemen, Messrs. Stroud, Paxton, and Silvus, were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren supped together. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as were those of the Initiates, the Visitors, &c. Several brethren contributed to the pleasure of the evening by some excellent singing.

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Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th November, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a numerous attendance. The brethren wore crape rosettes, as a mark of respect to the late Bro. Joseph Last P.M., who had endeared himself to every brother in the Lodge. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Moult W.M.; Haslett S.W., G. S. States P.G.P. P.G.S. Sec., F. G. Manby Asst. Sec., J. H. Leggott S.D., W. R. Lister J.D., Woods as I.G., Grant P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. E. H. Thiellay, G. Purkis, T. Bull; and Bros. Chinnery, Banks, Kennard, A. Hugon, Irinth, Halls, Weeks, &c. After the observance of all preliminaries, Bros. Porpa and James were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Newson was raised to the third degree; both these ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. and Officers. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Haslett S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant Tyler. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed, and Bro. Leggott, seconded, that a gold Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M. for the able and effective manner he had discharged his duties in the chair. Bro. T. Bull, in feeling terms, referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of an old friend and Past Master of the Lodge, whom they all respected. He referred to the late Bro. J. Last, and proposed that a vote of sympathy be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. G. States, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in January. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. T. Bull rose to propose the toast of the W.M. Bro. Moult had faithfully discharged his duties, to their satisfaction. They had seen what he had done in every office he had occupied; he would leave the chair to go among the Past Masters, who would be proud of him. The W.M., in reply, said it was the last occasion he would have the honour to preside over them as W.M.; he would express his grateful thanks for the presence of so many members during his year of office—it had been a year of great pleasure, and he hoped his successor would be equally well received. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, for whom Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Past Masters; he alluded to their services, and said it was only one month since he had the pleasure of sitting by the side of his old and valued friend, Bro. J. Last, now no more. He was one of the kindest and most generous of men; always ready to render assistance in the cause of Charity and Freemasonry. The toast was drunk in silence. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, who is an old and valued member of the Lodge, and was respected by all; he is an energetic worker in Freemasonry, and his knowledge of the Ritual is appreciated. He congratulated the members of the Lodge on having one so qualified to fill the chair. Bro. Haslett said he hoped to do all things conducive to the welfare of the Lodge, and to promote their happiness and comfort during his year of office. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and spoke of the able manner in which Bro. G. States had performed his duties. He also referred to Bro. W. Manby, the Assistant Secretary, who is ever ready and willing to give the Lodge the benefit of his valuable services. After a reply from Bro. G. S. States, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge; he would call on Bro. Leggott to respond. After a few words from Bro. Leggott, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The visitors were Bros. W. Ponsford 25, J. B. Linscott 55, T. Distin 175, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Brann P.M. 766, G. Brooks P.M. 902, Forbes P.M. 1287, G. Tribbel 1287, Irinth 1507.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday 19th Nov., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when for an off-night there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. Peartree, who is now, we believe, the oldest member of the Lodge; he was supported by his officers: D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treas., Phil. Levy Sec., Bailey S.D., G. Croaker J.D., Barber I.G., Bilbee Org., and Potter Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s we noticed Bros. J. D. Barnett, J. H. Ross, N. Moss, S. Moss, Harfeld, E. Harris, E. Gottheil, &c., whilst the Visitors were represented by Bros. H. Bing G.O., D. Rosenstein 17, W. Y. Laing P.M. 45, Henry Smith 205, J. Rensworthy 205, Dr. G. Mickley P.M. 449 P.G.D. Herts, F. Morris 594, Jas. Pigott P.M. 753, E. Hamilton J.D. 1306, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. E. Simons 1445, R. Clark J.D. 1613, H. Aarons 1668, C. R. Garnett 1707, &c. The business on the agenda paper comprised, in addition to the discussion of sundry matters in connection with the affairs of the Lodge, the raising of Bros. Harris and Barnett, the passing of Bro. Smith, and the initiation of Mr. George Barnes. All formalities being complied with, the W.M. performed the whole of the ceremonies, and imparted into his work a vigour and energy that would put to shame many a younger member of the Craft. Bro. Peartree, during the many years he has been a member of the Lodge, has always evinced great activity in advancing its interests, and it was partly in recognition of his long-tried zeal that he was elected Worshipful Master; the members were therefore exceedingly gratified to find that he had so thoroughly perfected himself in the ceremonial portion of his duties. The proposal made at the last meeting to vote £10 10s to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian Famine received the approval and confirmation of the members. An announcement was made by the Secretary that a sum of £60, belonging to the Lodge—which had been invested in Consols, and in consequence of the effluxion of time since claim was made for the dividends accruing thereon, had been transferred to the fund for the Reduction of the National Debt—was likely to be recovered, and this through the exertions of Bro. Bailey the Senior Deacon, the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously voted to that Brother for his services, and proposition was made that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented at the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Bailey, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that Bro. Levy, in making the proposition, had unduly estimated the trifling service that he had been able to do; he was quite sure that all the members had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and did not look for reward for any little help they could render. For himself, if he could, by any exertion on his part, assist the Lodge, his services were always at the command of the brethren. Some propositions for joining and initiation were then made, and a few remarks offered by one of the Past Master's on the advisability and necessity of this always being done in open Lodge. It was then formally decided that the future meetings be held at the Guildhall Tavern. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of refreshment, and the customary toasts were given and responded to. Some capital songs were sung during the evening, by Bros. Barnett, Constable, Rosenstein, Bailey, Peartree, &c.

The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. The W.M., the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain, Middlesex, presided, and the Officers were at their respective posts. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of raising, Bros. Taylor and Clarke being the candidates for the third degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward White, was then presented, and Bro. Holden appointed Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.M., and Bro. Joseph Smith P.M. P.G.P., to the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively; he then proceeded with the ceremony. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the brethren in due course returned to the Lodge and gave the usual salutes. The investment of Officers was carried out as follows:—Phillips S.W., B. Turner J.W., Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M. and Chap., C. A. Cottebrune Treas., Scott P.M. Sec., J. E. Shand S.D., Hutchinson J.D., Waugh I.G., Woodward P.M. W.S., Bishop Org., Potter Tyler. Bro. Holden then gave the addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention. Our excellent brother is well known for his elocutionary abilities, and during the heavy duties of the evening these were displayed with great effect. The Auditors' report showed that there was a balance in hand of £57, and this seemed to afford much gratification to the members, and brought forth the congratulations of the numerous visitors. After the discussion of matters referring to the Lodge, a proposition for joining was handed in, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served by Bro. Nicol, and the numerous assemblage did full justice to the good things provided. After grace Bro. White proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and coupled with the toast Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M. gave the M.W. the Grand Master; he remarked it was a great honour that was conferred on the Craft in having so popular a Mason to preside over us. The Prince of Wales had appointed two of his brothers to office in Grand Lodge, and the interest he took in our welfare is highly appreciated. With the next toast, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, was associated the names of Bros. J. Smith P.G.P., and Coutts P.G.P., and both these brethren replied. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, remarked that the brethren had already done honour to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Earl of Carnarvon, to the Deputy Grand Master, and to the Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of Grand Lodge. The toast he had now to propose he could not call a royal one, but he might describe it as a vice-regal one, inasmuch as it embodied a substantial representative of King Solomon, and he was convinced it would be heartily received. Twelve months ago he (Bro. Holden) appointed Bro. White his Senior Warden, and he could bear testimony to the untiring energy Bro. White had displayed in advancing the interests of the members, both in and out of the Lodge. As their Master, he would do his duty in a most thorough and efficient way: and *éclat* would attach to the City of Westminster Lodge while it was under his rule. He was a perfect master in the Art of Freemasonry, an enthusiastic worker, and this might be accepted as a powerful guarantee of what they might expect from him. With him the golden precept, Whatever thy hand findeth it to do, do it with all thy might, would be continuously borne in mind. He had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and if would not suffer by comparison with others in the Metropolitan district. His election to the chair was by a unanimous vote, and the most perfect harmony and unanimity existed among the members. Bro. Holland concluded by calling on all to join him in drinking the toast, and in wishing the Worshipful Master a prosperous year of office. Bro. Edward White in reply said, that after the highly eulogistic remarks which had fallen from Bro. Holden, he felt scarcely able to address them. He almost feared that their worthy Past Master had led the brethren to expect more than he felt he should be able to carry out. However, he would strive to conduct the duties of the chair in such a way as he hoped would tend to promote the happiness of the members, who he felt assured would assist him in successfully carrying on the work of the Lodge. He hoped the brethren would continue to enjoy the same amount of prosperity which had attended them during the two years the Lodge had already existed. Bro. White concluded by saying that for his part, he would do all in his power, and he felt assured he should have the full benefit of their kind assistance. The health of the Visitors was proposed in most eloquent and felicitous terms by the W.M., and Bros. Mason, Draper, and Lott, on behalf of the numerous contingent, replied. Bro. White then proposed the Past Masters. Bro. Swallow, the first W.M. who filled the chair, was a founder of the Lodge, and during his year prosperity had attended them. As for Bro. Holden, much had been expected of him, but he had exceeded all their expectations. The brethren at their last meeting had voted him a Past Master's jewel, and it was a pleasant duty he (the W.M.) had now to perform; to invest Bro. Holden with their gift, which he hoped he would long wear amongst them, as a memento of the energy he had displayed whilst conducting the business of the Lodge. Bro. Holden thanked the Worshipful Master for the high and flattering

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terms in which he had spoken. He had been mindful of his promise made twelve months back, and had endeavoured faithfully to discharge his duties; the consciousness that the brethren were satisfied with his efforts had greatly sweetened his reward. His year of Mastership had been to him the grand Masonic event of his career, and if he knew anything of his heart, he felt their kindness would never be forgotten. He should ever prize and value their gift, more particularly as it was the first he had ever received since his association with Freemasonry. Without wishing to be thought egotistical, he should nevertheless feel it his duty to bear in mind the old French proverb—*noblesse oblige*—and though he did not wish then to understand that he claimed to be of exalted rank, yet he felt that the honour they had just conferred upon him entailed certain additional responsibilities, the nature of which he fully realised. He should order his conduct by the line of Masonic rule; he owed them a debt of gratitude which he felt he should never be able to repay. The W.M. then called on the brethren to drink the health of their Treasurer and Secretary; this call was most heartily responded to, and Bros. Cottebrune and Scott acknowledged the compliment. After a few more toasts, the proceedings were brought to a close. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Fowler 1055, Thomas Robinson 309, J. Berrow 190, B. Solomon 1614, E. M. Tucker 749, J. King 410, E. J. Harvey 100, L. Beck W.M. 1687, J. Mason P.M. 1567, W. F. Gillion 1425, M. Cray 1425, E. M. Lott P.M. P.J.W. Jersey 205, J. L. Baker W.M. 1805, G. W. Oliver 419, R. Marefield 1327, Thomas Bull P.M. 145, J. Elliott W.M. 1348, J. Wright W.M. 1446, G. Draper P.M. 1305, J. Smith P.G.P., J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. Coutts P.G.P., A. J. Ireton W.M. elect 1348, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thomas Williams P.M. 1507, J. H. Outhwaite 1687, James Crossland 1687, R. Payne 1328, Frank Kirk 1328. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing and music; Mr. G. S. Graham presided at the pianoforte, and the humour of his buffo songs was greatly appreciated. Bro. Holden recited the Balaclava Charge, and Bro. Morgan gave a Dramatic Reading; both these contributions were most graciously received.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—A meeting of this Lodge took place at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when the following Officers were present—Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Capt. R. Helsham Treas., Capt. J. Eglese Sec., J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stohwasser J.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten I.G., W. Jolliffe D.C., H. J. Adams P.M. After the minutes of the last Lodge had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the following candidates, which proved unanimous in their favour; Mr. H. D. Ellis Secretary to the Honorable Artillery Company, Mr. Alex. McKenzie, and Mr. G. H. McKenzie (of No. 2 Company). The W.M. then initiated these gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Edward Coombe of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, was passed. Bro. Wm. Carter (No. 2 Company), of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, was admitted a joining member. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with; the result was the selection of Bros. R. G. Webster S.W. as W.M., and Capt. R. Helsham P.M. as Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Capt. Helsham, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., to be presented on his retiring from the chair. After some formal business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a very agreeable and harmonious evening was spent. The Visitors were Bros. J. M. Klenck P.M. (Paxton) 1686, W. P. Brown (St. John's) 90, E. Coombe (Lewis) 1185, T. W. Carlton (Gooch) 1295, and Oscar Moore (Caveac) 176.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 26th Nov., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. M. Emanuel as M.E.Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., L. Jacobs as J., P. E. Dickinson S.E., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, S. Pollitzer, J. Lazarus; Comps. G. Ellis, W. G. Jennings, Haines, Gulliford, N. Baum, Davies, Botibol, Boeckbinder, Myers, L. Pratt, Snelling, J. Lyon, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. W. A. Barrett, Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bros. I. P. Cohen and Dewsnap were exalted into R.A. Masonry, by the acting Z., in a very excellent and perfect manner, A conclave of Installed Principals was now opened, and Comps. W. Littaur P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect was inducted into the chair of Z., L. Jacobs H. and P. E. Dickinson J. were duly installed into their respective chairs. There were thirteen Principal and Past Principals present. On the re-admission of the Companions, the M.E.Z. appointed and invested his Officers:—Gulliford S.E., W. H. Myers S.N., S. V. Abrahams Treas., H. P. Isaac 1st Asst., Smith Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of £27 14s. The resignation of two Companions was accepted, with regret. A distressed Companion was relieved, with the sum of two guineas. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. M. J. Emanuel proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who, in every capacity, had done his duty. The M.E.Z. thanked the worthy Companion who had proposed his health so eloquently, and all present for the kind reception the toast had received. His heart was in Freemasonry, and when he came back to the office of P.Z., he hoped they would have no cause to regret having placed him in the chair. He then proposed the toast of the Exaltees; he spoke of the unanimity that ought to exist in every part of the world; he pointed to certain omissions in parts of the Continent, and remarked that this was much to be regretted. Comp Cohen returned thanks. He was delighted to see Comp. Emanuel, who had exalted him; it was he who had initiated him into the Order; the beautiful and impressive words delivered so impressively would never be effaced from his memory. Comp. Dewsnap also replied. The Z. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Comp. Robinson returned thanks. He was pleased to see the able working; he was a Mason of thirty-five years standing, and had been associated during that time with many who had made their mark in the Order. He had spent many pleasant hours in the midst of Masonic friends; but this he might say, this gathering was one of the most pleasant he had joined in for many years. On behalf of the Visitors he returned his sincere thanks. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, and referred to their Masonic qualifications. Comps. S. V. Abrahams, J. Abrahams, and H. M. Levy acknowledged the compliment. The Janitor then gave his toast, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. T. Kingston Z. 862, J. Pigott 753, W. Marlis J. 862, E. Stanton Jones H. 1319, Victor Myers 223, T. Robinson P.P.G.C. Jamaica.

Vane Chapter, No. 538.—A Convocation was held on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. C. F. Barmeister M.E.Z., H. Wood H., J. Kench P.Z. as J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E., C. W. Parsons S.N., J. Kench P.Z. Treas., W. Parish as P.S., Church Janitor, Lindus P.Z., Fuller, Bolton, Bird, &c. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Gustave Baumann, of La Tolerance, No. 538, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being very excellently rendered by the M.E.Z., also by Comps. Wood, Reed P.Z., Kench P.Z., Parsons, and Parish. The working of the latter Comp., as acting P.S., was highly commended. The Chapter was then closed until the fourth Thursday in January. The Companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and partook of an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Gordon, and superintended by Bro. Hamp. The visitors were Comps. C. J. W. Davis 145, G. F. Cremer 180, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—The installation meeting was held on Friday, 23rd Nov., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. W. Stephens M.E.Z., T. Kingston H., W. A. Tinney J. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. Stephens, the retiring P.Z., then installed Comps. T. Kingston Z., W. A. Tinney H., W. Marlis J., W. Stephens I.P.Z. Treas., Jas. Weaver P.Z. S.E., J. High S.N., W. Norman P.S., J. Glaskin 1st Asst., W. Paul 2nd Asst., Gilbert P.Z. Janitor, W. Harlestone P.Z., &c. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions partook of an excellent banquet, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. E. P. Albert returned thanks for the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the P.Z., the M.E.Z. alluded to the able manner Comp. W. Stephens I.P.Z. had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. In the name of the Chapter he presented him with a very elegant gold P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of respect. Comp. W. Marlis returned thanks for the Officers. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, J. J. Pattison P.Z. 354, Molton, T. Robinson Prov. G.H., Kent.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Present—Comps. E. Gottheil M.E.Z., F. Brown H., W. E. Gompertz J., J. Constable acting S.E., F. White S.N., J. High P.S., J. B. Sorrill, G. Waterall, J. W. Ockenden, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Bro. J. H. P. Moore candidate. The election of Officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follows:—Comps. F. Browne M.E.Z., W. E. Gompertz H., J. B. Sorrill J., F. White S.N., J. High P.S.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The gathering of members on Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, must have given most satisfactory evidence of the popularity with which any announcement that the Lectures are to be worked is received by members of the Craft. Most of the Lodges of Instruction make a rule that, periodically, the brethren shall exhibit their proficiency in knowledge of the Ritual, and it seems to be established that the best way to do this is by brethren displaying their individual knowlege of this or that section. As a consequence, no sooner is an announcement made that the lectures are to be worked, than a band of volunteers immediately present themselves, and arrangements are completed. On the present occasion Bro. C. H. Webb J.D. 174, S.D. 1607, most efficiently presided, and he was ably supported by Bro. T. J. Barnes and W. H. Rudderforth as Senior and Junior Wardens. The esteemed Preceptor, Bro. E. Gottheil, was in his place, and Bro. J. K. Pitt, most active and energetic of Secretaries, was also to the fore; Bro. Tollis acted as I.G., and all formalities being duly observed, the following brethren worked the sections, Bros. Walker, Blinkhorn, Stephens, Taylor, J. Griffiths, Hewlett, J. Pinder; Campbell, Andrews, Job, Rudderforth, Ellis; Musto, Maidwell, Berry. Each brother did his allotted task in an eminently satisfactory way, and it would be invidious for us to draw comparisons; however, we may remark, that Bro. Job was suffering from a bad cold, and he certainly deserves praise for persevering under the difficulties this entailed on him. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the customary compliments were paid the brethren who had rendered such good service during the evening, and an accession of twelve names was made to the list of Members. Bro. G. Croaker was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Monday 26th November, at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., C. E. Smith S.W.,

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John White J.W., J. E. Shand Sec., C. J. Hogg Treas., W. Sharrett S.D., A. Triggs J.D., J. D. Langton I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. A. Turner, A. Triggs Bedford Lodge, 157. Lodge was opened in usual form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Audit Committee submitted the balance sheet, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Lodge opened to the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the sections were worked. Two brethren were elected members. Bro. S.W. Smith was chosen to occupy the chair at the next meeting, 10th December, at 6 o'clock p.m.

Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle.—At the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge, which took place on 22nd ult., Bro. William Husband (C.E.) Prov. S.W., manager and partner of the firm of Messrs. Harvey and Co., the well known Cornish engineers, &c., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The annual meeting will take place on the 27th Dec., when the installation degree will be worked by Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce the retiring W.M.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—On Thursday, the 29th November, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Bros. W. Hallows W.M., J. M. Hunt S.W., Haines J.W., Franklin Assist. Sec., Groome S.D., Franklin J.D., W. T. Christian Preceptor; Bros. Brown, Clarke, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. T. Clarke of the Friars Lodge 1349 was elected a member. Bro. Hunt will preside next week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 26th Nov. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Saul S.W., Pearcy J.W., Fenner Sec., Halford Treas., Brisker S.D., Sparrow I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. H. Moss P.M. 45, Beckett, Maton, Legg, Stock, Cook, Millward, Harris, Musto, Preston, Simmonds, Hallam, Sadler, Crawley, Parkinson, Gibbs, S. Rowley, J. Hill, Clark, Hunter, Millward, Banks, Moses, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was advanced to the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 1st, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Millward 17, Saul, Sparrow Lion and Lamb 192, Fenner J.D. 1693, Sadler, Beckett, E. Legg 862 and 1107; Halford J.W. 228, Stock S.W. 1178, Pearcy S.D. 228, Sadler, E. Legg 862 and 1107; Hunter 228, Crawley 73, Sparrow. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, when the following brethren were elected members, Bros. Brisker of Fortitude 105, Sparrow of Lion and Lamb 192, Musto of New Concord 813, Preston of Finsbury 861, C. Harris of Tranquillity 185, W. Maton of Strong Man 45, and Banks of Manchester 179. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M. for working the Fifteen Sections, as also to those brethren who had assisted him; after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 27th of November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. R. P. Tate J.D. 862 W.M., Chapman S.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., Brown S.D., Thompson J.D., Bingemann P.M. Prec.; Bros. Tranter, Corun, T. B. Dodson, Soper, Walker, and upwards of thirty other brethren. Business—The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Thompson, Abell, T. B. Dodson, Walker, Brown (5th and 6th), and Watts. Second Lecture: Bros. Miroy, Marston, Bingemann, Dickins, and Bingemann. Third Lecture: Bros. J. H. Dobson, Kidder, and Dickins. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and several brethren were elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to Bro. R. P. Tate for his efficient working of the Sections, and he was also unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had so ably assisted him. This was carried unanimously, and the Lodge adjourned to Tuesday, 4th December.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—Held its usual meeting on Monday, the 26th November, at Bro. Seaton's Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. J. R. Large, of Loyalty Lodge 1607, W.M., Maidwell S.W., F. Brown J.W., Ellis Sec., W. Fraser S.D., Crane J.D., Burchfil I.G. Bros. Rudderforth, Horsley, Colegrave, Newton, Johnson, Lacey, Hilliard, Webb and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation (for the first time) in a very impressive manner, and received a vote of thanks and the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Rudderforth worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Maidwell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday evening. The Lodge was closed in due form with prayer. The brethren then proceeded with the business of the City Masonic Benevolent Association, when a ballot was taken for two Life Governorships for the Masonic Institutions. The successful members were Bros. Verry and W. Fraser.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday the 24th of Nov., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Seex P.M. 1426 W.M., C. K. Killick W.M. 1693 S.W., J. T. Rowe W.M. 167 J.W., Halford Treas., Rowley P.M. 917 I.G. Past Masters Bros. Moss 185, Eldridge 167, Noehmer 186, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Killick candidate. The ceremony was very ably rendered, the satisfaction of the brethren being evidenced by a well deserved vote of thanks. Honorary membership of the Lodge was offered to Bro. Seex, and accepted, in a few well chosen remarks. Bros. J. T. Rowe W.M. 167, Eldridge P.M. 167, and Berliner 1017, were elected members. Bro. Gibbs was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Williams W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Christian S.W., Bonner J.D., Lines I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Carr, Young, Perrin and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, for the first time. The Lodge was closed in due form.

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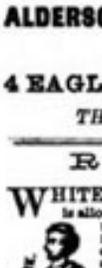
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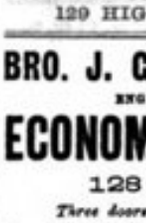
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OUR GRAND LODGE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

WE do not think the slightest objection can be raised to the plan submitted by the Pro Grand Master and approved by Grand Lodge with reference to the recent alteration of the first article of its Constitutions by the Grand Orient of France. The Earl of Carnarvon in proposing his plan was careful to point out that a belief in God and the immortality of the soul was part and parcel of the essential principles of Freemasonry. This belief, he added, entered into all our ceremonies and symbols, which without it would be not only a meaningless, but an offensive mockery; and by expunging it from its Constitutions the Grand Orient of France had isolated itself from other Grand Lodges. Thus our Pro Grand Master sufficiently vindicated the purity of Masonic principles. Nor will any one seriously quarrel with his proposed method of procedure by means of a Committe of inquiry into all the circumstances, such inquiry being conducted patiently, calmly, and temperately, with a view to reporting to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Communication the course it is deemed advisable to pursue on this question. For ourselves we do not see how the most searching investigation can possibly alter the facts of the case, or make this declaration of principle less worthy of condemnation. Grand Lodge Ireland has acted immediately, and has denounced with vigour what cannot be deemed as aught else than objectionable. Our Grand Lodge proposes to move in the matter deliberately, but this deliberation implies no want of firmness or want of readiness to fulfil its duty, when it has been, once and for all, clearly and unmistakably defined. On the contrary, the Report will have the greater weight from the fact of its being adopted after a calm and patient investigation. As to the composition of the Committee, the members selected will admirably represent the body of English Freemasons. They are men of culture and experience, and can be relied on to fulfil their duty with the strictest impartiality. The reference of the Earl of Carnarvon to the seventy-six French Lodges who voted against the proposed change inclines us to hope that a means may be found by which the whole body of Freemasons in France may not be made to suffer for the action even of a large majority. This is in accordance with the suggestion we threw out in our first article on this question. With these remarks we leave the matter in the hands of the Committee.

THE APPEALS OF BROS. A. VAILLANT AND OTHERS.

THE circumstances which led to these appeals were described at some length in an article which appeared in our issue of the 1st September. Moreover, the papers relating to it have been lying in the Grand Secretary's Office for the inspection of brethren, so that the bulk of our readers are sufficiently informed of the facts of the case. Thus a brief recapitulation must suffice on this occasion. In January 1876, Bro. the Rev. John E. Marks, of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," who was at the time in England, was appointed Senior Warden. Bro. Marks did not return to Rangoon till April, while it was not till August that he attended in Lodge and entered on his duties. In December of the same year, the question of his eligibility to serve as W.M. was raised by Bro. T. N. Seymour, and the W.M. Bro. W. A. Nichols ruled that he was eligible. A ballot was then taken, and Bro. Marks was elected Master for the ensuing year, by 13 votes over Bro. Vaillant, for whom only 11 votes were cast. The latter and sundry other brethren appealed against the W.M.'s ruling, but the Deputy District G.M. dismissed the appeal on the ground that it was couched in disrespectful language. Pending the decision on a second appeal, Bro. Marks was installed as W.M. Then the retiring Master made certain charges against the appellants for having used insulting expressions against the officers of the Lodge, and in the result nine members passed a sentence of exclusion against five, for unmasonic conduct. After this, the Deputy District G.M. decided adversely on the second appeal, and when the excluded brethren brought the sentence passed upon them under his notice, he decided not to interfere in the matter. But Bro. Vaillant and his companions in misfortune were, not unnaturally, dissatisfied with this refusal of the Deputy District G.M., and the subject having been referred to head quarters, Grand Lodge, after hearing the exposition of the law on the case by the Grand Registrar, supported the appeal; and it was decided that Rev. Bro. Marks was not eligible to serve as Worshipful Master, and as a corollary that the sentence of exclusion from this Lodge was unjustifiable. Both judgments have been reversed, and, as a consequence, Bro. Marks can enjoy none of the rights and privileges of an Installed Master, and Bro. Vaillant and his co-appellants are restored to their position as members of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon.

We have carefully studied the circumstances of the case, and we do not see how Grand Lodge could possibly have come to any other conclusion. It is more than ever necessary in these days, when the number of our Lodges has increased so prodigiously, that there should be a strict administration of the law. If there is the slightest tendency on the part of whom it may concern towards a lax interpretation or observance of the Constitutions, it is inevitable that the whole framework of our Society—at least in England—will become sooner or later disjointed. In this particular case it must be manifest, even to the tyro in Freemasonry, that Bro. Marks was not more eligible for the position of Master than a brother who had only a month previously been raised to the degree of M.M. His absence from the Lodge on the occasion of his appointment as Senior Warden, and the mere fact that, by reason of such absence, he was not invested with his jewel of office, would not by themselves have constituted any impediment to his election to the chair. The Constitutions very properly make allowance for such a contingency. But he did not appear in person till the month of April, and he did not attend in his place in Lodge till August, when two-thirds of his term of office had expired. Yet, in the face of this, the Master, Bro. Nichols, when the point of Bro. Marks's eligibility was raised, did not hesitate to declare him eligible. We have no acquaintance with Bro. Nichols, and are desirous of treating the matter impartially. While, moreover, we cannot expect that all who are elected to fill the chair of a Lodge will be learned in the law of Freemasonry; still, we are justified in supposing that Worshipful Masters, when they enter upon their duties, will pay some heed to our Constitutions, and in their study of them will exercise a portion of that common sense which we may fairly imagine they possess. Bro. Nichols does not seem to have been a painstaking Masonic student.

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So, too, with a D.D.G.M., it strikes us that one who holds so exalted a position, and who, in the absence of the District Grand Master, is the chief authority in the District, will not sacrifice any portion of his dignity if he endeavours to acquaint himself, as far as possible, with the nature and extent of the duties he will be called upon to perform, and the powers that will be vested in him. In short, whoever aspires to a position of dignity and responsibility, should be prepared to fulfil his duties in a business-like, as well as in a dignified, way. He should know what to do, and have tact enough to do it at the right time and in the right manner. It in no wise derogates from a man's position that he should know what he has to do, and Bro. Nichols, Past Master of Victoria in Burmah, and the Deputy District Grand Master of British Burmah, would have come out of these differences with greater credit if they had shown some slight acquaintance with our Laws and Constitutions. As to the appellants, we do not think their appeal to the Deputy District Grand Master was couched in disrespectful language, but we do think there were several things mentioned in their appeal which it would have been wiser and more expedient to have left unsaid. However, let us hope that the action of Grand Lodge will put an end to these bickerings, and that, henceforth, Lodge No. 832 of Rangoon will be a model of harmony and exemplary work.

GRAND LODGE.

THE United Grand Lodge of England met in regular Quarterly Communication on Wednesday evening. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the Earl of Limerick, Prov. Grand Master, Bristol, as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Tenterden as Grand Senior Warden, the Rev. C. J. Martyn as Grand Junior Warden, Rev. C. W. Arnold and Rev. H. A. Pickard—the latter of whom, in succession to the late Rev. Bro. Onslow, was invested in the course of the proceedings—Grand Chaplains, S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Æ. McIntyre Q.C. Grand Registrar, Sir Albert Woods, Garter, G. Director of Ceremonies, P. de Lande Long and Captain N. G. Philips Grand Senior Deacons, H. C. Tombs Grand Junior Deacon, W. Toller G. Sword Bearer, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Secretary, S. Foxall G. Pursuivant, Earl of Donoughmore, General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, John A. Rucker President Colonial Board, and Bros. H. C. Levander, S. Rawson, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Hyde Pullen, Fred. Binckes, John M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, John Wordsworth, Stephen B. Wilson, J. Constable, H. M. Levy, Cook, No. 259, John Havers, &c., &c., there being over 500 brethren present. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication having been confirmed, the Earl of Carnarvon rose, and in a speech of great length brought under the notice of Grand Lodge the recent act of the Grand Orient of France. He pointed out that this act involved an alteration in the fundamental principles by which not only French but likewise all other Freemasons were bound together. He showed how the new Constitutions laid it down that the essential principles of French Freemasonry were not the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, but freedom of conscience and the universal oneness of the human race (*la solidarité humaine*). This important change had been adopted after long and careful consideration, but he (the noble lord) was given to understand that no less than seventy-six Lodges had protested against it. He then referred to the recent resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in condemnation of the act of the French Grand Orient, and stated that other Grand Lodges abroad had adopted a similar course of action. For his part, while desirous of looking temperately at the matter, it was impossible for him to adopt any other conclusion than that by expunging from their Constitutions the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, the Grant Orient of France had blotted out the necessary and fundamental principle of the Craft, and had thus isolated itself from other Grand Lodges. His Lordship then went on to show at considerable length how these beliefs entered deeply into all the ceremonies and symbols of Freemasonry, and that, were it not so, they would be not only without force or meaning, but an offensive mockery; and in concluding an able and effective speech, he proposed that a Committee should be appointed, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances and examining ancient records; and, having dealt with the matter calmly and patiently, that it should then report to Grand Lodge as to the course it would be advisable to take on the question. The Earl of Limerick seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. The following eleven brethren constitute this Committee—namely, the Earls of Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and Donoughmore, Lords Leigh and Tenterden, Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, John Havers, H. C. Levander, Monckton, and Gould. The Grand Secretary then read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. W. Bro. Cook, Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, then rose and nominated His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the nomination having been duly seconded, was carried by acclamation. Bro. John M. Clabon was re-appointed President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and Bros. Joshua Nunn and Jas. Brett were re-elected as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the same.

The following twelve Past Masters were then elected, after ballot, to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, 331 votes.
Bro. H. C. Levander P.M. 263, 325 votes.
Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, 293 votes.
Bro. William Mann P.M. 186, 287 votes.
Bro. H. Dicketts P.M. 25, 269 votes.
Bro. H. Bartlett P.M. 147, 245 votes.
Bro. Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, 240 votes.
Bro. H. Garrod P.M. 749, 231 votes.
Bro. Obed. Roberts P.M. 188, 225 votes.
Bro. C. Atkins P.M. 27, 208 votes.
Bro. C. P. Cobham P.M. 957, 207 votes.
Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, 202 votes.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the past quarter, in which the grants enumerated in our last issue were recommended, was submitted and approved. The statement of account, as described last week, was also submitted and accepted. The appeal of Bro. John Henry Henry, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the late Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, for deciding a case and censuring Bro. Henry without hearing him, was sustained, and the judgment reversed; as also was the appeal of Alfred Leander Vaillant and other brethren, of the Lodge Victoria in Burmah, against the judgment of the Dep. District Grand Master of British Burmah, and against their exclusion from the Lodge, to which we refer at some length in another part of our columns. The Rev. Bro. R. J. Simpson then rose for the purpose of moving the series of resolutions on the German question of which he had given notice. The first of them, to the effect that the three hundred petitions now presented to Grand Lodge should be received, was agreed to; but after some discussion on the second and third, in the former of which it was proposed that our Grand Lodge should suggest to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, a reconsideration of that portion of its constitutions which required all candidates for initiation to declare themselves believers in Christianity, and in the latter that the M.W.G. Master should be respectfully requested to communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, in such manner as might commend itself to His Royal Highness—these were withdrawn. Shortly after this, Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren dispersed rapidly.

We learn from the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held on the 25th June, at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, Bro. the Hon. J. Pitt Kennedy, P. Dep. Dist. G.M. presiding as Dist. G. Master. Many present and Past Dist. G. Officers, with the representatives of twelve Lodges and sundry visitors, were present. The Dist. G.M. having addressed the brethren, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read. The Dist. G. Treasurer's accounts showed a balance against the General Fund of over 506 Rs; in favour of the Hall Fund of over 2,354 Rs.; in favour of the Gas Account of over 107 Rs. of Musical Fund Account of upwards of 433 Rs.; and of the Fund of Benevolence of over 1,933 Rs. This Report, as well as that of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, which showed donations to the extent of 390 Rs., was adopted. A resolution referring to the final scrutiny of the votes of Lodges in respect of a New District Grand Master having been proposed and carried, and the annual collection in behalf of the Fund of Benevolence, which realised Rs. 107.4, having been made and handed to the District G. Treasurer, Distict Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

It will be within the recollection of our readers that on the 23rd April last, Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, laid the first stone of the Shakespeare Memorial now being erected at Stratford-on-Avon, at least one portion of it, to wit, the Theatre. But it is in contemplation to build a Library and Picture Gallery, for which a further sum of £8,000 is required. Mr. C. E. Flower, who has already contributed munificently towards the erection of the Theatre, has again come forward and promised £4,000 towards the Library and Gallery, on condition that the further sum of £4,000 is raised by the end of the year. Mr. Henry Graves, the Art Publisher of Pall Mall, has further promised to bequeath all his pictures of a Shakespearian character to the Gallery. Under these circumstances, the Corporation is now making a powerful appeal to the British public, in order to raise the £4,000. We trust their endeavours will meet with the prompt and hearty support it deserves.

The first annual ball of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Wednesday, 23rd January 1878, Bro. E. White W.M. is President, and Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M. Vice-President. Bro. E. J. Scott, Secretary and Treasurer of Ball Committee, 34 Bury-street, St. James's, S.W., will be happy to furnish particulars.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated in Edinburgh, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Daughter Lodges of the Metropolitan province, on the 30th ult., with the usual installation and banquet. The proceedings commenced with an Installation Grand Lodge in the Lodge Hall, the Depute Grand Master Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce on the throne; the Grand Architect Bro. W. Hay acting as Grand Senior Warden and Past Grand Deacon Bro. W. Officer acting as Grand Junior Warden. The acting Grand Master declared the offices of Grand Lodge vacant, and in accordance with the nomination of the 5th November, proposed Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart Bart. as Grand Master Mason of Scotland for the ensuing year. This having been unanimously agreed to, the Grand Master was introduced by the acting Grand Wardens and the Grand Stewards, and Bro. Inglis administered the oath *de fideli* to the Grand Master. The election of the office-bearers was then conducted in accordance with the nomination list, which appeared in our issue of 10th November. Most of the newly appointed officers being present, the oath *de fideli* was administered to them, and the Installation Grand Lodge was thereupon closed. The Grand Officers then proceeded to the Great Hall, in the usual order, the organ playing the anthem, there to partake of the banquet, which was joined in by upwards of two hundred brethren. The Grand Master presided, and the Croupiers were Bros. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, Senior Grand Warden; Lord Inverurie Junior Grand Warden and Prov. Grand Master of Kincardineshire, and Bro. F. S. Melville President of the Board of Grand Stewards. The G.M. was supported right and left by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce D.G.M., Colonel Campbell of Blythswood Sub. G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Renfrewshire (East); D. Murray Lyon G.S.; David Kinnear G. Cashier; the Rev. Dr. Gray and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant G. Chaplains, R. F. Shaw-Stewart S.D., W. Hay G. Architect, Alex. Gay G. Jeweller, Thomas Halkett G. Bible-bearer, John Coghill G.D. of Ceremonies, C. W. M. Müller G.D. of Music, Capt. Hills G. Marshal, W. Marin P.G. Warden, Lord Carnegie, Commander Forbes R.N., W. Officer representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bro. J. Whyte Melville, of Strathkinness, P.G.M.; J. H. Neilson, Dublin; D. M. Nelson, Glasgow, &c. Deputations, headed chiefly by their R.W.M.'s, were in attendance from twenty-five Daughter Lodges, to the number of about a hundred and eighty. Grace having been said by the Grand Chaplain, the company partook of dinner, which was purveyed by Bro. Thiem, of the Windsor Hotel. Grand Lodge was then opened in the first degree, and the Grand Master proposed in succession the toasts of the Holy Lodge of St. John, which as usual was drunk in silence, and the Queen, which was very heartily received. He next proposed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Craft, remarking that the Prince was ever ready to do his public duties in this country, and that when he did come forward he won all parties by his kind, unaffected, manly, and at the same time thoroughly dignified deportment. This toast having been honoured, the G.M. gave the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, remarking that that was appropriately a toast for Masons, as the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master of Oxford, were both members of the Craft. The next toast from the chair was the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers, Commander Forbes replying for the Navy, and Colonel Campbell for the Army; and this was followed by the Craft and Freemasonry over the World; the G. Lodge of England and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Duke of Abercorn. The Deputy Grand Master next proposed the Grand Master, in doing so he remarked that when Sir Michael first came among them, he found the affairs of Grand Lodge in a dislocated state, and his first observation was this:—"I pledge myself if I can to put them right."—(Applause). Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart had kept his word. With a mixture of firmness and courtesy and business talent he had succeeded in putting Grand Lodge into the right groove at last—(Applause)—it would have grieved them and all the Craft if the Grand Master had not been again placed on the throne of Grand Lodge to see the results of what had been achieved in its excellent working order. (Applause.) Without fear of contradiction he would say, that among the illustrious roll of Grand Masters who had preceded Sir Michael—and there was no more illustrious roll of Grand Masters in Europe—(Applause)—no one had been superior to the Mason now on their throne. The toast was received with three times three. The Grand Master, in replying, first briefly glanced at some portions of the past history of Grand Lodge, and then proceeded to congratulate the brethren and the Craft on the promising and prosperous state of affairs now existing. (Applause.) They had now an able and efficient and a very hard working Grand Secretary. (Applause.) The Grand Cashier also was well able to discharge the duties of his office, and did his duties in such a way as to merit and to have obtained the approval of those who were well qualified to judge of his work. (Applause.) The Grand Master in concluding his remarks thanked the brethren cordially and heartily for the kind manner in which they had received him, and for the honour they had done him in re-electing him for another year to occupy the throne of Grand Lodge. He had received the very greatest kindness, consideration, and support from all the officers of Grand Lodge and from the Craft at large. (Applause.) A long list of toasts was then disposed of. The Grand Master proposed "The Past Grand Masters;" and "The Foreign Grand Lodges" was proposed by the Substitute Grand Master, and replied for by Bro. W. Mann, representative of Grand Lodge of Sweden. The Senior Grand Warden proposed "The health of the Depute Grand Master," who replied, and proposed that of Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, which was acknowledged by the Grand Master. The Junior Grand Warden then proposed the toast of "The Substitute Grand Master." From the first time he left his mother's hand he had, he said, been taught that one of the first principles of life was in the trite saying, "Duty before pleasure," and he could say he had always found that to be the case. But on the present occasion there was an exception, for he was hardly installed in office before he found himself in the happy position of asking them to drink to "The health of the Substitute Grand Master," and after some complimentary remarks he called on the brethren to assist him in that duty. Colonel Campbell in replying expressed his hope that so long as able he should do his duty to Masonry in Scotland. (Applause.) The Grand Master then gave in succession the health of the several Lodges from which deputations were present, and the brother heading each acknowledged the compliment and expressed gratification at the re-appointment of the Grand Master. The Grand Master afterwards proposed the toast of the Lodge Union St. Andrews, No. 542, which was responded for by Lord Carnegie, and thereafter the other toasts were in honour of the Grand Wardens, the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland, the Grand Chaplains and other office-bearers of Grand Lodge, the Colonial Provincial Grand Lodges, and (in solemn silence) the memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn. Music, vocal, and instrumental, was provided by a band and glee party under Bro. J. M. Davidson, and the evening was spent in pleasant style.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

THE Winter half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present—The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick M.W.G.M.M.M., supported by the Rev. G. R. Portal M.W.P.G.M.M.M., S. Rawson Prov. G.M.M.M. China as D.G.M.M.M., Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg as G.S.W., Capt. N. G. Philips as G.J.W., A. B. Cooke G.M.O., D. M. Dewar G.S.O., Rev. F. W. Thoyts G. Chaplain, F. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., F. Binckes G. Secretary, H. W. Binckes G. Assist. Sec., A. T. Spears G.J.D, W. Wigginton G. Insp. Works, R. Berridge G.D.C., H. Pullen G.S. Bearer, J. G. Podevin G. Standard Bearer, W. T. Belcher G. Org., Thos. Poore G.I.G., Jas. Tomlinson G. Steward, C. T. Speight G.T. The Grand Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. in due and ancient form. The minutes of the G. L. of 5th June 1877 were read and confirmed. After which Bro. Sabine rose and, addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, proposed the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale as G.M.M.M. for the ensuing term. In so doing Bro. Sabine paid a high tribute to the R.W. brother, and deemed the great and continuous progress of Mark Master Masonry to be due to the interest taken in the Order by so many distinguished brothers. He alluded to the opposition (what he deemed sincere opposition) which Mark Masonry had experienced, but in spite of all that was done the Order was rapidly increasing all over the world. The figures showed a wide difference now to what they were in the time when M.W. Bro. Beach was G.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master said:—Before I revert to the proposition for the nomination of G.M., I would draw the attention of the brethren to the marked increase in our Order, and particularly to the increase in the province of Bengal. There must have been extraordinary energy displayed to accomplish it, as the report shows a list of four new lodges established there.

The Grand Master then explained the course of action (which he deemed imperative) he had taken with reference to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund, and trusted that Grand Lodge would agree with him in the course he had adopted to assist in relieving the distress in India, which, happily, was now subsiding; and, lastly, he had to mark the letter of the General G. Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America. We must feel pleased to see them recognizing us as the legitimate head of Mark Master Masons in England and Wales, and we shall be able to enter into full and satisfactory correspondence with this by far the most powerful nation in Royal Arch Masonry. With reference to my successor on this throne, I think that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale's nomination as G.M. is in every way calculated to give great satisfaction.

M.W.P.G.M. Rev. G. R. Portal, in rising to urge the recommendations alluded to in the report, referred to the friendly action of the Grand Chapter of the United States, and stated it was impossible to overrate the importance of being recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Canada and Ireland had previously done so, and he felt sure that it would also come from Scotland. All the recommendations were unanimously agreed to.

Bro. T. Meggy reminded Grand Lodge that there had been renewed efforts to establish and maintain a Mark Lodge of Improvement, and he had great pleasure in informing the brethren that such Lodge was held every Wednesday, in Red Lion-square. He cordially invited brethren from town and country to attend. Bro. Stevens held that such a Lodge was urgently needed, and thought that a grant from G.L. ought to be made for part maintenance of such a Lodge. Bro. Binckes dissented from this view of Bro. Stevens, as regards a Grand Lodge grant, and said it could not be done. Other brethren took part in the discussion, and the M.W.G. Master thought that a matter of so much importance should be referred to the Board of General Purposes, which was agreed to, a resolution, moved by Bro. Meggy and seconded by Bro. M. Ohren, being framed to that effect. The business being finished, the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. was closed, with prayer, at a quarter to 7 p.m.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction No. 27, on Thursday next, the 13th inst., at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. C. H. Webb will occupy the chair, and will be supported by Bros. Rudderforth as S.W., Ellis as J.W., and Barnes as I.P.M. The following are the brethren who will assist:—Bros. Hill, Da Silva, Norden, Ellis, Durell, Andrews, Barnes, Wharman, Burr, Grammer, Rudderforth, Howlett, Musto, Maidwell, Taylor.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Third Annual Meeting was held at Alford, on Thursday, 29th November, under the banner of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, No. 209. The proceedings of the day commenced at 11.15 a.m., by the Consecration of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, which new Lodge had been constituted by the installation of its W.M., Bro. B. A. Galland, M.A., Rector of South Thoresby, on the 24th September, and which young Lodge now consists of eighteen members, under the presidency of one of the best working Masons in the kingdom.

The ceremony of Consecration was performed by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, in his usual perfect style. The nice little town of Alford not being easy of approach, there was only a limited number of brethren present; but a special train being arranged for the convenience of brethren from Gainsbro', Lincoln, and Grimsby, and several visiting brethren from Hull, there was a goodly muster at the assembling of Prov. Grand Lodge at 12.45 p.m., which took place in the Corn Exchange, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, the most remarkable feature being the Mark tracing board, drawn on the floor of the Lodge, 24 feet by 15 feet, which was most startling to the brethren on entering.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingbro' House, near Grimsby. The following brethren were present:—The R.W. John Sutcliffe Prov. G.M.M., W. Watkins P.P.G.S.W. as Deputy Prov. G.M.M., R. Cotton Carline Prov. G. Reg. as Prov. G.S.W., W. W. Copeland Prov. J.W., F. Higgins as Prov. M.O., M. Crowden Prov. S.O., J. E. Mason as Prov. J.O., the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.P.G. Chap. as Prov. Chap., Jack Sutcliffe Prov. Treas., R. Cotton Carline Prov. Reg. M., Robert Gough Prov. Secretary, T. A. Handsley as Prov. S.D., C. Brookes as Prov. J.D., W. H. Roberts Prov. D. of C., Hasten Clark as Prov. Assist. D. of C., H. S. Close Prov. Sup. of W., G. M. Lowe, M.D., Prov. Sword Bearer, C. W. Cheeseman as Prov. Organist, F. C. Johnson as Prov. I.G., George Motley Prov. Steward, W. H. Parkinson Prov. Steward, Charles Mann Prov. Tyler, W. H. Radley P.P.G.S.W., F. S. Judd P.P.G. Asst. D. of C., Thomas Slator P.P.G. Sword Bearer, T. M. Wilkinson S.O. Renugius 117, J. E. Fox Secretary ditto, R. Goodman P.P.G.D. of C., W.M. John-o'-Gaunt 172, John Laughton S.O. ditto, C. F. Liversidge S.D. ditto, B. Box Tyler ditto, W. Marshall P.P.G. Steward, W.M. Sutcliffe 188, George Lister S.D. ditto, R. Boggett Past M.O. ditto, Henry Barker Secretary ditto, Henry Wardale Tyler ditto, John Nelson ditto, C. Genney ditto, Charles Smyth S.W. St. Wilfrid 209, R. Garnt J.W. ditto, W. O. Taylor ditto, Edward Soulby ditto, John Mawer ditto, C. Mason ditto. Visitors—V.W. Bro. F. Binckes Past G.J.W. Grand Sec., Martin Kemp P.M. Humber 182, Henry Preston J.W. ditto, M. Haberland ditto.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the following list of brethren from whom letters had been received, regretting their non-attendance:—Bros. James Terry, C. Harrison M.D., John N. Scherling, Walter Reynolds, A. Kirk, F. Watson, C. Scorer, Henry Watson, Hesketh Smith, P. P. Dickinson, George Hoosham, T. E. Jacobson, John Moxon, W. Pollitt, T. C. Lazenby, the Rev. J. G. Bayles, W. M. Green, S. Walmsley, Capt. Coates, the Rev. B. A. Galland M.A.

The usual routine of a Provincial Grand Lodge having been gone through, and the officers for the ensuing year invested, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. then called upon the brethren for one to volunteer to undertake the office of Grand Steward, which office W. Bro. D. Ace D.D. P.P.G. Chaplain undertook.

The Treasurer's accounts having been previously submitted and passed and found in a healthy state, there being a balance of over £30 in hand, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. said for his part he had always been opposed to Masonic Lodges hoarding up money. He thought it was far more desirable to circulate it for the benefit of distressed Masons, and he suggested that a portion should be voted to strengthen the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on the motion of Bro. Dr. Ace the sum of £10 10s was so voted. The Provincial Grand Master subsequently added £5 5s to this, and Bro. R. Boggett volunteered to undertake the office of Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, which is usually held in May in each year.

Before closing the Lodge the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. stated that in routine the Lodge will be held at the fine old city of Lincoln next year, on which occasion he expected to have a most numerous and popular gathering. The Masons of Lancashire—his native county—had done him high honour, and he had in return invited the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for Lancashire, with all his present and past officers, to honour Lincoln with a visit, and he fully expected they would do so, when he, with the Lincolnshire brethren, could acknowledge his obligations and give them a hearty reception, such as Masons know how to give.

A magnificent banquet was served at the White Horse Hotel to between fifty and sixty brethren, guests of the Prov. Grand Mark Mason, Bro. Sutcliffe, who occupied the chair. There was also a liberal supply of choice wines to add zest to the repast and to the Loyal and Masonic toasts which followed it. The *menu* comprised the various edibles in season, including a plentiful supply of game, and the bounteous provision elicited the personal thanks of Bro. Sutcliffe to host Hibbitt. During dinner the founder of the feast took wine respectively with the brethren on the right and the left, and with the St. Wilfrid Lodge. In proceeding with the toast list before the tables were cleared,

The Chairman apologetically remarked that the time was getting very valuable and very precious, as some brethren had to leave in a short time for their homeward journey, and he must therefore call upon Dr. Ace for the usual prayer after meat.

Grace having been said,

The Chairman loyally called upon the brethren to join him in drinking the toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman then said the next toast he had to propose would meet with a hearty response, namely, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was at the head of Masonry, and not only that, but as the Heir Apparent to the Throne they should drink his health, and also that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. (God bless the Prince of Wales).

The Chairman, without any delay, proceeded to say that the next toast he had to propose for their approval was that of the M.W. the Earl of Limerick, the Grand Mark Master Mason; the Provincial Grand Masters of other Mark Provinces; and all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present and past. It was a routine toast, but still a compliment which it was incumbent upon them to pay to the head of their institution. They had looked to the Earl of Limerick with a great amount of interest for the Moveable Grand Lodge which he promised to hold in this district in the autumn of the present year, but after many attempts to bring him to book Bro. Binckes had failed, for the Earl was so engaged that he could not attend. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes Grand Secretary.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, remarked that the Right Worshipful Master had imposed upon him a heavy duty to discharge, because it was a very comprehensive toast. They started with the Most Worshipful Master who held the reins over this Province—the Earl of Limerick, to whom their Right Worshipful Master Sutcliffe had made a happy allusion, but he did not know that it was from the reason named that the Earl did not hold a moveable Grand Lodge, because he was in Ireland, and had engagements there, and from one cause or another the Moveable Grand Lodge, fell through. Speaking of the selection of P.G. Officers, he said it was exceedingly difficult to make a selection without giving offence where the qualifications of all were so equal. But they could always make themselves happy under disappointment. They lived in the hope that the day would come when the merits of each individual brother would be acknowledged. There were two estimates of every man—the one formed of himself and the other formed by other people, and he thought the estimate formed by other people was the most correct. With reference to himself he was exceedingly happy to be once more amongst them, and exceedingly pleased to see such a good attendance so ably presided over as they were by their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Binckes proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe. Had he known when responding to the last toast that this honour would have been put in his hands he should have curtailed his observations. Three years ago he had the honour of installing Bro. Sutcliffe as a Provincial Grand Officer. The honour fell to him (Bro. Binckes) by accident. He could say a good deal with regard to the distinguished brother in connection with this toast, but he need not occupy time in recounting his most valuable and good qualities, which were probably better known by those present than by himself (Bro. Binckes), although he knew something of both. He was one of the hardest Provincial Grand Masters he ever served under, and now only allowed him a minute-and-a-half to propose his health, and he must therefore call upon them by the heartiness of their reception of it to make up for the want of what he would say if he had time to say it, but he believed a better Grand Master could not be served under, nor one better deserving of their best support. (Applause.) He wished him good health, that he might for many years fulfil the position he now held and the arduous duties devolving upon him as they had seen him that day.

Bro. Sutcliffe, on rising, was received with loud applause and cheering. He feelingly acknowledged the very great kindness with which the proposition of his health had been received, as proposed by Bro. Binckes, who by his splendid and eloquent flow of language expressed himself in a style which no other man scarcely could do. He (Bro. Sutcliffe) hoped to have the opportunity of meeting his brethren for some years to come, and they would not find much change in him. (Applause.) For their kindness he could only say he would fulfil his office in every way he could, but it was no use his being placed in the chair unless he was supported by the various Lodges. He expressed himself as pleased with the satisfactory state of things in the Province.

The Chairman, without resuming his seat, said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and all Officers and Brethren of Lodges in the Province of Lincolnshire. The Lodges were all working harmoniously. They did not lose strength, but gained a little. They had at the head of their Lodges four good and enthusiastic Masons. Dr. Lowe and Bro. Goodman were unsurpassed by any men. Bro. Copeland, who presided over another, was one of their principal names and principal characters. For the Alford Lodge he was exceedingly pleased in submitting for their consideration a first-rate tip-top man, who would be a great ornament to the Province, and he greatly regretted that he had not been present that day (the Rev. Basil A. Galland, M.A., Rector of South Thoresby). With men like those they must progress. They did not want to progress rapidly; they wanted quality and not quantity. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Lowe.

Bro. Dr. Lowe expressed the satisfaction which the Masters of the Lodges felt in their Provincial Grand Master, whom they endeavour to imitate, and they did all they could to serve him, and, owing to him, no sooner were Masons initiated in the Craft Lodge but they were anxious to join the Mark Lodge. With regard to Lincoln, they were not quite so prosperous as they might be. They kept Masonry very popular, especially Mark Masonry, and before another year the Lodge would be increased. He knew from the pulse of Lincoln that it would be so. The Grand Lodge would probably be held in Lincoln next year under very agreeable auspices, and they would give a good reception. He hardly expected that they should do equal justice to what they had seen that day, for he had travelled through the Province and had not seen it better done or better served.

The Chairman said the next toast under ordinary circumstances would have been the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and other

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Provincial Officers of Lincolnshire, but they must excuse him for passing over that toast, seeing that the Lincoln and Gainsboro' brethren must depart almost immediately. He would therefore take up the Visiting Brethren, who came from Hull, South Lincolnshire (St. Botolph's), and Bro. Binckes. He had been in the habit of seeing the Lincolnshire brethren more numerous than that day, but the geographical position of Alford was such that they could not come. But although the brethren from Hull and Boston were very few, they were glad to see them in all Mark Lodges, and he hoped to have them on a future occasion. In conclusion, he asked the brethren of the district to drink to the brethren of Hull, Lincoln, Boston, and Spalding, and Bro. Binckes, wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity, and coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Kemp, Bro. Radley, and Bro. Preston.

Bro. Preston (Hull) wished the Provincial Grand Mark Master every prosperity, hoping that the Mark degree would prosper. The brethren from Yorkshire had great pleasure in meeting him on this occasion.

Bro. Radley (Boston) expressed his gratitude for the opportunity of observing the working of a Mark Lodge. Although on the "black list," they of the St. Botolph's Lodge not being able to work a Mark Lodge in a high degree, they would have liked to do so. They came there because, being presided over by such a distinguished and painstaking brother, it was the least duty they could render at his hands. All his brethren then present felt their position somewhat, and he hoped the outcome would be that they should not keep out of the pale of Masonry another year, especially as the Prov. Grand Master held out to them the temptation of a meeting which they hoped would be the best under the Mark Masonic prestige in Lincolnshire, and he would say if it was not taken up in Boston he would join some other Lodge.

Bro. Kemp, in an eloquent speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, which he described not as charities, but as truly benevolent institutions, referring particularly to the Boys' School and its economical management. There were very few institutions but some grumbling person might say there is some extravagant thing here, or some mismanagement there, but it could not be said of the Boys' School, and he would say that there was no institution in the land that could compare with the Masonic Institutions in London. He had mentioned the name of Binckes in connection with them, but he could not possibly pass over the name of Sutcliffe. Before he had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with their Prov. Grand Master he read of his noble doings. He did not envy the Province of Lincolnshire very much, but he envied them of their Grand Master. They had a Mark Lodge in Hull—a baby one-and-a-half year old, and when compared with the Lodge they had consecrated that day, it showed how Mark Masonry was progressing. The Hull Lodge was No. 184, and that established at Alford was 209, showing the great increase in so short a time. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting their Provincial Grand Master for many years to come. He was reminded by seeing Bro. Jack Sutcliffe take office—which was not the first instance in Masonry—that he was a worthy son of a worthy sire. (Great applause.) The names of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and his son Jack, with the name of Binckes, would never pass away, with whom he would also mention the name of Boggett, a Mark Master at Hull, in connection with the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, gave some particulars of the position of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, which had £40,000 funded property. They were not hoarding up all their income for posterity, but had expended £3,000 to £3,500 in enlarging the Boys' School, and had increased the number from 140 to 180. His Brother Jack Sutcliffe, whose name had been associated with his good father's noble deeds, and whose efforts in the future would be in excess of those that had gone before, would find a most genial occupation in providing for aged Freemasons, thereby on the one hand supporting them in their closing years, and in the other case starting them in life with that education which all wished to start with.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe observed that after such a brilliant speaker as Bro. Binckes it was difficult for him to gain their attention. He failed to see how his name could be connected with the Masonic Charities, because he had done very little in comparison with other active Masons. He had done something in the Craft and Mark Lodges, and went up to London well satisfied with his position in respect to other Lodges. He was nobly and well entertained, and in a manner which afforded him great gratification. He was introduced to many brethren whose acquaintance it was an honour to have. What little he had done for the Masonic Charities he had done with great pleasure indeed. His heart was with the great Masonic movement, and if they wished him to continue in the position he now held he should endeavour to increase what he had hitherto done.

Bro. Boggett (Hull) also responded, remarking that when they went up with their lists they were not second. (The Provincial Grand Mark Master: "And you shall not be second this year.") He was going to represent the Lincolnshire Province of Mark Masons, and he hoped the brethren in the Mark degree would assist him. He had the promise from one brother of 5 guineas, and if he wanted more he was to go again. Last year Bro. Sutcliffe sent him 5 guineas, and this year he hoped to have the name of every officer in the Sutcliffe Lodge—every officer in the county. He hoped to have the biggest list at the Mark Festival.

Bro. Copeland said he had a toast to propose that did not appear on the list. It was the practice of Masonry to recognise merit where merit was due, and the brother that he had to bring before their notice had merit as his peculiar forte. He was a brother who had served very long and very arduously in this Province, namely, Bro. Grand Secretary Gough. (Applause.) They all knew, especially those who were first connected with this Province, the very great amount of work that Bro. Gough had to perform. (Hear, hear.) He deserved their thanks for what he had done in the Lodge and in the Province. That was all they could do at present, but he hoped at some future time some further recognition would be forthcoming. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. P.G.M.M. Sutcliffe: Before this toast is submitted to you I must say that Bro. Gough has been lad and man with me, and he is my book-keeper. He has only one senior in our establishment. He has my full trust as a book-keeper, and he has my full confidence as a Mason. He not only discharges his duties as a servant, but he discharges his duties as a Mason. (Applause.)

Bro. Gough thanked the P.G.M.M. and all present very much for drinking his health, the proposal of which had come upon him unexpectedly. As most of them were aware talking was not his forte, and as to the working part he left them to be the judges. He thanked them for their confidence.

The Chairman then proposed a toast which he said ought to bring a smile over the faces of all brethren, namely, the Ladies. It was a toast which was often brought before a meeting as a matter of mere routine, being placed sometimes in the hands of some young butterfly who did not know anything about it—(laughter)—who did not know how to propose it. However, as an old married man, and the father of a family, he could say they were a great comfort and solace, as the brethren would feel when they arrived at his time of life. In our youth we enjoyed their society, and they administered to our comforts in many respects as married men, and in our old age they had to be our nurses. He did not know what his home would be without his wife—his good old wife, who at that time would be very anxious and wondering how "John" was getting on. (Laughter.) She would be saying to herself, "Now will he come home cross or pleased?" (Laughter.) But, in a general way, he went home from a Masonic meeting in a much better temper than from elsewhere. (Applause.) Therefore he had very great pleasure in proposing the health of the Ladies. Young and old admired them and loved them. He coupled with it the health of the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. Higgins.

Bro. Higgins felt the difficulty of his position in this case, for he as a bachelor could not tell what the ladies would wish to say under such trying circumstances. He considered that married Masons occupied a more difficult position than bachelors, for they might be assured that when they went home they were put through a most trying ordeal, and if they did not get satisfactory answers think of their faces, and think of their tongues. (Laughter.) They bachelors had no such trying questions put to them. Still, the ladies would be only too glad to second his poor efforts in returning thanks for them.

The Chairman having proposed all poor and distressed Masons, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the usual parting toast.

THE BROTHERLY SOCIETY.

THE annual dinner of the members was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The Society originated on the 12th December 1776, and has thus completed its centenary. The object is the relief of all classes. It has a sum of upwards of £2,000 invested in the funds. The number of members is limited to 101, and there are at present several applicants waiting to join. A very sumptuous dinner and dessert was provided by Bro. Gordon, ably superintended by Bro. Hamp. Bro. A. J. Ireton, the President, occupied the chair, and Bros. W. Bourne and T. Simpson efficiently acted as Stewards. The chairman was supported by Bros. John Coutts, Wright, Watkins, E. Jacobs, S. Jacobs, J. Blyth, Dixon, &c. Mr. T. Harrap occupied the vice-chair. W. Harvey Secretary. To the call of the President to take wine with the Masonic brethren, over thirty responded. Grace having been said, the President proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Sergt. H. Steers responded for the Army and Navy. The W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Brotherly Society. He stated they were fifteen members short of the prescribed number, and the committee would be pleased to receive the names of gentlemen who wished to join. He enlarged on the advantages of the Society, and coupled with the toast the names of two of its staunchest supporters, Messrs. Scholefield and Bethell. (Cheers.) The former Brother, after thanking those present, said it must be a pleasure to the President and the members to see such success attending their efforts. The Vice-President then proposed the health of the President. No corporate or other body could exist without a head. Here you have that head in Bro. Ireton. From long experience I know that not only in his present capacity, but in whatever situation he occupies he is respected, and no more worthy gentleman could fill the chair than our old friend. The President said his heart was not only in the work of this society, but in that of every society he had been associated with. When they placed him in the position of President he felt it a great honour; he was gratified to see old and young members among them that evening, and was pleased to have their support. Bros. Bourne, Newson and Wyman returned thanks for the general committee. The toast of the trustees followed, and Bro. Keeble gave a very interesting account of the Society. The President proposed the toast of the Visitors. Mr. Ward and Bro. H. M. Levy responded, and congratulated the President at being at the head of so distinguished a Society. Several other toasts were given and were duly acknowledged. The proceedings during the evening were enlivened by some capital songs and instrumental music.

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CALLING OFF.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If "A Young W.M." will refer to Dr. Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence," pp 309 *et seq*, he will find, under the head of *Adjournment of Grand Lodge*, a long account of a case which occurred in 1856. The facts are as follow:—At the Quarterly Communication, 3rd September of that year, it was found, at half past ten, that there was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, which could not possibly be transacted. It was accordingly moved and seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, that Grand Lodge stand adjourned till 1st October, and it was adjourned accordingly. The brethren met on that day, and in spite of the protests of several Grand Officers, the business was transacted. On this the Grand Master convened a Grand Lodge of Emergency on Nov. 19th, and he then declared that the resolution of adjournment to the 1st October was unprecedented and illegal, and therefore that the proceedings at the adjourned meeting were null and void. He grounded his ruling on the meaning of the phrase "to adjourn," which, as he argued, was when used with respect to Grand Lodge precisely analagous to its application to the House of Commons, where the question "that the House do now adjourn" meant "until the next legal day of meeting." Thus when Grand Lodge adjourned, it was added, it adjourned till "the next legal day of meeting," that is "till the next Quarterly Communication;" though a G. Lodge of Emergency, at which only the business stated on the circular convening it could be transacted, might be called in the interim. It should be added that, in the U.S., Grand Lodges do adjourn from one day to the next. On turning to p. 208 of Oliver, I find under "adjournment of the Lodge"—that is, a subordinate Lodge—it is laid down that "A Lodge is incapable of being adjourned except at the will and pleasure of the Master, who has the sole power of regulating its motions. He may open and close it, and, when closed, all business is brought to a legitimate conclusion; and he may call it from labour to refreshment, for a time; but in this case he cannot finally close it until it has been resumed, by returning from refreshment to labour." Reading this by the light of the Grand Master's ruling and exposition in the case previously cited, the only possible conclusion at which I have been able to arrive is, that the term "*adjournment*" must be taken to imply "*until the next legal day of meeting*," and therefore that no Worshipful Master has the power to adjourn his Lodge till the day, or the day week following, even though it may be done under the pretence—I do not use the phrase in any offensive sense—of calling it from labour to refreshment. I by no means claim to be infallible, and as the case raised by your correspondent is one of great nicety, I should like to see the opinions of brethren abler to express an opinion than,

Yours fraternally,

"PETER GOWER."

VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall only ask you to give me space for this last brief communication in reply to "A Knight Rose Croix," who of course is perfectly at liberty to apply the term "schismatic" to any body of Masons he pleases, but who, at the same time, if he be logical, is bound to admit that every form of Masonry at the present day is "schismatic," since even "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry according to the Articles of Union," is of comparatively recent date.

The instances adduced for illustration of your correspondent's argument are not in the least analagous, and his suppositious case of a Time Immemorial Mark Lodge forming a new Mark Lodge seems to me particularly unfortunate, since it rather gives strength to what I urge, namely, that a real Masonic spirit will always impel its possessor to acquiesce in the wish or ruling of the majority. The Grand Mark Lodge of England has no "power" to prevent the formation of a "new Lodge of Mark Masons" by a Time Immemorial Lodge which has never acknowledged the Grand Mark Lodge, but it has the "authority" of ninety-nine hundredths of the Mark Masons of the world, by whom it is now acknowledged, to exercise the laws laid down in its constitutions, according to which Mark Masons made in a Lodge which has not acknowledged its authority cannot be admitted into its Lodges. I see no more "persecution" in such a regulation than in those of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, which declines to admit irregularly-made Masons into its Lodges. The difference between the authority of Grand Craft and the Grand Mark Lodges is simply that the one has been a good many more years in existence than the other. In Masonry especially, the whole history of which is based on the thinnest species of tradition, it seems advisable that there should be as much concord and non-interference as possible, and it seems to me that the importation of Masonic degrees under foreign authorities into British Colonies is not the way to promote harmonious working in those districts.

I am, yours fraternally,

ROSE CROIX.

3rd December 1877.

THE LATE BRO. MOTT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see, in your last week's issue, respecting the late Superintendent Mott, that he joined the St. Dunstan's Lodge at its consecration; it should be St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351.

Yours obediently,

W. G. DICKINS.

16 Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On 30th October I wrote as follows to the Provincial Grand Secretary of North Wales and Shropshire:—

42 Broad-street, Welch-Pool,
30th October 1877.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I must request you to place as under on the next Provincial Grand Lodge Summons, and oblige,

Yours, &c.,

D. P. OWEN P.M. 998.

To the Prov. Grand Secretary,
North Wales and Shropshire.

To consider revision of Prov. Grand Bye-laws, Nos. xliii, xlvii, lxvi, lxx, and lxxi.

Now Prov. Grand Bye-law No. 43 read thus:—

"xliii.—Notices of Motion.

"It being essential to the interests of the Craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of Prov. Grand Lodge should be known previously to the P. G. Officers and Masters of Lodges, that through them all the representatives of Lodges may be apprised of such business, and by having sufficient time for mature deliberation be prepared to decide thereon; every motion intended to be made shall be in writing, and annexed thereto shall be the *name* and *Masonic rank* of the *mover*, and the *name* and *number* of his *Lodge*, and such motion shall be transmitted to the P. G. Secretary not less than twenty-one days preceding a meeting of such Prov. G. Lodge."

A Prov. Grand Lodge Summons is issued on 27th November, for a P. G. Lodge to be held at Shrewsbury on 14th December, and no notice is taken of my "Notice of Motion."

Can any brother give information as to how this is in other provinces? Has the Prov. Grand Master or Prov. Grand Secretary any right to ignore my letter? If it is because I did not write the word "Lodge" after Welch-Pool, it is a paltry subterfuge, and it cannot be because my rank and number are only described "P.M. 998." Ought I to have put "Senior Past Warden, Welch-Pool Lodge, No. 998," after my signature. I did not add P.Z. to it, because that is a rank not pertaining to Craft Masonry, neither did I put P.P.G. Pursuivant, which office I had the honour of holding for two years, but do not now wear the clothing of it. I claim the rank, as "past rank" has never been conferred on me, and I consider that the title ceases on appointment of successor. Also have I redress at the hands of the Board of General Purposes?

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN P.M., I.P.Z. 998.

MASONIC IRREGULARITY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My mind has been much exercised in respect of a recent Masonic irregularity, and on this occasion also in Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832. The facts are shortly these:—The widow of a brother who at his decease was a member of No. 832 applied to the Lodge for relief. At a regular meeting of the Lodge the widow's petition was discussed, and opposed by the S.W., who clearly showed that her income from pensions, allowances and various sources amounted to over £20 per mensem, and that the applicant did not need relief. The widow's petition was accordingly rejected. But the petition had been vigorously supported by a P.M., who next morning proceeded to the widow, and told her all that occurred in Lodge the previous night relating to the application, and that the S.W. was the chief opposer. Woman-like, the widow, who was a personal friend of the S.W., forthwith indicted a furious epistle to him, and he forwarded the same to the W.M., with a charge against the P.M. for breach of Masonic duty. The W.M. referred the matter to a Committee of Past Masters, which Committee at the next regular meeting submitted its report,—That the P.M. had committed a *breach of Masonic etiquette*. A persistent brother wanted to know what the punishment was to be. The offending P.M. was annoyed at the suggestion, a discussion ensued, which was concluded by the W.M. permitting the S.W. to withdraw his charge. But the matter, I think, had gone beyond the power of the S.W. to recall. Anyhow, a grave offence has been winked at, and the offender got off scot free. Of course, if any brother is dissatisfied, he should appeal to the D.G.L., but the D.G.L. is distrusted, and if the appeal proved unsuccessful the appellant would be excluded, as the five brethren were who ventured to appeal to the D.G.L. against the election of W. Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, whose appeal is now before the G.L. of England.

The persistent brother declares he will not appeal, for the D.G.M. has already said that he cannot interfere with the economy of a private Lodge, and also because he is sure to be collared, and excluded his

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Lodge. So Masonic irregularity and official high-handedness join hands, and pursue a crooked career, knowing that no one, not even the D.G.M., can or will intervene. This is a sad but truthful state of affairs in this district at present, and yet I fail to see any escape from such a chaotic condition.

Yours fraternally, A LOOKER-ON.

RENUMBERING LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last occasion when the Lodges were re-numbered was in 1863, fourteen years ago. Since that period numerous Lodges must, in the course of events, have gone into abeyance, or have been dissolved. In India, the tendency is to originate a new Lodge rather than sustain an old one, and if the same feeling prevails in England, it will account for the abnormal increase of Lodges under the English Constitution.

I notice from the Proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication that our Lodges number 1690. There cannot be this number of working Lodges, so that I submit the time has arrived when the Lodges may with propriety be renumbered, and a fictitious appearance of numerical strength avoided.

Yours fraternally,

Rangoon, 28th October 1877. FAR EAST.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Those who were present at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, as well as those who may have learned what occurred there, through the medium of the Press or otherwise, must feel exceedingly gratified at the result of at least that portion of the proceedings which referred to the Grand Orient of France. English and French Masons will, I am sure, be equally grateful to the Earl of Carnarvon for the fairness with which he stated the facts of the case, so far as they were generally known, the impressive eloquence with which he enumerated the great and unalterable principles by which Freemasonry has been guided from its foundation, and which alone can form a bond of union among the brotherhood throughout the civilised world, and the wisdom of his counsel for moderation and the avoidance of hasty and ill-considered action. It is to be hoped the committee appointed to examine into all the circumstances, and report the result of their deliberations at the next Quarterly Communication, will follow the excellent example of the Pro Grand Master. But of that not the slightest doubt need be entertained, for the distinguished brethren of whom the Committee is composed enjoy the confidence of the Craft to its fullest extent, and as the noble Earl is one of their number, they will have the benefit of his acumen and advice. Whichever way, however, the question may in the end be decided, this agitation has brought to light two very pleasing facts. First, the vast assembly crowding every part of the great Hall, and which may fairly be denominated representative, showing such animated interest in the important question under notice, clearly proves that though seemingly indifferent on most subjects, English Masons can be zealous and energetic when the exigencies of the occasion may require activity, and that the smouldering embers of enthusiasm may be easily fanned into living and consuming flame by the merest breath of danger; and, secondly, that the dark cloud so menacingly looming from across the Channel, has after all, the conventional silver lining. Through the heavy gloom, threatening destruction, suddenly shot a gleam of sunshine. The announcement of Lord Carnarvon that, up to the present time no less than seventy-six French Lodges have sent in their protest against the innovation, seemed at once to relieve the prevailing depression, and transform it into hopefulness. As amongst the tens of thousands of Masons of the neighbouring empire, the vast majority must be God-fearing, the Godless few, and this protest may lead to a schism, but what of that? It would be one fully deserving encouragement and assistance. What if a new governing body be formed, framing their constitution upon the principles of the ancient charges of the Craft. Would it not be wise that their authority should be immediately acknowledged and recognised? It strikes me such an event would prove a fatal blow to the old organisation, and may go far to destroy altogether the obnoxious government which has so deliberately, and, to all appearance, unnecessarily compromised the fair fame of the Order in France, and endangered the stability of the fraternity in general. The noble lord, in his admirable address, seemed to weigh the words before he gave them utterance, therefore his suggestions demand the closest and most earnest attention. One hint especially will doubtless prove to be the keystone of future policy. No one who has bestowed a thought upon the question can have failed to perceive that, should Grand Lodge hastily resolve to cease recognising the Grand Orient as a Masonic body, great hardship would infallibly be inflicted upon a vast number of our French brethren who are entirely innocent, and have had neither hand nor part in the late unpleasant transaction. The instructions of his Lordship upon this point to Masters of English Lodges were to the effect that a French brother desiring admittance should be received provided his certificate bears date on and before 13th of September 1877, but none can be admitted who have been initiated subsequent to that period. So far then, there is just cause for congratulation that by his wisdom and tact the Pro Grand Master has placed this highly important matter upon a fair and equitable footing. Let us hope and pray that before the final decision means may be found to lay the feelings of English Masons upon the subject before the Masonic authorities of France, and thus afford them an opportunity to vindicate themselves or to amend the first article of their constitution in such a manner as to render it acceptable to the Masonic mind and conscience throughout the world.

Yours fraternally, E. GOTTHEIL.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE Installation Festival of this time immemorial Lodge, was held on the 28th ult. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom where Bros. R. R. Reed P.M., Rev. E. L. Marrett P.M. 135, P.P.G. Chaplain, and G. Pearson W.M. 121. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. S. Hughes Prov. G.S.W., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. E. Franklin S.W. W.M. elect, W. Cockburn J.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong M.O., T. Armstrong S.O., R. L. Armstrong J.O., T. Halliday Sec., R. Salmon S.D., T. Blinkensop J.D., J. Wood I.G., S. M. Harris Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. G. W. Lax, and proving unanimous, he was advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M.

Bros. W. E. Franklin was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of Installation, all below the rank of P.M. then retired, and on being re-admitted were informed by the installing Master that during their absence Bro. Franklin had been regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The new W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers. Bros. W. S. Hughes I.P.M., W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treas., T. Halliday Register of Marks, R. Salmon Sec., Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain, T. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. W. Lax Org., J. S. B. Bell S.S., J. Usher J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where they sat down to a *récherché* banquet, most excellently served. Grace being said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of, with all honours. Bro. Marrett P.M., in proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram LL.D., said, the Canon and himself were the two first that acted as Chaplains of the Province, and their was no province in the world could have more reason to be proud of their Grand Masters than this one. Only to hear him speak on Masonry was an intellectual treat. They would all remember the beautiful oration he gave them at Berwick some two years ago, when all were so charmed with his deep Masonic researches. In conclusion, he hoped that the Canon might long be spared for his useful life. The W.M. in giving the D.P.G.M.M.M. and Officers of G. Lodge, said they were proud to have the S.G.W. amongst them, and should couple his name with the toast.

Bro. W. S. Hughes P.G.S.W., in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself. He hoped that the Lodges in the Province might increase, so as to enable the Provincial Grand Lodge to increase its grants to the Charities. Bro. R. R. Reed P.M., in proposing the Health of the W.M., said he had known him in Masonry for at least twenty-five years. He had worked long, creditably and honourably for the Craft, and he was sure that during Bro. Franklin's year of office the Lodge would suffer nothing. The toast being most enthusiastically responded to, the W.M. in reply said, the eloquence of Bro. Reed had somewhat put him at a disadvantage. He had been advanced to this degree in 1854, so he had been a Mark Mason twenty-three years. He thanked Bro. Reed for the way he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordial manner they had received it. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters, coupling the name of the I.P.M. with the toast. Bro. Hughes replied, and said he would always be happy to render what assistance laid in his power. He then gave the health of the Officers. With a few exceptions they had all served under him, and he hoped they would give the same assistance to the new Master that he had received. Bro. Cockburn S.W., in replying on behalf of the Officers, said, if they had done well in the past, he hoped they would do better in the future. The W.M. then gave the healths of the Chaplain and of the newly-advanced brother, which was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain and Bro. Lax. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. Pearson W.M. 121. The Tyler was then summoned, and he concluded a most enjoyable evening, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony rendered by Bros. Lax, Wood, Franklin, Lacey, &c.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

ANOTHER Lodge of this interesting and increasing Rite has just been formed at Liverpool, by the name of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple No. 9, in compliment to His Majesty the King of Sweden, and it is expected that many Swedish brethren in that city will join it. Bros. Thomas Clarke P.M. of the St. John's Lodge 673, is the first W.M., Bro. William Thomas May P.M. first S.W., and Bro. Thos. Roberts P.M. first J.W. The Swedenborgian Rite has peculiar interest for all Past Masters and Mark Master Masons. We wish the new Lodge and Temple all prosperity. The Warrant is dated the 27th November 1877.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A meeting of the Grand Senate of this Order was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 29th ult. Lord Inverurie Grand Viceroy presiding. Previous to the opening of the Senate, the Holy Cross Sanctuary K.H.S. was opened, and Sir Knights Lord Carnegie, W. Edwards, James Melville, and Captain W. H. Brown were received and installed as K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist. The Grand Senate was thereafter opened, and Sir Knights Lord Carnegie, F. L. Low, and A. Robertson were solemnly consecrated Viceroys, and thereafter in a Senate of Sovereigns duly enthroned Sovereigns in the Red Cross Order. Among the Grand Officers present were —Ill. Sir Knights J. Crichton G. Treas., R. S. Brown, G. Beandin, Lieut. J. G. Murray G. Marshal, W. Edwards G. Architect, &c.

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

THE Court left Balmoral for Windsor on Wednesday afternoon, after a longer stay than usual. This delay in the return southward was due to the illness of Prince Leopold, and it is owing to his fortunate convalescence that her Majesty has now found it possible to quit her highland residence. Everywhere *en route* the royal travellers were greeted with the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty and affection, and the Queen manifested her appreciation of this reception by bowing her acknowledgments. The party included the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, who appeared somewhat lame, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court in attendance were the Dowager Marchioness of Ely, the hon. Lady Churchill, the hon. Amy Lambert, Lord Charles Fitzroy, Major-General Ponsonby, and Dr. Marshall.

Saturday last was the thirty-third anniversary of the Princess of Wales's birthday, and the occasion was observed with the usual festivities. On Monday evening, His Royal Highness reached Elvedon, near Thetford, the residence of the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, where he remained some days as a guest, a large number of distinguished personages, including the Earl and Countess of Leicester, the Duke of Athole, the Marquis de Grey and Ripon, Viscount Holmesdale, Lords Dacre, Henniker, Rendlesham, Balfour, Westbury, Frederick Fitzroy, &c., &c. The party enjoyed some excellent shooting in the Maharajah's preserves. The Prince has sent from Sandringham several presents of game for the use of the in-patients of our London hospitals.

The meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday was more numerously attended than usual, in consequence of the notice on the agenda paper that the Grand Master would draw attention to the recent act of the G. Orient, and, no doubt, likewise in part owing to Rev. Bro. Simpson's motions on the so-called "German Question." The "outcome of the former notice, as proposed by the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. who presided, was the appointment of a committee of inquiry into all the circumstances, and in due time to report to Grand Lodge what course, in their opinion, should be pursued. Rev. Bro. Simpson's series of resolutions led to some discussion, and nothing more, as, in the end, the last two resolutions were withdrawn. On Tuesday, the half-yearly communication of the Mark Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M.M.M., was nominated Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales, &c., in succession to the Earl of Limerick. Particulars of both gatherings will be found elsewhere in our columns.

During the latter part of the week there has been great excitement in the neighbourhood of the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the cattle, sheep, pigs, agricultural implements, &c., being in course of reception for the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which opens on Monday afternoon. As we announced last week, both the Queen and the Prince of Wales will be among the exhibitors, and no doubt, if we may judge from the results of the Birmingham Cattle Show, one or other, and perhaps both of them, will be included among the prize winners.

The chief event in the literary world is the appearance of the third volume of Mr. Theodore Martin's "Life of the late Prince Consort." We have not yet perused the work, but we have read many of the reviews, and we should judge from these that this volume of the Prince's biography will be read with the deepest interest. The period over which it extends includes the Crimean War of 1854-6, and the Prince's views on Russian aggression are sure to arouse a strong feeling among Englishmen of to-day, when another Russo-Turkish war is in progress, and the interests of this mighty empire in the East are, if not exactly imperilled, at least, in a very critical and uncertain state.

One of the masons now on strike will have reason to repent of his folly in not accepting work when there is

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plenty of work to be had. On Wednesday, one Edward Simpson, a stonemason, was charged at the Worship-street Police Court with running away and leaving his wife and four children chargeable to the Parish of Shoreditch. The prisoner urged that he was obliged to leave his wife in consequence of the violence of her temper, and then that he had gone down into the country in search of work, but was unable to get any. On the other hand, evidence was given that the man had been in receipt of strike pay, and that he could earn good wages when in employment. Mr. Hannay, the presiding magistrate, sentenced the man to three months' imprisonment; and during this term the prisoner will, no doubt, have an opportunity of reflecting on the folly of not exercising his own free will and taking work when there is plenty to be had. It is no business of ours to enter into those disputes between capital and labour which periodically arise, but it occurs to us that if this should be followed up by a few more similar sentences, workmen will hesitate about sacrificing their free-will, when one of the consequences may be a longer or shorter term of imprisonment.

On Saturday, in the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes to the 2nd City of London Rifles. There was a fair muster, and the regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Vickers, was drawn up on three sides of the hall, while the band was in the gallery. The report showed a very satisfactory state of things. The enrolled strength was 726, of whom all but forty-three were efficients. Seventeen officers and fifty sergeants were proficients, and there were twenty-five marksmen. After Lieut.-Colonel Vickers had stated briefly how his regiment had fared during the past year, the Lord Mayor presented the prizes, the principal winners being Colour-Sergeant Green, best shot in the regiment, Captain Hardy, Colour-Sergeant G. Millard, Private E. Reeves, and Sergeant H. J. Brown. In acknowledging a hearty vote of thanks, the Lord Mayor expressed his regret that the Lady Mayoress had been prevented by illness from attending; and while congratulating them on their state of efficiency, he hoped it would be a long time before they would be called on active service.

On Tuesday, there were two Conservative demonstrations at Bournemouth, Hants. At the first, which took place in the afternoon, at the Town Hall, certain addresses were presented to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Owing, however, to there being held the same afternoon a Cabinet Council, Sir Stafford Northcote was unable to attend, and the addresses were received on his behalf by Mr. Sclater-Booth, M.P. In the evening a grand banquet was held in the Winter garden, Bournemouth, at which Sir H. D. Wolff, Bart., M.P. presided, and at which Sir Stafford, who had arrived by the afternoon express from Waterloo, was present, together with the Earl of Malmesbury, the Earl of Eldon, Lord Colchester, and other political personages of distinction. The Chancellor made a long speech in reply to his health, confining his remarks, however, to local conservative politics, and observing a proper reticence on the leading question of the day.

Mount Stuart House, one of the residences of the Marquis of Bute, and situate on the Clyde about some five miles from Rothesay, was almost wholly destroyed by fire on Monday. There were no engines available, or the fire, which broke out in a servant's bed-room on the upper storey, might have been extinguished at once. Great efforts were made to put out the conflagration, but these were unsuccessful; therefore everything possible was done to save the valuable pictures and furniture, but much of this has been damaged.

The crisis still continues in France, and people are becoming still more anxious as to what will happen. The Left are resolute in their opposition to the President, who has had more than one interview with M. Dufaure, but up to the time of writing all attempts at conciliation have failed. Meanwhile, of course, the trade of the country and especially of Paris is in a state of stagnation. The Legislative Assembly continues to ignore the ministry of General Rochebouet, and there is, indeed, at the present moment a complete dead-lock, of which no one is sufficiently clear sighted to foretell the issue.

The latest news from the seat of war in Europe is unfavourable to the Russians, who have been obstinately endeavouring to force some of the more important passes of the Balkans, in the direction of Sophia. They began by carrying several positions, the chief of which was Etropol, for on its capture the evacuation of Orchanie appears to have become a necessity. However, this seems to have been the limit of their success. Subsequent attacks on the Turkish positions held by Mehemet Ali Pasha at Kamarli have been again and again repulsed, and the latter is believed to be advancing, in order, in his turn, to attack General Ghourko. The Russian losses are reported to have been very heavy. Nor is this all that has befallen the invaders. Suleiman Pasha, who has hitherto been feeling the enemy's positions near the Danube, has this week attacked the Russian right, and after a prolonged contest has forced it to yield up Elena, and retire still further in the direction of Tirnova, a very important position, which, it seems, it is the Turkish Commander-in-Chief's intention to endeavour to capture. The Russian loss in this engagement was heavy, and consisted of eleven guns, some hundreds of prisoners, and about 3,000 men killed and wounded. It is impossible to say if Suleiman will be in a position to achieve the still greater triumph of recovering Tirnova; but his resolute assault on the Russian lines will have a great effect in deranging the plans of the Grand Duke Nicholas. Meanwhile, Osman Pasha still holds out at Plevna, and now we hear that he is likely to do so for another fortnight or three weeks, having an ample supply of provisions to last that time. We shall not be at all surprised to learn at the end of that time that his supplies are sufficient for a further term of equal duration. There is little news from Asia, save that Erzeroum has been bombarded, and that heavy snow has fallen. The Roumanian Chambers have met, and the Turkish Parliament will assemble on the 13th inst. Servia is sending troops forward in the direction of her frontiers, and it is believed there will shortly be issued by Prince Milan a declaration of war against Turkey. This, it is rumoured, will be followed up on the part of the Porte by the publication of an edict of deposition against him. Considering how generously Turkey treated her vanquished enemy of last year, the deprivation of his rank is about the least punishment Prince Milan must anticipate from his offended Suzerain. Our Consul-General is said to have remonstrated with the Servian chief at his contemplated attack on Turkey, to have pointed out the disloyalty of such conduct, and to have declared that Great Britain will withdraw its guarantee of Servian autonomy. We rejoice at this; it is high time that some of these very astute personages should be taught the meaning of the words "honour" and "honesty." Last year, when the little principality was entirely at the mercy of the Porte, we pleaded for generous terms, and they were granted. It is said, and we hope the report is true, that our remonstrances have had some effect on the Prince.

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All who in winter seek out the fam'd shire,
To which ev'ry hunting man's wishes aspire,
Will acknowledge that four things his senses surprise:
The foxes, the fox-hounds, the horses, and pies.
The first travel fast, but the second go faster,
When urged on to speed by the voice of the master.
The fences are stiff as the farmers can make them,
But a Leicestershire horse is e'er ready to take them,
And though 'tis hard work to keep in the first flight,
A pork pie at luncheon will make you all right.

As then so now, the "Leicester pork pies" are indeed dainties to set before a king, or as no kings have been seen in Leicestershire recently, we should rather say before an Empress, as Her Imperial Majesty of Austria—who always rides straight to hounds, is one of the most enthusiastic admirers of the delicious pasties manufactured by Messrs. Keens, Collyer and Dunmore, of Leicester, and known throughout the county, and indeed throughout the kingdom, under their registered title of the "Leicester Pork Pie," and, by the way, it would be difficult to select a more acceptable present, at the coming festive season, than one of these pies, which are familiarly known as the "L.P.P."

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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, 8th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
257—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1449—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
441—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—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.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1503—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
147—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
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.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
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.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
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, Toutine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1230—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Bankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

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.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
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.)
1293—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
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.
149—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—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.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1396—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1682—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
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.
540—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, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Piasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Burkhurst-hill.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
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, 165 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—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
607—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1539—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
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.
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. 269—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—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—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., T. Butcher acting S.W., Thomas Jones acting J.W., J. A. Whittle Secretary, A. Orlopp acting S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G.; P.M. Bro. H. St. G. Caulfeild. The ceremonial portion of the business comprised the raising of Bros. Watkins and John Morgan.

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Temple Lodge, No. 101.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., there were present—Bros. Taylor W.M., J. H. Thomas S.W., T. Cox J.W., W. George S.D., W. Beard I.G., Fradd W.S., Bond Treasurer; and P.M.'s Wynne, Scott, Hastelow, F. Cox, Grimbly and Youle, besides a large muster of brethren. Among [the visitors was Signor Campobello, who then entered an English Lodge for the first time. Mr. Albert Jones, solicitor, was ballotted for and unanimously elected, as was also Bro. Romano, late of the Westbourne Lodge, in which he was initiated in 1864, although he took no further degree. Mr. Jones was initiated by the W.M., and Bro. Romano was passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being performed in Bro. Taylor's usually efficient and impressive manner. Afterwards the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and it was announced from the chair, amid general applause, that Bro. J. H. Thomas S.W. had been unanimously elected. Bro. Bond was re-elected Treasurer, for the eleventh time, and Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. On the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Painter. Among the toasts given was "The health of Bro. Campobello," who, in response, expressed his gratification at the cordial welcome given him on the occasion of his first visit to an English Lodge, and announced his intention of commemorating the event by giving a concert, in conjunction with his wife (Madame Sinico), during the month of February, in aid of the Boys' School. This noble offer was naturally received with vociferous applause. Bro. Campobello favoured the brethren with several songs during the evening, being accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Romano.

Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Sandilands Ward, and the following officers were present:—Bros. Alf. Dottridge S.W., W. P. Goosey J.W., J. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, Geo. King P.M. Secretary, Ganbert S.D., Gladwell I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. Hockley, Thos. Holland, James Jackson, G. Watson, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M. 1260, R. Barleton 860, Morgan 1385, E. Brown 1685, &c. The Lodge having been opened and all formalities complied with, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Raymond Piednue; it proved satisfactory, and that gentleman received Masonic light. There were two candidates for the third degree; they were both present, and duly advanced. Bros. F. H. Hare and P. J. Heidelberger were passed to the second degree. All the ceremonies were performed by the W.M., and he acquitted himself most creditably, and created a deep impression on the several candidates. The selection of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Alfred Dottridge, who in graceful terms acknowledged the compliment paid him by the brethren. Bro. Hancock P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight, by a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Hilton, Newson and Stedman were appointed Auditors. The Stewards for the Annual Ball were then selected; the following are the brethren who will act:—A. Dottridge, J. S. Ward, G. Watson, J. Hancock, G. Hockley, E. Dottridge, Stedman, Goosey and Ganbert. The W.M. announced that the petition which had been presented to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of the daughter of a deceased brother had been graciously received, and he, at the same time, expressed his thanks to Bro. George King jun., P.M. of the Hervey Lodge, for the kind way in which he had supported the case. The second case recommended by the members of the Old Concord Lodge had also received favourable consideration, and the brethren expressed their satisfaction at the result. It was proposed by Bro. King and seconded by the I.P.M., that the customary amount be voted from the Lodge funds to present the retiring W.M. with a past Master's jewel on his leaving the chair. This was carried unanimously, as was also a proposition that a sum of £10 be voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. George Watson, who will represent the Lodge at the next Festival. After this had been acknowledged, the Lodge was closed. Although this was supposed to be an "off night," a capital banquet was supplied, and the W.M. presided in a most happy and genial fashion. Pressure on our space prevents us giving a full report of the speeches; suffice it to say full honour was done to the customary toasts, and a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

Lodge of Joppa. No. 188.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerbaun Treas., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Sec., H. Hymans S.D., A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., S. Jenese Steward; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, J. Abrahams, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, Hickman, &c.; and Bros. Redmond, Cohen, Nyburg, Botibol, Davy, Barnes, M. Smith, L. M. Myers, L. Davids, Snelling, C. Haines, J. S. Lyon, Verdun, Davis, Martin, Benn, Langley, &c. The Lodge opened and minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. C. Cox, who was duly initiated into the Order. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. T. Miller S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. M. Auerbaan was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were appointed to serve on the Committee of Management, and eight brethren on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. M. Alexander seconded, that a sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to form a nucleus for the purpose of presenting the W. Master with a Past Master's jewel on his retiring from the chair. The result was unanimous, and a Committee was formed to carry out arrangements. Bro. M. Spiegel J.W. consented to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. M. Spiegel replied to the toast of the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. then gave the health of the W.M. elect. He was pleased at the unanimous way in which Bro. Miller was elected, he prognosticated for him a successful year of office, as he was in every respect qualified to fill the chair. Bro. Miller in eloquent terms responded. He was grateful for his election; it was but six years since his initiation, and his most ardent wish was to occupy the chair. He hoped his year of office would be a successful one. Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., and spoke of the excellent way in which that brother had performed the ceremonies, and of the able manner in which he had presided over them. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dodson and the brethren; he hoped to continue among them for many years. Bro. Cox, the newly initiated brother, returned thanks briefly, and the W.M. announced to the members that their new brother had given the sum of £1 1s to the Benevolent Fund. The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. mentioning their names:—Bros. Fletcher 180, J. M. Blackett 318, Muralake 894, G. Fauerbach 1017, A. Armsden 1201, A. J. Ireton W.M. 1348, Blackie 1426, E. Kendall 1635. The compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Fauerbach. Bro. A. G. Dodson replied for the Past Masters, and Bro. M. Spiegel for the J.W.; he trusted he might, in due course, occupy the chair. The toasts of the worthy Secretary Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Treasurer, and Junior Officers were given, and the brethren separated. Bros. Benjamin, Ansden, and Blank contributed to the harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 30th of November, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Walter Goss W.M., Pulling P.M. 144 S.W., B. Blasby J.W. and Secretary, Dorey S.D., Costelow J.D., Bennett I.G., J. Chambers Roe P.M. 780 Preceptor; Kyezor, Gunner, Metcalf, Pearson, and others. Lodge opened at 8 p.m., and minutes were confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. The same brother then answered the necessary questions for passing; he retired, and Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Pearson replied to the questions for raising, and retired. Lodge then opened in third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kyezor being the candidate. The W.M. completed the solemn ceremony with his usual care and ability. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Gunner presented to the Lodge a most beautifully finished dagger, and expressed his grateful thanks for the instruction he had received. It was proposed by Bro. Goss W.M. and seconded by Bro. Roe, that the Lodge mark its appreciation of the gift by making a record of it on the minutes. Proposed by Bro. W.M. and seconded by Bro. Blasby that the Annual Dinner of the Lodge of Instruction be held at their place of meeting, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 6.30 p.m. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Blasby will take the chair at next meeting.

St. Augustine Lodge, No. 972.—There was a goodly muster of the brethren of this Lodge, together with many visitors from several Lodges in the Province, on Wednesday, 14th Nov., at the Lodge-room adjoining the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury; the occasion being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Secra S.W., who has for several years discharged the duties of Hon. Sec. in a very energetic manner. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the impressive ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. Welsh the retiring W.M.; the duties of Director of Ceremonies being carried out by Bro. Peirce P.M. The W.M. then appointed as his Officers Bros. J. Cozens S.W., W. H. Vile J.W., Pilcher P.M. Treas., Walker P.M. Hon. Sec., E. Beer S.D., H. Miskin J.D., P. J. Syree Chaplain, S. F. Pringner I.G., Rossiter and Crumplin Stewards, and J. Harnett Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren to Bro. Pilcher P.M., as a mark of their esteem, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served up by the Bros. Shaxby, to which upwards of 50 sat down. The Visitors included Bros. J. Plant W.M. 31, C. Holtumn P.M. 31, H. Ward 31, 586, 622 and 1112 P.P.G.W. Wilts, J. G. Podevin W.M. 199, J. P. Terson P.M. 199, H. C. Fuhr P.M. 1208, J. Head W.M. 1110, C. M. Matthews P.M. 1110, H. Sutton 1110, G. P. Kite 813, J. Naylor W.M. 1449, J. Ball 1449, B. W. Martin 1449, J. G. Stadward 1449, A. R. Wade 972 P.M. 1449, E. Barrell 1050, G. Down 640, B. K. Thorpe 709, E. J. Penney 1089, W. A. Smoeth 1208, and P. J. Syree P.M. and Chaplain 709. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honored, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of Master Higgins, and Bros. Plant, Moulding and Higgins, of the Cathedral choir.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C., under the following Officers: F. Brown M.E.Z., W. E. Gompertz H., J. B. Sorrell J., Thomas W. White Scribe E., F. A. White Scribe N., J. High P.S. Upon the usual formula being completed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. W. Grist acting candidate. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the three Principals for their efficiency, it being the first occasion of each performing their respective duties as Z., H. and J. We do not remember ever having heard, from such young officers, more perfect working. Comp. F. Brown, in acknowledging the compliment on behalf of himself and his co-Principals, said that he was much pleased with the recognition of his services; however diligent he might have been in learning his duty, it was to Comp. Constable he was indebted, for that Comp. had spared neither time nor trouble in endeavouring to perfect him in the Ritual. There were also present Comps. G. L. Walker, D. Haslett, G. J. Row, J. Seex, E. H. Finney, and J. Constable. Comp. Charles Graham was elected a member. The Convocation to be holden on Tuesday next, at 7 p.m., will be presided over by the above mentioned officers.

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Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—This very ancient Lodge met on Monday last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. There were present Bros. Wm. Browne Kidder W.M., D. Nicol S.W., W. H. Bateman J.W., Henry Mower S.D., R. Coombes J.D., W. H. G. Rudderforth I.G., and a large attendance of the brethren—nearly the whole of the members of the Lodge being present. The work of the Lodge comprised the initiation of Mr. Julius Cantor, of Mayence, France, wine grower, into the Order, as a Country Member, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. After the ceremony of initiation was disposed of, and the bye-laws having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Alfred Snelgrove, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the S.W. (Bro. Nicol) was unanimously elected. Bro. Russ P.M. then proposed that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. William Browne Kidder. He had rendered the ceremonies in that Lodge in an able manner, such as had not been excelled by the brethren for years past, and he felt very proud in having such a Brother as the W.M. had proved himself come into the rank of the P.M.'s. He was sure that although his year of office had nearly expired, Masonry would not lose the good offices of Bro. Kidder. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.M. said he had very great pleasure in seconding Bro. Russ's proposition, and in doing so he felt sure that no one who had heard Bro. Kidder do his work could fail to appreciate the admirable manner the ceremonies had been gone through, and the way the Lodge had been governed during the year he had presided over them as W.M. The vote was then put and unanimously carried. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then retired to the banquet hall, and partook of a sumptuous banquet such as is usually provided by those well known liberal caterers for the Craft Bros. Painter. The banquet was followed by the usual Masonic Toasts, of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, &c., &c., which were respectively received by the brethren with honors. The health of the W.M. was then proposed by Bro. George Angold the I.P.M., who said that it afforded him great pleasure in proposing the toast, and yet it gave him pain. He said he was a man of very few words, but what he was going to say, he could assure them, came from the very bottom of his heart. In giving the toast, he felt a pleasure in proposing the health of such an excellent and perfect working Mason as the W.M., and pain in knowing that it was the last time that he (Bro. Angold) would occupy the position as I.P.M., and of having the pleasure of sitting so near to his Worshipful Brother, at least for a twelvemonth, who to hear was to admire, and he sincerely trusted that health and prosperity would attend Bro. Kidder for very many years to come, a sentiment which, he was sure, came from the heart of every brother present. The toast was drunk with the most fraternal feelings of respect and regard. The W.M., in replying, said he was unable fully to express to Brother Angold and the brethren how sensibly he felt his gratitude was due to them for the uniform kindness which he had received during his year of office in assisting him in the discharge of his official duties, and particularly for their marked approval of his services, by voting him a Past Master's jewel, which he should wear with the greatest pride and satisfaction, as an acknowledgment that the Lodge was sensible that he (the W.M.) had carried out to their satisfaction the duties he had undertaken, and that he felt himself highly flattered by the manner his health had been drunk by the brethren, and wished them and the Lodge every possible prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Nicol, the Worshipful Master elect. He said there was no brother more entitled to the honourable position of Worshipful Master than Bro. Nicol, and which office he was very pleased had that evening been conferred upon him by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nicol had already passed thirty degrees in Masonry, and had gained the confidence of the brethren by his generous disposition and his marked liberality in supporting the Masonic Charities. He was a Vice-President of one Institution, and had this evening decided to represent the Lodge as Steward to the Masonic Benevolent Institution at the forthcoming Festival, and then make himself a Vice-President of that one also. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and on Bro. Nicol rising to reply the brethren greeted him very loudly. Bro. Nicol said he thanked the Worshipful Master very much, and also the brethren for what they had said of him, and felt very pleased indeed for their kindness in electing him as Worshipful Master; he assured them he would do the utmost that he could for the Lodge and for every brother in it, and he hoped that his year of office would be as pleasant to him as it had been to Bro. Kidder, for whom he had a very great regard, and should never forget his kindness. The Worshipful Master then followed on with the usual remaining formal toasts, and the brethren separated, after spending an enjoyable evening.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 6th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. Present—Bros. R. H. Allen W.M., Hugh Cotter S.W., Taylor J.W., Henry Mosely P.M. Sec. Past Masters Berry, Barnes, Hamilton, Verry, &c. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Walter Kent was passed to the degree of F.C. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. Cotter the S.W. Bro. Speight, the Tyler, was re-elected to act for the next term, and after some formal business the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which finished and grace having been said, the W.M. commenced the toasts of the evening by proposing that of the Queen, with which he coupled the Craft. This toast having been enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem sung, the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given by the W.M., followed by that of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and that of Lord Skelmeresdale and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present; each of these met with a hearty reception. Bro. Berry the I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M., who he stated had done the best in his power for the good of the Lodge. The W.M. in reply referred to the present as the last occasion on which he would preside as Master of the Yarborough Lodge. He was about to vacate a position which he had looked forward to for upwards of ten years, he having filled each of the offices in the Lodge. During his year he had been very ably assisted by the various officers. Of Bro. Berry, the I.P.M., it was impossible for him to speak in too high terms of praise. He was under deep obligations to the Wardens for the able manner in which they had carried out the duties of their offices. He regretted he had not had more work during his term, and concluded by thanking the brethren for having unanimously voted a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services. He now proposed the health of the P.M.'s, of whom the Yarborough Lodge could boast a goodly array. Death, he was sorry to say, had, during the year, been busy among them, but still they had good ones left. Bro. Barnes is well known as one of the best of Past Masters, he has performed wonderful services in the Lodge, and is always willing to do anything for its good. His labors in connection with the Lodge of Instruction are also invaluable. Bro. Hamilton has done all in his power for the Lodge, especially in the office of Treas. Bro. Berry, the only other P.M. present this evening, has been of great assistance during the past year. Bro. Barnes replied. He considered the Masters during the past fourteen years had each performed their duties with credit. The Lodge had now been in existence for twenty-eight years, and he (Bro. Barnes) considered it was second to none as regards the good it has done for the Masonic Charities, few, if any, could boast of having done as much in so short a time. The W.M. elect was next toasted. The W.M. felt assured that he would fulfil the duties of the chair with credit. Bro. Cotter replied, after which the W.M. gave the toasts of the Visitors, each of whom replied; the Charities, to which Bro. Taylor, who is acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, responded; and the Officers; after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the meeting. Several brethren entertained the Lodge by singing some excellent songs.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, 30th November, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. J. Livingston W.M., F. Young S.W., F. Venables J.W., G. Askew P.M. Sec., J. Lowthin P.M. Treasurer, C. Grey S.D., J. Enerby J.D., Parrott and Brittain Stwds., Brown as I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Cutbush, Edwards, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, the bye-laws and inventory were read, and the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, the result being that Bro. Young was unanimously chosen. Bro. Lowthin was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. J. Enerby, Grey and Brittain were appointed Auditors. A further sum of £10 was voted from the Lodge funds towards the expenses incurred in entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge. The proposition of Bro. Venables, that the Lodge subscribe at the rate of 6d per member towards the expenses of the *Calendar* for the Province was unanimously carried. £5 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. After four propositions for joining, Lodge was closed. After refreshment, the members spent the remainder of the evening in harmony.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The installation banquet of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Tuesday evening, and was one of the most pleasant and successful gatherings that has taken place in the northern capital. Nearly fifty brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, admirably served by Bro. Churchill, the host. The installation ceremony took place on the 12th November, but in consequence of the Centenary Banquet of the York Lodge having been held on the 6th November, it was thought better to defer the Eboracum banquet for a month. The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, presided, supported by a full muster of the members of the Lodge, and a number of Visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden of Greece, S. B. Ellis P.M. Wentworth 1239 Sheffield, Beanland P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works for West Yorkshire, J. Todd P.M. 236, S. Maltby P.M. 236, Foster W.M. Denison 1248 Scarborough, G. Anderson W.M. Falcon 1416 Thirsk, Rev. W. Valentine W.M. elect York 236, G. Ayre W.M. elect Falcon 1416, Wilkinson J.W. 1416, Haffner P.M. 581, J. H. Walker Minerva 250 Hull, G. H. Simpson 236, C. Abbott 236, Rymer 236, Ward 236, P. Matthews 236, Turner 236, Mason 643, &c. The W.M. mentioned that he had received a number of letters of apology and congratulation from, amongst many others, Lord Zetland P.G.M. for the Province, Dr. Bell Dep. P.G.M., G. Marwood P.P.G.M., M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Sec., W. Lawton P.M., Dr. Pulry W.M. 857, W. Reynolds P.M., Thos. Clough W.M. 660, W. Rowley South Milford, H. Preston P.M. Hull, Alderman Melrose York, &c. The preliminary toasts were given from the chair, after which the W.M., in proposing the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, alluded to the meeting of that body to be held on the following day, and the important questions that were to be decided thereat. In proposing the toast of the Earl of Zetland, Dr. Bell, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, the W.M. spoke of the proofs of his interest in Masonry which had been given by his Lordship on various occasions, and on none more so than when he consecrated the Eboracum Lodge in person, the previous year. The Deputy P.G.M. (Dr. Bell) took a most warm interest in their welfare, and would have been present, but that he intended attending Grand Lodge the next day, and could not therefore spare the time. They were proud to see so many Provincial Officers amongst them, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236 P.P G.O. Bro. Todd responded in a few appropriate words, and W. Bro. Tew, Dep. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, then proposed the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, taking the opportunity of entering at length upon the wide subject of Freemasonry, its aims and objects. His remarks

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were listened to with great attention, and the toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M. in the course of his reply said the chair of W.M. was a proud position, and one to which every Mason who took a living interest in the science should aspire. The study of Masonry daily revealed fresh charms to those who investigated its mysteries, and without study it was impossible to appreciate its excellencies. It would be his aim as the W.M. of the Lodge to excite in the minds of its members a desire to regard Masonry as something more than a pleasant medium of friendly communication, so that in that old legendary birthplace of the Order in England they might take a high stand as intelligent Masons, and never forget that delightful as were such occasions as the present, they had other and higher aims, the pursuit of which would amply repay them, by intellectually and morally raising them in their tastes and sympathies. The W.M. in proposing the health of the installing officer, Bro. T. Cooper, said they would all deeply regret the cause of the absence of their old friend and brother, but severe illness had made it quite impossible for him to be present. He was, however, happily recovering, and had desired his deepest regrets and kindest wishes to be expressed to the Lodge. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality. Bro. S. B. Ellis P.M. Wentworth Sheffield gave Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, heartily congratulating the brethren upon the great success which had attended their efforts, and expressing the belief that the establishment of the Lodge had been of very great service to Masonry in York. The W.M. in reply alluded to the early difficulties attending the formation of the Lodge, but said that they could afford now to regard with equanimity their former struggles. They had been involved in very heavy and unexpected expenses, but they had on the other hand met with corresponding success. The Lodge had done well, and especially as regarded the Charities. It had been represented at two of the Festivals, and had subscribed for charitable purposes during its first year nearly £80, a circumstance very unusual with so young a Provincial Lodge. It was their intention to continue to act in the Masonic and straightforward way in which they had begun, and so doing they had no fears for the future. The W.M. then gave The Sister Lodges of the Province, saying that whilst their first thoughts should always be to themselves, they should retain a warm corner for the other Lodges. They must never forget that they were only members of one vast fraternity, a gigantic organization, "a girdle round about the earth," and that success in one Lodge ought to mean success in the entire Order. A certain kind of rivalry there should be between Lodges, but it should be of a right kind. It prevented stagnation, but it should be only a friendly strife for perfection in working, in the selection of candidates, in the study of the Royal Art and its kindred sciences. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Maltby P.M. 236. Bro. Maltby in replying alluded in most kindly terms to the Eboracum Lodge, congratulated it upon its progress, and trusted that he might be spared to see it flourish and grow for many years to come. Bro. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. gave the health of the Visiting Brethren, and said that the Eboracum brethren counted themselves happy in having amongst them so many representatives of other Lodges. Bro. Foster W.M. 1248 replied, and the W.M. then gave the health of the Wardens and Officers. This was responded to by Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W., who dwelt upon the zeal shown by the members of the Lodge in the support of the chair since the consecration in last year. Bro. C. F. Matier gave the Masonic Charities, and in a most interesting address sketched out the history of the rise and progress of the three Institutions, showing the great claims they had on the support of the brethren. He also gave a pleasant account of visits paid by him to the Boys' School. The speech and toasts were warmly greeted, and responded to by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who represented the Lodge at the last Boys' Festival. In his reply he alluded to the step taken by the Eboracum Lodge in adding the sum of four shillings to each subscription, initiation and joining fee, in order to form a fund for the endowing of the chairs of the Lodge in perpetuity, with votes in the Charities. The W.M. then gave prosperity to the City of York, and spoke with regret of the absence of their Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who had fully intended being present, but at the last moment had been prevented by a close impending domestic affliction. The very name of York stirred up in the breast of every Mason thoughts of the Craft, associated with the days of hoar antiquity, when the ancient operative brethren met in Lodge in the Crypt of York Minster, and thence emerged into the light of day, to resume their handicraft labours, and (as Mr. Street told them) sometimes to "scamp" their work. In this respect he hoped the brethren would not follow their pious example. The toast was generously received and afterwards responded to, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, by Bro. Councillor Rymer. The Tyler's toast then brought the formal proceedings to a happy close. The toast list was enlivened by a number of songs, by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Craven, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries and P. Pearson, the accompanist being Bro. C. G. Padel. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. P. H. Rowland P.M., J. Kay Sec., M. Cooper, J. T. Seller, G. Simpson, T. D. Smith, M. Millington, Irving, Ware, Abbey, J. F. Taylor, Banks, Goodall, Shilleto, Rev. J. Metcalfe, J. R. Jackson, J. Morgan, &c.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 29th November, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. There were present—Bros. J. B. Shackleton W.M., Fred. Brasted W.S. acting S.W., Bernard Meyer J.W., J. C. Chapman P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, N. Green S.D., W. F. Brand J.D., F. Meyer I.G., E. Dignam W.S., G. C. Young Organist; and Bros. J. Varney, R. Polak, W. E. Jameson, T. Norman, L. Hollingsworth, F. H. Beensen, T. Bonner, C. W. Smyth, R. George, G. Ferrar, C. J. Olley, R. Fisher, A. R. Olley, A. Ferrar, J. Hill, G. Davies, W. Beasley, J. Dexter, H. G. Moon, G. J. Reynolds, C. T. Brame, E. George, E. A. Harding, J. Bell, W. T. Ford, S. Blow, A. Loeffler, T. Bigg, C. Lorkin, and J. Stokoe. Visitors—Bros. R. Coombs J.D. Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No. 13, J. Whitfield Priory Lodge No. 1000, W. F. Royen Camden Lodge No. 704, Rent West Kent Lodge No. 1297. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last regular meeting, held 27th September, also Emergencies, on the 11th and 25th October, were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, Hollingsworth, Norman, and Fisher answered the usual questions, were entrusted, and withdrew. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the above-named brethren were duly raised, each candidate being taken separately. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Bigg, Blow, Bell, Dexter, and Beasley were examined, and in due course passed to the F.C. degree. Ballots were taken for three candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Ford, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the Order. Bro. Shackleton performed all the ceremonies most impressively, and with faultless precision. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Bernard Meyer, the J.W., was unanimously elected. He thanked the brethren, and pledged himself to a strict performance of the duties of his high position. The election of Treasurer resulted in favour of Bro. J. B. Shackleton. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Chapman P.M. for his services as Treasurer during the year. Bro. Gilchrist was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Harding, Varney, and C. Lorkin were appointed auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws. A Committee, consisting of Bros. G. C. Young Organist, J. Stokes, and F. Brasted were appointed to consider the propriety of purchasing a harmonium. The Lodge hitherto had been much indebted to the W.M. for lending them one. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett P.G.W. P.G.M. Middlesex, &c., &c., F. Walters P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, and others. Bro. Chapman P.M. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's Jewel, to be presented to Bro. J. B. Shackleton. This was seconded by Bro. Lee P.M. and Secretary, and carried unanimously. The W.M. gave notice of motion that at next regular meeting he should propose that the Secretary have the privilege of inviting a visitor free of expense. Lodge was then closed till the last Thursday in January, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was provided by Bro. G. Ferrar with his usual liberality, and was served with every care and attention. On the removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft was proposed and responded to, and was followed by the National Anthem. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our M.W.G.M. was received in a manner that proved the members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge fully appreciated the honour of being presided over by so distinguished a brother. The toast was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next on the list, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, with the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, was offered, and the W.M. expressed regret that Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was not present on that occasion. Bro. Lee P.M., in the absence of Bro. Chapman I.P.M., next proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Shackleton, remarking that his (the W.M.'s) year of office would be long remembered by the Lodge, both for the excellent rendering of the various ceremonies and the genial and hearty way Bro. Shackleton had presided at the banquet table. Bro. Shackleton thanked Bro. Lee and the brethren for their kindness in proposing and responding to the toast. Twelve months since he accepted the post of W.M.; he determined to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and if the brethren were satisfied with his work, he felt very much gratified. He had to thank them for the many kindnesses they had shown him during his year of office, especially those brethren who had so ably assisted in the working of the Lodge. Bro. Lee had most ably seconded his endeavours, and it was only doing justice to express his conviction that the success of the Lodge was in great measure due to the great interest Bro. Lee had taken in promoting its interests. He trusted he would continue to render successive Masters that assistance which to him had been so serviceable. The next toast was the W.M. elect. Bro. Shackleton had great pleasure in proposing his health; he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had always taken great interest in its affairs; he was thoroughly up in the working, and would give them every satisfaction. Bro. Bernard Meyer in thanking the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him, assured them he would do the best he could. He felt how difficult it would to follow such able brethren as their W.M. and Bro. Lee, but hoped, with their assistance and the kindness of the brethren, to acquit himself satisfactorily. The Visitors was next given, and was responded to by Bro. Coombs. The initiate was duly honoured, the W.M. remarking that Bro. Ford was the 20th candidate he had had the pleasure of initiating during his year of office. After a reply from Bro. Ford, the Officers of the Lodge was proposed, and replied to by Bros. Green S.D., Brand J.D., Meyer I.G., Brasted and Dignam W.S. During the evening Bros. Coombs, Varney, Brasted, Dexter, Beasley, and Young favoured the brethren with some capital songs. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. We may add that the brethren subscribed a sum to purchase a founder's jewel, which was presented to Bro. Shackleton as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the many services rendered to the Lodge.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 30th ult. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Smith S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Tatten S.D., Campbell J.D., Crouch I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Stroud, Gordon, Posener sen., Pearcy, &c. The usual preliminaries being observed, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gordon acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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York Lodge, No. 236.—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the election of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year, took place on Monday. There was a full attendance of members, and the unanimous suffrages of the Lodge fell upon Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine. W. Cowling P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer, an office which he had held for many years, until last year, when he was elected to fill the chair of the Lodge in its Centenary year. Bro. J. Redfare was re-elected Tyler.

The London Masonic Club.—The members of the Lodge of Instruction held their first dinner on Thursday, 29th November, at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bro. Hogg Treasurer in the chair, Bros. J. E. Shand Hon. Secretary, Edell, Langton sen., Langton jun., Sharrett, White, and numerous others. Visitors—Bros. W. M. Stiles 1507, Turner, Davie, Triggs, &c. The customary toasts were given. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Hogg and Shand, given in conjunction with Success and Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, was drunk with enthusiasm. The brethren separated about eleven, after a very pleasant and social evening.

Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.—On Monday last the 1st Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel. Present:—Comps. Benjamin Sidney Wilmot M.E.Z., Wm. Delves H., and Wm. Stephens J., Rowland W. Delves Scribe E., W. B. Bacon Scribe N., H. D. M. Williams Prin. Soj., Rev. J. Robinson Prov. Grand J. Kent acting P.Z., Spencer Janitor. After the minutes of the Consecration had been confirmed, Bros. George Langridge, Jno. Frederick Bates, and Christopher W. Holt, were duly and severally exalted to the degree of R.A.M. Comp. Stephens gave the historical and symbolical lectures, and the Rev. J. Robinson the mystical. Rules for the government of the Chapter were read and approved. A vote of thanks was then accorded to Comp. Stephens for presenting a handsome copy of the volume of the Sacred Law. After the closing of the Chapter an excellent banquet was served, and the usual toasts given. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Penn, Grist, High and Sarvent, of the Whittington Chapter.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 30th November, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgeware-road. Bros. Cleghorn W.M., Kidman S.W., Hayes J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Harris S.D., Hill J.D., Heath I.G.; Bros. Kennard, Nichols, Parsons, Godden, Murch, Adair and Tribbel. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The first, second and third sections were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Parsons being candidate. Bro. Kidman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cleghorn for the able manner in which he had presided in the Lodge for the first time. Bro. Rudderforth proposed, and Bro. Braun seconded, and it was carried unanimously that this Lodge should subscribe the sum of one guinea for the purchase of a book of tickets in Bro. Morgan jun.'s drawing for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A second book was subscribed for amongst the members.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Met at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Pearcy S.W., Powell J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Crawley S.D., Mitchell J.D., Mosley I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bro. Swales, Thompson, Banks, Cook, Simmonds, Fairbank, J. W. Smith, W. Sellis. Usual preliminaries were duly observed, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson being candidate. The second and fourth sections were worked by Bro. Pearcy, and the fifth by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith and Sellis, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, were elected members. Bro. Pearcy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—At the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Collins W.M., Pulsford S.W., Robinson J.W., Withers Secretary, Sumner Treasurer, Baston S.D., Channon J.D., Fane I.G., Steed Tyler; P.M. Bro. G. Davis 167; also Bros. Whitley, Mansell, Goodman, Forres, Maddox, Court, Holloway, Lee, Jones, Ratcliffe, Steward, Saunders, Pether, Carter, Block, McKay, Ackerman, Hancock, Burrell, Leaper, Wise, Platt, Fortune, Smith, Dawkins, and Morphew. The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. Minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Carter, Channon, Holloway, Leaper, Hancock, Collings, Pulsford. Second Lecture—Bros. Burrell, Wise, Davis, Steward, Davis. Third Lecture—Bros. Ratcliffe, McKay, Steward. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. T. Swallow Royal Union 382, W. Clayton Royal Union 382, R. Kendall Royal Union 382, J. Jones Domatic 177, R. Forge 1656, C. R. Fitt 1656, T. C. Matthews Royal Commemoration 1535, J. J. Channon Zetland 511, J. J. Channon jun. Zetland 511, Sharman Southern Star 1158, G. W. Durndell 1158, J. S. Leaper Gooch 1295. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., as also to those brethren who had assisted him in working the sections, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. Visitors—Bros. Spencer 834, Reynolds 1441, Chalfont 1425, A. Cox 177. Refreshments were liberally provided by the host, Bro. J. Wright, and an hour was afterwards spent most enjoyably.

The Lily Lodge of Richmond (Instruction), No. 820.—On Saturday, the 1st of December, at Bro. Palmer's, the Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey. Present—Bro. Fisher (W.M. of the Ranelagh) W.M., Harris S.W., Clayton Palmer J.W., Phillips Sec., Digby S.D., Weaver W.M. of 820 J.D., Wade, Phillips W.M. Rose of Denmark Preceptor. Brob. D. Kennedy P.M., J. Bateman P.M. &c.; Bros. Noble, Blasby, Kyezor, &c. Business—Lodge opened in due form at 8 p.m. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Bateman candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Noble was passed. Lodge was called off, and resumed labour in the first degree. Bro. Noble was elected a member; Bro. Harris appointed W.M. for ensuing week, but most courteously relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Weaver W.M. of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, as next Saturday would be their last meeting previous to the autumn gathering of the mother Lodge. He thereby gave the officers of the mother Lodge an opportunity of practising their duties previous to taking their places in Lodge. Bro. Weaver W.M., Bateman P.M. and Kyezor J.D. having expressed their thanks to Bro. Haines for his kind consideration, the Lodge was closed.

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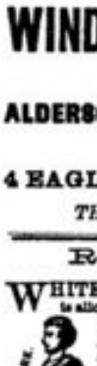
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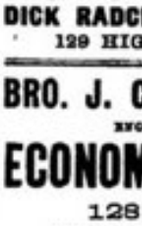
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THE SO-CALLED GERMAN QUESTION.

LAST week the demands on our space were such that we could only indicate in one brief sentence the fate of Bro. Simpson's resolutions in Grand Lodge. These, it will be in the recollection of our readers, were three in number. The first was merely to the effect that certain petitions to Grand Lodge on this question, to the number of three should be received. The second offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes in Berlin certain recommendations, having for their object the removal from its Constitutions of what may be most fittingly described as the Jewish disabilities. In the last, it was respectfully submitted that the Grand Master should bring these two resolutions formally under the notice of the Berlin Grand Lodge in the manner His Royal Highness might consider most expedient. Their fate we stated briefly. The first was accepted; the second and last were withdrawn. The speech which Rev. Bro. Simpson delivered in support of his motion was of a temperate character, while at the same time he had no difficulty in proving to Grand Lodge that the Berlin Grand Lodge was not acting in accordance with the true principles of Freemasonry. What he said was well said and to the point, and Bro. Hutton, who seconded him, albeit the remarks he made were few in number, was equally prominent. The opposition was led by Lord Tenterden, who was supported by Bro. Erasmus Wilson and the Grand Registrar, and the Pro Grand Master closed the debate by suggesting that the first of the propositions should be accepted, and the other two withdrawn. This course was, as we have said, adopted, and so the matter stands for the present.

We cannot but admit that the reasons advanced by Bro. Simpson's opponents were of a weighty character. Lord Tenterden showed that during the whole period of its existence, from 1740 till now, the Lodge of the Three Globes had been a Christian Lodge. At different times the question of revising their Constitutions had been discussed, and the general feeling had always been in favour of retaining them unaltered. Bro. Bent pointed out that Swedish Freemasonry was on the same footing as this particular branch of German Freemasonry. The Pro Grand Master admitted that, so far as his individual opinion was concerned, he regretted the course which the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes had followed; but he pointed out that we could not take up the same position with regard to it as we had thought it wise to take up towards the Grand Orient of France. That body had made a startling innovation, but the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes was adhering to its old landmarks. But he cited the statements made by Lord Tenterden, which, he ventured to say, were new to most of those present, as evidence that the subject was not fully understood in this country. There was always time for them to consider and reflect on what should be done, and so avoid placing themselves in a dilemma. He acknowledged that he was in doubt whether they were not exceeding their authority in making such recommendations to the German Grand Lodge, and if such were the case, they might find themselves in a position which would cause them very great regret. Moreover, the Grand Master—if it were agreed that he should be requested to convey these resolutions, and it turned out that they could not be sustained by argument—would be in a predicament which it would be painful for him to occupy, and from which he would have some difficulty in extricating himself. He therefore put it to Grand Lodge whether, having waited so long, they might not wait a little longer, and he added that he had faith in the wisdom and expediency of this counsel, to which, he was sure, no exception could be taken. We admit there is much cogency in this reasoning. In the first place, while we have no hesitation in declaring, as we have done already on more than one occasion, that it is not in accordance with the spirit of Masonry to exclude any person merely for his religious opinions, we must admit that the manner of proceeding, as suggested by Bro. Simpson, was very unlikely to bring out the desired end. We can imagine the resolution passed by Grand Lodge and submitted to the Emperor of Germany, as head of the Berlin Grand Lodge, by our Grand Master; and there is little doubt that, to put the matter in a somewhat familiar way, we should be given to understand that we were interfering with the internal regulations of an independent Masonic body with which we had no concern whatever. And what then? It cannot be denied that it is with Freemasonry as it is with Christianity. There is a common basis on which the systems as practised in different countries rest, but there are points of greater or less value on which we are all agreed to differ, and this is the one point as between the G.L. of the Three Globes and the United Grand Lodge of England, on which they are at issue. We say that men of all creeds are eligible for admission into the ranks of the Fraternity. They say it is only those who belong to this or that denomination of Christians, none others being admissible. It may also be urged against us that within the limits of our government we virtually sanction this spirit of exclusiveness, for are there not on the roll of our Grand Lodge various Lodges which virtually exclude all but those who follow this or that profession or calling? If, then, you allow this in your own jurisdiction, how in justice can you call upon another Grand Lodge to remove those disabilities which it has imposed for so many, many years? This, we say, is what might be advanced against us in the event of such a recommendation as Bro. Simpson suggested being forwarded; and such a course of argument would necessarily place our Grand Master in a very painful predicament. But though we think the manner in which it was proposed to submit this question is open to strong objection, and though we fully recognise that the matter is not one which calls for hasty and ill-considered action, we still think that something should be done to obtain, if possible, a just recognition by the Grand Lodge of the three Globes of the universality of Freemasonry; and we know of no other body which has so much right to press the question in a becoming manner on the notice of our German brethren than the Lodge of England, which, as we pointed out in a former article, is, beyond all doubt, the Mother Grand Lodge of well nigh all the other Grand Lodges in existence, and was certainly the first in order of time as regards organisation. Thus any proposition that emanated from our Grand Lodge would be certain to carry weight with it, and would doubtless receive that attention which it deserved. As regards the comparison between the case of the G. Orient of France and that of the Berlin Grand Lodge, with all deference to the opinion of the Pro Grand Master, we think this part of his argument is weak. The former has just made a startling innovation in its declaration of the Principles of Freemasonry in the direction of a too lax inclusiveness; the latter has throughout erred in its notions of true Masonic principles in the direction of exclusiveness; and, albeit the step which the one has just taken may be more damaging in its consequences, there will be many ready to charge us with

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partiality, if in proportion to the relative magnitude of the offences we are not equally urgent in our endeavours to uphold the integrity of Freemasonry. We admit no harm will be done by waiting some little time longer, and we trust that what is done will be worthy of our high position in the Masonic world; but when the appointed time is come, we trust that some resolute action will be taken.

MASONIC PORTRAITS, No. 53.

ACHILLES.

ULYSSES.—Time hath, my Lord, a wallet at his back,
Wherein he puts alms for oblivion:
Those scraps are good deeds past; forgot as soon
As done . . . . . The cry went once on thee,
And still it might; and yet it may again,
If thou would'st not entomb thyself alive,
And case thy reputation in thy tent.

ACHILLES. Of this my privacy
I have strong reasons.

Inde fit, ut raro, qui se vixisse beatum
Dicat, et exacto contentus tempore vitæ
Cedat, uti conviva satur, reperire queamus.

IT is remarkable to note how the virtues by which the good old heroes of antiquity were distinguished are again and again reproduced in men of modern times. Those who figure in the poems of Homer may have been real or ideal personages; but, as he has described them, they are all perfect pictures of men, such as history tells us have flourished in different ages and countries. If we scan the records of any nation, we shall find that at some epoch or other in its career it was able to boast of its Agamemnon, the *primus inter pares*, who generally, if not invariably, displayed consummate skill and tact in ruling men. Equally certain are we to discover among its worthies a wise Ulysses, ever ready with some sage counsel, ever fertile in expedient; a venerable Nestor, looked up to and respected of all men for the deeds and events associated with his youth and manhood; an Ajax Telamon, of giant strength, and with the courage of a lion, but intellectually dull; a valiant Hector on whose skill and prowess the safety of all depends; an Achilles, terrible in warfare, so that none may withstand him, hot-tempered and imperious, resentful of the slightest affront, yet generous and high-souled withal. Even in the narrow circle to which the personal experience of each among us is necessarily limited, there will be found those who, if not exactly possessing the attributes of a hero, are nevertheless distinguished by many sterling qualities, little short of heroic; and these folk being very human have in them likewise some of the weaknesses of humanity. They labour steadfastly in the station of life in which they are placed; they accomplish great things, and win for themselves golden opinions from all classes of men. Yet are they, at the same time, too retired or too sensitive, too impetuous or too exacting; hence the world in which they move and have their being gets occasionally a little out of gear. Trifling differences, generally begotten of the imagination rather than having a real existence, occur, and there is a break in the continuity of its happiness, which is remediable when found, but which, like the fault in a telegraphic cable, must be found before it can be remedied. However, all is soon set straight again. The differences are removed and forgotten, or, if remembered, it is only that people may smile over the trifling impatience of each other which had momentarily disturbed the general equanimity.

The brother whom we are about to introduce to our readers we have named Achilles, because, like that valiant and impetuous Greek, he is, we regret to say, spending his time just now in comparative retirement. Into the cause of such retirement it is no business of ours to inquire. Suffice it to say that, like "Great Thetis' son," he has done great things in Freemasonry, and unless we have formed a most erroneous estimate of the man, he will, if his life is spared, render if possible still more signal services to the Royal Art. His is, indeed, a career of which any Craftsman might well be proud, and which not a few among us might find it difficult to parallel. He was initiated in the Indefatigable Lodge—a most appropriate name, having regard to such a brother—No. 288, Swansea, on the 27th May 1856, and in the following December was appointed Secretary of his Lodge. So ably did he perform the onerous duties of that office that in due course he became Junior, and then Senior Warden; and in December 1859 he was elected Worshipful Master of the largest and most influential Lodge in South Wales. Truly a result of which even an "Indefatigable" has every reason to be proud! But great as were these exploits, he has again and again surpassed them since. His administration of the Lodge was so remarkably successful that in 1864 we find him again occupying the same exalted position, and his second year of office was still more profitable. Not only were the ceremonial workings performed with an exactitude, a fidelity, and an ability seldom surpassed, but for the first time in the history of the Province lectures were given, Lodges of Instruction held, and the working of the sections introduced. Repeatedly during the term of his second Mastership were the three Lectures gone carefully and conscientiously through; and on the concluding evening of the series, with our brother in the chair and ably assisted by his staff of officers, the whole fifteen sections were worked to the great delight and edification of a Lodge crowded with members and visitors from all parts of the Principality. On retiring from the Mastership, such had been the zeal and ability of our worthy brother that he was able to say, with becoming pride, that the Lodge had not only increased in numbers, but likewise in popularity and importance, and that every one of his officers was well qualified to fill the chair. The exact value of this statement may not be appreciated perhaps just now; but there are those living who can remember a far different state of things, when the work of this Lodge, and indeed of most of the Lodges in the Province, was done by one brother, to whom by long usage it had been invariably entrusted. Under these circumstances our readers will hardly need to be told that at the close of his second year of office the members of the Lodge took the opportunity of presenting to him, not only a costly Past Master's jewel, but likewise a massive silver claret jug and a beautifully illuminated address, expressive of their admiration of the valuable services he had rendered. He has also filled the chair of the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea, of which, indeed, he was founder; and it may be mentioned incidentally, as showing his popularity and the respect in which he was held, that in this case all his officers were Past Masters and had obtained Provincial honours. He is likewise an honorary member of the "Cambrian," No. 364, Neath; "Afan," No. 833, Aberavon; "Caradoc," No. 1573, Swansea; and "Merlin," No. 1578, Pontypridd—all in his own Province—and of St. Peter's, No. 476, Carmarthen, in the Western Province of S. Wales.

In Royal Arch Masonry our respected brother has been equally active, and has achieved equal success. Exalted in the Virtue and Hope Chapter, No. 237, Swansea, he held successively the office of P.S., Scribe N. and Scribe E., and in due course the chairs of J., H. and Z., the last for a period of two years, and again a second time after a brief interval. He also founded and was first M.E.Z. of the St. David's Chapter, No. 364, Neath, and of the Talbot, No. 1323, Swansea; and rendered valuable assistance to his friends and companions in the Western Division in resuscitating the Merlin Chapter, No. 476, Carmarthen, of which he is a P.Z. He is further an honorary member of the St. Elliw Chapter, No. 671, Llanelly, which he had the privilege of consecrating. He is the oldest Mark Master Mason in South Wales, having been advanced in the Bon Accord Lodge, London, in October 1858. He was, also, founder and first Worshipful Master of the Mansel Mark Lodge, Neath, and of the Talbot, Swansea. He was installed a Knight Templar in the St. George's, formerly the "Cross of Christ," Encampment, London, in December 1857; is founder and Past E. Commander of the Palatine Encampment, Swansea, and has filled the office of Grand Captain of Lines and Grand Chamberlain, as well as that of Prov. Sub-Prior of South Wales. He was admitted to the Rose Croix, 18°, in the Metropolitan Chapter in July 1858, and received the 30° in October of the same year. We may add that he was installed a Knight of Malta in the Cœur de Lion Encampment, Oxford, in March 1868.

But many and great as are the distinctions we have thus far recorded, we are far from having completed the list of his achievements. We have, indeed, as is usually done in writing such sketches as this, reserved the crowning triumphs till the very last, so that they may stand out in boldest relief. As far back as the year 1859 our esteemed

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brother, though then only, as it were, in his Masonic childhood, was chosen by the then Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Kemeys-Tynte, to be Provincial Grand Deacon, and on the accession to office, in 1865, of the late deeply-lamented Prov. G.M., Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, he was selected to fill the important post of Dep. Prov. G.M., and this he held uninterruptedly till the death of his chief last year. How he performed the arduous duties which devolved upon him is in the recollection of all who know him. Indeed, without vanity he may look round upon the evidence of his labours everywhere visible, and exclaim, "*Si monumentum quæris, circumspice.*" We have but to ask any Mason in South Wales to describe the present condition of the Province as compared with what it was before our brother's wise administration, and there will be but one opinion expressed, and that in the highest degree favourable. And in order to understand what his labours must have been to have produced such magnificent results, it is only necessary to point out that the Province includes the three counties of Glamorgan, Brecon, and Radnor, and that there are eleven Lodges, several of which are twenty, thirty, and even fifty miles distant from the home of our brother. Yet this dispersion of the Lodges over so considerable an area was little heeded by him, and there is now no Province under the United Grand Lodge of England which can boast a higher degree of efficiency. No wonder his praises have been the theme of every tongue in South Wales, and that the knowledge of his merits having reached the ears of our rulers in Great Queen-street, he should at length have had bestowed upon him the much-coveted honours of the so-called "Purple" of Grand Lodge. In April of this year he was made a Grand Deacon of England, and the appointment gave the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, not only in his own, but likewise in the adjoining Province. Many travelled long distances in order to attend Grand Lodge on the occasion; and had there been a longer notice, there is no doubt that many more would have been present. As it was, the Lodges in Swansea, Neath, Llanelly, Carmarthen, Aberystwith, Brecon, Pontypridd, &c., were represented by brethren of high standing.

We have, however, said enough in proof of our brother's commanding merits, at least in respect of this portion of his career. But there are other achievements of his, in the field of Charity, which demand our attention, and to which we fear we shall find some difficulty in rendering our just tribute of praise. Before the days of the late Prov. Grand Master, the contributions to our several Institutions had been comparatively small in amount, nor was there any systematic attempt made among the South Wales Lodges to secure a larger share of support for them. It was felt that this state of things was unworthy of the Province, and, after many consultations among the leading brethren it was resolved to adopt a system of Steward representation. Early in 1864, the Prov. G.M. had an interview with the Secretary of the Boys' School, the result of which was the introduction of our "Achilles" to "Our Hercules," just a fortnight before the annual Festival. It is needless, of course, to say that the latter furnished his new friend with all the needful material for the brief campaign; and how successful Achilles was may be gathered from the fact that he was able to attend the Festival, in company with several friends, with a list amounting to two hundred guineas. The year following the Girls' School had the advantage of his advocacy, and at a later period he completed the round of his Stewardships by handing Bro. Terry a list of £325 for the Benevolent Institution, thereby gaining for himself the position of Champion Steward for the year. But these are not the only good that has resulted from the new system. Regularly every year since it was inaugurated, has the Province been represented by some energetic Steward, and the annual contributions to the several Institutions have been in the aggregate, and taking the lowest estimate, at the rate of £300.

That one who has thus distinguished himself in the ranks of the Craft and rendered such signal services to our noble Institutions should carry with him into his retirement from active work the love and respect of all who have been associated with him, be it never so humbly, is a matter of course. Already, as our readers will remember, at a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of his Province, a highly complimentary resolution has been passed, and ordered to be illuminated and presented to our worthy brother. Since then, many of his old colleagues have quietly and unostentatiously arranged that there shall be a further and fuller recognition of his labours. As a first and most graceful act in this direction, his name has been added to the list of Vice-Patrons of the Boys' School—the Institution which reaped the benefit of his earliest labours in the cause of Masonic Charity; and the surplus that remains will be devoted to the purchase of a handsome addition to his library, in the shape of some hundred volumes of standard literature.

Thus far have we contented ourselves with tracing his Masonic career, and marking the exploits by which it has been distinguished; but it is impossible to conclude this sketch without some reference to those social virtues which are in truth his principal characteristics. To fully appreciate these, we need do little more than refer to the intimate relations which existed between him and his lamented chief. How cordially and harmoniously they laboured together was, of necessity, known only to a few; but there is hardly a Craftsman in the Province who will not have attributed to their unity of thought and action, the successful administration which is a source of such intense pride to every one. All must have felt, even if they had no certain knowledge, that mutual love and respect, superadded to great abilities in the Chief and his Deputy, formed the groundwork of their common labours, and the cause and origin of their joint success. Yet it was not alone in the Council Chamber, in Lodge, Chapter, or Conclave, that the talents of Achilles were so conspicuous. There, of course, in all the pomp and circumstance of official dignities, he would certainly be the admired of all admirers. But to know him thoroughly, it was necessary to meet him in the quiet social circle, when, having laid aside the gilded trappings of his high Masonic rank, he might be seen presiding as the genial host, the successful organiser of country-trip or pic-nic, and even—infandum!—of "the going down to the sea in ships," the "guide, philosopher, and friend," whose very strictures were passed in all kindliness, though at the moment they may have fallen on inappreciative ears. Here it was that Achilles was seen at his best, mirthful himself and the cause of mirth in others, ready at all times with quip, jest, or merry conceit, and joyful always the more he saw others rejoice. Nor must we pass unnoticed what is not so generally known of our brother, that he is a man of literary tastes, and gifted, in no ordinary degree, with the "poetic fire." Few have more largely studied "the world in books," and few are so fortunate in the possession of a well-stored memory. Had he, indeed, wooed the poetic muse with a constant passion, instead of indulging in fitful capricious flirtations with her, his contributions to "Verses of Society" would have placed him in the same category with a Locker or a Praed.

Our task is now ended. We fear the lights and shades may have been put in weakly and ineffectively. It may be, in fact, that our sketch is an etching rather than a portrait; but there are many who can fill in the lines necessary for its completion, and to others we assign the agreeable task of revelling in the "Pleasures of Imagination."

Our readers will have seen that the effort to raise a subscription for the widow of the late Bro. Goddin, or, as she has died since the proposal was first started, for her orphan children, has been attended with a fair measure of success. This week we are able to announce that a sum of nine guineas has been remitted by the Great City Lodge, and £4 5s by the Cripplegate Lodge. We believe we are right in saying that great praise is due to our worthy Bro. Steedman for his zeal in bringing this most deserving case under the notice of these two Lodges. We hear it is proposed to endeavour to get one of the children into an Orphan School, and we sincerely hope that funds will be subscribed so that this excellent scheme may be realised.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday evening next, the 20th inst., at 7 p.m., by Bro. James Terry, Prov. D.C. Herts, P.M. 128, 228, 1336, P.Z. 174, 975, and Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked in the Jordan Lodge of Instruction, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, on Tuesday next. Bro. Koester will occupy the chair.

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CALLING OFF.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank "Peter Gower" very much for his letter. Before writing I had looked up Oliver as an authority, but he leaves the question raised by me untouched—not so Mackey, in his "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," who declares himself in favour of a Lodge being "called off" and "called on" again next day, or at any intervening time before the next regular meeting, for the completion of business in hand and unfinished, the hour for "calling-on" being distinctly given out by the W.M. before the dispersal. I know that no Lodge can be "adjourned," as was said in my first letter; but this is a distinct point, apart from adjournment.

Let us suppose, *exempli gratia*, that the consideration of an important question which must be decided within, say forty-eight hours, has reached a certain point, and that the hour is eleven o'clock at night, the Lodge is held on licensed premises, and so, even if desirable, the sitting cannot be prolonged; a Lodge of Emergency is out of the question, as requiring seven days' notice, how is the business in hand to be disposed of? Can the Master cause the Lodge to be called off for refreshment, giving the brethren warning that he will call on again the next evening at such an hour?

Bro. Mackey evidently thinks this would be a legal step, but then, of course, he regards it from an American point of view, and we know that such a course is not unfrequently practised in the United States.

I should like to hear some more opinions on this point, which seems to me of very great importance.

I am, yours fraternally,

11th December 1877. A YOUNG W.M.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have had some conversation on this subject with a Mason from Hull, who informs me that a case in point occurred within his experience, when the W.M. called off the Lodge for refreshment at a late hour, the business not having been completed, and called on again the next evening but one, when the remainder of the work was disposed of, and the Lodge closed.

RENUMBERING LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot say I agree with "FAR EAST," that the time has arrived "when the Lodges may with propriety be renumbered, and a fictitious appearance of numerical strength avoided." We all know that the Lodges on the roll of our or any other Grand Lodge do not follow each other in regular numerical sequence, and that there are certain to be many Lodges which have either dropped from the roll altogether, or are momentarily in abeyance; but the renumbering of our Lodges should not be made at too short intervals, or they will scarcely know themselves. I have gone through the list in the new G.L. *Calendar*, and I find that out of 1725 Lodges, 122 have ceased working,—it may be wholly or for a time only,—or are now under other Masonic governments. Of these there are only six in the first 200, and five in the second 200, while there are twenty-four in the third 200, thirty-five in the fourth, twenty-seven in the fifth, nineteen in the sixth, four in the seventh, and two in the last 325. Thus there are actually 1603 Lodges in full working order out of 1725, or, as seven other warrants have been granted since the publication of the *Calendar*, 1610 Lodges out of 1732. No advantage would be gained by renumbering. No. 199, for instance, is no doubt very happy as it is, and would be no happier if converted into No. 193; and so on with the others.

After the Union, the Lodges of course were renumbered, and 647 (now 339) was the last on the roll. They were numbered again in 1832, after the lapse of eighteen years, and 647 became 424. They were again numbered in 1863, and 424 became, as it is now, 339. Thus eighty-five Lodges had ceased to be out of 424, whereas now there are only about half as many more which have dropped from the roll out of four times as many. I cannot call to mind the number struck off in 1863, but if we put it down at about 200, I fancy I shall be near the mark. That certainly might have given an air of fictitious numerical strength, but this cannot be said of the roll as it is now, with 1610 working Lodges out of 1732, or in round figures sixteen out of every seventeen.

I do not think numbers should be disturbed on light grounds, or too frequently.

Fraternally yours,

NUMERO UN.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Are you, or any of your readers, aware of the existence of a work on Freemasonry, written by one "Galiff," a Swiss? I am anxious to see a copy, if possible, and shall feel obliged for any information as to where one can be procured.

I am, yours fraternally,

11th December 1877. MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue a short article upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, relative to the delinquency of the Grand Orient of France, concludes thus: "With these remarks we leave the matter in the hands of the Committee." This determination will, I have no doubt, be approved of by most; indeed, no one can justly find fault with it *per se*. Still, it appears to me that before, and even during the deliberations of the Committee, a free and fearless exchange of opinion upon a subject affecting the entire brotherhood might not perhaps be unprofitable, and may perchance lead to a decision more in conformity with justice and equity towards those who are innocent of any deviation from the fundamental principles of the Order, but run the risk of being involved in the general condemnation. As the matter stands at present the brethren appointed to determine upon the course to be pursued by the English Grand Lodge must naturally and necessarily act upon and be guided by a foregone conclusion. By its act, the Grand Orient virtually ignores the belief in the existence of a Deity which is repugnant to the human mind, and startling to the general intellect. It is, therefore, quite evident that English Masons neither can nor will continue fellowship with those who base their system of ethics upon such a doctrine of negation. A doctrine which none know better than the French has ever tended to retard, and in its very essence must always mar the universal spread of those truly humanitarian ideas which include the exercise of every virtue, and which can only be effectually and logically inculcated in conjunction with a firm and unhesitating faith in God. Notwithstanding this, I would continue to plead for circumspection and calm deliberation before it is finally resolved to sever the bonds of friendship and brotherhood, and that nothing be done calculated to cause regret hereafter. It were better to err on the side of leniency, for a breach which takes a few moments to effect might require a decade to repair. It should be borne in mind that it is not the first time by many that the French have made innovations more or less pernicious, which, however, in process of time and consequent change of circumstances fell into desuetude and were eventually abolished. The Committee might do well also to take into consideration the volatility of the French mind, with its peculiar characteristics and idiosyncrasies, always restless and desirous of change, no matter in what direction. In their recent act, which it is in no way desirable entirely to exonerate, it is just possible they were actuated not by any desire to dethrone God, or inculcate disbelief, but by their inborn habit of constant changeableness. There are many other views more or less feasible, which present themselves in the contemplation of the situation, one of which will, I dare say, be pronounced purely imaginary, yet still I deem it worthy of reflection. It is an established fact, and of late ample proof thereof has not been wanting, that to a certain portion of devotees, Masonry is simply abhorrent. At all events, they exert themselves to make the world understand that such is the case. The cause of this antagonism is, however, not far to seek. A Society which is a most potent medium for the advancement of enlightened ideas, and advocates as well as upholds entire freedom of conscience can scarcely hope for sympathy or encouragement from those whose every principle is of a totally opposite character. Now, the influence of these zealous, but confessedly unscrupulous servants of their church, is most powerful, and their peculiar tenets not only permits, but enjoins, them to employ any and every means, without limit or circumscription, to obtain a desired end. They will strive to attain, and do but too often succeed, in occupying the highest positions in committees, corporations, or institutions, which it is their cherished object to destroy. Might it not therefore be possible that the unwarranted step taken by the Grand Orient is after all the result of a so far successful conspiracy to deal a staggering blow at Freemasonry, by inducing weakness arising from disunion, and undermining the whole fabric by making it hateful to the conscience of the civilised world. I would therefore suggest measures should be taken to enter into communication with the protesting Lodges, and assure them of vigorous assistance and co-operation in any attempt at reorganisation they might possibly contemplate. That would be the surest way to thwart the enemy's sinister designs, and at the same time convince the authors of the innovation of the futility of their attempt to destroy the order as it existed in the past and remains in the present, built, as it always has been, upon eternal and unalterable principles, to meddle with which must end in the discomfiture and final destruction of any one tempted to undertake the graceless task.

Yours fraternally, E. GOTTHEIL.

Obituary.

WE regret to record the death of Bro. Robert Bell, for many years the most eminent Commander of St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, Glasgow. Bro. Bell was an enthusiastic Mason, and ably fulfilled the most varied offices in several Lodges. Last year he went out to America, at his own expense, as one of a Deputation to the American Knights Templar, upon the occasion of the opening of the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition, and was then made honorary member of the Philadelphia Commandery, No. 4, and Cyrene, No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania. He was also presented with a gold medal, in commemoration of his visit. The funeral ceremony was performed with Masonic honours, deputations from many Lodges accompanying the procession. He leaves a widow and three sons to lament his loss.

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THE HAMMERSMITH LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 211.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the V.W. Bro. Binckes G. Sec. M.M.M. was the officer who, as representing the Grand Master, consecrated the above Mark Lodge, at the "Windsor Castle Hotel," King-street, West Hammersmith. At about 4 o'clock Grand Lodge was opened. V.W. Bros. F. Binckes G.S. as W.M., Jas. Stevens P.G.J.O. S.W., W. Mann P.G. Reg. J.W.; W. Bros. F. H. Cozens P.G. Org. Organist, J. Poore G.I.G. I.G., H. W. Binckes G. Assist. Sec. Sec. In response to the V.W. Master, Bros. John Mason, J. W. Baldwin, T. C. Walls, W. Dunham, E. J. Harty, and F. Walters answered as the petitioners for this Mark Masters' Lodge. The Assist. G. Sec. then read the Grand Master's Warrant, declaring the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 211, a regularly constituted Lodge of M.M.M. on the G. Registry of England and Wales, &c. The V.W. Master expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden. The V.W. Brother, in a forcible and eloquent speech, pointed out the early trials which this beautiful degree had encountered and overcome; he elevated the hopes and aspirations of the brethren by predicting a rapid and universal course of prosperity for the Order. In its connection with Craft Masonry its members were some of the most distinguished lights of the day, and as a body we were as loyal to the Craft and our country as any other branch of the Order. Bro. Binckes concluded an able discourse by exhorting every member of that Lodge and every brother present to strive and make themselves ornaments to the Order of which, as being members, they ought to feel proud. The anthem was then sung by the brethren, accompanied by Bro. Cozens on the organ. V.W. Master then proceeded with the consecration in due and ancient form, assisted by Bros. Levander, Wilkins, and Cottebrune. The solemn and beautiful ceremony having been performed, Bro. Levander presented Bro. Jno. Mason (W.M.M. designate) to the V.W.M., when the customary questions were put, acknowledged, and verified. Bro. Jno. Mason was then installed, and received the salutations and best wishes of the brethren. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M.M. of Middlesex, was announced, and received with the customary honours. The W.M.M. elect then installed his officers, viz.: Bros. J. W. Baldwin S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., W. Dunham M.O., E. J. Harty S.O., F. Walters Sec., D. Smith Assist. Sec. Bro. Walters, in proposing a vote of thanks to V.W. Bro. Binckes and the other officers for assisting in carrying out the programme of the day, read a list of names of brethren who were nominated as hon. members of the Lodge, viz.:—Bros. Col. F. Burdett, F. Binckes, J. Stevens, W. Mann, T. Poore, H. C. Levander, J. J. Hooper Wilkins, H. Binckes, J. B. Shackleton, C. A. Cottebrune. V.W. Bro. F. Binckes returned thanks on behalf of himself and the brethren whose names had been associated with his. The Lodge was then closed, each officer elected being at his post, and it was the current expression that each knew and performed his duty admirably. We may add that rarely has a Mark Lodge started with more genial, better informed, or more energetic officers, and in wishing the Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Master Masons every prosperity, we feel sure it must become, as Bro. F. Walters anticipates, a "complete success." The brethren then sat down to banquet, provided by Bro. Gilbert, and passed a most enjoyable evening. Among those present were Col. F. Burdett P.G.M.M., F. Binckes G. Sec., J. Stevens P.G.J.O., W. Mann P.G. Reg., Thos. J. Sabine P.G.A.D.C., H. C. Levander P.M. G.R., J. B. Shackleton P.G.D.C., R. P. Tebb P.G. Supt. Works, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.S.B., Thos. Poore G.I.G., F. H. Cozens P.G. Org., H. Binckes G. Assist. Sec., J. Homes P.M. Keystone 107, Malta, S. M. Davies 16 Ottawa, Canada, G. H. Thiellay W.M. St. Marks, John Dixon P.M. 22, Southwark, M. D. Loewenstark, J. H. Adams, J. Barney, E. J. Harty Bon Accord, W. E. Williams, H. A. Dubois P.M. St. Marks, C. Horsley I.P.M. No. 1.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

WITH this number of *Tinsleys'* we reach the end both of Mrs. Alexander Fraser's story of "A Maddening Blow," and of Mr. Frank Barrett's "Two Knaves and a Queen." We cannot say that either of them is a very striking story, but in both there is capital writing to be met with in several of the chapters. The characters generally are well drawn and from nature, and there is exhibited in both more than average skill in the construction. "A Summer Dream," by Horace Lashbrooke, is a short pathetic story, such as we should like to meet with more frequently in our magazines, and there is much to be commended in "Bonnell Thornton," by J. Cannon, the "Viking's Ransom," and "A Freak of Nature." Mr. Francis H. Emery's poem on "Rest" we take leave to quote:—

Through all starlit summer night
Instinct with dreams, with fancies bright,
A maiden passed.
Through all the night, so still and sweet,
She heard the nightingale entreat
Her love to last.

The vision-haunted lonely shore
No other sound nor being bore,
A pictured dream!
But still the night, in dewy tears,
Bewailed the bitter by-gone years
With grief supreme.

But where the river coldly shone,
The maiden's destination won,
She paused and wept.
A struggle brief, a sobbing cry,
Again the river rippled by,
The lilies slept.

Cassell's Family Magazine rejoices in two new serial stories. "Time shall try" is the title of one, and F. G. M. Notley the author, while the other is named "Suspense," and is written by the author of "A Hard Case." The former opens with the visit of a Mr. Haalam, and in the second chapter is a very graphic description of a shipwreck, which results in the loss of forty-two lives. Mr. Haalam distinguishes himself in the attempt to rescue as many as possible of those aboard the ill-fated vessel, and succeeds in reaching a young lady, though at the moment of bringing her to shore he is struck senseless by a heavy spar, and his intended return to London is thus delayed. So seriously is he hurt, that the papers all announce his death in the attempted rescue. We cannot judge yet of what the story will be like, but the first instalment augurs well for what is to follow. In "Suspense" the story opens at a secluded country house in Hampshire, where a gentleman named Warley and his two daughters reside. The early life of these two young ladies must have been passed very monotonously. Their mother had died some years before the story begins, and their father had kept very much to himself. But their retirement is at an end, for Mr. Warley receives and entertains for a fortnight two gentlemen, one a Mr. Godwin Fletcher, cousin of their late mother, and the other a Mr. Thomas Wilson, son of an old friend of his. In this case, too, we must wait till we can form any judgment, contenting ourselves with the remark that the opening chapters are pleasantly written. The rest of the number is excellent. There are few higher authorities on the subject of "What to eat, drink, and avoid" than Mr. A. G. Payne, the able editor of Cassell's *Dictionary of Cookery*, and those who are beginning to be nervously anxious about their preparations for the approaching Chrismas festivities will find it to their advantage to read his paper on "Christmas Fare.' And as intellectual amusement is commonly part of Christmas entertainment, Mr. G. Manville Fenn does good service in telling us "How to Act a Charade." Phillis Browne's contribution, entitled "Christmas Games for Everybody," is useful as well as opportune; and there is a short and pretty poem called "The Carol Singers," the illustration to which—and a very good one it is—forms the frontispiece to the number. "Popular Papers on English Law," "The Buried Bungalow," a short story by Berwick Howard, "English Ladies at Washington," "Winter Climates for Invalids," by a Family Doctor, "Rounds, and how to sing them," are in their several way excellent. The illustrations are generally up to the mark.

In the present number of *The Countries of the World*, Dr. Brown takes us rapidly through Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and other of the United States, describing their resources, the principal cities and towns, any local peculiarities among the inhabitants, and their most attractive scenery. The illustrations are many in number and admirable in quality, among the best being those of a "View of Balcony Falls, James River, Virginia," "View of Grandfather Mountain (5,897 feet), North Carolina," "Loading Cotton at Savannah," "View on one of the Tributaries on the St. John's River, Florida," "Forest Scenery in Florida," and the "Interior of the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky."

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

A MEETING of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 6, Reginald Young P.M. W.M. in the chair, took place on the 10th inst., when the following brethren were elected and initiated into the Rite:—Bros. Joseph Wood, Richard Litler Fryer, and William Rawstrow Twist. On the same evening, at a meeting of the new Royal Oscar Lodge, No. 9, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas Clark P.M. W.M. the following brethren were elected and initiated:—Bros. Thomas Smyth, Robert Pearson P.M. 673, P.Z. 220, and David Jackson S.W. 673, P.S. 220.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE BRO. GODDIN, OF LODGES 1076 AND 1437.

Amounts previously acknowledged	20	16	0
Voted from The Great City Lodge, No. 1426	5	5	0
Subscribed by the members of ditto	4	4	0
Subscribed by the members of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613	4	5	0
Bro. Watkins P.M. 112	0	5	0
	£34	15	0

ERRATA.—In Bro. D. P. Owen's letter, last week, *for* "Senior Past Warden" *read* "Senior Past Master." *For* "I claim the rank," &c. *read* "I do not claim the rank," &c.

In our notice of the "L.P.P.," or Leicester Pork Pie, last week, the name of the makers should have read Viccars, Collyer and Dunmore.

The installation meeting of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541, will be held on Friday next, the 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Central-buildings, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Bro. George Bingham Dean is the W.M. elect. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G.D.C.

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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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. W. Hallett W.M., Daniells P.M. as S.W., J. W. Breden J.W., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., J. Wright P.G.P. Treas., Scheerboom S.D., Rawe J.D., Ives Steward, Ould I.G., Steedman Tyler. The Past Masters of the Lodge were well represented, while the list of Visitors comprised the names of Bros. J. G. Hilliard W.M. 174, J. D. Gray 366, E. J. D. Bradshaw 898, Jas. Gale 898, F. Garbett W.M. 1178, Thos. Forsyth 1259, W. W. Morgan 1385, S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Messrs. W. H. E. Orchart, George Simmonds, and William J. Knight, and these three gentlemen were initiated into the Order. Bro. Pringle was next passed to the 2nd degree, and the ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was brought to a conclusion by the raising of Bro. Day. The whole of the work was performed by Bro. Hallett, who acquitted himself most satisfactorily. Two petitions were then introduced, and it was decided the Lodge should recommend them to the Board of Benevolence. The Lodge was now closed. A capital repast was then served, and the good things provided were thoroughly appreciated. The W.M. presided, and when the table was cleared, gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts in quick succession. Bro. Wright P.G.P. replied for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was given by Bro. Medland I.P.M., and Bro. Hallett gracefully acknowledged the compliment. To the health of the Initiates, each of the newly-made brethren addressed a few words in acknowledgment. The several visitors bore testimony to the admirable way in which the W.M. and Officers had carried out their duties. During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given; Bros. Palmer, Sheerboom, Norton, Dickinson, and several others favouring the company. Bro. Palmer rendered valuable assistance as accompanyist.

Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820.—Held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, the 11th of December, at four p.m., at Bro. Palmer's, the Greyhound, George-street, Richmond, Surrey. Present—Bros. T. Weaver W.M., Hubbard S.W., Lamb J.W., Kyezor S.D., Dean J.D., Courlander I.G., Myers D.C., Giles Treasurer, Reynolds Secretary; Bros. Palmer, Phillips; Bateman I.P.M., P.M.'s Myers, Koch, Jones, Sims; Bro. Phillips W.M. of Rose of Denmark, Blasby, Costelow, &c. Lodge opened in due form; the ballot for Mr. Cheswass proving satisfactory, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who exhibited great proficiency. Lodge was then called off for refreshment; it resumed in due time, and the business was proceeded with. The brethren afterwards adjourned to host Palmer's magnificent banquetting-room, and sat down to one of his most *récherché* repasts. The customary toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, had due honours paid them. Bro. Bateman I.P.M. offered a few feeling and appropriate remarks upon recent events connected with the Lodge. Bro. Myers P.M. also addressed the brethren; he trusted the members might henceforth meet, work, and separate with such feelings of regard for each other that nothing in future could disturb.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. J. Lorkin W.M., C Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Barnes S.D., Stevenson J.D., Mardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Carr, Forss, Finch, Sanders, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sanders candidate. The Preceptor then occupied the chair, and opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Carr having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the degree of a M.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and regularly closed down to the first degree.

On Tuesday last. Present—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Bonner S.W., Stevenson J.W., Wardell S.D., Lines J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. After observance of formalities, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter candidate. Bro. Weigo having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the Traditional History. The Lodge was then regularly closed down to the first degree. Bro. Slaiter, of Lodge 804, was elected a member. Bro. Bonner will preside next week.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 12th December, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch W.M., W. G. Flanagan S.W., J. Early Danks J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. Ferguson S.D., J. H. Hawkes acting J.D., R. Dowsett I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Brown, Chancellor, Margrett; Bros. Pulley, Cottrell, Hunt, &c. The Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The Treasurer's account, as audited in October, was passed, with complimentary remarks on the financial state of the Lodge. A vote of five guineas was unanimously passed towards the testimonial to be presented to Bro. Biggs P.P.G. Sec. of Berks and Bucks. Bros. Pulley, Cottrell, and Hunt were unanimously elected on the permanent Committee. The Secretary read a letter which he had received from the P.D.P.G.M. of the Province, accompanying a petition to the M.W.G.M. of England, to grant a separation of Berks and Bucks into two distinct Masonic Provinces. It was unanimously determined by the Lodge that they would not concur in the petition. The Chaplain brought before the Lodge the case of a distressed brother, not a member, who was very ill, and sadly in want; the sum of five guineas was immediately voted, and the call being urgent, at the suggestion of Bro. Chancellor, the Treasurer at once paid the amount. It was intended to hold a Lodge of Instruction at the close of the business, but the various discussions took up so much time that the idea was abandoned. The Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its weekly meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 7th instant. Bros. Smith W.M., Lane S.W., Crouch J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Hill S.D., Simmonds J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Cleverley, Posener sen., Posener jun., Stroud, Campbell, Kent, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, the second by Bro. Campbell, and the third by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Crouch, the W.M. of West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, on Friday, the 21st instant, when it is hoped there will be a good muster of P.M.'s and other brethren. Chair to be taken at eight p.m. punctually.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, Friday, 30th Nov. Bros. John Walker W.M. No. 27 (Egyptian) W.M., Thos. Press J.W. 1695 S.W., H. B. D. Dunn S.D. 1695 J.W., Woolley S.D., R. C. Frampton J.D. 1695 J.D., Jeffreys W.M. Burgoyne I.G., P.M. L. R. Rogers Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Frampton, candidate for raising, was examined as to his proficiency, was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in third degree, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Bro. Dunn offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following brethren were present:—R. Stanway W.M., Jas. Freeman S.W., G. W. Blackie J.W., Headon P.M. Treas., E. Moody P.M. Sec., W. H. Catchpole S.D., Amor J.D., Kibble D.C., Gerge Jenkins Org., Charles Taylor I.G., W. H. Hook 1st Steward, Richard Hooker 2nd Steward; John Seex I.P.M. Visitors—Leonard Benet W.M. 187, W. W. Snelling 880, H. White 183, J. Simpson jun. 539, Allan Williams 610, C. G. Breden Marcus 1341, W. W. Morgan 1385, R. Sherrington 1541. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, and the minutes were read and received confirmation. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings commenced with the raising of Bros. Frost, Noseda, W. T. Bertram and Mozley. The examination of these brethren evidenced they had paid attention to the acquirement of a proper knowledge of what is required from them ere they can be considered efficient in their duties, and Bro. Stanway performed the ceremony in a most careful and effective manner. The ballot was now taken for Mr. Tom Rennie Vowles, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was received into our Society. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were then discussed, after which Bro. Moody read the letter which was printed in the columns of this journal on 17th November, from Bro Lacey P.M. 174, on behalf of the widow and children of the late Bro. Goddin. Bro. Moody made a most forcible appeal to the members of his Lodge, and stated that since the letter he had read appeared, the widow Goddin had departed this life, leaving the children entirely destitute. Deep sympathy was expressed by several brethren present, who stated that the distressing circumstances of the case were known to them, and Bro. Headon P.M. formally moved that the members vote a sum of five guineas from the Samaritan Fund of the Ledge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Baber, and on being submitted by the W.M. received unanimous approval. A second application for relief was then considered; but in this instance the brethren decided that it was a case they could not entertain. The Lodge was then closed. Afterwards the brethren partook of refreshments, which were served in the Egyptian Room, and ample justice was done to the repast. This being an "off-night," the W.M. stated he should not trespass on the time of the brethren by making lengthy speeches, but would at once proceed to bring the Loyal toasts before them. The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen was then given. This was followed by that of the M.W.G.M., and Lord Carnarvon, and the Earl of Skelmersdale, with the other Grand Officers, was next given. Each of these toasts was well received. Bro. Seex then proposed the health of the W.M., who replied in most felicitous terms. Before sitting down, Bro. Stanway made a few remarks on the distressing case which had been brought under the notice of the Lodge by Bro. Moody. The esteemed Master stated that a worthy brother who had been obliged to leave early, had made a suggestion to him that the amount realised by the Charity Box on that evening could not be better applied than by the brethren supplementing the gift made in the Lodge by appropriating the amount to the fund being raised for the orphan children of the late Bro. Goddin. Bro. Stanway said their absent brother had practically illustrated his interest by leaving with him 10s to be devoted to this charitable purpose. With these remarks he would start the box upon its mission, and leave the result in the hands of the brethren. On the box being returned, Bro. Stanway declared the amount realised amounted to £4 1s, and this was immediately increased to £4 4s, thus making the amount contributed by the Great City Lodge £5 5s. Bro. Morgan acknowledged the munificent generosity of the brethren; he trusted their kind act would be imitated by the members of other Lodges; from his personal knowledge he knew the case was a most deserving one. The remaining toasts were then given. Bros. Seex and Headon replied for the P.M.'s. Each of the Visitors addressed a few remarks, and the Officers severally acknowledged the compliments paid them. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by songs and recitations,

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Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at Bro. G. Ferrar's, Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. H. Meyer W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Dignam J.W., Brasted S.D., C. J. Olley J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., Geo. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Secretary, Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. R. Fisher, R. Olley, Batchelor, Polak, Jameson, Marsh, Little, Crane, Jones, Mears, T. J. Ainsley, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Crane candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the first lecture. Bros. Ainsley Yarborough Lodge, Jersey No. 244, and Albert Mears Lodge of Prudent Brethren No. 145, were elected members. Bro. C. Lorkin will preside at next meeting.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, Bro. T. B. Whytehead W.M. presiding, supported by the officers, and about twenty brethren and visitors. After the reading of the minutes, the W.M. said he wished to take the earliest opportunity of thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had supported him on the occasion of the installation banquet on the previous Tuesday. He had received several letters from visitors who were present, expressing the pleasure they had experienced, and he felt that much of this was due to the very kindly and cordial spirit evinced by the brethren. He felt more than ever the responsibility, as well as the privilege, of presiding over a Lodge whose members had such a thorough appreciation of the excellencies of Freemasonry in its best sense. The W.M. then stated that Bro. George Simpson, Master of Ceremonies, who so ably represented the Lodge at the Aged and Benevolent Festival last year, had expressed himself willing to undertake the duties this year, and he felt sure the Lodge would only be too happy to accept his valuable services; an announcement which was greeted with hearty applause. The bye-laws were then read by the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations of the Lodge, after which the W.M. said that he had much pleasure in appointing Bro. the Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain of the Lodge. The I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Cooper, then gave the explanation of the Third Tracing Board. The names of two gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for initiation, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—An emergency meeting was held at the Ealing Institute on Saturday, 1st December, at seven p.m. Bros. Beasley W.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., J. Green S.D., H. E. Tucker J.D., J. C. Roe P.M. Secretary, J. Brown Treasurer, W. Seward jun. I.G., F. Delavanté Organist; Bros. Porter, Campfield, Parsons, &c. Bros. A. Jones and Clark were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. W. Nye and Day were passed to the second degree. Lodge then resumed to the first degree, when four gentlemen were proposed for the ballot at the next meeting. The whole of the ceremonies were conducted in the most able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. A. Beasley.

This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday the 8th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Bros. A. Beasley W.M., Kingston I.P.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. T. Burr J.W., Gomm S.D., Compton J.D., H. E. Tucker I.G., S. Dyer D.C., J. C. Roe Sec., T. Brown Treas., F. Delevanté Org.; W. Goss W.M. 780, Legrey and J. Gunner Gomm, Fisher, Porter, and Pooley. Lodge opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Messrs. T. Ackworth and J. S. Edmeston; it proved unanimous; the Lodge was then opened in second degree, and Bros. Maling and Etienne underwent a satisfactory examination and retired; Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and these two brethren were admitted and raised to the sublime degree. The W.M. most impressively conducted the solemn proceedings. Lodge was then closed in the third degree, and resumed to the first, when Bros. Gunner and Wright having replied to the necessary questions, were, at the request of the W.M. of 780, duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After closing in the second degree, Messrs. Acworth and Edmeston received Masonic light. Lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the Railway Hotel to dine; when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. During the evening the brethren sang some capital songs, and a great treat was afforded by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Delevanté, introducing his accomplished daughter, who sang "Tell me, my Heart," "The distant shore," &c. Miss Delevanté's talents are well known, and require no praise from us; suffice it, she sang in her accustomed brilliant manner, and greatly delighted her hearers.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Thursday evening, 29th November, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Bros. J. W. Fisher W.M., J. Green S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., H. Kasner S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., S. Dyer I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, P.M. Bro. J. C. Roe; Bros. Nye, Gunner, Pooley, Wills, &c. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. E. Gasson candidate, after which the W.M. gave the charge in the first degree most impressively. Bros. H. Stevens Johnston, Costelow, Sterndale Bennett, Wright, &c., were unanimously elected members. Bro. Tucker, Treasurer, and Bro. Stephens were elected honorary members. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M.

On Thursday the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. J. Garr W.M., H. Kasner S.W., E. Garrod J.W., E. C. Porter S.D., A. Pooley J.D., J. R. Fernee I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas.; J. Johnson, W. Seward jun., Wright, Jones, T. W. Fisher, H. Stephens, and others. Lodge opened up to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson candidate. Lodge was closed down to the second degree, Bro. Tucker gave the lecture on the tracing board, much to the pleasure and instruction of the brethren. Bro. Allen was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. E. Tucker for the treat he had afforded the brethren. Lodge was then closed in harmony, and was adjourned until Thursday next, Bro. Kasner having been voted to the chair for that occasion.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—Met on Friday, 30th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Nottinghill. Present—Bros. Penn W.M., Smout sen. S.W., Tettenborn J.W., Spiegel S.D., Kelly J.D., Woodmason I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Murlis P.M., Lichtwitz, Wood, Krabb, Collett, Newland, &c. Business—The W.M., who occupied the chair for the first time, rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Kelly being candidate; also that of initiation, Bro. Krabb being the candidate. The proposition of Bro. Spiegel, which has been twice adjourned, to subscribe £5 5s to Bro. P.M. Stephens' list, as Steward for the Girls' School, was again brought forward by Bro. Murlis P.M., and carried unanimously. The Lodge of Instruction has only been in existence since January 1876, and by thus becoming Life Subscriber to the Girls' School testifies to its prosperity. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Penn, for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of raising.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A general meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, 1st Dec. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows as J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, A. Delvalli W.S., Marsh as Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Stringer and Burnand, and Bro. C. Haines, of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted, and in due course were introduced and raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was resumed, and two gentlemen who had been previously balloted for were initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, 2nd February. After business the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served in the style so well known to the brethren of this Lodge. The usual toasts were given by the W.M., and were heartily responded to. There was a large number of members and visitors present, who fully appreciated the comforts provided by the esteemed host and hostess.

Wentworth Lodge, Sheffield, No. 1239.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd December, in the New Masonic Hall, Surrey-street. Among the brethren present were Bros. Tew J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, M. M. de Bartolomé P.P.G.W., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, Ensor Drury P.P.G.W., Alex. Hay P.P.G.S.B., H. J. Garnett P.P.G.S.B., Robert Arnison P.P.G.S.B., T. M. Ramplen P.P.G.D. Lincs., Walshaw P.P.G.D.C., the Rev. Canon Blakeney, Vicar of Sheffield, W. Jervis, Worshipful Master Britannia Lodge 139, B. Saville Worshipful Master Phœnix, Rotherham 904, Jendwyne Worshipful Master Scarsdale, Chesterfield, 581, also Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M. Eboracum Lodge 1611 York, Past Masters Hayes, Pawson, Bennett, Wostinholme, Scargill, Tindall, White, and a number of brethren, many of whom had come from a distance. The Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M. Bro. S. B. Ellis, who installed his successor, Bro. W. R. Thomas M.D., as Worshipful Master. Bro. Dr. Thomas then invested his officers as follow:—R. Renton S.W., J. Clark J.W., H. J. Garnett P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, to which office—which he has so worthily held for many years—he was re-elected by the brethren at the last meeting. C. Hill Secretary, J. E. Darling S.D., H. T. Holmes J.D., G. Bennett P.M. M.C., J. Broadhead I.G., Nixon S.S., T. Blair J.S. Bro. Tindall was then unanimously re-elected Charity Steward for the ensuing year, and great satifaction was expressed by the brethren for the zeal and energy evinced by Brother Tindall in the discharge of his duties. After the ceremony of installation was over, the brethren repaired to their large banqueting hall, where a most sumptuous repast awaited them, at which about eighty were present. The toast of the Queen was, as it usually is among Freemasons, most heartily responded to by the brethren, and that of the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England was equally well received. The applause of the brethren was elicited when the toast of Sir H. Edwards, Bro. Tew, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was given, as they considered that the Lodge had been highly honoured by the presence of Bro. Tew the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Bartolomé, the senior Freemason of Sheffield, and so many officers from Provincial Grand Lodges, at this the first installation in the new and commodious Hall. Then followed the toast of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Thomas, which was received with enthusiasm by the brethren, as also was that of Bro. Ellis I.P.M. and Installing Officer, who was highly complimented by the W.M. for the perfect manner in which he had discharged the responsible duties of his office during the past year, and the ability with which he had gone through the ceremony of installation that evening. Bro. Ellis being the first Master of this Lodge who had installed his successor. A number of other toasts were given, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Suckley kindly presided most ably at the fine new organ. Messrs. Walker and Hall lent a number of magnificent épergnes for the occasion.

THE TURCO-RUSSIAN BATTLEFIELDS.—In the anticipation that the fall of Plevna may eventuate in the cessation of hostilities between Russia and Turkey, we hear that Messrs. Gaze and Son, the well-known tourist directors of London, propose, as soon as practicable, to organize two parties for visiting the scenes of the recent struggles in Europe and Asia. It is intended that one of these parties shall proceed to Vienna and along the Danube, visiting Bucharest, Giurgevo and Rustchuk, thence to Plevna and the Balkan Range. The other tour is proposed to include Athens, Constantinople and the Black Sea to Trebizond, and thence to Kars, Erzeroum and Mount Ararat. We believe that it is intended that a preliminary journey shall be undertaken to make the necessary arrangements, and that a limited number of persons can join Messrs. Gaze on these expeditions. We should think that the great interest of such tours would induce many to desire to accompany the parties.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Court is now at Windsor, where a Council was held on Wednesday, at which the Queen presided. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Earl of Derby, and the Right Hon. R. A. Cross were present. Lord Justice Thesiger was introduced and sworn in as a Privy Councillor. Previous to this, the Chinese Minister had an audience, the Earl of Derby, Foreign Secretary being present, as well as Sir Thomas Wade and Dr. Macartney, interpreter. Afterwards Her Majesty conferred the honour of knighthood on Mr. Bryan Robinson, late Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Mr. James Bain, late Lord Provost of Glasgow, and Mr. Andrew Barclay Walker, late Mayor of Liverpool. On Tuesday afternoon the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, visited London, and called on the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace, and the Princess of Wales at Clarence House. Early in the week the Prince of Wales, who paid a visit to the Cattle Show on Monday, in company with the Crown Prince of Hanover, went down to Ashford House, Kent, the seat of his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh, for a few days' shooting.

The Cattle Show has attracted its thousands of visitors during the week. The early part of Monday was devoted to the judging, and in the afternoon those of the public who cared to pay the sum of five shillings were admitted. Since then a shilling has sufficed, and the number of visitors on the very first of these days was over 28,000, while the crowds appeared to have been as great on each of the following days. The Champion Plate, given by the Agricultural Hall Co. Limited, for the best beast in the show, was awarded to Mr. N. Catchpole for his Pride of Thorndale second, which took the first prize of £20 in class 14 for shorthorned heifers not exceeding four years old, the silver cup value £50 for the best heifer, and the Silver Breed Cup of £40 for the best animal of the breed. He was, however, very closely run by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Devon steer, which was adjudged the first prize of £25 in its class, and also the silver breed cup value £40, for the best Devon, as well as the £50 for the best steer or ox in the different classes. The Prince also carried off a second prize of £15 in class 12, for shorthorned steers not exceeding three years and three months, and a second prize in class 3, Devon steers or oxen above two years three months and under four years six months, and was highly commended in class 1. The Queen was highly commended in class 6 for Hereford steers, and carried off the first prize for Hereford steers in class 7, and the first in class 32. Her Majesty's exhibits in the pigs' classes received no awards. Among the other principal prize winners were Mr. Henry Page, of Walmer, and the Earl of Powis in the Hereford classes, Mr. Alfred Agate, of Horsham in the Sussex classes, Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P., in the Norfolk and Suffolk, Sir W. G. G. Cumming and Sir W. C. Trevelyan in the Scotch Highland breed, Mr. R. Jardine and Sir W. Cumming in the Scotch polled, and Mr. R. H. Harris, Lord Lovat, Sir W. C. Trevelyan, and the Earl of Darnley. Lord Walsingham was successful in the sheep classes, and the Earl of Radnor with his pigs. The show of agricultural implements was on a large scale, and of unusual excellence.

Several speeches have been made this week by leading politicians, the most important being those of Mr. Gathorne Hardy at Edinburgh, Lord John Manners at Grantham, and the Solicitor General at Oldham. Mr. Hardy referred as a matter of course to the Eastern question, but in what he said the right hon. gentleman was very reserved. One remark of his must be noted, to the effect that he could not understand it possible for terms of peace to be arranged without this country having a voice in the matter. It is also worth while noting that a Cabinet Council was fixed for yesterday, and that Parliament stands

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prorogued to the 17th January next, when we presume it will meet for the despatch of business in the event of an earlier meeting than usual being necessary.

News reached Lloyd's on Friday last that the Union Company's mail steamer European was lost off Ushant on the Wednesday previous. She was a fine vessel, of 2272 tons gross register, and 1400 horse power. Fortunately, the passengers, crew, and mails were all saved. Another mail steamer, the City of Berlin, which left New York on the 24th ult., and was due off Ireland on the 2nd instant, broke her shaft when six days out, and in consequence did not reach her destination till the 9th instant, in tow of the City of New York. Thus the anxiety which had been aroused respecting her safety was dissipated.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund had, according to the last account, reached the sum of £487,000, including the £6,000 now under transmission from Sydney. Of this £470,000 has already been remitted to India. Reports from the afflicted districts, while they show the terrible loss of life which has taken place, speak of the signs of improvement which are everywhere visible among the population.

A singular case was brought before the Worship-street Police Court on Friday last, when a Miss Lena Chester was charged with an attempt to bribe John Partridge, gaoler of the Mansion House Police Court, by offering him £500 to procure the release from the prison van of Fred. Dimsdale, a person charged with felony at that Court. Partridge's evidence and that of a police officer, whom he had called in and secreted under the table while the lady was conversing with him, having been given, the woman was remanded, Mr. Bushby the magistrate consenting to take bail in two sureties of £100 each, and the accused in double that amount during the remand.

It seems the health of the Pope, who has attained an almost patriarchal age, is in a very critical state. His Holiness is confined to his bed by a wound or wounds in his leg, but he is able at times to receive visitors. The rumours are very contradictory, some being to the effect that he is recovering strength, while others represent him as enduring great sufferings.

The political state of France is becoming more and more critical every day. The attempt by M. Dufaure to form a Ministry entirely failed, and now an attempt to form a Ministry of Combat is being made, but it remains to be seen what success will attend the efforts of M. Batbie who is charged with the business. There is no doubt that the protracted struggle between the Marshal and the Left is exercising a very depressing effect on the trade of France and especially of the capital, and more than one Deputation has waited upon the President urging him to put an end to the present grave uncertainty. Whether he will invite the Senate to grant a second dissolution of the present Chamber, or what will be done is unknown. There have been rumours that the President contemplated resigning his office, but this would probably make matters worse. However, we shall no doubt shortly learn the course which events are likely to take, and we trust, whatever may happen, that it will be for the good of France.

The news of the week from the seat of war is the most important we have yet received. Plevna has fallen. On Sunday morning Osman Pasha made a desperate effort to break through the Russian lines. He succeeded in forcing his way into the enemy's entrenchments, but fresh obstacles met him at every step, and after five hours' hard fighting, he turned to re-enter Plevna, but found the enemy had already anticipated such a movement. At length, with his men being shot down in all directions, and himself wounded, he surrendered unconditionally to the Emperor of Russia, with his whole army, which is variously estimated at from 30,000 to 40,000, including 10,000 killed and wounded. Thus, after holding the Russians at bay for five months round a fortress which he himself had created, the gallant Turk has had to succumb after a supreme effort to break out, and then only when his men were reduced to their last scrap of food—barely a few ears of corn daily. Such a magnificent defence as this will place Osman Pasha among the most distinguished warriors of the day, and even his enemies have been struck with admiration at the superb valour he has shown. And well, indeed, may they do so, for it is probable the loss he has inflicted on them far exceeds the total number of troops which have been under his command from first to last; and had the other Turkish Generals followed his example, the Russians might have been driven back over the Danube. It is said the Czar, when Osman surrendered his sword to him, magnanimously restored it, and placed his own carriage and escort at the disposal of the beaten chief. The Russians and Roumanians entered Plevna the same afternoon, and the Grand Duke Nicholas and Prince Charles slept in the town, the inhabitants of which were found to be in terrible want of food. We have not yet heard of the Russian losses, but they must have been very heavy, if it be true that three whole regiments were nearly cut to pieces. The capture of this stronghold will place 100,000 at the disposal of the Grand Duke for further operations. If the weather clears up, we shall, no doubt, hear of the Russians attempting to carry the war south of the Balkans, and advancing on Adrianople. Mehemet Ali Pasha has been recalled to Constantinople, and the position of the force lately under his command will be seriously jeopardised. Suleiman Pacha has been unable to make further progress against the Czarewitch, though there is a rumour of more fighting on the Lom. From Asia, the news is very meagre, but the anxiety of the moment is as to the political rather than the military aspect of things, and of this we shall know more anon.

Since the above was written intelligence has been received from Paris of the failure of all attempts on the part of M. Batbie to form a Ministry, and M. Dufaure was again summoned by the Marshal. This time he has succeeded, and the list of the new cabinet has been already announced. One other item of news has arrived. The Turkish Parliament has been again opened, by the Sultan in person, the Imperial address being read by one of the high Turkish dignitaries.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the pupils of Bro. Westfield, of Leyton College, Essex, will give their winter entertainment on Thursday next. Several brethren have placed their sons under Bro. Westfield's charge, and he always extends a most cordial welcome to all who visit his establishment on these occasions. We do not doubt we shall have the pleasure of chronicling, in our next issue, another successful gathering.

According to the *Freemasons' Repository*, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick held its tenth annual Communication in the City of St. John, on the 26th and 27th October, when Bro. Robt. T. Clench was elected Grand Master, Bro. Edwin J. Westmore Dep. G. Master, Henry Driffell Sen. G. Warden, James Boone Jun. G. Warden, James McNichol jun. G. Treasurer, and William F. Bunting G. Secretary. The receipts for the year were reported as 1,660 96 dollars, and the total membership 2,236. Action is already being taken to rebuild and reform another library in place of that destroyed by the great fire, and the reprint of the Proceedings will soon be commenced, so that it is hoped and expected that another year will almost obliterate the effects of the misfortunes which have befallen the Grand Lodge. The following resolution as to visitors was adopted:—"That any brother hailing from a Lodge beyond the jurisdiction of New Brunswick, desiring to be received as a visitor in any Lodge within the province, and who cannot be vouched for, shall, previous to undergoing an examination, be required to produce a certificate from the Grand Lodge to which he belongs; and if he cannot produce a certificate, no examination shall take place, and he shall be refused admission.

From a notice of the installation meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, Sydney, which appears in the *Australian Freemason* for the month of October, we learn that the following are the Officers for the present year, namely, Bros. Thomas James Bowyer M.A. W.M., Hugh Kennedy I.P.M., Dr. W. T. G. Bedford S.W., Rev. Dr. White J.W., W. Clark Treasurer, W. B. Stevens Secretary, T. Moser S.D., F. J. Armstrong J.D., G. F. Stephen I.G. Bro. Bowyer subsequently presented a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge in token of its sense of the services he had rendered during his year of office. We notice also with pleasure that there is a Lodge of Instruction in Sydney, which meets every month, and is doing very admirable service.

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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, 15th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1449—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
330—One and All, Freemasons' Hall, Bodmin.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
496—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1503—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
R. A. 196—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, 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.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C.
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
S. 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.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
631—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
663—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
909—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1050—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
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.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
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.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
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.
636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Dorje, 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.)
1296—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Installation.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

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.
406—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
357—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
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. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 63—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge, No. 8.—Met on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. There were present—Bros. S. Wharman W.M., Cambridge S.W., Ginman J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treas., Dukes P.M. Sec., C. A. Bull S.D., W. Levy J.D., A. B. Lipscombe I.G., E. Wells D.C., Barlow P.M. Steward, James Pinder I.P.M., Past Master Martin, and an average number of ordinary members. The Visitors were Bros. F. B. Butterworth and Lockhurst, both of 1604, W. Holt 928, Bolton 356, Lyons S.W. 1287, Charles Manns 1107, and E. Gottheil P.M. 185. In the course of the evening Bro. Vallentine was raised to the third degree. A candidate proposed for initiation was rejected, in spite of the excellent character given of him by the proposer, seconder, and several other brethren, who enjoyed his acquaintance. When Lodge business was ended, an adjournment took place to the Holborn Restaurant, where an ample and exceedingly well-served repast was prepared, superintended by the courteous and indefatigable Bro.

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Hamp. The comfort of the brethren and visitors was vigilantly attended to by the almost paternal care of the deservedly popular Past Master Barlow, Steward of the Lodge. The W.M., in rising to propose the various toasts, explained at the outset his inability, as a foreigner, to express himself with sufficient fluency, and would therefore restrict his remarks to as few words as possible. He then briefly gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which obtained a cordial reception. Bro. James Pinder proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he thought—and indeed was sure it was the opinion of the members also—had most satisfactorily proved his fitness for the position he occupies, and has conducted the affairs of the Lodge in a manner hardly anticipated when he was installed in the chair. The W.M. expressed his thanks, and submitted the Past Masters. Bro. May in his reply said, Bro. Wharman had certainly surprised them all by the way he did his work, especially considering the disability he labours under in not being a native of this country. To the health of the visitors each replied in their turn. Bro. Sleeman responded for the Treasurer and Secretary: What he had to say on occasions such as this was very stereotyped; he was much obliged for the cordiality with which this toast had been received, and could only assure them of his readiness to receive their money, but at the same time of his pleasure in dispensing it for their comfort and enjoyment. The Officers, who were well spoken of by the W.M., severally responded. Bro. Cambridge the S.W. observed that the brethren must have been well pleased with the progress the subordinate officers had made in the discharge of their duties, and without any desire to make invidious comparisons, could not resist mentioning the S.D., the excellence of whose working could scarcely be surpassed. Bro. Barlow, who was loudly called upon to say a few words, stated he was well pleased if the brethren were satisfied that he faithfully attended to their wants. He would now ask a very exceptional favour of the W.M., namely the loan of the gavel. He admitted that, except for the I.P.M. to ask for such a thing is almost, if not quite, unprecedented. When, however, the W.M. and brethren had been made acquainted with his purpose, they would perceive his justification. He would ask them to fill bumpers, and drink to the health and prosperity of their I.P.M., Bro. James Pinder, who this day enters upon his thirty-third year. They will, therefore, not be surprised at his extraordinary request, and pardon the liberty. Bro. Pinder, it must be said, is frequently a funny fellow, but they all knew he had Masonry thoroughly at heart, and was never weary of exerting himself for the benefit of the Craft in general, and the Kent Lodge in particular. Bro. Pinder did not think he should have to rise to respond to any toast. The meeting of the Kent Lodge on his natal day had occurred once before since he joined it, and would do so every six years; he therefore trusted it may take place ten times more in his life. Such a thing might not be impossible. The late Bro. Richard Barnes had been a member for over sixty years. He did not expect the mention of his name would have met with so cordial a reception, and desired the brethren to accept his most heartfelt thanks. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Wells, Lipscombe, Lockhurst, Valentine, Holt, Butterworth, Munns, and Pinder. The brethren separated with fraternal good wishes.

Temple Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 178.—Met on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney-green, E. Bros. E. Gottheil W.M. in the chair, Marsh S.W., Mole J.W., Geo. Verry P.M. Sec., T. Mortlock P.M. P.G.S.B. Treas., Wallington M.O., N. Gluckstein S.O., Barratt as J.W., Sturtevant S.D., Turquand J.D., Defriez I.G., G. Hollington B.M., Grant Tyler. Bros. Brayshaw and Cuthbertson were advanced. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. Marsh W.M., Mortlock Treas., and Grant Tyler. The usual sum was voted for a P.M.'s jewel, to be presented to Bro. Gottheil at the next meeting, upon his retirement from the chair. A sum of £2 2s was also voted for the benefit of the widow of the late Bro. Ray, a highly respected member of this Lodge. Bro. Ray was but 36 years old, a man of fine proportions and full of health; just beginning to make his way upwards towards competence, when a two days' painful illness cut short his career. He leaves, besides the widow, six young children. After the Lodge business was ended, supper was served. Next came the customary toasts, some singing, and a vast deal of merriment. The brethren then separated at a very respectable early hour.

Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 8.—This ancient Lodge met on Friday, the 7th inst., at 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. There were present Bros. Charles Lacey W.M., J. L. Thomas S.W., J. Mander J.W., T. Mortlock acting I.P.M., J. W. Figg P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.M. Sec., Swallow M.O., Kelso J.O., J. H. Leggott S.D., Burrell J.D., Mason I.G., P. Masters Baber, W. Mann, &c., and a considerable number of brethren. Amongst the visitors were Col. F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey, F. Davidson Grand Treas. and Prov. D.G.M., Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clark P.M., J. Boyd, W. G. Goodliff W.M. No. 7, E. Gottheil W.M. 173, T. W. Marley, &c. After the Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, Col. Burdett was, by command of the W.M., saluted with five, in honour of his position as Prov. G.M., for which the Colonel returned thanks for himself and the Province he represented. Letters were read from two brethren, whose names appeared on the agenda as candidates for advancement, apologising for their inability to be present on that occasion. The W.M. then invited Bro. T. Mortlock to occupy the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. This he proceeded to do, in his well-known unassuming yet genial and pleasant manner. Bro. J. L. Thomas, the new W.M., invested his Officers as follow:—C. Lacey I.P.M., James Mander S.W., B. H. Swallow J.W., J. W. Figg P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.M. Sec., J. Oliver M.O., Kelso S.O., Leggott J.O., Burrell B.M., John Mason S.D., Treadwell J.D., W. J. Collins I.G., E. Farwig D.C., E. Scheiman Steward, E. Hart Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler. The W.M. then rose and said that his first duty as Master of the Lodge was an extremely pleasant one, namely, to place upon the breast of Bro. Lacey a jewel, in recognition of his great services to the Lodge, in token of the high esteem he is held in by the brethren. Bro. Lacey having briefly expressed his thanks, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to banquet; after which the proceedings were of the customary character. Proposing the health of Her Majesty, the W.M. designated the Royal lady as the mother of England. This was followed by the National Anthem, sung by Bro. Mortlock, accompanied on the harmonium by Bro. Hart. Next came the health of the Earl of Limerick M.W.G.M.M. The W.M. was sure that toast would find an echo in the breast of every one present. Two evenings ago, as well as on former occasions, he had attended a meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, at which the noble Earl presided, and he could bear testimony to his amiable qualities as a man, as well as to his abilities as a Mason. (Cheers.) He would next propose the health of Lord Skelmersdale, the present D.G.M. and M.W.G.M. elect, and include the Grand Officers Past and Present. It needed no words of his to remind them how well qualified for their duties the officers were in their respective positions. He was desirous to be brief in his remarks, especially in the formal toasts; he, however, could not possibly allow the opportunity to pass without reverting to one of their most honoured Past Grand Officers, namely Lord Carnarvon, a Past G.M.M., who presided at the last meeting of the Grand Craft Lodge, and whose impressive address upon the question of the Grand Orient will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure to listen to it. (Loud applause). He would couple with this toast the name of a brother who is not only a Prov. G.M., but also Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, namely, Bro. F. Davidson. Bro. Davidson thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness; he said it gave him great pleasure to be present on the occasion; he had known Bro. Thomas for some years, as a zealous and energetic worker both in Craft and Mark Masonry. After some remarks about the degree in general, he observed that the Thistle Lodge in point of age took precedence of the Grand Lodge itself. The W.M. then submitted the name of Col. Burdett, and remarked that name was always received with pleasure and enthusiasm in the City of Westminster. Col. Burdett, who was received with great cheering, said, he felt very much the kindness of his reception. That form of expression he had without doubt used on many former occasions, but could assure them never with greater sincerity than on the present. There were many brethren present at that table whom he had had the pleasure of meeting many times before, and some also whose faces seemed familiar, and it would afford him the highest gratification if they would make themselves known. He felt in every respect the responsibility of his high position as Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, and was sure they would be glad to learn that the Province was in a satisfactory condition. Indeed, the same might be said of Mark Masonry in general, which was gaining daily in strength and influence. He must express his great pleasure in having visited the Thistle Lodge, one of the oldest in England; it had no doubt originated from Scotland. He would beg them to accept his acknowledgments for their kindness and hospitality. Bro. Lacey I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., and concluded his remarks by reminding the brethren of the honour they did themselves by placing Bro. Thomas in his present position. Bro. Thomas, in his response, desired the acceptance of his sincere thanks for the complimentary manner in which his name had been mentioned and received. Ever since the year 1852, when his first entrance into the Order took place, there were many occasions such as the present, when, upon being placed at the head of Lodges and Chapters, in the regular as well as in those technically termed side degrees, he always boasted that particular time to be the proudest moment of his life. However anomalous it might appear, on each occasion he truly felt what he said, and was almost inclined again to repeat the sentiment, for it is a proud position to be at the head of one of the most ancient Mark Lodges in England. It was difficult for him to find words adequately to express his sense of the high honour, and it was his deepest wish and hope to promote the prosperity of the Thistle Lodge, as well as the Mark degree in general, which, to his mind, was the keystone which compressed the noble arch of a beautiful whole. Pride in antiquity is pardonable, but ought, he thought, to be subordinate to higher qualities, and, therefore, he trusted that the "Thistle" might be made *par excellence* the best Lodge on the roll. (Cheers.) He would now propose the Visitors, and would couple with that toast the name of Bro. Shadwell Clark, who, in his reply, said that a serious responsibility had been thrust upon him, especially as among the visitors there were some whose eloquence might have done greater justice to the response. He was sure they were all excessively obliged for so kind a reception, and truly felt their lines had indeed fallen in pleasant places on the present occasion. The W.M. was his personal friend, and he had therefore been well gratified to see him placed in the first chair of the Thistle Lodge, which had furnished so many officers to the Grand Mark Lodge of England. He would reiterate his sincere thanks for their hospitality, and would long remember, with pleasure, the kindness of his reception. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, whom he designated as second to none in the Mark degree; every one of them had done good suit and service to the Lodge. Bro. Lacey I.P.M. replied. He was only a newly fledged P.M., and a great deal could not as yet be expected of him in that capacity, but he would promise to exert his abilities to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The remaining P.M.'s and the rest of the officers severally responded. The W.M. announced himself as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund; he intended to head his list with £5 5s, and persuasive Bro. Cottebrune succeeded in collecting an additional £10 10s from the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge met on Tuesday, the 4th December, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. Scott W.M., Palmer P.M. S.W., Blackman J.W., Abbott P.M.,

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Sec., Moring P.M. Treas., Harvey S.D., Robey J.D., S. Coste P.M. D.C., E. Coste P.M. Steward, Forbes Organist, Thompson I.G., J. Rawles Tyler. Past Masters Bros. E. Storr, Marsh, W. Willing, Vallentine, Friend, Cater, &c. Visitor—Bro. W. Lewis, City of London Lodge, No. 901. The ceremonial portion of the evening's proceedings comprised the raising of Bros. J. P. Endean and Alfred Endean; the passing of Bro. G. S. Gregory; and the initiation of Mr. Edward Bradley. This being night for election of W.M., Treasurer, Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, and Tyler, resulted as follows:—F. McCarthy S.W. as W.M., T. Moring P.M. Treas., J. Vallentine P.M. Treasurer Benevolent Fund, J. Rawles Tyler. It was proposed and carried unanimously that Bro. W. T. Scott W.M. should be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the Lodge was closed.

Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.—At a meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, 13th instant. Bro. John Charles was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Owing to the recent sudden death of Bro. T. L. Fox, of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, and for many years a much respected Past Master of the Lodge, the brethren appeared in mourning, as a slight mark of the esteem in which he was held.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., Thursday, 6th December. Present—Bros. Norden W.M., DaSilva S.W., Hunter J.W., Webb J.D. and Preceptor, Campbell I.G., W. J. Rawley acting Secretary; also Bros. Musto, Stephens, Calverley, Hogarth, Posener jun, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Rawley candidate. Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the Lecture.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., Present—Bros. Webb as W.M., Barnes P.M. as I.P.M., Rudderforth S.W., Ellis J.W., Grammer Secretary, Da Silva S.D., Hunter J.D., Maidwell I.G. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following:—Bros. Appleby, Da Silva, Norden, Ellis, Harris, Rudderforth, Barnes, Wharman, Hewlett, Grammer, Musto, Maidwell, and Taylor. After other business, the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 10th inst., there were present Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Powell S.W., Crawley J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Moseley S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Gibbs I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Kidder, Trewinnard, Halford, Isaac, Wing, Hallam, F. Sillis, Heinrich, &c. Due regard being paid to the formalities prescribed by custom, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sillis of Domatic Lodge, No. 177, answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, in his usual excellent manner, Bro. Sillis acting as candidate. Bro. Heinrich answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, after which the W.M. worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Heinrich, of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, was elected a member. Bro. Powell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 11th of December, at Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present Bros. J. S. Brown W.M., Miroy S.W., Hallam J.W., Dickins Sec., J. H. Dodson S.D., Linscott J.D., Cooper I.G.; Past Master Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Tate, Cornu, Tranter, Clennell, Abell, and several others. The Lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tranter, a candidate for passing, having answered the usual questions, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tranter passed to degree of F.C. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. Bros. Sanders, Bramham and Perken were elected members. Bro. Miroy was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned to Tuesday, 18th December.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. C. E. Smith W.M., Joseph Langton S.W., Sharrett J.W., J. E. Shand Sec., C. J. Hogg Treas., A. Triggs S.D., J. Turner J.D., W. Smallpeice Preceptor, Bauman I.G.; Strauss and others. Visitors—Bros. Marner, Brittain, and E. Trigg P.M. 861. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge advanced, and the third degree was rehearsed. Lodge closed down to first degree. Bro. Langton S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting, which was adjourned, over Christmas, until Monday, 13th January 1878. Two brethren were elected members, and the Lodge closed in the usual manner.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 4th Dec. Bros. J. S. Fraser W.M., W. Fraser S.W., Norden J.W., Sayer S.D., Daniel J.D., Glass, Hollands, Grammer, West. The ceremonies of instruction and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Grammer and Hollends candidates. Bro. Fraser vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Daniel, who worked the third degree, Bro. Grammer candidate. Bro. Fraser resumed the chair, and closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Wm. Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday Bro. Rudderforth was elected Preceptor for the ensuing year Bros. Maidwell Treas. and Hollands Sec. The sum of £1 1s was voted to Bro. Terry towards the annual entertainment given to the old men and women. This we trust will be followed by other Lodges of Instruction. We may state that, to assist the Charities, the annual subscription to this Lodge of Instruction has been raised, and the weekly fee has also been increased.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, 101, K.T. — The regular meeting for the election of E.P. took place on Tuesday evening, in Freemasons' Hall, York, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead E.P. presiding. On the scroll being taken the unanimous vote of the members was found to have fallen upon Sir Knight the Rev. W. Valentine, who was declared duly elected, and who returned thanks to the members. E. Sir Knight Thos. Cooper P.E.P. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Sir Knight Ward was re-appointed Equerry. A candidate for installation was proposed and seconded, and the Preceptory was closed in ancient form.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. L. Annett W.M., Pillin S.W., E. Farwig J.W., G. Bubb P.M. W.M. 795 Treasurer, H. A. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Ward S.D., Wade J.D., Fletcher I.G., J. R. Stacey P.M. D.C., J. Wood W.S., Hart Org.; P.M.'s Bros. Cameron, Stoner, W. C. Parsons, L. Herf, Robinson, J. R. Stacey, and Bros. Pinto Leite, Maxted, Pearce, Baker, Cundall, Green, Symons, Bishop, Dilley, Miles, Sarto, A. W. Staden, Shelley, Van Duren, Bunting, Warner, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Miles jun. was raised, and Bro. Sayle was passed; Messrs. John Huy, L. Leper, and A. Wertheimer were duly initiated, the latter, through the courtesy of the W.M., by Bro. G. Bubb P.M. Bro. Arthur Swanborough, No. 1319, was elected a joining member. All the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively worked. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Pillin S.W. was unanimously chosen. The W.M. congratulated the brethren on the excellent selection they had made; Bro. Pillin had shown his proficiency in every office he had held. The W.M. elect suitably replied. The election for Treasurer then took place, and Bro. G. Bubb was unanimously re-elected, amidst the congratulations of the W.M. and every member present. Bro. Bubb, after thanking the members, said he was pleased to state the Lodge was free from debt, and had a balance of £30 in hand. Bro. Stoner was elected Treasurer to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bros. Wade, Baker and Bishop were appointed Auditors. Bro. Gilbert P.M. P.G. Tyler Middx. was re-elected Tyler. Mr. P. Joseph was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. W. C. Parsons I.P.M. then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties during his year of office. This was seconded by Bro. Cameron P.M., and carried unanimously. It was proposed and seconded that the annual ball take place, as usual, in February. Bro. Stoner P.M. announced that he would act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Anniversary Festival, when the R.W. the Duke of Manchester will take the chair. The Lodge was then closed until January. The brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where a very sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. in brief terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales was sung. The W.M. then gave what he might call the toast of the evening, the health of the newly initiated brethren. The Lodge was favoured by their introduction; they came on the recommendation of highly esteemed members, and he hoped in due time to see them occupy the chair of the Lodge. The initiates in appropriate terms severally responded to the toast. Bro. W. C. Parsons I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., who had faithfully discharged his duties, and had given satisfaction to every one connected with the Lodge. He called on the brethren to wish him long life and prosperity, and he trusted they might see him among them for many years. (Cheers). The W.M. thanked Bro. Parsons for the kinds words he had uttered on his behalf. If he had met with the approbation of the brethren he was content; his only aim was to promote the welfare of the Lodge, whose interests he had at heart. The health of the joining members Bros. A. Swanborough and Powell P.M. 25 was given, and this was followed by the Visitors. Bros. A. Swanborough, Powell, H. Lumley, and H. M. Levy responded, and all complimented the W.M. on his work and able presiding. Bro. Annett then proposed the toast of the W.M. elect. He considered that a very important toast, Bro. Pillin was well known to all. He (the W.M.) could say with confidence that he was one able to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of every brother of the Lodge. He would ask them all to drink to the health and prosperity of their brother, and wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Pillin said he had worked up from the lowest office in the Lodge, and now he felt proud to hold the highest honour the Lodge could confer on him. He hoped to have the assistance of that honoured band, the Past Masters. Bro. W. C. Parsons returned thanks in appropriate terms for the Past Masters, and the W.M. then gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. G. Bubb P.M. and H. A. Stacey; the latter brother was the father of the Lodge, and Bro. Bubb was one who to know was to respect. He had that evening been re-elected, and we hope he may continue among us for many years. Bro. Stacey returned thanks in an excellent speech, and was followed by Bro. Bubb; the funds of the Lodge were in a flourishing condition, and could any Treasurer wish more. After due honour had been paid to the Officers, the Tyler was summoned. Bros. Pillin, Cantle, Warner, Webb, and Foster contributed to the

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harmony, Bro. Hart Organist accompanying them. The visitors were Bros. S. D. Costa Andrade 1261, E. Swanborough J.W. 1319, Saxby 1095, Jarvis 540, Hancock 1587, H. Durlacher 4, Dobbing 1673, Lester 1361, Innes 795, C. Beck 1158, Briddlecombe 707, Cantle 1441, Barker 65, Neustadt 1017, H. Lumley, J. Farnie, McKay, Blake 295, Beale 1673, Powell P.M. 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened by H. T. Reed W.M., with J. B. King P.M. as S.W., H. Leah J.W. and W.M. elect, J. Shackell P.M. Sec., G. F. S. Warne P.M. Treas., T. Biddle S.D., R. Footit P.M. J.D. P.M.'s Bros. F. Bonney, S. Webb, H. Webb, D. B. Kershaw, &c. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. raised Bro. Alfred F. Holt, and passed Bros. Frank Silvester and Richard Pye, after which Mr. Robt. W. Roxby was initiated. The next business was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year; this was most impressively performed by Bro. Reed. At the conclusion of the ceremony and after Bro. Leah had received the salutations of the brethren, he proceeded to invest the following as his Officers:—J. B. Biddle S.W., R. Footit P.M. J.W., G. F. S. Warne Treas., J. Shackell Sec., W. James S.D., B. Lemere J.D., Hall I.G., S. Webb P.M. D. of C., H. Webb P.M. Steward, T. Ryley re-appointed Tyler. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried with acclamation to the Installing Master in recognition of the way in which he had performed the duties of his office. There being no other business, the W.M. closed the Lodge. Among the Visitors were T. H. Edmands G.S. Lo., T. J. Maidwell 27, J. Driscoll 30, &c., J. Newbon 46, H. Salter 72, J. Tanner P.M. 101, &c., W. Stuart 141, &c., R. Macpherson 141 S.C., W. H. Beauchamp 167, W. Rawley and I. Battram 174, M. Cohen P.M. 185, T. E. Walters 188, A. Godfrey late 193, E. H. Laxton 511, J. L. Anderson 554, W. T. Hesketh 711, T. C. Walls Provincial Grand Organist Middlesex, J. Morris 901, C. T. Gosheron 902, F. Johnson 933, W. T. Lover 1178, G. J. Jupe W. M. 1287, N. Fortescue 1304, C. G. Hill 1366, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, A. H. Goggs 1527, T. W. Clarke 1567, H. W. Clemow 1589, F. W. Bromley 1658, N. G. Western 1693, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In introducing that of the initiate, he trusted their new brother would advance in Freemasonry, and eventually occupy the chair of the Lodge. The W.M. distinctly remembered the time when he was initiated, and the impression it made on his mind; he hoped that the ceremony of the evening had made a like impression on Bro. Roxby. The initiate briefly replied; he was pleased to have become a member of the Lodge, and was extremely gratified at the reception accorded him, which far exceeded his expectations. The I.P.M. in giving the toast of the W.M., referred to his having so efficiently filled the minor offices of the Lodge. In his position as Master the brethren were not yet in a position to form an opinion, but he had no doubt that all the duties of that office would be performed by Bro. Leah in as creditable a manner as had been his previous attempts. Bro. Leah in reply expressed his intention of carrying out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability; he would do all he could for the Confidence Lodge, and for the members thereof. He then proposed the health of the Visitors. He was gratified at seeing so many present, to each of them he tendered a most hearty welcome. Bro. Edmands, of the Grand Stewards Lodge, replied. The next toast the W.M. considered the principal one of the evening; he referred to that of the P.M.'s. The Confidence Lodge had had many good Masters, but few, if any, superior to Bro. Reed. If the brethren considered the way in which he had performed his duties, they would agree that the jewel he, as W.M., was about to present on behalf of the Lodge, was richly deserved. He was sure the other Past Masters were ever ready to come forward and devote their energies for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Reed, on behalf of the Past Masters, tendered his hearty thanks. He assured the brethren that he did not enter the office of Master without some trepidation. If he had pleased the brethren he had pleased himself. Freemasonry had often proved a boon to him, in forming and cementing true friendships. He considered he had that evening been promoted to what he would call the House of Lords of Freemasonry. To the toast of the Treas. and Sec. Bro. Shackell replied. He had been many years a member of the Lodge, and he felt very proud when he occupied the chair thereof. The Officers was given and acknowledged by the S. and J. Wardens. Bro. P.M. Webb proposed the health of Bro. Fred. Clemow, who suitably acknowledged the hearty good wishes of the brethren. The Tyler was summoned, and his toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 1st inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Garbett W.M., Gibbs S.W., Sparrow J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Powell S.D., Western J.D., and Bedwell I.G. Formalities complied with, and the minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin being candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bros. Moss and I. P. Cohen. Bros. G. Archbald 807 and C. Harris 185 were elected members, and Bro. Gibbs appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No 201.—On Tuesday, the 11th December, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-road. Present—E. White W.M., Carter S.W., Long (W.M. Westbourne) J.W., Fox Sec., Hiscox Treas., Hurdell S.D., Franks J.D., Martin I.G. P.M.'s Ash, Emanuel, Sherman, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked by the W.M., after which the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Emanuel candidate; the W.M. performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. He then resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and worked the second and fifth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Long proposed, and Bro. Carter seconded a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able manner he had worked the ceremonies; carried unanimously. Bros. White and Carter were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Kew will occupy the chair on Tuesday evening next, when the ceremony of installation will be worked.

Etonian Lodge, No. 209.—Held its monthly meeting on Tuesday the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. Present—Bros. C. D. Hume P.G.S. W.M., R. Roberts P.G.S. S.W., E. Schiemann J.W., The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Chaplain, J. O. Carter P.P.G.D.C. P.M. Sec., Wilson P.M. Treas., Nicholes S.D., Pears J.D., Tolley P.M. Org., Evans Steward, Cousins I.G, Kent Tyler. P.M.'s Stacey, Reid, Dixon P.P.G.D.C., Denne, Bryett P.G.S.W., McIllwham, Hopwood, Long, Stedwell. Visitors—Bros. Spicer W.M. 569, Masters 145, Green P.M. 27, Harris 1351 and 1567, Thompson 55, Date 34, Tarling 780, Arnold 382, Cole 742, Benson S.W. 1613, Lay 569, Powell P.M. 771, and Johnson 771. Messrs. Fairclough and Harris were initiated; Bros. Riley and Stollery passed, and Bro. Perks was raised. Bro. Schiemann J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year (the S.W. Bro. Roberts being already the W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, 742). Bro. Wilson P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The usual Past Master's Jewel was voted to the W.M., to be presented at the conclusion of his year of office.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Alfred Green W.M., A. Guttmann S.W., Jas. A. Withers J.W., D. Drysdale Sec., Greenwood Treas., Dr. Waters I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler. There were also present several of the Past Masters, and a fair attendance of members. Preliminaries being formally complied with, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Green jun. was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. A. Green giving a most effective rendering of the ceremony. The ballot was taken for Bro. Neocles G. Mussabini, of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2 S.C. It proved satisfactory, and that brother took his seat as a member of the Lodge. After routine business, and a notice of motion to be brought before the members at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of slight refreshments, and spent an hour or two in social converse, and in listening to some capital songs, &c.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, South Parade. The Chapter was opened punctually at seven o'clock, by Companions Wm. Schofield P.Z. (who acted in the absence of Comp. W. Harrop), Jno. W. Turner H., and Wm. Smith P.Z. (who acted for Comp. Allen Haigh, who was also absent). There were likewise present Comps. Jno. Rhodes P.Z., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wall as S.E., Faner S.N., E. Dyson P.S., Mitchell and Lewis Brierley Assist. Soj., and several others. The minutes of last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the business was proceeded with:—to revise the bye-laws of the Chapter, in accordance with suggestions from Prov. Grand Chapter; after the completion of which the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. retired to the banquet hall, where they spent an hour in refreshment and enjoyment, paying due honour to the toasts which were brought to their notice, and separating with every wish for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 358.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. T. W. Cooper W.M., Jupe S.W., Pratt J.W., Pierpoint S.D., Mead J.D., S. A. Cooper I.G., T. A. Adams P.G.P. P.M., C. Davies Treas., J. Hurdell Hon. Sec., and others, numbering twenty-four in all. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the first section was worked. Bro. Adams then took the chair, to rehearse the installation ceremony, Bro. T. W. Cooper being presented as W.M. elect. The M.M.'s having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed. Bro. Jupe W.M. No. 1287 was installed *pro tem* during the absence of Bro. Cooper. The brethren having been re-admitted, Bro. Cooper took the chair, and was saluted according to ancient custom, and then, in well chosen words, invested his officers as above. Bro. Adams gave the Ancient Charges in his most effective style. The second and third sections were worked. Bro. Langdon of the mother Lodge was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Adams brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 5th Dec., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Munday I.P.M. presided, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. S. B. Bell as S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., W. Shepperd Prov. G. Organist, Organist, G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. Dumford Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. Fonlsham and W. S. Hughes. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Lightfoot and Milburn were passed to the F.C. degree, and Bros. Bielby, Hegg, Daniels and Barrick were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, both ceremonies being given by Bro. Munday I.P.M. On the Lodge being resumed in the first degree, Bro. Armstrong, the J.W., announced with much regret the death of Bro. Puncheon, who had been for 25 years the Treasurer, and who had well been called the Father of the Lodge. It was unanimously resolved

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that the Lodge go into mourning for three months, as a mark of respect to his memory. Bro. John Risdale was nominated as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Apologies were read for non-attendance from the W.M., S.W., and S.D. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured. The Visitors were Bros. Dean W.M. elect 541, Lewis Yoll 48, J. H. Bernstone 1119, and J. Redpath 242.

St Peters Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. Richard Elson W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. H. S. Sewell I.P.M., R. L. Armstrong S.W., J. Cook P.M. J.W., G. Tompson P.M. Treas., C. J. Gibben Sec., G. Watson S.D., J. Usher J.D., Duckett I.G., Goss and Printic Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and one brother was passed, the Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Both ceremonies being given by the W.M. in a very perfect manner. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts meeting with a hearty response. The visitors were Bros. Deen W.M. elect 541, J. Wood J.W. 48, R. G. Salmon S.D. 406, S. M. Harris I.G. 406.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. J. H. Cummings occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. J. T. Ebner S.W., J. Aspinall J.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., Past Masters Bros. F. Rath, J. Boyd, &c., Dr. Jagielski J.D., J. Lancaster D.C., G. E. C. Jackson I.G., &c. There were present as visitors Bros. W. Saegert P.M. 548, C. J. Reed of No. 393 Pennsylvania, Lipscombe No. 15, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. Mr. O. Bryant was initiated by the W.M., after which, on the proposition of Bro. Dr. Jagielski, seconded by Bro. Dr. Jackson, the Lodge presented the I.P.M. Bro. Rath with a Commander's White Eagle, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The vote having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Rath, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before this was done Bro. Rath delivered the Charge, to the great delight of the members. The brethren now adjourned to banquet, which was well provided by Bro. Best. On its completion, the W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, each of which were enthusiastically acknowledged by the brethren. Bro. Rath next proposed the health of the W.M. In doing so, he considered he was fulfilling the duty imposed on the I.P.M. of bringing out a time-honoured sentiment—the health of the occupier of King Solomon's chair. Both in Lodge and at the table, the Master shows that he is capable of performing the duties of the Lodge with credit. The brethren having honoured the toast, the W.M. proceeded to acknowledge it. He was sincerely thankful for the kind and flattering way in which he was always received in the Lodge. He had been somewhat nervous in working the ceremony of the evening, but trusted that would wear off. He hoped that during his term of office the brethren would be very careful before introducing a candidate to ascertain that he was of good character. He had not had the pleasure of proposing the toast of the Initiate before. He trusted their new brother would take all the interest in the Craft which his duties would permit, and would eventually show that Masonry is more than a name. Bro. Bryant, in reply, stated that he had listened to the remarks of the W.M. with satisfaction. He fully appreciated the honour which had been paid him in admitting him a member of the Lodge. He would devote himself conscientiously to fulfil any duties which might fall upon him. He trusted that whatever he did might prove beneficial to the Lodge. Although one's name does not appear to the world as a great luminary, we can all do our duty, and in doing this do all that is required of any one. The W.M. now gave the toast of the Past Masters, of whom the Lodge had about ten. He regretted that on the present occasion they were not more numerously represented. They, however, had Bro. Rath the I.P.M., who was in himself a tower of strength. Since he had been in the Lodge all must have seen in him a zealous brother; in every position he has occupied he has carried out the duties with credit. It is hard enough for an Englishman to master the various ceremonies, but when a brother who comes from abroad fills the chair as Bro. Rath did, it reflects still greater credit. He feared it would be many years before the Lodge had another such Master as Bro. Rath. Those of the members present who witnessed the Installation Ceremony, must admit that it was performed to perfection. The W.M. briefly referred to other of the Past Masters, and then called upon the brethren to drink to their health, which done, Bro. Rath replied. He considered he should be exempted from speaking to the toast of the Past Masters. He had not yet passed enough to know much about them. He tendered his thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M., both on his own account and on behalf of the other Past Masters. He considered them the reserve force of a Lodge, ever ready to do any service for the brethren, at any emergency. They should ever urge on the children of the Lodge, and stand as an example for them. The next toast was that of the Visitors. To one of the number, Bro. Saegert, is mainly due the credit of having instructed the various officers in their duties; he is ever ready to coach them up, and generally to help them. The other visiting brethren he was pleased to see, and tendered them a hearty welcome. Each replied to the toast, after which the W.M. gave that of the Officers. Without good assistants he considered a Master would be lost. He felt highly gratified at the way in which he was supported. Each of his officers being, in his opinion, perfect in the performance of their respective duties. The Officers having severally responded, the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the proceedings. Several of the members displayed their vocal abilities during the evening.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—On Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michaels-alley, Cornhill, E.C. The three principal chairs were occupied by Comps. F. Brown, W. E. Gompertz and J. B. Sorrell; T. W. White was S.E., A. A. Drew S.N., J. High P.S., G. L. Walker acting candidate. There were also present Comps. J. Peartree, J. Constable, R. Z. Bloomfield, E. Gottheil, J. Legg, S. H. P. Moore, H. Darcy. The exaltation ceremony was performed, in which Comp. F. Brown, as First Principal, especially distinguished himself. There was nothing superficial in his rendering of that very difficult ceremony, but ample evidence of its being the result of diligent and intelligent study. A proposition, made by Comp. J. Constable, to subscribe £1 1s towards defraying the expenses of a Christmas Entertainment to be given by Bro. J. Terry to the annuitants at Croydon, was unanimously approved of. It was then agreed that, in consequence of the approaching holidays, the standing orders should be suspended, and that after next Tuesday the meetings should be adjourned until the 8th January 1878. The following Comps. were then elected officers:—W. E. Gompertz Z., J. B. Sorrell H., A. A. Drew J., J. High S.N., J. Constable P.S. These to retain their positions until the second Tuesday in January inclusive.

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CHRISTMAS.

By Walter Spencer.

Now, in remotest Northern land
Where pine trees shade the snow;
On tropic islets' glistening sand
Where coral ridges grow;
In East, in West, in every part
Throughout Earth's peopled sphere,
With holy day for hand and heart
Men feast the dying year.

Hither he comes—the Winter's King—
Will he enter in? He shall!
Hark, how his voice has a jovial ring!
"Waes hael"—"Trink hael, old carle!"
The reeking puddings leap and roll,
Pies steam and caldrons fizz,
All hail of mirth the life and soul—
Old Christmas—here he is!

Let be the pen, the loom, the mill,
And tools be laid aside
That hand and heart rejoice, until
We've spent this Christmas tide.
Whether to grace the Church's feast
Or keep up Saxon Yule,
For this time every year, at least,
Must Care forego its dule.

Our lightened hearts will not forget
Upon a Christmas Day,
The tribute due, where friends are met
To friends who're far away.
And those who've left the chequered floor
To journey *farther* on—
Oh! can our thoughts forbear to soar
Where so much Love is gone?

For to the realm where they abide,
From toil and sorrow free;
That we may enter by their side
To that sublime Degree
Where colours of all sects unite;
Leads onward openly
To the Grand Master's pure white Light,
The Pass-Word *Charity*.

So turn again, from our good cheer
To those less blest than we:
To those—there may be thousands near,
Borne down by poverty.
Seek out and aid the sons of want,
With kindly smiles and food:
Wider than Earth and high as Heav'n
Is human Brotherhood!

A FEW WORDS IN SEASON.

WE have but little sympathy with those who can view the near approach of the present season of festivity without a strong sense of satisfaction that now, if at no other time of the year, there will be something like enjoyment among all classes. The not ill-natured cynic will probably remark that feasting and merry-making are oftentimes the cause of grave disturbance in the regions of the stomach, that Christmas pudding and mince-pies not unseldom create an excess of bile, that many a sharp cold and much wheeziness in the throat result from frequent exposure to the night air by those who are addicted to balls and parties and theatres. Thus, when the hours of feasting are gone, the services of the general practitioner or chemist are commonly needed in order to put us once more in train for the active business of life, and our children in a sufficiently sober frame of mind to resume their studies at school or with the governess or tutor at home. We acknowledge with all humility that just as every poison is said to have its antidote, so it is quite possible for every pleasure to have its resultant pain. It follows then that, if the well-known dynamic law that action and reaction are equal is applicable in the present instance, then the greater the amount of festivity we indulge in, the heavier will be the penalty we shall pay for such indulgence. Yet to err is human, to forgive divine; and even if we suffer for our merry-making, we are quite ready to forgive our cynical friend for having a quiet laugh at the folly which prompts us to risk a few days feverish unrest for a few hours enjoyment. We must further acknowledge that the season of Christmas has its array of sorrows as well as of joys. Paterfamilias, genial good fellow as he is, will certainly draw a very rueful countenance when the day of reckoning comes; and then there are those horrid little bills which the civil trader is sure to present just now, when money is most needed, and also most scarce. We have not the courage to resist the appeal of that most obliging purveyor, Mr. Jones, when he invites us to buy a few more boxes of bon-bons and preserved fruits, a few more pounds of muscatel raisins, a few more pots of jam and jelly, and to speak generally, almost enough in the way of "goodies" to make a large army of famished Osmanlis full to repletion for a whole month. We take them meekly, though we know his little account will have to be settled just when the "Goodies" are all consumed, and there is nothing to show for our expenditure but a sharp attack of bile and a general irritation of the digestive organs. But somehow we submit to this kind of martyrdom with a tolerable grace. We know it will not be allowed to occur again till the sun has revolved upon its own axis once in every twenty-four hours for a fresh period of three hundred and sixty-five days; and we know we should look savage and glum, and all around us would look savage and glum, if we did not so submit ourselves, with or without resignation, to the inevitable. We know too, the bilious disorders would be as certain to overtake us, only they would then arise from a distempered mind acting on an overworked body,

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so we eat, drink, and rejoice rather than sit down morosely, and thank Heaven we are not as other men. We consider it is more honourable to suffer in the cause of festivity than in the cultivation of self-sufficient pharisaicism; and we face the risk of bolus and potion with a calm determination to do our festive duties loyally according to our means, and in order that those around us may know that we treat with just respect the time-honoured associations of this season of the year. Indeed, we should be ashamed of ourselves if we did not play our part in the pleasures of the time. Every one just now has the opportunity of rubbing off a little of that worldly-mindedness which is a chronic failing of even the best of men. The friendly gatherings which are on the eve of being inaugurated are well calculated to enlarge the spirit of unselfishness. We think that Christmastide should be observed with a joyous solemnity by the Christian, and that even the non-Christian, as doubtless he will do, may innocently take part in its celebration. Though an unbeliever in Christianity, he believes in the love of the Creator for His creatures, and he is fully sensible that the creature will best reciprocate that love by doing to his fellows what he would they should do towards him. There is no reason, then, why the pleasures so nearly awaiting us should not be shared among us all, be we Christians or non-Christians. The Spirit of Charity is abroad among us, especially at this winter season, and to worship and obey its ordinances is to do our duty loyally towards the Creator and all His creatures. The goodly viands, the rich gifts, the quaint entertainments, the strange old customs of the season, are one and all the simple manifestations of that love we are bound to exhibit towards all our fellows, and it is with this feeling in our minds that we wish our readers the usual compliments of the season.

But the ill-natured cynic will probably tell us that rather should we now be thinking of our sins and wickedness than of giving ourselves up to mere pleasure. There is terrible suffering abroad in every direction. There is a dreadful war raging, and the Angel of Death is almost daily traversing the battle-field and carrying off his victims by hundreds and thousands. There is the likelihood this war may affect us, and that we who now think of laughing and merry-making may, sooner or later, be heavy with grief and sorrow. But while we rejoice opportunely, we need not cast aside all care and responsibility. Were the prevalence of suffering to be made the pretext for the abolition of all seasonable festivity, there would never be a single day on which it would not be our duty to sit down and bemoan our fate. Such was the old puritanic spirit which proclaimed far and near there should be no more cakes and ale, and we all know the reaction that followed, and how intolerable Bigotry was in its turn vanquished by too easy Licence. We are not admirers of hypocrisy, and while we respect the miseries of others and would do our best to alleviate them, we see no reason why we who are not sorrowing should not rejoice and be glad in our own quiet comfortable way. It were disgraceful to intrude our pleasures on others' griefs, but indulgence in harmless and seasonable pleasure is not incompatible with a feeling of sympathy with misfortune. In fact, the sympathy and the rejoicing are due to and have their origin in the same spirit of generous kindness. And so let us take our pleasures and make much of them. There are plenty of Old Scrooges in the world, who are self-righteous because they have fared prosperously; who think every one a reprobate who is not as narrow-minded and detestable as they are; who are exacting on all occasions and in everything; who know not what a kindly feeling for others is like; and who think that, because they have gone through life, neither looking to the left hand nor to the right, and without so much as a thought for those who were running the same race as themselves, it is sinful for others to think of making themselves merry. We say there are, in the world, unfortunately plenty of these miserable Scrooges—such as Old Scrooge was in his unregenerate days—to whom we gladly abandon the business of whining and grumbling and growling because all the world is not as miserable as they are. We have no intention of inflicting a sermon on our readers, but we think "a few words in season" will not be out of place in the present number. Next week the particular anniversary, which is the cause with the majority of Englishmen of so much merry-making will have passed; and if they find that, in the interim, they have enjoyed themselves in the bosom of their families, that for a brief season they have cast themselves free from the trammels of business, and surrendered themselves wholly to geniality and good-fellowship, then, say we, they will have proved themselves wise and good men. They will experience all the greater sympathy with the afflicted everywhere. They will feel as deeply for the wounded and dying in Bulgarian hospitals and Red Cross or Red Crescent ambulances, as though they had sat day and night hypocritically repentant in sackcloth and ashes. Just now is when we most need to be quit of all sense of humbug. We may have to brace ourselves up to still more serious duties in the future. Let us fulfil, therefore, the right we have fairly earned by the labours of the past to be merry and glad. We may even enact a folly without fear and trembling; for a poet hath sung

"Dulce est desipere in loco."

At all events, we shall be all the better if we study one another's comfort for a few days, as a change from regarding only our own interests. And this is what Old Father Christmas bids us do now. So, let us be merry and wise, but wisely, discreetly, temperately merry and merrily, with a not uncareless mind, and unpharisaically wise.

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The Province, as at present constituted, was formed in 1852, and Sir Watkin was its first Grand Master. He was installed on the 9th March, that year, by the Hero of Bhurtpore, Lord Combermere, in the presence of a distinguished company of Masons. That ceremony over, the new Grand Master invested his officers, sixteen in number, of whom only four are now living, and three of whom—Messrs. J. P. White, S. Wood, and T. Onions, were present on Friday; the absent one being the Rev. P. G. Bentley. Sir Watkin (as we learn from the chapter on "Freemasonry" in the gossiping book about his family, called *Wynnstay and the Wynns*) was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft at Chester in 1851, in a Lodge which contained amongst its members the late Lord Chief Justice Jervis and other distinguished brethren.

With the exception of John Fawcett, Esq., who was installed Grand Master of Durham in 1847, and the Rev. Dr. Bowles, who was appointed to the same office in Herefordshire in 1848—and who would have been present on Friday had his health permitted—Sir Watkin has been in office longer than any other Provincial Grand Master in England; and he has probably done more work than any of them. During his rule the following Lodges have been consecrated:—Admaston 1852 (removed to Wellington in 1857), Ludlow 1853, Carnarvon 1854, Llandudno 1858, Welshpool 1864, Llangefni 1866, Oswestry (St. Oswald's) 1866, Ironbridge 1866, Denbigh 1867, Wrexham 1871, Bala 1872, Oswestry (Fitzalan) 1872, Mold 1874, Amlwch 1874, Portmadoc 1874, Market Drayton 1876, Bridgnorth 1876, Llanidloes 1876, Newtown 1876, Rhyl 1877, Towyn 1877. Sir Watkin has also performed other Masonic work; such as laying the Corner-stone of Trinity Church, Llandudno, in 1864; opening the Masonic Hall in the same town, in 1867; and laying the Foundation-stone of the Oswestry Cottage Hospital, in 1869.

The attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday included, in addition to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and several visitors, including the R.W. Bro. Charles Hunter, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire East, and P.G.W. of Greece. The names of the brethren of the Province (who were either present or had signified their intention of being so) are, as far as we can supply them, given below; but we must be allowed to remark that if brethren neglect to sign the Tyler's book, or when they do sign write what Tony Lumpkin called a "—— cramped hand," it is no fault of ours if some are omitted and others misspelt in our list.

No. 117 (Shrewsbury): Bros. Bunny, Blockley, Deakin, Evans P.P.A.D. of C., Harries, Hankey P.P.G. Reg., Lea, Lewis P.M., Morris W.M., Moores, Newnes P.A. Tyler, Oliver, Pritchard, Robbins, Richards, Spraggon, Warren Thomson S.W.

No. 262 (Shrewsbury): Bros. Andrew P.G. Stew., Bodenham P.M., Barr, Bagnall, Brightwell P.P.G.S.W., Blakeway P.P.G.J.W., Clarke J.W., Chandler P.P.G. Reg., Clement, J. Sides Davies (of Oswestry, J.W. of 998), Downes, Dovaston, Forrest P.P.G. Org., Hickman I.G., Lowcock, Newman W.M., Onions P.P. Reg., Patchet P.P.J.W., Cresswell Peele P.M., Onions, Randal P.P.G.S.W., Redman P.M., Stuart J.D., Smith, Wakeman P.P.S.W. Oxon, Withers, White P.G. Treas., S. Wood P.P.G.J.W., Hide P.G. Tyler, R. W. O. Withers.

No. 384 (Bangor): Bro. Cameron S.D.

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No. 597 (Holyhead): Bros. Elliott J.W., Peters P.P.G.S.W.
No. 601 (Wellington): Bros. Acton, Adams P.M., Bates P.M., Brookes W.M., Felton, Hunt S.D., Henshall, King, Millington P.G.S.B., Trevor Parkins (Gresford), Poole, J. Smith, Webb P.M., Van Straubenzee.
No. 606 (Carnarvon): Bros. Sydney-Boucher, Ringers.
No. 611 (Ludlow): Bro. T. Roberts.
No. 755 (Llandudno): Bros. Bretton P.P.G.D. of C., Banks P.G.S. of W., Hazeldine, Roden P.P.G.S.W.
No. 998 (Welchpool): Bros. Brown W.M., Collender (I.P.M. of 1582) P.P.A.D. of C., David Pryce Owen P.M., Withy P.M.
No. 1113 (Llangefni): Bro. T. Lloyd Kyffin P.G. Chaplain.
No. 1120 (Ironbridge): Bros. Lister, Bryce Smith.
No. 1124 (Oswestry): Bros. Barton P.M., Christian Corfield W.M., J. C. Edwards, Homfray, G. Owen P.G.S.W., Oswell, Askew Roberts, W. H. Spaull P.G. Sec., J. Thomas P.G. Steward, E. Wood, P.G.D. of C., Walker P.P.G.S. of Works.
No. 1143 (Denbigh): Bros. J. Davies, Jesse J.W., Lloyd S.W., Sisson P.G. Reg., Lloyd Williams P.G. Purs.
No. 1336 (Wrexham): Bros. Benson, Oswell Bury W.M., Cooper, Howell Davies, Edisbury, Eyton Jones, Low P.G. Steward, Lloyd, Lovett, Morris, J. C. Owen, E. Smith S.W., J. Williams.
No. 1369 (Bala): Bro. Parmeter P.P.S.D.
No. 1432 (Oswestry): Bros. Dr. Beresford P.M., J. Williams.
No. 1477 (Mold): Bros. Adams, Corbett W.M., Algernon Potts P.M., Salmon P.G.J.W.
No. 1488 (Amlwch): Bro. Roose W.M.
No. 1509 (Portmadoc): No entry.
No. 1575 (Market Drayton): Bros. Ginders, Jones, G. G. Warren W.M.
No. 1582 (Llanidloes): No entry.
No. 1583 (Towyn): Bros. Elliott W.M., Foulkes Jones.
No. 1594 (Newtown): Bros. Danily W.M., Morgan, J. Owen.
No. 1621 (Bridgnorth): Bros. Chitty S.W., Foxall, Nock, Hubert Smith, H. L. Southwell, Trevor, T. Tyler.
No. 1674 (Rhyl): Bros. Coxhead, Foulkes, Gilbank, J. E. Roberts.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and, we rejoice to say, we have not for some time seen our Grand Master looking so well. This was a matter of general congratulation amongst the brethren, after the long and serious indisposition which Sir Watkin has suffered. After the usual formalities had been completed, minutes read, and finances discussed, the work of presentation was performed.

Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M., stepped forward, album in hand, and said—Right Worshipful Grand Master, I am deputed to be the organ of the Province to present to you an illuminated album descriptive of the sentiments of your Province, and which will contain the names of a great number—I hope nearly of all—the brethren of North Wales and Shropshire. It contains an address, which describes the sentiments expressed, and the feelings entertained throughout the Province for you, sir, personally, and in acknowledgment of your services as Grand Master for five-and-twenty years. For myself, together with many in the room, I can say that each succeeding year has only added to the sense we entertain of your worth, and we all beg to express to you the deep feeling we entertain of the value and the privilege the Province has enjoyed in being for so long a period under such a chief. No one amongst your countrymen and admirers can more than I do, sir, feel pride in being selected to present this address, and I beg you, Sir Watkin, to accept it with the hearty good wishes of the whole Province.

The P.G. Sec., Bro. Spaull, then read the address as follows:—

"To Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Baronet, and Member of Parliament for the county of Denbigh, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire—

"We, the undersigned officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and Members of the Lodges in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations upon having presided over this province for a quarter of a century. To commemorate this happy event we propose to establish a presentation for this province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, and we ask your permission to call it the 'Sir Watkin Presentation.' During the above period your rule has been such as to give the greatest satisfaction to all Masons, and has been so highly appreciated that Masonry has largely increased and flourished. The fact also that you have personally attended the consecration of twenty-one Lodges in the province is sufficient proof of the great interest you have taken in the Craft, and the prayer of every brother is that the G.A.O.T.U. will long spare you to continue that happy rule which has endeared the name of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn to each and all who have been connected with the province since it was formed in 1852, and of which you were the first Grand Master."

Bro. Sir Watkins Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., in reply, said—Bro. Bulkeley Hughes and Brethren, I am exceedingly honoured by this last tribute of your kindness. Twenty-five years ago I was installed in this room. It seems a long time since, but it has included many happy days spent amongst you, and I hope I may be permitted to spend a few more. With the exception of our esteemed old friend, Dr. Bowles (who would have been with us to-day but for his age), and Bro. Fawcett, I am now the oldest Grand Master in the kingdom. During my career I have had difficulties in my path in giving away the Purple, but my object has always been to do justice to brethren who were entitled, and you must bear with me if I have omitted some who have merited it. I can assure you my object has always been to confer it on such as would benefit the Craft. I beg again to thank you for your kindness. The Deputy Grand Master especially do I wish to thank for his kind words. It is to him and to me a matter of deep feeling how many familiar faces we have seen in the twenty-five years, at our Lodges, who are now gone from among us, and their faces will be seen no more here, but we trust they have gone to that place where those whose lives here have acted out the principles they professed as Masons, will obtain their reward.

The album (which had been entrusted to Messrs. Woodall and Venables, of Oswestry, to execute), is bound in morocco, Masonic colour; with Sir Watkin's Arms emblazoned on the side, lined with silk, the leaves being vellum. So far only the address and the Grand Master's heraldic shield have been emblazoned, but the book is to contain water colour drawings of Sir Watkin's seats, and the list of names of all the brethren who subscribed to the School Presentation; consequently it is desirable that any brethren who have not yet intimated their wish to subscribe will do so at once to their respective Masters, or to the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.

At the conclusion of this interesting episode the ordinary routine business was resumed, all of which would be unintelligible to the outside public. But there were one or two matters discussed, and ceremonies performed that we may be permitted to record.

On the motion of Bro. Roden, seconded by Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, a sum of £50 from the Grand Lodge funds was voted to the widow of the late Bro. Dr. Goldsbro.

On the motion of Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Blakeway, £100 of the funded money of the Grand Lodge was voted to the purchase of a Vice-Patronship in the Masonic Boys' School; and £50 as part of the larger sum for the same in connection with the Girls' School.

The P.G.M., in the name of the P.G. Lodge, presented "Charity Jewels" to Bros. Algernon Potts W.M. 1477, and R. J. Sisson P.P.G. Reg., who had qualified to wear them by serving two Stewardships to the Masonic Charities; and to Bro. W. H. Spaull P.G. Sec., who had served five Stewardships.

The P.G. Master invested the following Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Plas Coch, Anglesea, 755 D.G.M., E. M. Wakeman, Coton Hall, Bridgnorth, 262 S.W., Lloyd Williams, Bodgwilym, Denbigh, 1143 J.W., Rev. A. J. Van Straubenzee, Tettenhall, 601, and the Rev. J. Sydney Boucher, Carnarvon, 606 Chaplains, J. P. White, Merival, Shrewsbury, 262 Treasurer, G. G. Warren, Market Drayton, 1575 Registrar, W. H. Spaull, Bryntirion, Oswestry, 1124 Sec., E. Andrew, M.D., Hardwicke House, Shrewsbury, 262 S.D., John Thomas, Castle-building, Oswestry, 1124 J.D., William Low, Rosencath, Wrexham, 1336 Superintendent of Works, E. Wood, Shrewsbury, 1124 Director of Ceremonies, R. T. Phillips, Amlwch, 1488 Assistant ditto, J. Lloyd Griffiths, Holyhead, Sword Bearer, J. H. Redman, Shrewsbury, 262 Pursuivant, J. C. W. Lister, Ironbridge, 1120, J. Oswell Bury, Wrexham, 1336, A. McMillan, Conway, 384, John Corbett, Mold, 1477, William Spraggon, Shrewsbury, 117, W. Barton, Wrexham, 1336 Stewards; J. B. Hide, Queen-street, Shrewsbury, 262 Tyler, B. Newnes, Smithfield-road, Shrewsbury, 117 Assistant Tyler. Bros. William Blakeway, Shrewsbury, and John Bodenham, Newport, were appointed auditors.

At the close of the Grand Lodge the brethren sat down to a dinner at the Lion Hotel. The usual toasts were given and responded to; on this occasion with unusual additions; as for instance, in the health of the Treasurer, which included congratulations on his "completing the twenty-fifth year of office." Bro. White is the only officer in the Province who has for the quarter of a century of Sir Watkin's rule, been annually invested by the Grand Master. To Bro. Forrest P.P.G. Organist, the music of the evening was entrusted, and he very successfully accomplished his task by obtaining the services of Mr. Rawling, who engaged Messrs. Lea, Probert and Millward to sing, accompanying them on the piano.

The regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. in the chair. J. Brett P.G.P. S.V.P., C. A. Cottebrune J.V.P., John Hervey G.S. Grants to the amount of £280 were confirmed. There were 33 cases brought forward, 5 of which were deferred, and applicants were relieved to the amount of £515, while one case was dismissed. There were present Bros. S. Rawson, J. Smith, Col. Burney, T. Cubitt, J. Coutts, C. Dumas, H. Dicketts, C. F. Hogard, H. Levander, T. S. Mortlock, E. Terry, L. Beck, B. Swallow, H. G. Buss, C. Atkins, J. Farnfield, W. Mann, Pendlebury, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey, Jones, Draper, H. Bartlett, J. Ireton, F. Binckes, White, Murray, M. Ohren, J. Pakes, E. White, G. Reed, J. Humphrey, Milhouse, Higgins, W. Russell, E. Stow, H. C. Soper, W. Hallet, A. J. Dickinson, Bumstead, S. R. Speight, Spinks, H. A. Stacey, H. M. Levy, &c.

On Tuesday, 13th inst., Bro. W. J. Hughan was elected to serve the office of Worshipful Master of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, for the ensuing year. Our talented brother filled the chair of this Lodge in 1868, and we hear that the Mayor of Truro, who installed him on that occasion, has signified his wish to repeat the same like office in 1878. We congratulate the members of Fortitude on having selected so competent a brother to preside over them.

Honour to whom honour is due. We say, elsewhere, the Spirit of Charity is abroad everywhere at the season of Christmas. One evidence of this we give with much pleasure. Bro. Herbert Rymill, of the Repository, Barbican, is distributing Christmas gifts of coals and provisions among the poor of the neighbourhood. Such men as Mr. Rymill, who use their means thus liberally, deserve to have their good deeds made public.

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PUPILS' ENTERTAINMENT AT LEYTON COLLEGE.

BRO. WESTFIELD'S Winter Entertainment at Leyton College was held on Thursday. Everything passed off most successfully. The Visitors, among whom were several brother Masons, were numerous, and when they left, expressed the gratification they felt with all they had seen and heard. The programme was in two Parts. Miss Edith Westfield, Mr. W. F. Bradshaw, and Master H. Milton distinguished themselves at the pianoforte. The first named played Heller's "Tarantelle in B flat" with great skill and taste. The last a "Galop Bavarian" by Talexy. Miss Westfield, too, with Mr. Bradshaw, played the overture of Masaniello and Mattei's "Ecodi Napoli" as duets, and their performance was warmly and deservedly applauded. Master James C. Jackson recited "The Inchcape Bell" very creditably, as did Master D. Bradley "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." Miss E. Westfield and Master A. Delves opened the second part with a selection from Auber's opera of the "Crown Diamonds," arranged as a duet. Master James C. Jackson sang "The Wagon," and Miss E. Westfield and Mr. W. F. Bradshaw played each a solo on the piano, the former giving D. Middleton's "Song of the Mill Wheel," and the latter a "March" by Schubert. It is needless to say the efforts of these skilled performers gave the greatest satisfaction, and that they received a just measure of praise from the audience. During the evening the prizes and certificates were presented by the Rev. E. Brewster, who addressed a few happy remarks to the recipients. The room was adorned with numerous specimens of drawing, executed by the students, notably amongst which were several mechanical, engineering, and architectural specimens, which displayed much attention on the part of the pupils, and reflect great credit on the teacher. Afterwards the company indulged in a series of terpsichorean evolutions, thus bringing a most agreeable evening to a close. The school will meet again after the holidays on the 21st January.

THE OWL CLUB.

THE members gave a "Ladies' Night" on Monday, the 17th inst., and with one slight exception, to which we shall refer in its proper place, everything passed off admirably. The programme commenced with Beale's madrigal, "Come let us join the Roundelay," followed by Spofforth's glee, "Health to my dear." Mr. Arthur J. Thompson then sang F. Clay's song, "Yes, or No," and though he sang it well, we must say we have known him to be more successful. Then came Hatton's part song, "When Evening's Twilight," and Horsley's "Blow light, thou balmy air." Mr. Edward Collins sang the solo part in Kücken's part song, "The Soldier's Love." Mr. Albert Hubbard's song, "Hybrias the Cretan," was well rendered. The Glee by Cooke, "Shades of the Heroes," in which Mr. G. Musgrave, was the soloist, went admirably. Then followed other part songs, &c., and Mr. Edwin Moss was deservedly applauded for his excellent singing of "The Bee," by Neukomm. A March, of his own composition, arranged for the pianoforte, was played by Mr. W. H. Harper, and when we say it was unanimously encored, it will serve to indicate that it was a piece of more than ordinary ability, played with more than ordinary skill. It is almost unnecessary to remark on Mr. Burgess Perry's rendering of the song, "Far down a valley lonely," for whatever Mr. Perry is called upon to sing, that he sings to perfection. We offer no opinion on the glee and finale, which concluded the Programme, for the simple reason that the audience showed a lamentable want of courtesy towards the artists by rising and leaving their seats; in order, we presume, to anticipate others by a few minutes, in procuring refreshment, and also that they might have a better chance of participating in the dances which followed. With this exception, the evening, as we have said, passed off famously.

The installation meeting of the Hotspur Lodge, 1626, will take place on Thursday the 27th inst., and the banquet will be held at the Turk's Head Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. J. Armstrong W.M. elect.

We read in the *Keystone* that, on the 26th ult., the Grand H.R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was opened at the Masonic Hall, Chester, Pa. The Grand Officers present included Comps. Alfred R. Potter M.E. Grand H. Priest, Wm. C. Hamilton, M.D., Grand King, Hibbert P. John Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and John Thomson Grand Secretary. The business of the meeting was the consecration of the Chester H.R.A. Chapter, No. 258, and when the ceremony was over Comps. Charles Roberts, Edward S. Worrall, and James Barton jun. were severally installed as H.P., K., and S., after which Comp. the Hon. Richard Vaux, Grand Orator, delivered a masterly oration, which was listened to with the closest attention. The same evening the new Chapter held its first meeting, and the Mark degree was conferred on seventeen applicants. The Chester Chapter starts under the most favourable auspices, having already thirty-five members on its roll and some fifty candidates for admission. We learn from the same journal that the Reading H.R.A. Chapter, No. 182, of Reading Pa., celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary on the 20th ult. There was a large gathering of Companions, and everything passed off most satisfactorily.

BOMBAY.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490 S.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 31st October last. In these columns we have already borne testimony to its intrinsic worth and admirable work; yet never since its establishment has it shone more conspicuously in carrying out the true principles of our Order than it did at this meeting, when it may be said to have eclipsed itself in the benign work of Charity. In the absence from the Presidency, on business, of the R.W.M. Bro. Lang, the chair of K.S. was occupied by the I.W.P.M. Bro. George Thompson, who was supported on the dais by R.W. Bros. Walton, Rowell, McKenzie, and Rev. Bro. Lynn, Chaplain H.M.S. Euphrates. The Officers of the Lodge present were W.D. Master Bro. A. Taylor, W.S. Master Clark, Bros. Faber S.W., Dr. Doolittle J.W., F. Cooper S.D., Sharp J.D., and a large number of members and visiting brethren, who by their attendance evinced the high respect in which Lodge Caledonia is held in Bombay. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Right Worshipful Master stated that, although on the present occasion there was no particular work before the Lodge, several applications, however, had been made on the Charitable Fund, which he hoped the brethren would meet in a liberal manner. The first he had to bring before them was the case of the Indo-British Institution, the funds of which were at present so low that unless prompt assistance was received the Committee would be compelled to lower the salaries of the teachers, and reduce the number of orphan children at present receiving a home within its walls, as well as a sound education. Subscriptions on their behalf had already been received from the Benevolent Fund, to the extent of 150 rupees, and he would like the brethren fairly to understand that 18 per cent. of the Lodge's receipts were monthly devoted to that fund, and 10 per cent. was likewise kept for the purpose of private charity, and the application now made was on their private charitable funds. He might mention that 83 children were supported on the Foundation of the Institution, and that it would be a very sad matter for Masons to think that some of these poor children should be thrown upon the world friendless and penniless. Their great object was charity, and he therefore hoped that the brethren of the Lodge would assist as far as lay in their power. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the J.W., that 50 rupees be given towards the Indo-British Schools, which on being put to the vote was carried unanimously. The W.M. then stated that the most charitable object he had to bring before the Lodge was that of the widow of a brother recently deceased, who they were all well aware had been a very active and zealous member and office-bearer of the Lodge. His untimely death had left his wife and child in very poor circumstances. He had been promised 100 rupees from the Benevolent Fund, or more; but he thought the widow and child had still a greater claim upon the brethren, and he begged to propose that the sum of 100 rupees be voted from their private Charitable Fund. This was seconded by the Senior Warden, and carried unanimously. The W.M. subsequently announced that he had still a further claim to make upon their charity, and he hoped that their liberality was not yet exhausted. It was on behalf of the orphan children of the late Bro. Bellali. He was, he believed, a friend of most members of the Lodge, and was well known to all. His unfortunate death, cut off as he had been in the prime of life, was a sad loss to most of them personally, as well as to the Masonic Fraternity. As it was proposed to send the children home to Italy, for their education, a large sum was required. Other Lodges in Bombay had subscribed towards this object, and he hoped that the Lodge would act liberally in aiding this movement. R.W. Bro. Mackenzie stated that he had already received over 1500 rupees on behalf of the children, but he hoped Caledonia Lodge would come forward with their usual liberality. After Bro. Bonnevialle had likewise spoken on behalf of the subject before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 100 rupees be devoted to the purpose of sending the children home to their Fatherland. The R.W.M. next intimated that an application had likewise been made on behalf of the Scottish Orphanage at Mahun. The brethren were well aware that the Lodge had been in the habit of yearly presenting them with a donation of 50 rupees for the Christmas holidays, but at present they, owing to enlarging their Schools, were sadly in want of funds. The members were well aware that many Masons' children were there, and without detaining them further he begged to propose that 50 rupees be granted them, which was duly seconded, and unanimously approved of. A Reverend Visiting Brother expressed his wish to be allowed to subscribe something towards the Charity most in need of support, and at the R.W.M.'s suggestion, his fraternal donation was handed over to Bro. J. R. K. Johnstone, for the benefit of the Indo-British Institution. This cheerful record of good deeds done closed the charitable business of the evening, and requires no comment, as it speaks nobly for the spirit which pervades the members of Lodge Caledonia. One brother having been proposed for affiliation, and one candidate for initiation, and there being no other business before the Lodge, it was closed, in peace and harmony, at 8.30 p.m., after which the brethren and visitors adjourned to a banquet, to which their pleasant labours deservedly entitled them, and after spending a few hours around the festive board, parted in the Masonic style, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

RE-OPENING OF THE FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 239, KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

AT an ordinary meeting of the Friendly Lodge, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica, held on 8th October, Bros. E. J. Brandon W.M., A. Morais S.W., E. Degedas J.W., M. Delgado S.D., E. Finzi J.D., C. Wolfe Secretary, M. Alexander Treasurer, A. Mordecai I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. The Worshipful Master stated that this was the first meeting held in the Lodge room since it had been, for months, under very

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extensive repairs and decorations. The place is now lighted with about fifty gaslights; the room is about fifty feet in length, and thirty feet in breadth, and does great credit to the building committee. The cost was over £1000. An address was delivered by the Worshipful Master. A letter of excuse, through sickness, for the non-attendance of the Right Worshipful Bro. J. W. Whitbouse, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was read. A vote of thanks was returned to the Right Worshipful Bro. S. Constine Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Scotland, and his officers, for their attendance; also a vote of thanks to the Past Masters and brethren of Sister Lodges for their attendance. The Right Worshipful Bro. S. Constine Burke returned thanks. The Officers of the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica were present, as were also the following Past Masters and Grand Officers:—Bros. A. De Cordova, G. C. H. Leins, Ashemieu, Harrison, J. J. Leins Prov. Grand Secretary, Brandon Friendly Lodge, Langlay, Davis Royal Lodge, Taylor, Tait Secretary Sussex Lodge, Anstie, Jamieson Hamilton Lodge, H. Barned, D. Barned, L. Hollar, O. Delgado Secretary Phœnix Lodge, S. Constine Burke Provincial Grand Officer of Scotland, A. E. Burke P.G. Sec., B. Dias, Knox, &c. The Lodge closed, and the brethren retired into the banquet room, and partook of a sumptuous supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. During the evening able addresses were delivered by the Right Worshipful Bros. S. C. Burke and Dr. Allen. The band of the 1st W.I. Regiment was in attendance, and played several lively airs.

Friendly Chapter, No. 239.—At a quarterly convocation of this Chapter, held at Sussex Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, on 29th October, the following officers were duly elected:—M.E. Comps. C. H. Davis Z., T. Sherlock H., W. Andrews jun. J. The following officers presided:—M.E. Comps. R. Langley P.Z. Royal, J. Ashemieu P.H. Friendly, D. Barnes P.J. Phœnix.

Friendly Chapter, No. 239.—At an ordinary convocation, in Jamaica, held on 22nd November, the following officers were elected for the year:—Comps. J. L. Ashemieu Z., G. C. H. Leins H., E. Brandon J., E. De Pass S.E., A. Tripe S.N., E. Wolfe (re-elected) Treasurer, G. Magnus (re-elected) Janitor.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 554 S.C.—On Thursday, the 8th November, the officers forming the administration of this Lodge for 1878 were duly installed in the Lodge room, Port Maria, as under:—R.W. Bro. A. D. C. Levy Master, W. Bros. L. I. Lyon S.W., T. G. D. Brougham J.W., J. Nelson Treasurer, Bros. J. R. Facey Secretary, Sigismond De Pass S.D., F. R. Stanford J.D., J. A. Hinshelwood I.G., W. Cuthbert Tyler. The W. Bro. T. C. Dias Deputy Master, being unavoidably absent, was not installed.

AUCKLAND—NEW ZEALAND.

The following items are taken from files of Auckland papers to hand by the late mail, which arrived by the City of Berlin:—

The anniversary meeting of Sir Walter Scott Lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd October, at the Masonic Hall, Owen-street, Grahamstown, and consisted of a soirée, concert and dance. The gathering was confined to the brethren, their wives, and sweethearts, the latter apparently predominating—and a most agreeable evening was passed, the programme lasting till past midnight. A numerous attendance was kept in good spirits and harmony, under the direction of Bro. T. L. Murray the R.W.M.

The installation of Bro. the Honourable F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master, Scotch Constitution, for the North Island, had been definitely fixed for the 30th November, St. Andrew's Day, at the Choral Hall. It had also been arranged that the installation of Bro. G. S. Graham, as District Grand Master English Constitution, should take place on the same day. This arrangement had been brought about by mutual agreement amongst the several Lodges. The brethren of all Masonic Lodges in the North Island were invited to take part in the ceremony. No doubt it will be one of the largest Masonic gatherings that has ever taken place in New Zealand. The proceedings will terminate with a grand ball in the evening. Bros. Brodie and Rawdon, of the Sir Walter Scott Lodge, Thames, have been here assisting to make arrangements for the occasion. Representatives will be present from Wellington, Wanganui, Taranaki, Napier, and other places, thereby lending additional interest to the day's proceedings. The impressive ceremonies were to be conducted by that veteran in Masonry, Bro. Lasar, of Hokitika.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE "PICTORIAL WORLD."—In the number there are bold and striking drawings, humorous drawings, drawings of Christmas at home and abroad, and pretty drawings. A presentation plate, called "Our Baby Clown," is given, and this will certainly be much thought of by the youngsters. In addition, there are "The Mess Troopers' Christmas: Bringing home the Beef," drawn by S. E. Waller; a fine example of E. Wagner, called "Midnight Service in the Black Forest;" a double-page picture, "A Cavalier Dinner," by E. Slocombe; "A Warm Bed for Uncle," by C. Gregory, and other drawings by G. G. Kilburn, C. Cattermole, Towneley Green ("Boxing Night at Drury Lane"), A. Lumley, W. J. Morgan, A. Luby, &c. Miss Owens E. Blackburne has contributed a story, "Till the Sea gives up its Dead;" Hain Friswell an amusing sketch, "Too True and Too False;" the Author of "The Harvest of a Quiet Eye," a Christmas Story; and following these are stories and little romances by Charles Townley, J. Ewing Ritchie, A. T. Pask, E. Draper, Dr. Edwin Doudney, and others. Concluding with a Cavalier Lay, and a Tale of "Confirmed Bachelors," we have briefly pointed out what our readers will find in the Christmas Number of the *Pictorial World*.

AUSTRALIA.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. B. DAVIDSON.

A BEAUTIFULLY illuminated copy of the address presented to Mr. F. B. Davidson, at the last annual meeting of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter, 890, English Constitution, Sydney, has just been completed by the artist, Mr. George Relph, and it is in every respect a highly creditable work. For the last twenty years Mr. Davidson has been annually elected to one of the highest offices in a Chapter which includes among its members many gentlemen of distinction, and his election for the twenty-first time was chosen as a suitable occasion for acknowledging his valuable services to the Order, and the courteous and generous demeanour which he has always exhibited in his relations with his brother members. The address read as follows:—"To Francis Burnand Davidson, Esq. Dear Sir and Excellent Companion,—We, the Companions of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter of Australia, No. 392 E.C., desire, on the occasion of the completion of your twentieth year of service in the important office you have so efficiently and honourably held in this Chapter, to convey to you the expression of our esteem for you as a gentleman and a Royal Arch Mason. And in testimony of our appreciation of the courtesy, integrity, and zeal which have ever characterised your long service in connection with us as a member of our Chapter, we beg to present you with this address, and hope that it may be the pleasure of the Most High to so dispose events that you may long be spared to be amongst us. On behalf of the Chapter, we remain, Dear Sir and Companion, fraternally yours, WILLIAM WEBSTER Z., N. J. ROBINSON H., and E. KIRCHNER J."

By the Sees mail which arrived at Sydney on 13th October, Mr. John Williams, J.P., of New Pitt-street and Bondi, received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, a patent appointing him District Grand Master of the Masonic body in New South Wales under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England; also a communication congratulating him on his return (by the desire of the brethren) to his official duties as D.G. Master, which post he resigned some ten years ago.

Obituary.

Brother William Myatt, a well-known market gardener, died at his residence, Manor Farm, Upper Lewisham-road, New Cross, on Friday, 14th December, at the comparatively early age of 47 years—after a long, painful, and lingering illness. Bro. Myatt was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, on 22nd July 1868. After filling the minor offices, he was unanimously elected and duly installed W.M. in February 1873, and after his year of office was unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel. He was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and, had he lived, would no doubt have filled the M.E.Z.'s chair. He was not unmindful of the Charities, and made himself a Life Governor of both the Girls' and Boys' Schools, while he had it in contemplation to do the same for the Male and Female Annuitants. A more amiable brother one seldom meets with; it is a truth to say he never made an enemy in the Lodge. His reputation was equally good in the world. The Lodge will mourn his loss; his memory will ever remain green.

It is with great regret we announce the death of Bro. James Ballantine, Grand Bard to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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NOTICE.

We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers the usual Summary of the Year. We may remark that the amounts contributed to our three Charities are subject to additions, as they do not represent, by several days, a complete period of one year. It is further desirable we should announce that one or two interesting matters which should more properly have been included in our Summary are unfortunately, owing to considerations of space, deferred till next week.

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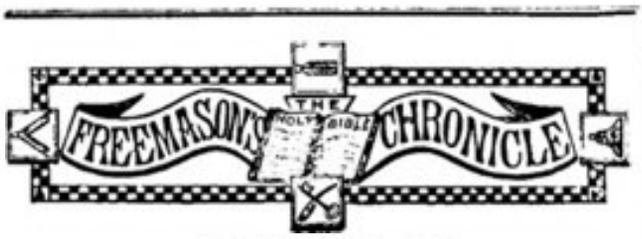
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, owing, we presume, to the present critical state of the Eastern Question, has resolved to pass Christmas at Windsor, instead of going, as has been her custom of late years, to Osborne. On Saturday, Her Majesty paid a visit to the Prime Minister at his country seat, Hughenden, and did him the honour to stay to luncheon. She travelled by rail to High Wycombe, which little town took occasion to decorate itself in honour of the Royal visitor. Flags and banners and festoons of flowers met the eye in all directions; but the most unique of all the decorations was a triumphal arch composed entirely of chairs, varying from the simple "Windsor" to the elaborate drawing-room lounge, these being the one manufacture of the little Buckinghamshire town. The Queen, who was accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, was met at the station by the Earl of Beaconsfield, Lord Carington, and other local magnates, and having entered the Earl's carriage, drove to Hughenden Manor. After lunch, she walked in the grounds, and both she and the Princess planted a Wellingtonia to commemorate their visit.. The visitors then drove back to High Wycombe, and returned thence by train to the Castle. Since then the Prime Minister has visited Her Majesty at Windsor, where he had the honour of dining, and having remained during the night, returned to town next morning, Friday last was the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, and in accordance with custom, divine service was held in the Mausoleum erected to the deceased Prince's memory; present, Her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, with other members of the Royal Family, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court in attendance.

Cabinet Councils are being held very frequently, nor is this to be wondered at considering the new phase on which the Russo-Turkish War has now entered. It is believed in many quarters that Russia is determined on settling the Turkish Question once and for all, without any regard to the other powers who are supposed to have or have interests in the East. Hence the Government have had it publicly announced that Parliament will meet on the 17th January for the despatch of business, this being nearly three weeks' earlier than usual. It is needless to say this news, though variously interpreted by various journals, has caused no little sensation, not only at home, but likewise in diplomatic circles abroad. The general idea seems to be that Parliament will be called together thus early in order to vote certain moneys which, in the present position of affairs, Her Majesty's Ministers consider necessary, in order to provide an increase in our naval and military forces, so that the country may be ready for any eventuality.

The weather has not been very brilliant for the sightseers, who throng our streets at this season, and view the provision made in the way of gifts, &c., &c., for the approaching Christmas and New Year festivities. Nevertheless, in spite of fogs and slippery dirty pavements, there have been crowds in all the principal thoroughfares, showing that even dirty weather puts no damper on the determination of English people to enjoy themselves at the appointed season.

France is rapidly regaining her peace of mind, now there is a ministry, chosen from the Left Centre, and headed by M. Dufaure. So far, indeed, has this resumption of public confidence gone, that trade in all parts, and especially in Paris, is reviving. Those taxes which are indispensably necessary in order to carry on the government have been voted unanimously, and the Chambers stand prorogued till the 8th January. Thus the crisis which seemed to be inevitable has been avoided, and President MacMahon is once again on terms of amity, if not of cordiality, with the Legislature.

There is little in the way of news from either theatre of operations in Turkey. The fall of Plevna having been duly celebrated, preparations are now being made for carrying the war south of the Balkans. What new disposition of their forces will be made by the Russian generals is, of course, not known at present, but it is said that some 80,000 troops will be available for reinforcing the Czarewitch, and General Gourko, as well as for operating against the Turkish forces in other directions. The latter have evacuated Elena, which was captured only a short time since, and it is believed that Suleiman Pasha will retire his army so as to defend the attempted passage of the Balkans. The Turks still hold their position at Kamarli, and the fortresses are believed to be capable of making a stubborn defence. Moreover, the weather is now against the invaders, who will, therefore, not find their task of conquest so very easy, even though Osman Pasha and his 30,000 gallant troops are no longer available for the defence of the Sultan's empire. In Asia the only news relates to the weather. Snow has fallen, and the further advance of the Russians, nay, even the tenure of their position before Erzeroum, has become a question of grave difficulty. It only remains to add that Servia has declared war against Turkey; that her troops have crossed

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THE MASONIC YEAR 1877.

YET a few more days and the year 1877 will be numbered with the past; and as with the present issue we close a further volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and as in this country at all events the history of our Society is virtually, if not actually, complete for the current month, we prefer, in accordance with the plan adopted last year, giving our readers the usual sketch of Freemasonry for the last twelve months with the last number of our sixth volume rather than with the first of a new volume, which, with the exception of a few Lodge meetings, will belong to the year 1878. In presenting this sketch we have every reason to congratulate our readers on the position of the Fraternity. It is commonly said of men and things in this mundane sphere of ours, that there is no such thing as standing still. We must either move forward in order to keep pace with the times, or we must fall more and more hopelessly in the rear. As a rule, we accept this statement implicitly. This is not only an age of progress, but of rapid progress. Almost daily we note that some thing has been realised which was considered either an impossibility, or a very remote contingency, and the only means by which we keep abreast of others is to secure at all hazards our share of the general improvement. But admitting, as we do, that this holds good in ordinary societies, it does not apply with equal force to Freemasonry, whose condition is rarely, if ever, affected by external events. In saying this, we do not for one moment mean to affirm that the Craft is not more or less prosperous, according as the community of which it is part and parcel, is flourishing or otherwise. We mean simply this, that Freemasonry is a body whose teachings have endured and will continue to endure through all ages. Wars and civil commotion may break out from time to time, and though they necessarily interfere with the duties to which we are devoted, when once they are ended, we are in exactly the same position as at the commencement of this outbreak. Our organisation is the same, our ability to continue the good work we have voluntarily undertaken, remains intact. We may not perhaps be in a position to extend the same degree of assistance towards those who need it. It is very possible the thousands and tens of thousands would not flow so readily or with the same degree of regularity into the coffers of our Charitable Institutions, for there might not be to the same extent the wherewith to relieve distress. But though we should certainly have our share of the general adversity, Freemasonry as a school of science and morality, with its ramifications extending everywhere throughout the civilised world, must always remain the same. It is in this sense we mean that our Fraternity may stand still and look on, interestedly of course, yet self-reliantly, while the nations are struggling one with the other which shall grasp the largest share of gain; and it is in this sense we may add that during the past year the work in which we have been engaged has been that of consolidating our strength rather than increasing it. As we advance in our summary of the year's history we shall be able to show that the number of our Lodges has appreciably increased, that fresh measures are constantly being taken for the better governance of the Fraternity, and that, with one or two exceptions, the bonds which unite its various sections, scattered as they are throughout almost every land, have been drawn closer and closer together; but had there been no increase in numbers, it would have been still possible for us to congratulate our readers both at home and abroad on the continued prosperity of our beloved Craft. Able and experienced brethren in all countries have laboured unremittingly in order to strengthen and confirm what we have. It is no part of our system to seek additions to our strength. All who are found worthy receive a hearty welcome into our ranks, but it is they who come to us, not we who go to them. We are, we repeat, in the sense in which we have spoken, entirely independent of the external world, which may admire, or abuse and persecute us; which may encourage or forbid our gatherings, but which will find it impossible to eradicate the principles we have laid down for our guidance, and prevent us acting on these principles. *Semper eadem* is our motto, and a proud one it is too. As long as brethren observe, even it may be perfunctorily, the grand principles by which Freemasonry is animated, the Society must retain its ancient strength and beauty. But all this is so well known to our readers, that we shall not dwell further on this portion of our subject. Our present purpose is to lay before them a summary of the events which have happened during the past twelve months, and to this duty we now betake ourselves.

The latest returns that have been issued show that in the period now under consideration, as regards Craft Masonry, no less than eighty-one warrants for new Lodges have been granted. Last year the number was seventy-two, so that as far as mere numerical increase—on which, however, we are not inclined to lay particular stress—our progress in excess of last year has been at the rate of exactly twelve-and-a-half per cent. The last number on the roll of Grand Lodge at the end of 1876 was No. 1651. We have now reached No. 1732, and the eighty-one new Lodges thus added to our roll will be found distributed as follows. Sixteen new warrants were granted in the first quarter of the year; twenty-five in the second quarter; twenty-nine in the third quarter; and eleven in the last quarter. Of these, twenty-nine are in the Metropolitan District, twenty-four in the Provinces—namely: six in the two divisions of Lancashire, three in Northumberland, three in Middlesex, and three in Kent; and one each in Cumberland, Notts, Suffolk, North Wales (Flintshire), Derbyshire, Oxfordshire, Hants, Surrey, and Sussex; and twenty-eight in Districts abroad, namely—four in New South Wales, ten in New Zealand, three in Victoria, three in Natal, and one each in Newfoundland, Queensland, Mauritius, Tunis, and Bombay, Bengal, and the Punjaub. As regards these additions, we cannot say that any of them call for special remark, save perhaps, that the Orpheus, No. 1706, is composed principally of members of the musical profession, and the Evening Star, No. 1719, of civil engineers and others officially connected with gas companies, while the Kaiser-i-Hind, No. 1724, is intended for Anglo-Indians returned home from the scene of their labours in our Indian Empire. Thus, if we take the three last years, during the greater part of which the Craft in England has been governed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, we note that there have been in all 205 new warrants granted, namely fifty-two in 1875, seventy-two in 1876, and eighty-one in 1877. That this is satisfactory evidence of an increasing popularity is undeniable, but whether this satisfaction must be considered as without alloy is a question which our readers must form their opinion upon. Thus, if we eliminate from the account the 110 or 120 Lodges which have dropped from the roll since the last revision of numbers in 1863, or are in abeyance, there will still remain in vigorously-active work quite 1620 Lodges under the banner of the United Grand Lodge of England, and these are to be found established in our North American possessions, our Australasian and African colonies and possessions, and in the several presidencies of our Indian Empire. This marvellous distribution of English Freemasonry is certainly subject-matter for the heartiest congratulation. No matter how distant the region to which English energy and enterprise penetrate, there we find the banner of our beloved Craft is most cordially received and most deeply respected; and the value of our Masonic system, as bringing men of different races and creeds together in one common family, will be more appreciated, if we remember that there are enrolled in our Lodges Christians, Jews, Parsees, Mahommedans, and members of every known religious faith.

Turning next to the principal changes which have taken place in the government of our Society, we note with the greatest satisfaction that in Grand Lodge itself the Senior and Junior Grand Wardenships are held, the former by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the latter by H.R.H. Prince Leopold. Illness in the one case, and the claims of

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military duty in the other, are no doubt the reasons why these Royal brethren have been prevented from taking a very active part in the work of Grand Lodge, but there is no doubt that the reputation of Freemasonry stands higher with the community when people note that the three principal officers of G. Lodge are members of the Royal Family. Of the changes that have occurred among our Provincial magnates it will be only necessary to state that the deeply lamented Bro. Theo. Mansel Talbot, who died last year, has been succeeded in the government of the Eastern Division of South Wales by Sir Geo. Elliot Bart., M.P.; that Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell Bart., M.P., is Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, in place of Lord Pelham M.P.; and Bro. T. Montague Guest, Prov. G. Master of Dorsetshire, *vice* Bro. Joseph Gundry. The Duke of Newcastle, owing to the demands upon his time, has found it necessary to resign the Prov. Grand Mastership of Nottinghamshire, but his place has not yet been filled; and there is also, we regret to say, a vacancy in the Masonic government of Staffordshire, by reason of the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, to which sad event we shall have occasion to refer hereafter at greater length. However, such changes as these are in the order of things.

"Pallida Mors aequo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas
Regumque turres."

Death takes equally the exalted as the humble brother, and their places know them no more. The firm hand, the kind heart, the genial smile are still for ever. Others, and it may be untried men succeed them, but there is always this consolation present before our minds, that "the old order remaineth."

Among the chief events of a public character must be mentioned, in the first place, the important and highly interesting ceremony which was enacted in the month of April, and the scene of which was Stratford-on-Avon, where the greatest poet of all time first saw the light. The principal actor on this occasion was the ever-active and universally respected Lord Leigh, Provincial G. Master of Warwickshire, who readily accepted the invitation of the authorities of Stratford, to lay the first stone of the buildings now being erected, to perpetuate in his native town the memory of our grand national poet, William Shakspeare. The day selected for the imposing ceremony was the 23rd of April, the anniversary of the poet's birth, and the gathering from the Province itself, as well as from Staffordshire, was worthy of the occasion. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by his Lordship, and among those present was the eminent Shakspearian actor, Bro. William Creswick, who later in the day delivered a most eloquent oration on Shakespeare and the Drama. It may be as well to mention that the memorial when complete will consist of a theatre, which it is hoped and expected will for ages to come be a worthy home of the legitimate drama, a library, and a picture gallery. For these last two a sum of £8,000 is needed, and the half of this has been already promised by a worthy and patriotic Warwickshire man, Mr. C. E. Flower, who has already contributed largely of his means towards the erection of the theatre, and who, as we have said, is ready to still give one-half of the requisite sum if by the end of the year the other half is collected or promised. And the very day on which Lord Leigh was playing so conspicuous a part at Stratford-on-Avon, a new Masonic Hall at Exeter was solemnly dedicated to the purposes of our Craft by our Rev. Bro. John Huyshe, Provincial G. Master of Devon. There was a large and influential gathering of brethren to do honour to so important an event, the three Lodges of the venerable Western city contributing, of course, the bulk of those present. Two other events of a similar character may likewise be mentioned. On the 31st July, the Worshipful Master of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, laid the first stone of a new Masonic Hall at Barnard Castle, and on the 18th of the same month, the important town of Sheffield was the scene of a Grand Masonic gathering, the occasion being the opening of the new Masonic Hall and its dedication to the use of the Craft. At such a ceremony as this it was only to be expected that the Craft should be present in considerable numbers, and that the Grand Master of the Province in which the town is situated should preside in person. Of course, therefore, it is a pleasure as well as our duty to record that the popular chief of West Yorkshire, Sir Henry Edwards Bart. conducted the ceremonial in person, that the most distinguished members of the Prov. G. Lodge supported him, and that all the leading brethren of Sheffield were there to give him the heartiest of welcomes. There are three flourishing Lodges in the town, and it was under the banner of the oldest of these, the Britannia, No. 139, which traces its origin back to the year 1765, that the gathering was held. Between two and three hundred Craftsmen witnessed the imposing ceremonial, and when the fatigues of the day were over, and the last of the long list of toasts which followed the banquet had been fittingly responded to, all dispersed to their homes, delighted with the events of the day. For many a year, the gathering of the 18th July 1877 will be the most memorable event in the annals of the Craft in Sheffield. It is, indeed, a *dies festus*, to which they are entitled to look back with pride and satisfaction.

Another event, which for obvious reasons must not be allowed to pass unnoticed, is of more recent occurrence—we allude to the Centenary Festival of the York Lodge, No. 236, which was held on the 6th of last month. Till 1870, this Lodge was known as the "Union," but in that year it obtained permission to adopt its present title. It was founded in July 1777, the Warrant for its constitution being granted by the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns). In 1862 the foundation-stone of its hall was laid, and the building itself was consecrated the year following. It is now, owing to the unwearied exertions of Bro. William Cowling P.M., in a very prosperous state. Bro. Cowling himself presided, and among those present were the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, in which York is situated, and Bro. Tew, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the entire party mustering about one hundred and twenty. It is needless to say that the auspicious event was fittingly celebrated, and perhaps not the least interesting part of the day's proceedings was the reading of Bro. W. J. Hughan's letter on the progress of the Craft in the Archiepiscopal City of York. Centenary celebrations do not occur every day, and there are but few Lodges comparatively which can boast of an unbroken series of labours extending over one hundred years; but the special feature in connection with this particular celebration is the fact that the ancient city of York is so intimately associated with the history of our Society. We have no intention of carrying our readers back to the mythical times of Prince Edwin of York, nor have we a mind to lay before them a full, true, and particular sketch of English Freemasonry in the northern capital of England. For the benefit of those who are curious in these matters, we may mention that whatever is authentic in connection with Freemasonry in York will be found in Bro. Hughan's admirable account in the *Kingston Masonic Annual*, an account we have read with infinite profit as well as pleasure. Suffice it to say, there existed a Lodge of Freemasons in York at the very beginning of last century, and that when the Craft in the south of England entered upon its new career as a speculative body, York Masonry was also favourably affected, and the Lodge shortly after the year 1717 resumed its duties; and though it never fared as prosperously as its southern rival—indeed, it has been extinct now for many, many years—still for a time it held its own, and retained and exercised all the rights and privileges of a Grand Lodge. Indeed, these rights and privileges were willingly recognised by the Grand Lodge in London, and the Grand Lodge of all England held in York, was for a long period of years a sovereign and independent body, granting warrants for the formation of new Lodges, not only under its own immediate wing, but likewise in the South of England itself, our venerable Lodge of Antiquity, under Bro. William Preston, being for a short time in alliance with it. But the Lodge which only a few weeks since celebrated the completion of the first hundred years of its existence, owes its origin, not to the old York Lodge of which we have been speaking, but, as we have said, to the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns). It, however, is the fortunate possessor of such manuscripts and records as have been preserved, many of the former being very ancient, and the latter most interesting. It is impossible for the student of Masonry to consider the past, present, and future of our Society without associating with our history the ancient city of York. We cannot take up a work on the Craft which does not contain some reference to the York rite. We can hardly raise a question of any importance as to our progress without noting the confusion that reigns even in the minds of well-informed brethren as to the mysteries of what is known as Ancient York Masonry. York has played its part well.

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Its principal Lodge does not date back to the pre-revival epoch of 1717, but we must still rejoice at finding that the Craft is so admirably circumstanced in the fine old capital city of Yorkshire. We trust the future career of the York Lodge, No. 236, may be ever more and more increasingly prosperous, and if there is little or nothing known in these days of the old York *rite*, that the York *rights* of the present may never be in worse keeping than they are now. We must also refer in passing to the Henry Muggeridge testimonial now being raised. "Old Mug," as he is familiarly if somewhat irreverently dubbed by his friends, is a fine old specimen of the ancient Craft. He has done loyal service in his day. As the late Collector for the Girls' School, he is known of all men; but his reputation, perhaps, stands highest as Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, where for generations—we will not be so rude as to say how many—he has busily expounded to admiring audiences, the mysteries of the "Three Grand Principles," and "The Six Grand Periods," &c., &c. We hope this testimonial, which we are given to understand will be closed on the 31st January, will prove worthy of so eminent a brother.

But, after all, our installations and Consecrations and the changes in the *personnel* of our government are matters of course, and must be looked forward to as a part of the inevitable. There are, generally, certain events in the career of the year's history which it is imperative we should notice, and foremost amongst these is the Memorial voted by Grand Lodge in honour of, and by way of recording most emphatically, the visit of the Grand Master to, and his safe return in health and strength from, India. Opinions were divided as to the form which this Commemorative gift should assume. Many there were, and we confess we were of the number, who considered it should take the form of a presentation in equal shares to our three Masonic Institutions. Others favoured the idea that it should be presented to some Indian Charity, and others again, that it should go in part towards the decoration and renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral—that masterpiece of our Illustrious Wren—in part towards the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, on the principal ground that St. Alban was the proto-martyr of the Anglican Church, and is freely mentioned with respect in our old operative legends, though, for anything that is ever likely to be known, he had no more to do with our Craft than St. Peter or St. Paul, or any other of the early Christian martyrs. However, none of these views found favour in the sight of the Craft. An Especial Communication of Grand Lodge was held on the 3rd January, and the Earl of Carnarvon, our Pro Grand Master, who presided, proposed, in a long and eloquent speech, that the sum of £4,000 should be handed over to the Royal National Life Boat Institution, in order to provide and endow in perpetuity two Lifeboats in commemoration of the auspicious visit, the one to be known as the Albert Edward, and the other as the Alexandra. The proposition was very warmly received, and, we need hardly add, was passed unanimously; and the vote having been confirmed, not only has the sum been paid to the credit of the Lifeboat Institution, but the boats themselves will shortly be placed—the one on the Coast of Devon, and the other at Clacton-on-Sea, the new London watering place on the Coast of Essex. It should also be mentioned that at the September Communication, the sum of two hundred guineas was voted by Grand Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers from the fire of St. John, N.B.; one hundred guineas to the sufferers by the cataclysm on the coast of Peru; and further, that on the motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon, unanimously agreed to, the sum of one thousand guineas was handed to the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund. The course of the year may not have been marked by any such unusual event as the Royal Installation or the public appearance in full Masonic State of the Grand Master, as at the Post Office Ceremonial in Glasgow, but the votes by Grand Lodge which we have just recorded, will go a long way towards making the year 1877 memorable in the annals of the Craft.

Royal Arch Masonry moves quickly along, with a progress which, if not astounding, is unquestionably matter for congratulation. Last year eighteen new Chapters were added to the roll, this year the number is twenty-six, namely—six in the first quarter, eight in the second, seven in the third, and five in the fourth. Eight of them are metropolitan Chapters, thirteen are located in the Provinces, namely—five in Kent, two in Cornwall, two in Middlesex, and one each in Derby, Devon, Hants, and Herts; and five in districts abroad, of which one is in New Zealand, and four are in the Punjab. It is worthy of mention that two of the new metropolitan Chapters, namely—those founded under the auspices of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1609, and the Bayard, No. 1615, were established under unusual circumstances. It is customary to grant warrants for new Chapters only in the case of Lodges which have been in existence for three years, the object of this law being to secure a sufficient number of brethren capable of filling the principal chairs. However, in the case of these two Lodges, it was shown that this object had already been secured, though they cannot yet boast of more than a full year's existence; and the rule, therefore, was very wisely relaxed in their favour. In this matter Grand Chapter showed its wisdom, by meeting the wishes of two new and vigorous and in all respects well appointed Lodges, which even thus early in their career have greatly distinguished themselves. As to the Provinces, the most noticeable feature is undoubtedly the increase of five in the number of Chapters in Kent, an increase which is mainly, if not entirely, attributable to the appointment of Viscount Holmesdale as Prov. G. Superintendent for the county. It is also worthy of mention that early in the year the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was installed as Prov. Superintendent of Cornwall, and since then the Earl of Bective has been formally inducted into the same exalted position for the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. It must likewise be recorded that Grand Chapter voted a sum of One Hundred Guineas towards the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's, New Brunswick. Notice of motion had also been given to vote Three Hundred Guineas towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund, but the Fund had been closed in the interim, owing to the announcement from Madras that further contributions were not required, and therefore the motion was withdrawn.

If we turn from Arch to Mark Masonry, we shall find the evidences of increasing prosperity are still more remarkable. Since last year application has been made to the Mark Grand Lodge for no less than nineteen warrants for new Lodges, so that, if we include the Time Immemorial Lodges, there are about 230 Lodges on the roll of this Grand Lodge, while close on a thousand certificates for advancement to this degree have been issued during the past twelve months. There are, consequently, between 10,000 and 11,000 Mark Master Masons in England and Wales and the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. But these are not the only gratifying circumstances we have to record. On the 4th April, the new Provincial Mark Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire was solemnly consecrated by the Rev. Geo. R. Portal, Past G.M.M.M., and Bro. Humphrey installed as first Prov. G.M.M.M. On the 29th of last month there was a grand gathering of Mark Masons in the Province of Lincolnshire, under the presidency of their respected chief, Bro. John Sutcliffe, the meeting being held under the auspices of the recently consecrated Lodge "St. Wolfrid," No. 209. A Mark G.M.M.M. for the adjoining Province has been appointed in the person of Bro. John Wordsworth, who awaits the ceremony of installation, though his patent as Prov. G. Master has been made out. The Funds of Grand Lodge, both the General and the Benevolent, are in a highly flourishing condition. It has been formally recognised by the General Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons in the United States, and last, but not least, the late Mark Benevolent Festival, held under the genial auspices of the Earl of Donoughmore, was a greater success than in any former year, the amount of contributions by the hands of seventeen Stewards being in excess of £230.

Nor, if we turn to the Templars, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland in the country south of the Tweed, &c., &c., shall we find reason to be otherwise than well satisfied with the progress made during the year. In June, the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, of the Red Cross of Constantine, was consecrated at York. On Monday, the 11th June, the Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order was consecrated by R.W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of London, among the candidates advanced to the Order on the occasion being the Earl of Donoughmore, Lords Henniker and Brooke, the Hon. T. Warren Vernon, Major General Sir Charles Daubeny, the Hon. and Rev. Francis E. C. Byng, the Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, Capt. Portlock Dadson, &c., &c. In October, the Yorkshire College of the Rosicrucian Society *in Anglid* was consecrated by M.W. Fr. Chas. F. Matier IX°, Fr. S. B. Ellis VIII°, being installed as Chief Adept; while the Templars and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, under the

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able governance of Lord Skelmersdale, are able to show undoubted evidence of their increased strength and popularity. It is, indeed, in the order of things, that Craft Masonry having prospered during the year, the other Masonic bodies should have enjoyed their share of the general good fortune; and though it cannot be denied that all these bodies, save the Royal Arch, are extraneous to Masonry pure and simple, still their ablest and most influential members are prominent Craft Masons to begin with, and would certainly strive hard to ensure the success of any society into which they were admitted.

We now approach the most agreeable duty of all—that of recording the exploits of the Craft in the field of Charity. It was stated, shortly after the close of 1876, that close on £40,000 was contributed in the course of that year to our three Masonic Institutions; but large as was this sum, we have every reason to believe that when the figures are totalled up it will be found that the contributions to these same Charities during 1877 have been largely in excess. The first of our three Festivals—that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—was held on Monday the 10th February. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold had consented to occupy the chair, but, unfortunately, indisposition prevented him from playing this important *rôle*. At the very last moment, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who had presided with such success in 1875, came forward, and, to the relief of Bro. Terry, filled the vacancy so unexpectedly created. The Festival, as our readers are aware, was a magnificent success, and the indefatigable Secretary was able to announce, after the toast of Prosperity to the Institution had been duly honoured, a total subscription of £12,856,13, with fourteen lists still outstanding. These have been returned since, and the yield of this Festival is represented by the magnificent sum of £13,368, while the contributions to this Charity from all sources amount during the year, or, at least, up to Thursday, the 20th instant, to £13,909. As a result of this munificence, the Committee of the Institution, on the motion of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, agreed to increase the number of annuitants by thirty, namely, fifteen male and fifteen female, so there are now no less than 145 male and 125 female annuitants, the former receiving £40, and the latter £32, per annum, and there are likewise thirteen widows who receive each a moiety of her late husband's annuity. In fact, the amount that must be raised annually, in order to pay this body of 283 beneficiaries, is £10,035, and the total expenditure, including cost of management, cannot be set down at less than £12,500. From these figures, and from the fact that the receipts from the Festival have been considerably more than doubled in four years—they were £5,220 in 1874, when Lord Waveney presided—our readers will perceive how strenuously "A Zealous Officer" and his successive Boards of Stewards have laboured in the cause of the Benevolent Institution; and, what is still more important, how necessary it is their labours should be continued unceasingly, and how desirable it is the fruits of those labours should be at least on as large a scale as they have been this year. It must not be forgotten that the addition just made, of fifteen male and fifteen female annuitants, was only made provisionally, and unless the standard of contributions is well maintained there will have to be a reduction in the number of the beneficiaries. It should be added, in connection with this Institution, that the Collector, Bro. Lane, died very suddenly, and that in him it lost an able and willing officer, while yet in the prime of life. His place has been filled by the appointment of Bro. Knill. It should be further stated that Bro. Terry's Winter and Summer Entertainments were held as usual at Croydon, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the "Old Folks," whom it is a pleasure, as well as a privilege, to meet on these festive occasions.

Pass we now to the Girls' School, whose Festival came next in order of sequence. It is within the knowledge of all our friends that the able Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, has been in very feeble health during the past year. So ill, indeed, has he been, that his ability to move about among our Lodges and personally exert himself in pleading the cause of the School to whose interests he is so devoted has been very seriously curtailed. Nor has he, moreover, been able to give that personal attention in his office which he bestowed so readily when he was in full health and strength. Therefore, it cannot have been a matter for surprise that the Festival of this School should have been less productive than those of the kindred Institutions. It was held on the 9th May, the President being Lord Suffield, who had been installed only a few months previously, as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, by the Prince of Wales himself. His Lordship was well supported, and the proceeds amounted to £9,757 13s 6d, with twenty-three lists still to be returned. This is over £1500 in excess of the amount in 1876, which was rather more than £8,200, with twelve lists outstanding, and this again was a considerable advance on 1875. The total result of this year's Festival was £9,969, while the contributions from all sources raise this to the very handsome sum of £10,167 18s 1d up to Thursday just past. This is eminently satisfactory; but the normal expenditure has been very heavy during the past year, owing to the provision of additional School accommodation, and as the number of pupils has been increased, and in due time will exceed 200, the annual outlay will be permanently raised. It will, therefore, be as necessary as ever that the Craft should be as liberal as heretofore. Ordinarily the Festival is preceded by a visit to the Institution of the Board of Stewards and their friends, on which occasion the prizes are distributed, and there are recitations, and performances on the pianoforte by the pupils. This year, however, owing to the prevalence of illness, the visit was not paid till the 18th June, Lord Suffield presiding. Everything passed off favourably, and the pupils gave evidence of the care and ability which are bestowed upon them. We will mention, in conclusion, the names of the principal prize-winners. These are Leila Palmer, who, in addition to other awards, carried off the Gold Medal for general proficiency, given by Bro. W. Paas, with £5 added by Bro. W. Winn; Mary Emma Baines, who took the silver medal for good conduct given by the Institution, with £5 added by Bro. Winn; Blanche E. Morris, Louisa Hole, and Francis Harzman, who divided among them Bro. Winn's further prize of £5.

Last in order we come to the Boys' School, whose Festival was held the 27th June, at the Alexandra Palace, with Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, as chairman. Owing to a clerical error the amount of subscriptions was announced as £12,856, with twenty-three lists still outstanding, but the amount actually subscribed was £13,160 15s, and this has reached the splendid total of £13,535 12s 6d. The contributions from all sources up to Thursday were £14,479 14s 6d, and as owing to the successful labours of Bro. Binckes and his Board of Stewards, the further sum of £3,000 has been invested in Government Securities, we must offer him and them, and the executive generally, our warmest felicitations on the success of the current year. But the future is before us, and it is a future which will bring with it still heavier responsibilities. With all that has been done of late years, we find it hardly possible to keep pace with the growing demands on the resources of the Institution. A short time since, and the number of pupils in the School was about 160. Then it grew to 170, and now, we believe, it is over 180; but at the October election there were sixty-six candidates, and only nine vacancies. However, in order to meet this growing demand as far as possible consistently with the dictates of prudence, it has been resolved to erect additional accommodation at the cost of about £3,000, and by this means the authorities will have it in their power to increase the School by thirty-two pupils. When this is done, there will be some 212 boys well clothed, well fed, and well educated at the expense of the Craft; and in order to keep the School up to this strength, it will be absolutely necessary that the contributions of brethren should be at least as much as they have been during the past two or three years. That is, the Freemasons of this country stand committed as a body to the maintenance of our Boys' School at this particular strength, and therefore a sum sufficient to cover the cost of their education, board, and clothing will have to be forthcoming annually. It will not be creditable if there should be such a falling-off in the donations and subscriptions as to entail a reduction in the number of the pupils. Before passing to the other events connected with our Boys, we will mention one pleasing circumstance, which will always be remembered with satisfaction. Last year we announced that Bro. John Constable, who had arranged to act as Steward at this Festival, promised he would somehow or other contrive to raise a list of, at the least, £1,000. The promise was amply fulfilled, for when the eventful day arrived, Bro. Binckes was able to announce—and he did so amid the heartiest cheers—that Bro. Constable's list was a few pounds over £1,200. In acknowledgment of these valuable services, Bro. Constable has been elected an

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honorary Vice-Patron, with all the privileges of the rank, not only of the Boys' School, but of the Girls' and the Benevolent likewise, and we need hardly say we heartily congratulate him on his very brilliant exploit. The speech day and Distribution of Prizes preceded the Festival, and was under the genial presidency of that most genial of Masonic chairmen, the Earl of Donoughmore. The principal prizes were taken by Edward Thomas Sage, who secured the silver medal awarded by the Institution; Frank Lewis Scurr, to whom was awarded the Canonbury gold medal; and E. Pawley, who took the silver watch and chain given for good conduct by the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. All present were delighted with the success of the day's proceedings, and the high standard of proficiency exhibited by the boys. Moreover, the value of the education given in the School is further shown—though further proof is hardly needed—by the success which has attended those pupils who have presented themselves for examination at the Cambridge Local Examinations, at those conducted by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, and elsewhere. Nor, may we remark, is the physical training neglected, as was evidenced in the cricket match with the boys of the Grocers' School, when our eleven scored over 250 runs against the Grocers' 24.

We have now completed the survey of our Institutions for the year 1877, and to sum up the results we find that apart from the permanent income of the Charities the Craft has contributed £38,556 in the past twelve months, and this is devoted to (1) annuities to 283 old people; (2) the maintenance and education of about 180 girls, shortly to be increased to 204; (3) the maintenance and education of about 180 boys, shortly to be increased to about 212. This is quite irrespective of the sums disbursed by Grand Lodge in relieving distressed brethren or the widows or families of deceased brethren, whose cases are deemed worthy of being brought specially under the notice of the Lodge of Benevolence, and irrespective of the £5000 and upwards voted for special purposes. Thus we shall not be wrong if we say that the total disbursements in the twelve months still current is little if at all short of £60,000. Under these circumstances we may say with truth that Freemasonry, as it is understood in England, is essentially practical.

Of those grave questions of policy or great legal importance which occasionally arise to disturb the ordinary equanimity of our Masonic communities, there have, we rejoice to say, been none originating directly in England. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge, two important propositions were submitted to the brethren, but they had their origin abroad, and Grand Lodge met them with judicial calmness and dignity. The first of these was made by the Pro Grand Master, and had reference to a sweeping innovation upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, introduced into the Constitution of the French G. Orient. We have treated the matter so fully, and we hope so fairly, in successive articles, that it will suffice if we mention that a Committee has been appointed for the purpose of making all needful inquiries into the matter, and it will report the result of such inquiries and submit such proposal as may seem just at the next Quarterly Communication. We shall then know in what position we English Freemasons stand to the Grand Orient of France and its subordinate Lodges. In the meantime, all French Masons whose certificates bear date up to the 13th September last inclusive will be admissible into our Lodges. The other proposition, or rather series of propositions, was brought forward by our Rev. Bro. Simpson, their object being to induce the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin to so far modify its Constitutions, as to allow of non-Christian candidates for initiation or joining being accepted by that Grand Lodge and its daughter Lodges. The first proposition, which was merely to the effect that the 300 petitions referring to this German question should be received, was agreed to. The other two were withdrawn, as it was questioned whether our Grand Lodge was acting within its right in offering such a suggestion to a foreign and perfectly independent Grand Lodge. We need say nothing further on the subject, as we have dealt with it so recently in these columns. One constitutional question of some importance has likewise been settled publicly, and let us hope to the general satisfaction of the Craft. We allude to the decision of Grand Lodge in support of the ruling of Grand Registrar McIntyre, that a Worshipful Master may invite any qualified brother to fulfil his duties in Lodge for him, the work so done being to all intents and purposes that of the Master himself. We trust this will set at rest one frequent cause of difference, and even of soreness, between a W.M. and his P.M.'s, many among the latter having claimed to do the duties of the former whenever he felt indisposed to fulfil them himself. We trust after this we have heard the last of the many bickerings which have arisen from so trifling a misconception of the law even in well-ordered Lodges.

Thus far, we have dwelt fully on the events in England, and as we have noted the benefits that have accrued to us, so is it right we should devote a brief space to the losses we have sustained. Two foremost brethren have passed away. One of them, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, was in the very prime of life, and we hoped he would have been spared to us for many a year to adorn the Craft he loved so well, and for which, on all occasions, he was ready to work so arduously. As the ruler of one of our Provinces he had won for himself the highest reputation as a Craftsman. Zealous, able, and obliging in all things, he was the very *beau idéal* of a perfect Mason. His last public Masonic duty was the presiding, in place of Prince Leopold, at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. His last appearance in any Masonic body was on the Tuesday, or but two or three days, previous to his death, when he was present at a meeting of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite. It may be some consolation to his family to know that the grief for so untimely a loss was as universal as it was profound. The other notable Mason who has departed this life during the current year had attained, if, indeed, he had not exceeded, the three score and ten years which the Psalmist has told us make up the allotted span of life. He had played his part admirably in the Province to which he belonged, having been its Dep. G. Master for a period of twenty years, and having earned the esteem and respect of all his brethren. The very first act which Prince Leopold, after his installation as Prov. G. Master of Oxfordshire, was called upon to perform was to present a handsome testimonial to Bro. Spirse for his very valuable services to Freemasonry. These, of course, are not the only victims which Pale Death has claimed for his own, but they are the most serious losses, and therefore the most grievous to bear.

We now turn our attention to Ireland, where we rejoice to say Freemasonry still occupies the same honourable position, though, by reason of the influence exercised by the Romish priesthood, it plays the part of the strong man, who wisely arms himself in defence of his own, lest a stronger than he should assail and despoil him of his goods. There is, perhaps, a certain satisfaction in feeling that by one of its recent acts the Grand Lodge has managed to extort some faint praise from one of those papers which have again and again displayed towards it a strong feeling of hostility. However, as our Irish brethren are admirably organized, and well governed by one of the most popular of our titled brethren, we do not imagine they feel more than a passing regret that some classes will persist in misrepresenting the objects for which Freemasonry exists, and who will have it the Craft exercises, in some strange way, a pernicious influence on society in general, and its own disciples in particular. It is true we have heard no more of the feeble joke—for it could never have been intended for anything else—that Freemasonry has exercised, or is exercising, a baneful influence on the flax trade of Belfast, but we should not be astonished if a similar display of nonsense were exhibited at any time. However, to deal with the events of the year, which we hope to place briefly before our readers. It is somewhat difficult to trace the losses and additions which the roll of Grand Lodge Ireland has sustained this year. Still, by a very careful comparison of the lists for 1876 and 1877, we have ascertained that three Lodges—two attached to line regiments and one in Mayo—have been struck off the roll, and seven new ones added. The province of one of them—"No. 139, Mountmellick"—is not furnished; of the others, one, No. 316, is in Co. Tipperary; one, No. 748, in Co. Wicklow; and one, No. 994, in Co. Tyrone. The remaining three are abroad, namely, No. 303 in Jamaica; No. 304 in Trinidad; and No. 462 in New Zealand. This gives a net increase of four Lodges over last year, so there are now 369 Lodges on the roll instead of 365. Of these seventy are in the colonies of the United Kingdom or in countries abroad. Thus, there are sixteen in Victoria, nine in South Australia, nine in Queensland, eight in New South Wales, eleven in New Zealand, three in Tasmania,

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and four in Ceylon. There are two in Peru, and one each in Canada, Turkey, Isle of Man, Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, Gibraltar, and Malta. Of those at home, Co. Antrim has seventy-two, Co. Down forty-two, Co. Dublin thirty-five, Co. Cork twelve, Co. Tyrone eleven, Co. Armagh ten, Co. Derry eighteen; and there are six military, the remainder being distributed among the other counties. So much for the number and distribution of the Lodges. The principal events are few in number, but they are, taken together, of a highly satisfactory character. The most recent are among the most important. On the 1st of November Grand Lodge passed a resolution forbidding all intercourse on the part of Irish Masons with the Grand Orient and its subordinate Lodges. This step has been taken because, at its last General Assembly, the Grand Orient accepted a resolution materially altering the Constitutions of Freemasonry in that country by striking out that part of the First Article which declares it essential that all applicants for initiation into Freemasonry must declare their belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. There was, in the case of Grand Lodge, Ireland, an immediate necessity for some kind of action, seeing that it exchanged representatives with the Grand Orient, whereas there is no such interchange between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient. Nor do we see any reason for regarding the course adopted as a mistaken one. We here can afford to move more slowly, but we see clearly that something must be done in order to signify our entire disagreement with the grave change which has been sanctioned in the Constitutions of the Grand Orient, and to vindicate the purity of Masonic principles; and we trust that some way may yet be discovered by which, both in Ireland and here, it will be found possible to receive, as heretofore, those French brethren who still stand by the old landmarks of the Order in their integrity. It may be, as too often happens, that the innocent will be made to suffer equally with the guilty; but we hope it will not be so.

One other event must be noticed in which the Grand Lodge has taken the principal part, and that was the dedication and re-opening, on the 5th of this month, of the Masonic Hall, Dublin. The ceremony was carried out under the immediate guidance of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master, in person. There was a large gathering of present and past Grand Officers, of Provincial Grand Officers, and of the Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Dublin Lodges. Everything was done impressively, and the Dep. G. Master thanked his Grace in a short but appropriate speech, taking at the same time the opportunity of congratulating Grand Lodge on the day's proceedings, and especially on the fact that the paintings and decorations of the Hall were the work of Irish artists.

Two other events of importance now claim our attention. The first was the annual meeting, in March, of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. The accounts, though dealing with small amounts only, were eminently satisfactory, and show that our Belfast brethren, with that generous warmth which is instinct in the Irish character, are not unmindful of that attribute of Masonry on which we pride ourselves, namely, Charity. The Reports in both cases were adopted unanimously; at the same time an earnest appeal was made to the members of the Lodges in the town to continue, and if possible, increase their support towards these Charities. The other gathering is also of annual occurrence, and was on a far grander scale. This was the Festival of the Dublin Female Orphan Asylum and Boys' School, and was held in the Exhibition Palace on the 18th May, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught G.S.W. of England presiding on the occasion, supported by Bro. Rob. W. Shekleton Dep. G.M., Judge Townsend, Gen. Griffith, and a large concourse of brethren and ladies. The Female Orphan Asylum numbers forty-five pupils, while in the Boys' School there are twenty-one. The accounts of the former, show a balance on the right side of the account, amounting to £1,569 2s, of which, speaking roundly, two-thirds have been invested in India four per cent. stock, while the receipts of the latter exceed those for the year 1876, by close upon £500. After the customary speeches, of which those made by the Duke of Connaught, Judge Townsend, and the Solicitor-General, were welcomed with frequent and hearty applause, and when several of the pupils had shown their proficiency in music, His Royal Highness distributed the prizes; the following being the most important, namely:—the Ffennell prize—that for 1876, which had not been awarded when the distribution took place, being received by Grace Harte, and for 1877, by Gertrude Gill. The Astley prizes—the first division, English, were adjudged to Frances Smith and Grace Harte, and in the second division, French, to Gertrude Gill and Frances Smith. Bro. Oldham's good conduct medals, which are adjudged by the pupils themselves, were bestowed on Elizabeth E. Christian (silver), and Florence Hendly (bronze). The bands of the 3rd Dragoon Guards and the 6th Inniskillings were present, and added greatly to the pleasure of the gathering; and when the business of the meeting was over, the brethren and ladies promenaded the building, and enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. This may be set down as the great event of the Masonic year in Dublin, and every care is taken to secure its success. Both last year and this, their efforts were attended with brilliant success, the presence of His Royal Highness on this occasion giving additional *éclat* to the brilliant assemblage.

The highest number on the roll of Grand Lodge, Scotland, is, according to our Grand Lodge Calendar, No. 609; but there are only 482 Lodges in full working order. Last year the highest number was No. 581, and there were 454 Lodges in a state of active work, so that Scotland can boast of an addition to its strength of twenty-eight Lodges during the year. We cannot speak with certainty, but as far as it is possible to judge from the places at which they have been established, thirteen of these are located in Scotland, and fifteen in our colonies and possessions abroad. It is worthy of mention, at all events, that of the home Lodges, two are at Glasgow, "The Prince's," No. 607, and the "Gaul," No. 609; one at Harthill, in Lanarkshire, the "St. James's," No 590; the "North British Railway Lodge," No. 597; the "Callander," No. 588, Falkirk, and one at Rosslyn, rejoicing in the singularly-appropriate and prettily-sounding title of "Rosslyn St. Clair," No. 606. Of those abroad, there is one at Surat, and one at Bombay—styled the "Islam," No. 587—two at the Cape of Good Hope, two in the Province of New Zealand, and one at Auckland, and two in New South Wales; one in Victoria, one at Trinidad, one in the island (we presume) of Grenada, and one styled the "Eureka," No. 605, at Christiansted, West Indies. Having now dealt with the mere numerical changes which have occurred, let us note the events by which the year now closing has been distinguished. Perhaps the most memorable is the appointment of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Masonic historian, to be Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Early in the year Bro. John Laurie, who had ably discharged the duties of that important office for some time, announced his intention of resigning, and the vacancy having been declared, several brethren offered themselves as candidates, the three whose claims to support were most favourably regarded being Bros. Lyon, Wylie, and Heath, the last-mentioned hailing from London. When the day of election came, Bro. Heath had only a small number of votes cast in his favour, albeit his testimonials were of a very high character, and the contest, which really lay between Bros. Lyon and Wylie, resulted in the victory of the former by 210 votes to 128 for Bro. Wylie. In making this selection, our Scottish brethren have done honour to the Craft, by showing that they are able to appreciate fully the eminent services which this most distinguished brother has rendered, in the first instance to Scottish Masonry, by his very elaborate historical works on Mother Kilwinning and St. Mary's Chapel, and in the next to Freemasonry in general, by his careful editing of Bro. Findel's history. We have no desire whatever to detract from the merits of Bro. Wylie, which are unquestionably high, but we confess that we should have regretted the issue had it been determined in his favour. The change has operated most beneficially. Bro. Lyon since his advent to office has laboured most strenuously for his Grand Lodge, and he has already succeeded in proving that his brethren by electing him have—to use a familiar phrase—put the right man in the right place.

As regards the retirement of Captain Henry Moreland from the Grand Mastership of all Freemasonry in India, it is a circumstance which none of us can contemplate without a strong sense of regret that one who has worked so long and so successfully should find himself under the necessity of yielding up his position; but if there is one thing which can possibly reconcile us to his retirement it is that so able a successor has been found as Bro. Balfour. In July, Lord Inverurie was installed Prov. G. Master of Kincardineshire, which is now separated from

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Forfarshire, and forms a distinct Province in itself, and the month following, Bro. John Clark Forrest was formally inducted into the Provincial Grand Mastership of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire. Bro. William Boyd, who has been appointed Provincial G. Master of Aberdeenshire, will be installed by Bro. Lord Inverurie, while Bro. Hislop, who has resigned the Prov. Grand Mastership of New Zealand, will be succeeded by Bro. Judge Drury. At the Communication held on the 5th November, the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed. Grand Master Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart will remain in office another year, in order that he may witness the completion of the alterations which have been inaugurated during his term of office. Among the new Grand Officers will be found Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Col. A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master, Bros. F. A. Barrow and Lord Inverurie Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Bro. David Kinnear Grand Cashier, and Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart and Sir Douglas Clark Bart., of Penicuik, Senior and Junior Grand Deacons. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart presided at the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Festival, the usual installation preceding the banquet. The gathering was both numerous and enthusiastic, and we have every reason to congratulate our Scottish brethren on the success of the day's proceedings. Of other public events associated with the Craft, we must mention that on the 20th May Lord Inverurie laid the foundation stone of the New Town Hall, Stonehaven, with Masonic ceremonial. There was a strong muster of the brethren belonging to the local Lodges, and the day was kept as one of great public rejoicing, his Lordship being heartily thanked for his services. On the 16th November the new Masonic Hall at Galashiels, the first stone of which was laid by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce—at the time Deputy Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirkshire—was, in the absence of that distinguished brother, solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry by Bro. Dr. Middleton, the Prov. G. Senior Warden, in the presence of a large number of Galashiel's brethren, and also of deputations from several other Lodges, among the most eminent of those present being Bro. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary. The ceremony was ably and impressively rendered, and the occasion will always be regarded as a red-letter day in the annals of Galashiels Freemasonry. On the 4th October, there was a large gathering of brethren in the Pillar Room of the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, the occasion being the consecration of the Prince's Lodge, No. 1607. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. M. Nelson, the Grand Master of the Province, in presence of over one hundred brethren, and subsequently Bro. Francis W. Clark was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Lord Provost Bain Deputy Master, and Bro. Will. J. Easton Substitute Master. This Lodge is located in the west-end of the great northern city, and by fixing the fees at a higher figure than usual, will be very select. On the 16th August, Comp. F. A. Barrow, Prov. G. Superintendent of Lanarkshire, consecrated the Hamilton R. A. Chapter, No. 172, Hamilton, and on the 31st May, Lord Inverurie, the successor of the late Major Hamilton Ramsay, as Grand Viceroy of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in Scotland, consecrated the Inverurie Conclave, No. 9, at Dundee. The losses which the Craft in Scotland has sustained are happily but few in number, and we shall only refer to the death of Bro. Geo. W. Wheeler, of Glasgow, whose sudden decease was one that affected us immediately, as we had been for a long time chiefly indebted to him for our budget of Scotch news. He was an able and conscientious assistant; and though our interviews with him were necessarily few and far between, they were always productive of much, and we feel we are justified in saying, of mutual pleasure. Another most worthy and respected Glasgow brother has gone to his last rest—Bro. Thomas Ramsay of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 *bis*. Bro. Ramsay's career had been a most exemplary one, both as a member and as Master of his Lodge, and to such an extent was his death regretted that a funeral Lodge was held *in memoriam*, the oration being delivered by Bro. Dobie. Bro. Ramsay, about three years since, went to Canada, and was only fifty-seven years of age at the time of his death, which occured at Montreal, on the 4th June.

It is now our duty to look to the colonies and dependencies of our empire, and the picture we shall unfold of Freemasonry as existent there will be in all respects satisfactory. As our readers are aware, Lodges holding under all three G. Lodges will be found distributed about our colonies and dependencies, and wherever they muster in sufficient strength there will be found English District, and Scotch or Irish Provincial, Grand Lodges. Thus there are no less than thirty-two District Grand Lodges under the G. Lodge of England, fourteen foreign Provincial Grand Lodges under the G. Lodge of Scotland, and five foreign Provincial Grand Lodges under the G. Lodge of Ireland; but where rival fraternal jurisdictions are established in the same colony, it does not follow by any means that they include the same area. Thus we have five District Grand Lodges in India, while under the Scottish Constitution there is one Grand Lodge for the whole of India, including Aden and some other outlying Lodges. In Australasia there are five English District Grand Lodges, and four Scotch and four Irish Provincial Grand Lodges; in New Zealand, five English District Grand Lodges, one Scotch, and one Irish. It will not be possible, therefore, nor indeed, is it, in our opinion necessary, to institute a comparison between these jurisdictions. Moreover, it would require far more time and space than we can possibly devote, to follow exactly the ramifications of English, Scotch, and Irish Masonry through our colonial possessions. As far as we can, we have endeavoured to trace the numbers, and as accurately as possible. We find there are in Districts Abroad 415 English, about 150 Scotch, and 70 Irish. And to proceed with our figures. In many districts under the Grand Lodge of England, no changes have taken place in the number of Lodges. Thus there are this year, as last, three Lodges in that of Gibraltar, nine in Egypt, of which three are located in Alexandria, and five at Cairo; eleven in Turkey, four of which are in Constantinople, and six in Smyrna; four in China and four in Northern China, which has now been erected into a District, with Bro. Cornelius Thorne as the first District Grand Master; four in Japan, seven in Jamaica, two in the Bahamas, four in Trinidad, four in Montreal, and three in the Argentine Republic, South America. In the District of Malta there are now four Lodges instead of three, the additional one being located at Tunis in North Africa. In the East Indies there are, as we have said, five, or if we add that of the Eastern Archipelago, six Districts, and four Lodges in Ceylon and the Mauritius which are not under a District Lodge. Thus in India there are altogether ninety-six as against ninety-two Lodges last year; namely, thirty-two in the district of Bengal, including one new one at Allahabad; seventeen in Bombay, and as one Lodge has disappeared from the roll, and two been added to it, there is a net increase of one Lodge; eight in British Burmah, fourteen in the Madras District; eighteen in the Punjaub, of which one is a new creation; three in the Eastern Archipelago, and one in Ceylon, and three in the Island of Mauritius, one of these latter being newly-warranted. Under the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in all India, there are over thirty Lodges; and there are four Irish in Ceylon, so that in this portion of our Empire there are in the three jurisdictions over 130 Lodges. Of our English Lodges there are twelve in Calcutta, eight in Bombay, three in Rangoon, four in Madras, and two in Lahore. We have already referred to the retirement of Bro. Captain Moreland from the headship of Scottish Freemasonry. The changes in the government of the English are two, Bro. J. Blessington Roberts having been succeeded by the Hon. John Pitt Kennedy as District Grand Master of Bengal, and Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Duncan having resigned, and been succeeded by Bro. Henry Krauss as District Grand Master of British Burmah. Lieut.-Colonel Duncan, on his resignation of office, very handsomely presented his clothing and regalia to the District Grand Lodge. In South Africa, there are thirty-nine English Lodges, thus distributed; twenty in the Eastern Division, with Bro. Charles J. Eden, M.D., as District Grand Master; five in the Western Division, including three in Cape Town, three in Griqualand, and eleven which are not under a District Grand Lodge. In 1876, there were thirty-six Lodges, so that there is an increase of three, of which two are located at Pietermaritzburg, and one at Richmond, both places being situate in Natal. There are likewise a few Scotch Lodges, but no Irish. There has been no increase in the number of English Lodges in the West Indies and Central America, there being, as in 1876, twenty-four, of which seven are in the island of Jamaica, two in the Bahamas, four in Trinidad, and eleven under no District G. Lodge. Two of the last are in Antigua, two in Barbadoes, and three in Bermuda. There are likewise five Scotch Provincial Grand Lodges, with some seventeen or eighteen

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Lodges among them, and one Irish Lodge in Bermuda, one in Jamaica, and one in Trinidad. One of the most interesting events in connection with the Craft in these parts was the consecration of a new Masonic Hall by the St. John's Lodge, No. 492, Antigua, English Constitution. This event occurred in February, and was the cause of deep satisfaction to all connected with the Lodge. During the year the District Grand Master of Jamaica, Dr. Robert Hamilton, paid a visit to England, and experienced a most gratifying reception. Dr. Hamilton is Grand Chaplain to the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, 33°, and prior to his return to Jamaica the members of that body entertained him at dinner, in order to show their appreciation of his eminent services to Freemasonry generally. In North America, it will be readily understood that there are but few Lodges under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions. Masonry has firmly established itself in this part of the world, but the Grand Lodges of Canada, &c., &c., are sovereign and independent bodies. Thus we find only four English Lodges in Montreal, and these are governed by a District Grand Lodge. There are five in the Island of Newfoundland, under a District Grand Master, being an increase of one over last year; two in Cape Breton, and one in Nova Scotia. Last year there was a District Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, with seven Lodges on the roll of England, but these have been dropped, as there is an independent Grand Lodge for this portion of British N. America. There are also a few Scotch Lodges, and one Irish. In South America there are ten English Lodges, and about a dozen Scotch Lodges, the majority of which are in Peru, under a Prov. Grand Master; and two Irish, which are also located in the same Republic. But it is at the Antipodes we find the greatest progress has been made. In Australasia there are 135 English Lodges, while in the G. L. Calendar for 1876 will be found only 125. These are distributed among six districts, but that of West Australia is as yet without a District Grand Lodge. The Lodges in New South Wales have increased by five, from twenty-eight to thirty-three. There were sixteen Lodges in Queensland last year; there are now seventeen. The number in South Australia remains the same, namely, fourteen. There is an increase of three in Victoria, from sixty-three to sixty-six Lodges; in West Australia there are five instead of four Lodges; while in Tasmania the number is still seven. There are, besides, over thirty Lodges under the Scotch Constitution contained in the four Provinces of Australia Felix or Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, and Queensland; and not far short of fifty Irish Lodges, also apportioned under four separate Provincial Grand Lodges, namely, those of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia. Thus, in Australia, there are upwards of two hundred Lodges, subordinate to one or other of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, or Scotland. Of the English Lodges, there are ten in Sydney, the capital of New South Wales; three in Brisbane, capital of Queensland; four in Adelaide, capital of South Australia; nine in Melbourne, capital of Victoria; three in Perth, capital of West Australia; and two in Hobart Town, the capital of Tasmania. In New Zealand there are now six District Grand Lodges as against five last year, and two districts which have not District Grand Lodges as against one. Three of the District Grand Lodges are in the South Island, namely, those of Canterbury, Otago and Southland, and Westland, with three other Lodges—one each at Blenheim, Nelson, and Wakefield. In the North Island there are two District Grand Lodges, Auckland having been erected into a separate District, with Bro. George Samuel Graham as the first District Grand Master; and there are, further, two new Lodges, which are not included in either of these Districts. In all there are forty-six Lodges in these Districts, namely, nine in that of Canterbury, being an increase of two since last year; nine in Otago and Southland, six in Westland, or two more than there were in 1876, and three apart. In the North Island there was last year only one District Grand Lodge, with thirteen Lodges. Now the District Grand Lodge of North Island includes nine Lodges, of which three are at Wellington, and that of Auckland, eight Lodges, four of which are in the City of Auckland. This, with the two new Lodges, one at Newmarket and one at Warkworth, gives an increase over 1876 of six in this island, while that in the South Island is four, making a total increase of ten Lodges—from thirty-six to forty-six—for the whole of New Zealand. There are, in addition, some two dozen Scotch Lodges, under a Provincial Grand Master, and eleven Irish Lodges similarly governed, so that New Zealand can boast of over eighty Lodges hailing from one or other of our home Grand Lodges. Among the events which have happened during the period, we must not omit to mention the consecration, in May, of a Masonic Hall at Onehunga. This event had been looked forward to for some time, especially by the Lodge Manu-Kau, No. 586, on the roll of Grand Lodge Scotland; for it was under its auspices the consecration took place, and it was by the R.W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. M. Nichol that the ceremony was conducted. Among those present were the Provincial Grand Master under the Irish Constitutions, and the Acting District Grand Master, English Constitutions. The consecration was well done, and was followed by a banquet; and this, in its turn was followed by a concert, the whole proceedings of the day being brought to a close with a ball, which was kept up with vigour till early the next morning. Nor must we allow this sketch to be completed without referring, be it never so briefly, to the sad death of Bro. Sir Donald McLean, K.C.M.G., District Grand Master of North Island. The funeral took place on the 8th January, and was conducted with Masonic ceremonial. The deceased had not long held the District Grand Mastership, but he had presided long enough to have become very popular, not only with the English Craftsmen over whom he ruled, but among the brethren of the other Constitutions; and in proportion as he was esteemed and respected, so was his untimely death regretted. Sir Donald McLean had been the architect of his own fortune, and we are pleased to have found this opportunity of paying our humble tribute of respect to the memory of so worthy a member of our Fraternity. We have now completed our survey of Freemasonry in our colonies, and have proved the statement we made at the outset, to the effect that we have every reason to be contented with the progress made during the year. We now pass on to note, so far as we can do so, the most remarkable occurrences in other Masonic jurisdictions. The first we shall take will be France, our nearest, and we fear we have no option but to say, our errant neighbour.

There is no question that the event which will render the year 1877 ever memorable in the annals of French Freemasonry, we may almost say of the Craft Universal, is the important alteration in the first article of its Constitution to which the annual Assembly of the Grand Orient assented in September. This time last year we expressed a hope that the French Lodges would not sanction so important a change, but this hope has, unfortunately, not been realised, and it has been our painful duty, as an organ of Masonic opinion in this country, to express, not only our regret that the change should have been made, but also our strong condemnation of it. We have endeavoured, to the best of our humble ability, to point out how violently opposed to the radical principles of the Craft is the alteration now accepted by the Grand Orient. We have gone further, and endeavoured to show that, from an interested point of view, the change now inaugurated is most impolitic. The enemies of Freemasonry in France are numerous, but hitherto their denunciations of the Craft as being a Godless Society, have been untrue, and therefore, all their attempts to ignore it have been futile. Now that so much of the first Article as enunciated a belief in the existence of God as the fundamental principle of Freemasonry has been abrogated, the charge is unfortunately true, and we fail to see how it is possible for the Society to escape loss of credit in public estimation. As we have said more than once of late, by the adoption of this change the Grand Orient has been playing into the hands of its enemies. Monseigneur Dupanloup could not have found a more terrible weapon wherewith to attack the Grand Orient than that which it has gone out of the way to furnish him with. But the matter is of such recent occurrence, and we have dealt with it in so many recent articles, that we need do no more than briefly recapitulate the circumstances. Last year the question of striking out of the Constitutions the first and most important article of Masonic faith was remitted to the different Lodges for them to report upon. The Lodges reported accordingly, and the result is that, from and after the 13th September, the French Masonic creed has solemnly and deliberately excluded from its declaration of principles that of belief in God and the immortality of the soul. Thus the atheist and the theist are alike eligible to be admitted into the French Lodges, and the whole original character of Freemasonry, so far as France is concerned, is utterly and entirely destroyed. Already has the Grand Lodge

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of Ireland, which was in correspondence with the Grand Orient, issued an edict forbidding further intercourse between the members of the two bodies, and our Grand Lodge, which had no official relations with it, has appointed a committee whose duty it will be to inquire into all the circumstances and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication. None more deeply regret the action of the Grand Orient than we do, and none will more heartily rejoice if there should be found, even at the last moment, some way of rectifying this terrible mistake. However, we need say nothing further, and most gladly do we turn to the other occurrences which have marked the history of the Craft in France. Among these, at all events, we shall find but slight reason for regret.

The latest returns we have received of the strength and distribution of the Craft in France are given in *Le Monde Maçonnique* for July, the information being extracted from the Calendar of the Grand Orient. From these it appears there are 258 Lodges, 33 Chapters, 14 Councils, 1 Consistory, and 1 Grand College of Rites, making a total of 307 bodies subordinate to the Grand Orient. They are thus distributed :—in Paris 46 Lodges, 5 Chapters, 2 Councils, and the Grand College of Rites; in the Department of the Seine, 8 Lodges; in the other Departments, 164 Lodges, 16 Chapters, and 7 Councils; in Algeria, 10 Lodges, 2 Chapters, and 1 Council; in the French Colonies, 8 Lodges, 3 Chapters, and 1 Council; in foreign parts, 22 Lodges, 7 Chapters, 3 Councils, and 1 Consistory. In the way of new or revived Lodges we find that Lodge *L'Ecole Mutuelle*, which had been dormant since the war, was solemnly revived on the 30th May. Ten days previous a new Lodge in the Orient of Mantes was installed by Bro. Caubet, one of the Secretaries of the Council of the Grand Orient, assisted by Bros. Wyrouboff and Blanchon, members of the same. Another new one at Neuilly-Plaisance was installed by Bro. Dalsace, member of the Council, and applications for warrants for Lodges at Cannes, Cette, Belfort, &c., have been favourably entertained by the Council. On the other hand, no less than twenty-three Lodges have been closed, by order of the civil authorities, and among these are the five Lodges at Toulouse, two at Chambery, two at Vienne (Isère), one in Paris, and others at St. Malo, Perigueux, &c., &c. One Lodge was provisionally suspended for violating the laws relating to Masonic displays in public, and several brethren, including certain Venerables (W. Masters) were similarly punished for irregularities in initiating M. Jules Faure, formerly member of the Government of the National Defence. As to the work done by, and the position of, the G. Orient, there is nothing which is not eminently satisfactory, excepting, of course, the passing of that resolution we have already condemned. In the cause of education and beneficence, however, the G. Orient renders excellent service. Last year a course of instruction in the English language was opened, under the auspices of the Council, which was impelled to this step by the success of its German class established in 1875. And, as nothing succeeds like success, the commencement of the year 1877 was signalised by the establishment of two additional courses, one in the language and literature, and the other in the history, of France. On the 4th August, the prizes to the successful pupils in the several classes were distributed by Bro. de Saint Jean, President of the Council, in the presence of some two thousand persons. Bro. de Saint Jean was assisted in his very agreeable duty by Bros. Cambas, Caubet, and André Rousselle, members of the Council; Koch, Director of the Courses; and Albert Leroy, Professor of French; Thevenot, head of the Secretariat of the G. Orient; Poulain, President of the Masonic Orphanage; Aug. Marais, Secretary General of the Society for Elementary Instruction; and several Venerables, &c., &c. Three speeches were delivered—by Bros. de St. Jean, Leroy, and Koch, after which the prizes were awarded, as follow :—French language, Mdlles. Moyeux and Mezin, M. Hourdry; German language (third year), Messieurs Labouré, Deguilhem, and Kaltenbach; second year, Mdmes. Gaudillière, Studler, and Rougier, Messieurs Dupuis and Baumann; first year, Mdlle. Petitfils and Gille, MM. Lépine and Mougel; English Language, second year, Mdlles Huten and Desartre, MM. Gaillard and Nickels; first year, Mdlles Chatelain and Dromery, MM. Brot and Dedieu; French History—Mdlles. Mezin and Dizambourg, MM. Ernest Ducas and Dreyfus; Geography, Mdlles Dizambourg, Ginier, Tafforeau and Messier, MM. Geerts and Lecordier: Stenography, Upper Class, Mdlle Flock, and MM. Lanisol and Olivier; Elementary ditto, Mdlle Guillemin. This work reflects the greatest credit on our French brethren; for the education in these several classes, it must be remembered, is given gratuiously, and as far as the accommodation will permit, any person may avail himself of these opportunities for self-improvement. Nor, as we have said, is French Freemasonry unmindful of its obligations in respect of Charity. On the 10th February, the Council decided that subscriptions should be opened towards the relief of the Lyons workmen. The Grand Orient itself headed the list, with a subscription of 1,000 frs., and in the course of some six or seven weeks, the amount contributed had reached upwards of 8,000 frs. Early in April the Toulouse Lodges gave a concert in aid of the same sufferers, and the amount realised exceeded 2,000 frs. The Lodge *La Parfaite Amitié*, at Albi was alone the means of raising, by means of a lottery, towards this fund the handsome sum of 3,000 frs. On the 27th October it was decided to open a subscription for the sufferers by the Russo-Turkish war, while the instances of similar deeds by individual Lodges are frequent throughout the year. Then there is a Masonic General Orphanage, in support of whose funds a grand dramatic and musical fête was given last month. The receipts of this Institution amounted during the past year to 21,365.25 frs., and the expenditure to 17,561.30 frs., leaving a balance in hand of close on 3,704 frs. Seven additional children were taken in, of whom four hailed from the Provinces, thus raising the number of children, who have been adopted by the Orphanage to eighty-three. But our readers will be able to form a better idea of the exploits of French Masonry in this field of labour, if we enumerate some of the more recent subscriptions raised among the French Lodges, as recorded in *le Monde Maçonnique*. At the outbreak of the late war, the Grand Orient formed an ambulance of fifty beds, complete in all its appointments. At the close of the war, a subscription was raised towards the liberation of the occupied territory, amounting to 91.003 frs. Another of 40.446 frs. was raised for the sufferers of the war. In aid of the sufferers by the inundations in the South of France the amount subscribed was 64,212 frs. 12,721 frs. were contributed for the Lyons workmen, and 10,157 francs for the sufferers by the inundations in Alsace and Switzerland. Many smaller sums were raised or voted by the Grand Orient towards other funds, while the *Maison de Secours*—our Lodge of Benevolence—attached to the Grand Orient, has an annual revenue of from 12,000 francs to 13,000 francs, the distribution of which is entrusted to a special Board, presided over by Bro. Cammas, a member of the Council. We may state further, in the way of news, that on the 21st April the monument erected at the grave of the late Bro. Massol in Père Lachaise, was formally inaugurated in the presence of a numerous gathering. Bro. Tajan-Rogé delivered an oration suitable to the occasion, which was received most respectfully by the audience. Among the losses which the Craft has sustained by death must be mentioned that of Bro. Armand, Vice-President of the Council, and Viel-Picard of Besançon, whose munificence may be said to have known no limits, seeing that at different times the gifts he had presented to his native town towards the relief of the indigent, and for useful public works, exceeded 600,000 francs. In the course of the year, too, the Grand Orient was complimented by the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, Bro. Z. Mazel, the French representative at the latter, being instructed to present, on its behalf, to the Grand Orient a medal commemorative of the celebration, in 1876, of the sixtieth anniversary of Prince Frederick's tenure of the Grand Mastership of the Netherlands, together with a volume containing a full account of the auspicious event. If we add that Bro. Caubet, till lately one of the Secretaries of the Council of the Grand Orient, has been elected a Vice-President in succession to Bro. Armand, and that Bro. de Hérédia has been chosen to fill the Secretaryship thus rendered vacant by the promotion of Bro. Caubet, we think we shall have said all we have to say that is likely to interest our readers in respect of French Freemasonry. In taking leave of them now, we wish them all prosperity; and, as a first step towards the attainment of still greater fortune, we cannot forbear expressing the hope that, in order to maintain the integrity of Freemasonry, the Grand Orient may find, even at this late hour, some way of restoring its deleted article of faith, and so avoiding that state of isolation from almost the whole of the Masonic world, which it seems to us inevitably awaits it, if it resolves on pursuing the course

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sanctioned at the last annual assembly in September. It is some consolation to know that the recent change is not irrevocably fixed, and that what was done a few months since may be undone a few months hence.

The next important body which claims our attention is that of the Grand Orient of Italy. The legislative assembly of this flourishing body met at Rome, on the 9th June, and there were present delegates from one hundred and twenty-four Lodges. Among the brethren were Bros. P. Messineo, Grand Secretary of one of the two fractions of the Supreme Council, and G. La Loggia, head of the other fraction. Hitherto all attempts at the union of Palermitan with the rest of Italian Freemasonry appear to have failed signally, but now the adhesion of the former appears to have been almost settled, while the presence of Bro. La Loggia excited a hope that the other might follow suit. The assembly was opened by Grand Master Mazzoni, in an able speech. The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were approved, after which a motion was carried, by a majority of forty to thirty-one—four abstaining from voting—forbidding Lodges from publishing in the journals the names of their dignitaries and officers, or any writing signed by them, and the address of Lodges. Lodges were further recommended to observe the greatest precautions in order to keep concealed from the profane world the interior working of Freemasonry. Before the Assembly broke up Bro. Mazzoni was re-elected Grand Master and Bro. L. Castellazzo Grand Secretary; and Bros. G. Tamajo, F. Serra Caracciolo, P. Messineo and P. Aporti were appointed Assistant G. Masters. The members of the Council of the Order were also nominated. The two days preceding the meeting of the Assembly, delegates from twenty-two Lodges met together, for the purpose of discussing the new ritual prepared by a special Commission, and after an exhaustive discussion the ritual which was recommended was adopted. Those present also decided that the direction of the Symbolic Rite should be in the hands of those among them who were members of the Council of the Order, but that they should in no wise be in a position to encroach on the authority of the G. Orient and its Grand Master. This Directory is composed of Bro. P. Aporti President, Bro. F. Dobelli Vice-President, Bros. Drs. V. Montenovesi and G. Pini Secretaries, and Bros. F. Muller, Curzio Antonelli, G. Conrad, and G. Mussi. The Lodge *Avvenire* of Spezzia having refused to recognise the authority of the G. Orient has been closed, but against this must be set off the establishment of the Lodge *La Propaganda Masonica* at Rome, *Taddeo da Sessa*, O. of Sessa Aurunca, and the Lodges *Annita*, *Fratellanza*, and *Fratelli Bandiera* in the Orient of Livorno (Leghorn). Among other matters worth mentioning is the resolution of the Milan Lodges to establish lay educational Institutes to counteract the influence of the clerical. The Lodge *Esule* of Palermo has decided to hold special meetings for the discussion of scientific, social, and economical questions, while as showing what is done in the way of beneficence by our Italian brethren, we may mention that during the fourteen years it has existed the Lodge *Ferruccio* of Pistoia has not only taken the initiative in establishing the National Society for aiding the Volunteers who have fought for their country, but have also established an Infant Asylum and a Working Man's Society, while certain of its members have distinguished themselves by similar acts. Italy, however, has to deplore the loss of one highly distinguished Craftsman, Bro. G. Rasponi, a member of the Council of the Order. He was a Deputy in the Italian Parliament, and died, after a protracted illness, at Ravenna. The Lodges went into mourning in order to pay respect to the memory of one who was both a distinguished patriot and a zealous Mason.

We now betake ourselves to the Western hemisphere, in the northern continent of which the condition and prospects of the Fraternity are among the brightest. And first, as to the statistics of the Craft, though, as in our own case, we must not attach too great importance to mere numbers. There are in North America fifty-three—or, if we include the New Mexico, which has hardly yet had time to shape itself into form, fifty-four Grand Lodges. Seven of these are in British territory, namely, those of Canada, Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, and Manitoba. The first-mentioned has about 350 Lodges in its jurisdiction, with a membership which, according to Bro. Josiah Drummond amounts to not far short of some 17,000 brethren. This G. Lodge cannot boast of a very lengthened existence, but it has fared prosperously, and has every reason to be proud of its position. Latterly an attempt has been made by some discontented brethren to establish a separate and independent Grand Lodge. We do not know what has become of this petty aspirant for Masonic independence. It may, or it may not be in existence; it may, or it may not have increased in mere numbers; but it certainly has failed to obtain, so far as we know, the recognition of any respectable Masonic body, and if we were to express our opinion, founded on a well known accident which befel the newspaper supposed to be the advocate of its rights or wrongs, we should say that the Grand Lodge, if it has not done so already, will very speedily experience the same fate as its Grand Organ. However, this, of course, is mere conjecture, and it is our business to record facts. The Grand Lodge of Canada, in short, under the able rule of its Grand Master, Bro. Kerr, has in no wise suffered by the defection of a few malcontent members. Of the other six Grand Lodges we have little to record, except in the case of that of New Brunswick, which in common with the rest of the worthy people of St. John has suffered heavy losses by the terrible conflagration in June. The books and the regalia were fortunately under the personal guardianship of the G. Secretary, and have therefore escaped, but the G. L. Library, the Hall, the property of many of the Lodges, and much valuable property which no amount of wealth can fully replace, have shared in the general destruction. The New Brunswickers, however, though they have felt the blow severely, have borne it manfully and with Masonic resignation. More than this, they have set themselves to the task of making good, as far as possible, the losses they have sustained, and so zealously and successfully have they worked, that it is hoped after the lapse of about a year nearly all traces of the disaster will have been removed. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has had the sympathy of the whole Craft, and especially of the brethren in North America and the United Kingdom. We will remark further that Nova Scotia has a membership of over 3,400, Quebec of over 2,700, New Brunswick of over 2,250, Prince Edward Island of 557, British Columbia of 300, and Manitoba of nearly the same number. In the United States there are forty-seven—or omitting New Mexico, of which we are unable to give any particulars—forty-six Grand Lodges. Ranged under the banner of these Grand Lodges are, in round figures, 575,000 Craftsmen. The returns from which we have quoted our figures have been compiled by Bro. Josiah Drummond, and as they appear to be accepted by the American Masonic journals, we cannot do better than follow their excellent example and accept them likewise. Thus, according to Bro. Drummond, New York has nearly 82,000 Masons. Then follows, but *longo intervallo*, Illinois with over 40,000, Pennsylvania with over 38,000, Ohio with some hundreds in excess of 30,000, Indiana with close on 29,000, and Michigan and Massachusetts, pretty close together, over 26,000; and so we go on, at first by a gradually, but towards the end, by a rapidly descending scale, to little Wyoming, with a membership of 255. No returns are given for Dakota. A few more figures, and we shall have done with this portion of our record. No less than 30,715 were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Of those admitted and restored, there were 17,969, withdrawn 18,920, expelled 1,039, suspended 1,064, suspended for non-payment of dues 17,621, died 7,100, and rejected 6,142. These figures, it must be borne in mind, are made out necessarily for the year 1876, and in case of admissions, expulsions, &c., &c., include the figures for the Grand Lodges in British North America as well. Nevertheless, though it will be some months before we are in a position to record how it has fared numerically with the Craft in North America, Bro. Drummond's labours enable us to form a very good judgment as to its position during the year still current.

We will now recapitulate as briefly as we can the leading events of the year. Undoubtedly, from an historical point of view, the celebration by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of the hundredth anniversary of its existence as an independent Grand Lodge is the most important, and claims, therefore, our first attention. This auspicious event took place on the 8th March, on which day a special Communication of Grand Lodge was held, under the presidency of Grand Master Bro. P. Lowell Everett, who was numerously supported by his officers, as well as by some two hundred brethren belonging to Lodges in the Commonwealth. There were also present M.W.G.M. John J. Bell, New Hampshire, M.W.G.M. Henry H. Smith, Vermont,

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M.W.G.M. Van Slyck, Rhode Island, M.W.G.M. Edward B. Rowe, Connecticut; Past Grand Masters Bros. Josiah H. Drummond (Maine), N. P. Bowman (Vermont), Thos. A. Doyle (Rhode Island), and Bro. Henry Clark G. Secretary, Vermont. An address, setting forth the occasion of the gathering, was delivered by the Grand Master, and an oration by Past Dep. G.M. Charles L. Woodbury. Both these were attentively listened to, and the latter must be looked upon as a really valuable contribution to the history of the Craft. The Grand Lodge was then called off to the banquet, at which about 250 brethren sat down. Grand Lodge was resumed at 9 p.m., and closed in the usual form. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson P.G. Master acted as toast master, and the toasts, one and all, were received with enthusiasm. So ended this most eventful day, to the gratification of the whole Craft. We offer Massachusetts our warmest congratulations on their having entered on the second century of their existence.

To Massachusetts, too, must this year be awarded the palm in the way of Masonic public manifestations. On the 17th September, was solemnly dedicated the monument raised on Boston Common to the Army and Navy. At the invitation of the City Council, the Grand Lodge attended for the purpose of fulfilling this imposing duty. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Percival Lowell Everett, attended by his Grand Officers, presided, and no less than 25,429 brethren took part in the procession. The Grand Master was escorted by a select body guard composed of about 200 Sir Knights of the Boston Commandery, the total number of Sir Knights forming the body guard which acted as escort to the Grand Lodge and Master being 1293, while their musicians brought the figure up to 1599. The Templars were under the personal direction of the R.E. Rev. Henry Rugg Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The procession was six miles long. The head of the column moved off from its place of assembly at twenty minutes past eleven, and the Grand Master reached the monument at twenty minutes past five. The ceremony was then performed, after which the Grand Master delivered a long and able address, in which he lauded the patriotism of those to commemorate whose services the monument was erected. Grand Lodge then returned to the Masonic Temple, and was closed in ample form at half-past six. Another celebration of a similar character was held in Providence, Rhode Island, on the occasion of the dedication of the monument to the pious memory of Roger Williams, founder of the State and city. The brethren were ranged in two divisions — the first composed of Knights Templar, the second of Craft Masons, the Grand Master and his officers, in carriages and escorted by forty mounted knights of Calvary Commandery, bringing up the rear. The procession, including police escort and band, numbered about 700 persons. At the site of the monument there was a vast gathering of people, and among them sixteen hundred children of the public schools. The ceremonial was ably and impressively conducted by Grand Master Cutler, assisted by his officers. The customary speeches were delivered, the prayer of dedication was offered up by President Robinson of Brown University, and Professor Dinan made an eloqnent oration appropriate to the day. The Grand Master, with many of the brethren and ladies and their friends, dined *al fresco*,—the tent in which it had been served having been blown down—after which the Grand Lodge was escorted to the Temple, and a most successful display was brought to a conclusion.

The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U.S. held its twenty-third triennial Convocation on the 21st-24th August at Buffalo, N.Y., the R.A. Masons of that city fulfilling the duties of hosts right royally. The Hon. Geo. W. Clinton delivered the address of welcome, and the M.E. General G.H.P. Hon. E. H. English responded most heartily. The General Grand Chapter was then opened by M.E. Comp. English, and a great variety of business transacted. Previously, however, Comp. English delivered an address, in which he reviewed the principal circumstances which had happened, and the decisions he had made during his G.G.H.P.-ship. It is not necessary, however, we should do more than state that a grand banquet was held on the evening of the 22nd, and that on the 23rd an excursion was made to Niagara Falls. The G.G. Officers for the current term include M.E. Comp. John Frizzell G.G.H.P., Robert F. Bower Deputy G.H.P., Alfred A. Chapman G.G.K., and Noble D. Larner G.G.S. A few days later—28th-30th August—the twentieth triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States was held at Cleveland, Ohio. The day previous was devoted to the reception of the Sir Knights, and the city was not only thronged, but, what with the uniforms of the Templars, the gay dresses of the ladies, and the decorations of the several halls and principal streets, presented a very animated appearance. The first day of the meeting was chiefly occupied with the procession of the different Commanderies, and their review by the Grand Commander. The Conclave was opened, and Sir Knight Hopkins delivered his address, in which he reviewed the most noteworthy events which had occurred during his term of office. On the 29th there was held the competitive drill for a series of prizes, the first being a magnificent silk banner, which was awarded to the Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit; the second a set of twelve solid silver goblets in handsome case, which fell to Raper, No. 1, of Indianapolis; and the third a set of Commandery jewels, which was secured by only the narrowest of majorities over Damascus Commandery, No. 1, of St. Paul by Munroe Commandery, No. 12, of Rochester. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the transaction of business, and the election of Grand Officers. M.E. Sir Knight V. L. Hurlbutt being Grand Master for the next terminal period, and R.E. Sir Knight Walter A. Bragg Deputy Grand Master. Before the Conclave was closed, Chicago, Ill., and the third Tuesday in August were designated for holding the next Triennial Gathering. On the 20th June the third annual Convention of the Sovereign Grand Council of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United States was held in Rochester, New York. Ill. Sir C. L. Stowell Sov. Grand Master presided, and when he had delivered his opening address, the subject of the proposed treaty between the Grand Imperial Council of England and Grand Council of the United States was discussed; and ultimately the treaty, which was signed by Sir Knight Alfred Creigh, LL.D., Past Grand Viceroy for England, Wales and Canada, and Sir C. L. Stowell Sov. G. Master of the Supreme Grand Council of the United States, was adopted. Ill. Sir M. J. B. Mcleod Moore, of Canada, having been elected an honorary member with the rank of Past Grand Sovereign, and other business having been transacted, the Grand officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, Ill. Sir C. F. Knapp being chosen Sov. Grand Master, J. J. French Deputy Grand Master, and R. B. Smith Grand Viceroy. The Convention was then closed, to meet again in Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in June 1878. Another interesting event was the installation in public, in the Asylum of the Masonic Temple at New York, of the officers of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, of that city. R. E. Sir Knight Charles Roome Past Grand Commander and a delegation of the officers of the Grand Commandery of the State having been introduced by Sir Knight E. M. E. Ehlers, Captain General and Generalissimo elect, Sir Knight Roome installed the officers in a most impressiver manner. An elegant ring was presented to the retiring Commander Dr. Fleming and E. Sir Rev. J. E. Forrester, of Damascus Commandery, No. 5, having delivered an address on Templar Masonry, the Commandery was closed. A large number of ladies was present, and the hall was beautifully decorated with choice flowers, which were afterwards distributed among the fair visitors.

As regards dedications and the other ceremonies of the year, we could fill a volume were we to record all which have taken place. However, we will mention the dedication of a new and spacious Hall at Keokuk, Iowa, by Grand Master Henry W. Roberts, on the 22nd February. The Hall covers an area of 51 feet by 110 feet, and was erected at a cost of 11,000 dols. But what is far more noteworthy than the erection or dedication of new Halls—for these are of frequent occurrence—is the strange fatality which seems to have attended these buildings, or buildings connected with the works of Freemasonry during the past twelve months. We have already spoken of the destruction of the Masonic Hall, St. John, New Brunswick, with all its records and MSS. Among others on 20th February, that at North Attleboro, Massachusetts, worth 20,000 dollars, was destroyed by fire. On the 27th September, the offices of our esteemed contemporary, the *Freemasons' Repository*, were burnt to the ground, and all the plant, back copies, &c., &c., which were insured for a small amount only, were lost. But great as has been the loss of property, the losses by death are irreparable; and among the distinguished brethren who have gone to their last rest must be mentioned the name of Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, G. Secretary

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of the different Masonic bodies in Missouri; and what has made the loss to be still more sensibly felt by Craftsmen, was the sad nature of his death. Bro. Gouley, than whom there was no brother more respected, and fewer still more devoted to the interests of Freemasonry, was yet in the prime of life. He had been absent some time from home, for the purpose of recruiting his health, and was returning again with his wife, when staying at the Grand Hotel, St. Louis, *en route*, a fire broke out, and rapidly extended to all parts of the building. Mrs. Gouley escaped, and made her way out, under the impression that her husband was following her; but he found his road checked by the smoke, and though the exact cause of death has not been determined, yet he is believed to have first been rendered insensible by the smoke, and then in that state he fell from the window, at which he had been seen standing, upon the pavement below, and was killed instantaneously. This sad event happened on the 10th April, and caused the utmost grief among his numerous circle of friends and the Craft in Missouri, as well as generally throughout the United States. Brother Gouley was a frequent and able contributor to Masonic periodicals, and it will be difficult for the Society in Missouri to find one equal to him in zeal, ability, and devotion to the Craft. Peace to his ashes! We have now recorded all that, or as much as we could find space for of what, will be most likely to interest our readers in connection with American Freemasonry. If we add that in the Southern Continent of America the Craft has certainly made great progress in the Argentine Republic and Peru, and especially in the vast Empire of Brazil, we think we shall have said almost enough. Brazilian Freemasonry has made wonderful strides during the last few years, and especially in the course of this. Not only are there more Lodges and an organ of the Grand Orient, but the Lodges work energetically, and members exhibit an enthusiasm for their work, which is truly admirable. It is time, however, we brought this lengthy survey to a close, and the short remainder of our article will be devoted to a literary review of the year, and just a few words respecting our own labours, in which, we doubt not, we shall have the special sympathy of our readers.

We do not think there is much to be said as regards this portion of our subject, or that we can possibly venture to say that Masonic literature has made any great advance as compared with the last and the preceding years. Whether this is due to the indifferent quality of the pabulum offered, or to a want of taste on the part of Freemasons is a question we shall leave to our readers. We do know this much, however, that as regards periodical literature at all events, if there has been no marked improvement, there certainly has been no perceptible deterioration; and if we may take our own case in illustration, we feel we may say that a greater interest is felt in our labours and the questions we raise, or the views we enunciate, are more freely and fully discussed than they were formerly. We may be wrong, but we fancy we can detect signs in many quarters that readers of Masonic journals are more numerous, and are more alive to the fact that so vast and influential a body of men must have its organs of opinion. In the United Kingdom there has been no change worth dwelling upon. France can boast of *La Chaine d'Union* and that admirably conducted periodical *le Monde Maçonnique*, the numbers of which are filled with a mass of valuable information, well arranged, and concisely, as well as ably, written; in addition to which, will be found essays on various Masonic subjects, historical notes, and reviews of Masonic and other works, all which, together, make up a highly interesting journal, such as the editor and his staff have just reason to be proud of. Our readers are aware that there are likely to be many points of difference between ourselves and our French contemporary, and especially on crucial questions; but this in nowise diminishes the hearty respect we feel for its unquestionable ability and honesty of purpose. Italy and Germany, and Holland likewise have their organs of Masonic opinion, and these, too, so far as our fluctuating experience extends, do their duty well, by striving earnestly to uphold and promote, as far as lies in their power, the interests of the Craft. America has many Masonic journals and magazines, all anxiously serving the good cause, many of long standing, and, as far as our experience goes, many likewise which exhibit unusual ability, and are in proportion worthy of that support which we hope and trust is willingly accorded to them. To mention a few of those we are best acquainted with: Where shall we find better or more ably conducted journals—or magazines, as the case may be—than the *Keystone* of Philadelphia, champion of the claims of the City of Brotherly Love to be the Mother City of American Freemasonry; the *Voice of Masonry*, published at Chicago and New York, with its agreeably written tales and excellent budget of Craft news; the *Freemasons' Repository*, of Providence, R.I., which, in spite of the calamity which so recently befel it, reads clear and bright and crisp as ever; the *Masonic Advocate*, of Indianopolis, a sturdy upholder of Craft interests; and the *Masonic Jewel*, of Missouri, the able organ of the Craft in Tennessee; or the *Masonic Chronicle* of New York, which, if modest in dimensions, contains all the local news of interest to Craftsmen? The *Masonic Record of Western India*, and the *Australian Freemason*, are worthy of all praise; and the *Hebrew Leader*, of New York, which devotes a portion of its valuable space to Masonic news, is always readable, especially by those who take an interest in the doings of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But we need not enumerate all the journals which are wholly or in part devoted to the support of the Craft. Those we are best acquainted with will do their duty without flinching, and if by any chance we have omitted any of our friends from the short list we have given, we trust they will not regard the oversight as intentional. As regards general literature, there is little to be said. Bro. Mackenzie's *Royal Masonic Cyclopædia* is complete, and will be found a most serviceable addition to the Library. The Kane Lodge of the New York jurisdiction has completed its publication of the Early History and Proceedings of the New York Grand Lodge to 1815 inclusive. A like history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, up to the present time, is in course of publication; and thus the one is, the other will be, when complete, a necessary part of the historical furniture of every Craftsman's library. Lastly, we ourselves have found the work of publishing the warrants of our "Ancient" Lodges—a work which has been so ably superintended by Bro. Constable—has prospered even beyond expectation, and we trust the new year may not be terminated without our being able to say, with honest pride, that we have been the means of completing the roll of English Lodges, so far as their dates of constitution are concerned. And having, as we said last year in reference to the same matter, blown this one justifiable blast of our own trumpet, we now bid all our readers both here and abroad a hearty farewell!

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the frontier; and that a few outpost affairs have already taken place. This action of the principality has aroused a strong feeling of indignation, and is even said to be unwelcome to the Russians, whose intrigues have brought it about. We will offer no comment on the conduct of Prince Milan and his advisers; this speaks for itself.

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, 22nd DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

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, Lombard-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
78—Imperial George, Anderston Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
109—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
369—Pomfret, Masonic Buildings, Abington-street, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Leon 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.)
1613—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulburne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
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.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

1462—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. 99—Natal and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—333—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19.—A convocation of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, 18th inst. Present—Comps. Rev. J. M. Vaughan M.E.Z., W. T. Worthington acting H., Geo. Read J., Joseph Smith P.Z. Treasurer, E. B. Grabham Scribe E., Lewis Bryett P.S., W. Game 2nd Assistant. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Joseph Smith P.Z. then rose to announce the decease of a well known and worthy Companion of the Chapter, Comp. Thos. Lewis Fox, one of the oldest Past Principals of the Chapter, whose many excellent qualities had endeared him to a large circle of friends, both in and out of Masonry. He moved a vote of condolence to his widow and family. Comp. Birch P.Z. seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. There being no candidate for exaltation, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z.

De Swinburne Royal Arch Chapter, No. 24.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter took place on 12th December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present—M.E. Companions P. O. Smith Z., T. Blinkensop H., A. M. Londs J., W. Munday E., N. Mein N., G. J. Dean P.S., W. H. Bell and Fishburn A.S., Curry Janitor. The Chapter being opened in due form, two brethren were exalted, the M.E.Z. performing the ceremony in a very impressive manner. H. and J. gave their respective lectures most correctly; each was listened to with the greatest attention. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to light refreshment.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 17th instant, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Read S.W., Moseley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., J. W. Smith S.D., Wing J.D., Renshaw I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Kidder, Isaac, Crawley, Opperman, Banks, Heinrich, Halford, Hallam, Hunter, Millward. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Heinrich answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in an excellent manner, giving the Traditional History, Bro. Heinrich candidate. Bro. Isaac worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, and Bro. Tolmie the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bro. Opperman, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Read was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which takes place on the 31st instant. Bros. Hunter, Pearcy, and Isaacs were elected auditors, in conjunction with the officers of the Lodge of Instruction, after which Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Constitutional Lodge of Instrotion, No. 55.—On Tuesday, the 18th of December, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. Miroy W.M., Hallam S.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., Dickins Sec., Tranter S.D., Brown J.D., Webster I.G.; P.M. Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Abell, Corner, Sanders, &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Soper, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Tate. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday fortnight.

Cornubian Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 87, Hayle.—At a regular meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday last, Bro. James Pool P.P.G.S.O. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Frank H. Pool P.M. P.P.G.M.O. was re-elected Treasurer. The annual meeting will take place the third Tuesday in January.

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—The regular Convocation and Installation meeting of this Chapter, was held on the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. T. Bull M.E.Z., E. Moody H., E. H. Thiellay J., G. S. States S.E., John Boyd P.Z., and Comps. Headon, W. C. Davis, Belfrage, Haslett, Jermyn Boyd, De Silva, Wood, Chinnery, &c. The Chapter opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Hall 145 was exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comps. E. Moody was installed Z., E. H. Thiellay H., and J. C. Cox J., by Comp. John Boyd P.Z., in his usual faultless and impressive manner. Comps. G. S. States was invested S.E., Venn S.N., Haslitt P.S., Belfrage second Assistant. It was proposed by the M.E.Z. and seconded by Comp. Cox J. that the Chapter desire to record its sense of the loss sustained, since their last meeting, by the deaths of Comps. J. Last Treas., Parkins S.E., and Rance; the same to be recorded on the minutes; which was carried unanimously. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Jermyn Boyd for his elegant present of a scroll, a perfect work of art. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, that gave every satisfaction. The M.E.Z., who ably and eloquently presided, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comps. Col. F. Burdett returned thanks for Grand Chapter. Comp. T. Bull I.P.Z. proposed the health of the Z., which was duly responded to. Comp. Hall responded to the toast of the newly exalted Companions. Comps. Hyde Pullen P.Z. P.G.S.B. and Murray P.P.D.S. China, returned thanks for the Visitors. The toasts of the P.Z. and Officers were acknowledged by Comps. T. Bull, E. H. Thiellay, G. S. States and Haslitt,

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Domatic Lodge.—This Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. Willing W.M., who after his usual perfect rendering of the ceremonies proceeded with the election of W.M., Treasurer, &c., for the ensuing year, resulting in the unanimous selection of Bro. I. Buscall J.W. to the Worshipful Master's chair; Bro. J. Smith P.M. P.G.P. was re-elected Treasurer. The Lodge adjourned to banquet, presided over by the W.M., and honoured by numerous visitors.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A numerously attended meeting of this Lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., on Monday, the 17th inst. The officers present were Bros. John Peartree W.M., D. Posener S.W., John Ross P.M. as J.W., J. D. Barnett I.P.M., John Constable P.M. Treasurer and acting Sec., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Bilby P.M. Org., J. B. Barber I.G., T. Bush Steward, Potter Tyler, also Past Masters N. Gluckstein, S. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, M. Harris, Harfeld, E. Gottheil. The following were visitors:—Bros. W. C. Corner W.M., and Geo. Corner I.P.M. 1135, W. Druyff 65, M. Boas 141, Rev. V. Rosenstein 17, Memphis, Italy, J. Terry P.M. 228 G.D.C. Herts, W. W. Morgan 1385, Dankley and W. Speake 201, W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W. 1668, &c. After the customary preliminaries, Bro. Smith was raised to the third degree, and Messrs. S. M. Boas, Martin Kosminski, J. L. Lazarus and Karl Muhsam, were initiated. A grant of £25 to a distressed member of the Lodge, voted by the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, was approved of. The sum of £2 2s was voted in aid of the expenses incurred by Bro. Terry in giving an entertainment to the annuitants at Croydon. Notice of motion was given by Bro. S. Moss P.M., to the effect that this Lodge vote the sum of £31 for Life Governships of the Three Masonic Institutions, and that they be called the John Constable Life Governorships, the proxies to be used by that brother during his life, and thence by any deserving brother. This being in recognition of Bro. Constable's incessant efforts in the cause of Charity. The sum of £3 3s was also voted to be placed upon the "Goddin" list. The Lodge being closed, banquet was served by Bro. Silver in a manner eliciting the highest satisfaction from all present. The usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were then briefly given and responded to. Bro. Terry in replying on behalf of the Visitors, expressed his admiration of the way in which the ceremonies were rendered, and the munificence of the various acts of benevolence he had that evening witnessed in the Lodge. Bros. Rev. V. Rosenstein, Rudderforth, Bayley and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening, by some truly excellent singing.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met as usual at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Fenner S.W., Chapman J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Walker S.D., Posener jun. I.G., Larden, &c. The third ceremony was very ably worked by the W.M.; Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for ensuing fortnight. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was unanimously agreed to, for the truly efficient manner in which he not only worked the ceremony but explained the traditional history; he also gave a full illustration of the five points. The next meeting will take place on 2nd January 1878, at 7 p.m., Bro. Fenner will occupy the chair.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. was held at York, on Monday last. The attendance of brethren was unusually large. Amongst other preliminary business the following brethren were elected honorary members of the Lodge:—Bros. W. J. Hughan, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Findel, D. Murray Lyon, E. J. McIntyre, John Hervey, and G. F. Fort. A candidate for Freemasonry was initiated, and the Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine P.P.G.C., who had been elected at the last meeting, was presented to the W.M., Bro. W. Cowling P.P.G.S.W., for installation, and having answered the necessary questions the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, consisting of Bros. W. Cowling P.P.G.S.W., Sir James Meek P.P.G.S.W., Wm. Lawton P.P.G. Reg., Thos. Cooper P.P.G.D.C., J. Todd P.P.G. Org., G. Balmford P.P.G. Org., F. Rawling P.M. 236, Rev. J. E. M. Young P.P.G.C., S. Maltby P.M. 236, and T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611. Bro. Valentine was then obligated, entrusted, enthroned, and saluted in ancient form, the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren re-admitted. The W.M. then closed down the Lodge, and appointed and invested his officers as follow:—George C. Baskett S.W., A. Buckle J.W., G. Kirby Sec., W. Cowling P.M. Treas., W. H. Gainforth S.D., J. Tissiman J.D., G. Garbutt M.C., T. S. Camidge Org., M. Rooke I.G., Powell and Ayre Stewards, J. Redfare Tyler, after which he addressed the Lodge on the responsibilities attaching to the office of Master, responsibilities which he trusted, with the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., he should be enabled to discharge satisfactorily, and he hoped for the cordial aid of the brethren. Hearty good wishes were given from Eboracum Lodge 1611 and Falcon Lodge 1337, and the Lodge was then closed in ancient form. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting room, where an excellent supper had been prepared by Bro. J. Toes. The W.M. presided, supported by a number of Past Masters, and about 50 brethren and visitors. The usual Loyal, Masonic and patriotic toasts were duly honoured; the health of the W.M. was proposed by the Senior Warden, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. Geo. Simpson, W. T. Gowland, E. Oates, R. S. Storry, J. E. Jones, W. Wilson, J. W. Mann, J. Chadwick, J. G. Turner, P. Matthews, J. Ward, J. Smith, H. Aitken, J. S. Rymer, Rev. W. B. B. Jones, Geo. Seller, E. Whitehead, J. F. Stephenson, J. H. Taylor, T. Tuke, J. Sanderson, T. W. Wilson, E. Houlden, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Rymer 1337, B. D. Linhampton 93, A. T. B. Turner 1611, T. Humphries 1611, M. Millington 1611, P. Pearson 1611, &c.

St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, South Shields.—The ceremony of installing Bro. Thomas Coulson S.W. as W.M. took place on the 10th December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields. There was a very numerous attendance of brethren, including visitors from Sunderland, North Shields, Jarrow, Hebburn, &c., and upon the dais were Bros. J. S. Denham P.P.J.G.W., J. Wilson P.P.G.S. of W., H. Clanghton P.P.G.S. of W., J. Hinde P.P.S.G.D., T. Haswell P.P.G.O., G. Lawson P.P.G.S.B., J. Harcus W.M. 431, J. Ponder W.M. 1119, and T. Potter P.M. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Coulson was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and in a most impressive manner, by Bro. J. Reddam P.P.G.P., who officiated as Installing Master. The newly installed W.M. subsequently appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. T. G. Mabane P.S.G.D. I.P.M., J. J. Athey S.W., J. H. Morton S.W., J. Hinde P.M. Treasurer, G. S. Shotton Secretary, J. Reddam P.M. D. of C., Thomas Richardson S.D., J. T. Wilson J.D., W. W. Ridley I.G., W. C. Haswell Organist, T. G. Buchanan Tyler, J. H. Thompson and J. H. Haggit Stewards. During the course of the evening the Lodge voted five guineas to the Ingham Infirmary, and one guinea to the Indigent Sick Society. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Todhunter's, the Royal Hotel, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Lion Lodge, No. 312.—At the monthly meeting, at Whitby, on Monday evening, Bro. J. Stevenson P.M. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Stevenson has had a long and distinguished career in the Lodge. Entering it in 1844, he was S.W. in 1847, W.M. in 1850, and again in 1851, this being therefore his third election to the chair.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—At the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bros. Docker W.M., Lowrie S.W., Collins J.W., Bentley S.D., Davis J.D., Tolmie I.G., Farwig, Mander Preceptor. Bros. Saul, E. J. Harty, Smallpeice, Parsons, Swallow, Millmow, R. P. Tate, Moss, Sadler, Cameron, Cottebrune, Leggett, Boyd, Belfrage, Woods, Burrell, Woodward, Wright, Stewart, Thomas, Foskett, Gardner, Stacey, Bull, Haslett, Lee, Taylor, Ireton, Coutts, Mason, Webb, Moss, Dodson, Brown, Soper, Watts and Stoneyman. After the Lodge had been opened, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections were worked by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Lowrie was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Collins, of the William Preston Lodge, was elected Hon. Sec. of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Farwig was elected to work the 15 sections in January. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458.—This Lodge, held at Goole, celebrated the festival of St. John, on Friday evening, Bro. P.M. Cawthorn being installed Worshipful Master by Bro. T. S. Sleek P.M. of St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract. Bro. Tew. J.P. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, was present. Afterwards the usual banquet was held at the North Eastern Hotel.

North York Lodge, No. 602.—The annual festival for the installation of Worshipful Master in connection with the North York Lodge took place on Tuesday last, in the Masonic Hall, Marton-road, Middlesbro'. The ceremony of installation was performed in the presence of a large gathering of the Fraternity, by Bro. Geo. Marwood P.D.P.G.M. North and East Ridings, after which the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. John Dunning, invested his officers as follow:—Bros. F. R. Bell I.P.M., Cowper S.W., Isaac Fidler J.W., R. W. Gibb Sec., M. G. Collingwood Treas., R. Richardson S.D., Gensey J.D., Wm. Hudson I.G., Stewart Organist, Thorrold Assistant Organist, T. Davison D.C., Henry Robinson and Wm. Thompson Stewards, and R. Chambers Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Corporation Hotel, and partook of an excellent dinner, provided by Mr. Carter. During the evening a handsome jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, was presented by Bro. Dunning to Bro. F. R. Bell, Immediate Past Master, in recognition of his services during the past year.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—This Lodge held a meeting at Bro. Stanbury's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Costelow S.W., Erwen J.W., J. C. Roe I.P.M., Goss, Gardiner, Blasby, Erwen, Costelow, Tarling, Gunner, Sterndale Bennett, Matthews, Rands, Becket, Dorey, Pringle, Parsons, and others. The Lodge opened in due form, and closed until following Friday, when Bro. Costelow will take the chair. In accordance with the bye-laws, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which Bro. Stanbury provided. The table was bountifully supplied with edibles and elegant condiments obtainable at this festive season. After the Masonic and Loyal toasts had been given and received, with that fervency common to the Craft, the chairman proposed the health of Bro. Goss W.M., in felicitous phrase, congratulating the brethren on their choice of a Worshipful Master. Bro. Goss, in returning thanks, expressed himself in grateful terms for the way in which Bro. Gomm had spoken of him, and he thanked the brethren generally for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. The members of Royal Alfred were choice in the selection of their W.M. They always strove to secure a working Master, and he had worked hard to fit himself to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. He begged to propose the health of Bro. J. Chambers Roe, the I.P.M. and Preceptor, whom he had known for many years. Had it not been for his unswerving readiness and desire to assist him and the other brethren of the Lodge of Instruction, they would not have arrived at their pre-

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sent state of efficiency. It was Bro. Roe's uniform courtesy that endeared him to them all—(cheers). Bro. Roe, in returning thanks, gave the brethren a short history of the Lodge of Instruction, which though but in its infancy had shown great vitality, and from its appearance to-night might safely be left to walk alone. Bro. Gomm proposed the health of the P.M.'s. Bros. Roe, Goss, and Gardiner each returned thanks. Bro. Gardiner expressed himself delighted with the success of the Lodge of Instruction, he having been its projector. Bro. Gomm then gave the health of the Visitors and Brethren present, coupling with it the name of Bro. Kyezor 256, 820, and a joining member of the Royal Alfred 780. All present knew Bro. Kyezor, and he was sure it would have been ungrateful not to have taken this opportunity of expressing his grateful acknowledgments to Bro. Kyezor for the vast instruction he had received, as likewise had the other brethren of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Kyezor was always ready and willing to assist in filling up any vacancy, and although not a P.M., seemed to have a great knowledge of the Craft. Bro. Kyezor felt that the brethren had given him credit for what he did not deserve. He certainly had seen a great deal of Craft Masonry, both in Australia and England, during the last 25 years, and could testify that Masonry was a universal science, and bound men together with a stronger tie than either blood or religion. He trusted his connection with the Craft might never be severed except by death. During the dinner Bro. Gunner sang a comic song in a very clever and humorous manner. Bro. Matthew also enlivened the evening's proceedings by his singing. Bro. Gomm then proposed the health of Bro. Host Stanbury, and thanked him for the bountiful repast provided. This brought a most pleasant gathering to a termination.

Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—Held its last meeting for this year, on Saturday, at the Greyhound, Richmond. Brethren present—Digby W.M., Clayton Palmer S.W., Kyezor J.W., Harris S.W., Harrison I.G. Lodge opened in due form; ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Harrison as candidate. Lodge duly closed, and adjourned till the first Saturday in January 1878.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Bonner W.M., Brasted S.W., Christian J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Forss J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Lines, Weige, Young, &c. Formalities duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lines candidate. Bro. Brasted then took the chair, and Bro. C. Lorkin answered the necessary questions, and was raised; the Lodge was then regularly closed down to the first degree. Bro. Bonner resumed the chair, when Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bonner. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday evening the 8th January next. This Lodge will meet in future at 8 o'clock.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—The regular meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. Wolgemuth W.M., T. Price S.W., Kipling P.M. as J.W. and P.M.'s W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, McIlwham, W. Waghorn, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed; the W.M. passed Bro. De Germain Newman to the second degree; and Bro. W. Smeed, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised Bro. Bliss to the third degree; both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Smeed responded for the toast of the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers. Bro. Johnson returned thanks for the P.M.'s. Bro. Lassam 742, and Bro. Palmer, Clapton Lodge, responded for the Visitors. The health of the Officers, and Tyler's toast were given, and after some singing from Bros. Price, Garrod and Skinner, the brethren returned to town.

Tyne Chapter, No. 991.—The installation convocation of this Chapter was held, by the kind permission of the Principals of Chapter 24, in the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday the 11th inst. The Chapter being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Comp. E. D. Davis P.Z., Past Prov. G.H., then installed the following brethren into their respective chairs:—M.E. Comps. G. A. Allen Z., Adderson Potter H., and M. Guthery J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following as his Officers:—Comps. Montgomery E., J. E. Robson N., J. Wood P.S., Fennick and Brown A.S.; the H. elect of the Darlington Chapter, No. 111, was also installed into his chair, by Comp. Davis P.Z., who came specially from Darlington for the purpose. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a choice banquet, at which the three principals of Chapter 24 were specially invited. The cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given from the chair, and received with all honours. The Visitors were P. O. Smith Z. 24, T. Blinkensop H. 24, A. M. Loads J. 24, G. S. Dean P.S. 24.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate (nearly opposite the old Great Eastern Railway Station, Bishopsgate), on Friday evening last, the 14th instant, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Crouch S.W., Posener jun. J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Posener sen. J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Trewinnard, &c. The usual formalities having been gone through, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Trewinnard answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, in a very able manner, Bro. Trewinnard candidate. Bro. Lane vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Trewinnard. Bro. Lane answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Lane candidate. Lodge closed in the third degree. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in second degree. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th December 1877, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M., J. Sandilands Wand S.W., E. J. Goodacre J.W., Geo. King jun. P.M. and Sec., W. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. P.M. and Treas., Spalding S.D., Burley J.D., King P.M. and D.C., J. R. Cox and Foot Stewards, Robins I.G., Speight Tyler; Reason, W. Gibbs, W. D. Ellis, Salmon, Latreille, Hooper, Spender, Beeton, and others. Visitor—Bro. J. E. Dawson No. 7 P.G.P. Herts. Business—The Lodge opened at 5 o'clock. Minutes read. Lodge was opened up to the third degree; Bro. Wand was raised, Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Wilton passed. Lodge resumed to first degree. Mr. E. North was initiated. Bro. H. J. Dean was elected and invested as Organist. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. (Bro. Southwood) for the very handsome menu cards he presented at the last banquet, also for the collar and silver jewel he presented to the Organist on this occasion. The W.M. graciously acknowledged the compliment. Bros. J. R. Cox and Foot were appointed Stewards, to collect the amount to purchase the magnificent American organ used that evening. A vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Buss Asst. G. Sec. for having kindly lent the Lodge a harmonium on previous occasions. After some routine business the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. We should state that the whole of the ceremonies were worked in a most perfect manner, and the musical portions were sung. This reflected great credit upon those brethren who had attended the rehearsals at the W.M.'s house. The brethren then adjourned to refreshments, and spent a very enjoyable evening, which was enlivened by some capital singing.

Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364.—Held its first meeting, since the installation of the new W.M., at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 6 p.m. Present—Bros. Maples W.M., Gomperts S.W., Fieldwick J.W., R. A. Wright P.M. Treas., J. L. Fysh P.M. Sec., Lay S.D., Cockett J.D., Fitzgerald I.G. pro tem, Cooper W.S. pro tem. Visitors—Bros. Mac Millan, Clapton 1365, and Lake. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stokes answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted and retired. The ballot was then taken for a gentleman residing at Eastbourne. It proved unanimous. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Stokes was passed. The Lodge resumed to the first, when the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. A proposition was carried, to the effect that P.M. collars and jewels be provided, to be used by the Past Masters of the Lodge at the regular meetings; the same to become Lodge property. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned to Saturday, 16th January next.

Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.—Held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 10th of December, at the Masonic Hall, Sandgate. Present—Bros. Fred. H. Field W.M., Adam Keeler S.W., J. Dickson J.W., C. Gosby P.M. Sec., J. B. Candell S.D., J. McGonagil J.D., J. McGovern D.C., R. W. Duncan Steward, J. F. Hodgson I.G., W. Butcher Tyler. P.M. Bro. R. White P.M. 1331 P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight, and other brethren. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were confirmed. Bros. Brett and Hitchens were then raised; the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The sum of five guineas was voted for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the W.M. being Steward at next Festival.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, 1672.—On Friday 14th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Tettenborn W.M., Penn S.W., Adkins' J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Wood S.D., Smout J.D., Woodmason I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor. Bros. Murlis P.M., Spiegel, Bartle sen., Bartle jun., Lichtwitz, Poulter, Newland, &c. After opening the Lodge in the first degree, Bro. Penn took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Murlis P.M. being the candidate. Afterwards the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Poulter being candidate. Bro. Murlis proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. Parkhouse, the S.W. of the Mother Lodge. Several new members joined the Lodge. Bro. Spiegel was elected to the chair for next meeting.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. — Met at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C., on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Comps. F. Brown, J. B. Sorrell, and A. A. Drew occupied the chairs of Z., H., and J. There were also present Comps. John Boyd Treas., T. W. White S.E., J. High S.N., C. W. Noehmer P.S., E. Gottheil, J. R. Foulger, S. H. P. Moore, J. W. Berrie, G. L. Walker, &c. The ceremony was rehearsed, and the convocation adjourned to Tuesday, the 8th January 1878, at 7 p.m.

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ON Friday, 21st December and following days, CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS will be issued by certain Trains from PADDINGTON, Victoria, Battersea, Chelsea, West Brompton, Kensington (Addison-road), Uxbridge-road, and Westbourne-park, to BARNSTAPLE, Ilfracombe, EXETER, Torquay, PLYMOUTH, Weymouth, Yeovil, Wells, Highbridge, Bath, BRISTOL, Taunton, Falmouth, &c., also to stations in the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and, with a few exceptions, to stations west of Bristol, to Penzance inclusive, and *vice versa*, available to return up to and including Saturday 29th December. These Tickets can be obtained at the Stations, and at the Company's Receiving Offices, 245 Holborn, 29 Charing-cross, 5 Arthur-street, London-bridge, 93 Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 4 Cheapside, and 351 Oxford-street.

On SATURDAY and MONDAY, 22nd and 24th December, the 5 p.m. FAST TRAIN from PADDINGTON to PLYMOUTH will be CONTINUED to FALMOUTH and PENZANCE, calling at all stations below Plymouth except Burngullow.

On the same days extra carriages will be attached to the 9 p.m. Limited Mail Train from Paddington, and First and Second Class passengers can obtain tickets for Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, and stations beyond, for these trains, on and after Friday, 21st December.

Also on the same days, a SPECIAL FAST TRAIN (1st, 2nd, 3rd class) will leave PADDINGTON at 10 p.m. for OXFORD, EXETER, and PLYMOUTH, calling at Reading, Didcot, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton, Totnes, and Kingsbridge-road. The cheap third class return tickets to Exeter, Plymouth, &c., will be available by these trains.

With a few exceptions, the trains on Christmas Day will run as on Sundays. For further particulars see special bills.

J. GRIERSON,

Paddington Terminus. GENERAL MANAGER.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

ALL EXPRESS AND ORDINARY RETURN TICKETS for distances above ten miles issued on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th December, will be available for the return journey within eight days, including the day of issue. The cheap Saturday to Monday Tickets, and Cheap Tickets to Dover, Folkestone, &c., issued on 22nd December, to be available to return up to and including 27th December. Tickets issued for distances of 100 miles and upwards are available for the return journey within one month, including date of issue.

This arrangement also applies to Tickets issued between London and Beckenham Junction, but not to the Cheap Tickets issued between London and Gravesend.

EXTRA TRAINS on SATURDAY, SUNDAY, and MONDAY, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th December, to nearly all parts, as may be required.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Extra trains will run as required; but the Ordinary Service will be as on Sundays, with the exception of the Mail Trains from London to Dover at 7.40 a.m. and 8.25 and 9.0 p.m.; and from Dover to London at 1.55 and 4.15 a.m. and 3.45 p.m., which will run as on Week Days.

BANK HOLIDAY and BOXING DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 26th December, a LATE TRAIN will run from Charing Cross, at Midnight, to Croydon, Redhill, Reigate, and Stations to Dorking, including the Caterham Branch. (1st, 2nd, 3rd class.) Also from Charing-cross to Strood and Maidstone at about midnight, calling at London-bridge, Woolwich, Belvedere, Erith, Dartford, Greenhithe, Northfleet, Higham, Cuxton, Snodland, and Aylesford. (1st, 2nd, 3rd class).

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