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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution is appointed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts; a Province which it would appear from the recent publication of the past seven years' statistics has not hitherto so well supported the Institution as might have been desired. It is true that the number of Lodges which are comprised in the Province of Norths and Hunts is but ten in all, and that, at the best, a large amount of subscriptions in any one year cannot be expected from it; but we go so far as to say that the relief which it should afford to the aged of both sexes in connection with our Order should be, at least, equal to that afforded by other Provinces of no greater extent. There are three of these having respectively the same number of Lodges, and whilst they figure in the said statistics for a seven years' average of, severally, £127, £93 and £62 per annum, Norths and Hunts can show only an average yearly contribution of £43 during the same period. Now it has the opportunity, by a zealous support of its highly-esteemed and popular Grand Master at the ensuing Festival, to break this record, and we sincerely hope, in the interests of this important Institution, it will do so. We learn that the number of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival has been increased, up to the end of last week, to 324 as against 276 who acted in that capacity in connection with the Festival of last year, when a grand total of £15,296 was announced, of which sum £5,849 was contributed from London, and £9,446 from the Provinces. It was feared at one time that, consequent on the celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in that year, and the certainty that a very large share in the benevolence of the Craft would be accorded to that Institution, the above-named total would not be reached. But although less in amount than that realised in the preceding year, the result of the combined efforts of the 276 Stewards was considered magnificent, and gave considerable satisfaction. With an increased number of Stewards this year, and in recognition of the many claims upon the resources of the Benevolent Institution, we trust that the Craft generally will enable the executive to announce, on the 27th inst., a still more magnificent result.

We have referred to existing claims upon the Institution, and would urge upon the brethren who may not as yet have determined what their donations shall be, the consideration of the fact that there are as many as *sixty-two* aged brethren and *eighty-one* widows of brethren now seeking election; and that the present state of the funds does not justify the declaration of more than seventeen vacancies in the former case, and in the latter than ten; and in respect of each class the advantage of successful candidature must be deferred to no less than three. With so many as forty-five male applicants and seventy-one widows, whose appeals must be refused, it is quite needless to advance further arguments that a great effort on behalf of the Benevolent Institution should be now made to improve its financial condition. Let us again express the hope that this year's Stewards' lists may be far more productive than any which have preceded them.

It would not, we think, be advisable to close our remarks in relation to the forthcoming Festival without reference to the recent controversy which has arisen in respect, not of the Benevolent Institution alone, but also of the Educational Institutions. We feel assured that no greater mistake can possibly be made by the respective managers of our charities than that they should assume that their present critics are animated by even the slightest desire to inflict injury on the respective Institutions, either by accident or in wanton caprice. Rather than resent such criticism by contemptuous silence or narrow-minded action it should be their earnest desire, as true friends and in discharge of their duty to their constituents, to accept all reasonable suggestions for reform, and to discuss them temperately. It has been said that they—the critics, assisted by the press—are engaged in a work of destruction as affects the best interests of our Charities. This is not the fact; there is a vast gulf between the would-be reformer and the iconoclast. Our broad platform is the endeavour to sweep away abuses, which, if permitted to

continue, might become cankers in the body which "the critics" are most anxious should be pure and healthy. Those who point out defects in any given structure, with a view to remedy and strengthen, are of a very different order to those who would entirely demolish and re-build; and to the former should be accorded the patient ear and the kindly voice, rather than the deaf and dumb policy which appears to be so much favoured in certain quarters. So much in answer to those who mistake, more or less wilfully, the purpose which our correspondents have in view; and no more, until circumstances require further insistance on some attempt at reform in management.

Meanwhile, no true Freemason would "hold the scale of justice with an equal poise" if he permitted the dispute which has arisen as to management to influence him in diminution of his bounden interest in our fine old Charity for the Aged and Widows; or permit any argument in controversy to affect his mind or close his purse to the disadvantage of the Institution itself, and its means of doing the good it has hitherto done in discharging Masonic Benevolence. Brethren should keep the two matters distinct, and at this juncture strive mightily to enlarge the power for extending aid, resting assured that what has been or may be done by those who dispense their bounty will still be subjects of criticism when the forthcoming Festival is a thing of the past, and that the desired reforms, if effected, will make their present gifts still more valuable in respect of the purpose for which they shall have been made. And there are none amongst us in the Craft who can more fervently wish, than do our correspondents and ourselves, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Success to its forthcoming Festival."

The Fund of Benevolence.

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THE foregoing report of proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December, 1882, is of great value at the present moment as an evidence of the then existence of forebodings which have since been unfortunately realised. The narrow majority of four against Bro. Clabon's motion, upon which three-hundred and sixty members of the Grand Lodge divided, sufficiently indicates the importance of the question submitted for discussion; and we cannot help thinking now, in view of the present difficulty, that the provincial brethren, who so resolutely opposed the increase of quarterages as proposed, and upon such very insufficient grounds, did not do the Craft generally that good service which we believe they themselves thought they were doing. Of the honesty and sincerity of their intentions there can be no doubt, and we cannot think that if they had had at that time the gift of prescience, or could have even imagined what has really come to pass, they would have persisted in their opposition. We have a right to assume that it is to the account of provincial brethren that the loss of Bro. Clabon's motion should be placed when we note that out of forty-one Provincial Grand Lodges to which the merits of the proposition had been referred, twenty-five had voted against it, and only three in its favour, whilst the remaining thirteen either had not the opportunity for discussion or were careless as to results. We have said the grounds for opposition were, and they continue to be, insufficient; let us refer to the arguments of the opposers: (1st) That the motion, if it became a resolution, "would disorganise every lodge in his (the speaker's) province." We are not informed, nor can we imagine how this should be, and it would be interesting to have the views of those who adopt this argument more fully expressed. (2nd) That the individual members of lodges in the provinces pay as much to the Grand Lodge and their Provincial Grand Lodge conjointly, as the individual members of Metropolitan Lodges pay to the Grand Lodge alone, which we say is no argument whatever against an equal payment by each and every member of the Craft who can on occasion claim equal benefits one with another from the same general fund. With just as much reason many London Lodges, with which we are familiar, might claim similar exemption from equality of payment to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, because they support a benevolent fund within their own circle, and moreover take care, more frequently than the outer world have any idea of, to help, and help so well as to often keep their brother members in distress from the necessity to apply to Grand Lodge. If the provincial brethren "have to pay two shillings a year to Grand Lodge, and another two shillings a year to their own charity fund," then the Metropolitan brethren are not treated to equal measures if, for the same amount of contribution, they have no greater benefits than a provincial can enjoy, and are deprived of the further privileges of which their provincial brethren can take advantage. In this regard English Freemasons do not "meet upon the level!" A third argument of the same speaker is that "the provinces do not, or did not, send up so many applicants to the Board of Benevolence as the Metropolis." In respect of this we can only say we doubt its correctness, and shall hope to be enabled to procure statistics, if necessary, to contradict it entirely. In any case, and if any argument based on a *quid pro quo* arrangement could possibly be entertained in connection with our charitable assistance in affording relief—which cannot and must not be—equal measures would demand that applications should be proportionate only in number to the amount contributed. No: that argument won't hold water, and we hope will never again be put forward in contention on this subject. The next speaker, who represented one of our most liberally charitable provinces, argued that it should be borne in mind that his province sent up to the Masonic Institutions some £40,000 per annum, had a benevolent fund of its own, and some of its private lodges similar funds; all of which is certainly true, but is entirely outside argument when applied to the general fund of the Order for universal relief. It does not matter—and here we also refer to the speech of the third provincial brother—what is done in connection with what may be termed "side issues:" the first grand principle of support to that fund which treats all qualified applicants alike, and without respect to place or person, should be maintained; and it cannot be maintained without strict observance of the doctrine of equality. Now let us go back to Bro. Clabon's arguments in favour of his motion, and see how thoroughly sound they were, not only in regard to the then position of the fund, but also to the consequences which would follow a disregard of measures of reform, and which consequences have, as a matter of fact, ensued. The excess of grants over income had commenced some two years prior to his bringing forward his motion, and his great experience as a former President of the Board of Benevolence enabled him to form the opinion which subsequent events have so fully justified. It had become usual to grant, and properly so under circumstances to which he referred, much larger sums than had hitherto been considered sufficient, and nothing remained but to take measures for securing increased supply. The reduction of the accumulated fund, which should be considered "sacred as capital," he decried as a great wrong; and the alternative of increased quarterages he proposed as a simple and necessary measure, or "some ten years hence they must find another fund or reduce the grants." How correctly our worthy brother saw into the future let the present difficulty testify. Not a single good reason had been given for the objection taken by provincial brethren to the increase he suggested; and, as we think, we have shown in this article none such can be advanced. It is much to be regretted that, finding himself beaten by so narrow a majority on the first clause of his motion, Bro. Clabon should have so readily withdrawn the proposition "that no sales should be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge." We believe that, notwithstanding failure in respect of the proposal for increase of quarterage, it would have entirely met the views of Grand Lodge that it should decide when and in what proportion the Benevolent Fund should be reduced in the future; and in that case the entire question must have been discussed in the course of the years 1884-5-6, and most probably with a very much more satisfactory result. We have now, however, to do with things as they are, not as they might have been, and it is to be devoutly hoped that some earnest and eminent member of the Craft may be found to follow the lead of our worthy Bro. Clabon, and bring about a re-consideration of the whole subject in Grand Lodge. We incline to the belief that, in the light of the past ten years' experience, an effort of this kind would be attended with an entirely different result.

THE COLONIES.

NEW ZEALAND.—We learn that it is contemplated by the Past Masters and Brethren of Lodges at New Zealand, meeting under warrants held from the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, to confer together for the purpose of considering the advisability of following the example of the New South Wales Masons, and establishing an independent Grand Lodge for New Zealand, if possible.

A good example, and one worthy of imitation in this country, as well as a gracious masonic act, was offered to the members of the Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 536 (English Constitution), by the W.M. and brethren of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge, No. 345 (Irish Constitution) on the 27th December last, when a special invite was given by the latter to the former to be present at the installation meeting of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge.

The dual installation of the officers of the Lodges Progress (Southbridge) 1651, E.C., and Ionic (Leeston), 1917, E.C., took place recently in the Lodge Room of the Ionic, Leeston. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. H. Thomson, R.W.G.M., assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Lodge of Progress, Bros. S. Moore, W.M.; G. Marquand, S.W.; W. Warring, J.W.; E. T. Claridge, sec.; Frame, treas.; W. Wadlow, S.D.; J. Morrison, J.D.; J. Hannah, I.G.; A. Webster, O.G. Lodge Ionic, Bros. Dr. G. Gosset, W.M.; W. Woodman, S.W.; H. Unwin, J.W.; Rev. J. Luxford, sec.; W. Johnston, treas.; Reader, J.D.; H. M'Donald, I.G.; and Blackler, P.G. After the ceremonies had been concluded the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when masonic toasts were drunk and songs given by members of the craft, a most pleasant evening being spent.

CANADA—MOUNT ROYAL LODGE—No. 32.—MONTREAL.—On the 21st ult., R. W. Bro. Jas. Fyfe, D.D.G.M., installed the W. Bro. A. S. Campbell, W.M. of this lodge. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Wm. Seath, S.W.; W. E. Dickson, B.C.L., J.W.; W. A. Matley, treas.; A. W. Draper, sec.; Rev. J. A. Newnham, chaplain; H. S. Stafford, S.D.; R. K. Cockburn, J.D.; G. E. Muir, I.G.; Alex. Macfarlane, D. of C.; W. L. Watson and Arthur Shaw, stewards; and John Lawrence, tyler. After business the members adjourned to the supper room, where a substantial repast was partaken of. During the course of the evening W. Bro. Anderson, I.P.M., was presented with a jewel in recognition of his services in the chair. Songs, speeches, &c., enabled those assembled to spend a pleasant hour together.

BOMBAY.

We have been favoured with a copy of the report of the Freemasons' Joint Hall Committee which was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on the 21st December last, under the presidency of W. Bro. James W. Smith, and was largely attended by most distinguished brethren of the district over which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is Grand Master under the English Constitution. It was unanimously resolved that steps should be taken to build a Masonic Hall under the joint proprietorship, and for the joint use of the English and Scottish Constitutions, the M.W. the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India concurring with H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in the proposed scheme. Lodge Rising Star of W. I. donates Rs.10,000 towards the undertaking, which sum will be placed at the disposal of the Building Committee as soon as the decision of the High Court for that purpose has been obtained. The president, Bro. Smith, announced that Rs.108,695 in all had been promised by the several lodges and chapters working under the English and Scottish Constitutions. Votes of thanks to president, hon. secretary, and sub-committee terminated a most enthusiastic meeting, and one on which the craft in India are to be congratulated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 13th inst. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. W. B. Daniell; C. J. Perceval; C. H. Driver, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; S. Brooks; C. H. Webb; G. Bolton; C. Daniel; A. H. Tattershall; W. Smith; Hugh Cotter; J. Newton; W. Masters; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Alex. Forsyth; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; J. Dixon; B. G. Blasby; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Sec.)

The Secretary reported the deaths of six annuitants (four men and two widows) and one male candidate. A letter was also read from a male candidate, withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the May election.

A letter from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was read on the subject of erecting a boundary fence, and such a fence was ordered to be erected accordingly.

Applications from the widows of two recently deceased annuitants for the half of their late husbands' annuities were read and granted.

A widow's petition which had been deferred for further information, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May.

A statement of receipts and expenditure having been submitted, the Committee finally settled the lists of candidates for election on the two funds, and declared the vacancies on each, which will be filled up in May, viz.: Male Fund, 62 Candidates, 17 vacancies (14 immediate and 3 deferred); Female Fund, 81 candidates, 10 vacancies (7 immediate and 3 deferred).

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Windsor Castle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 771, will hold a Convocation of the Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, this (Thursday) evening, at 5 p.m. Exaltation and other business.

——The fifteen sections will be worked on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 7 p.m., in the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No, 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., opposite Lee Station. Bro. E. C. Talbot, Preceptor, 65, 1310, W.M.; G. J. Milbourn, P.M. 13, S.W.; R. Spreight, P.M. 147, J.W.; Walter Robin, 249 and 1350, hon. sec.

——A football match between the past and present pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place in the school grounds at Wood Green, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m.

——A special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies, &c., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, will be held in the large Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Monday next, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., to consider a motion by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master and President of the General Board, for authorization to take a lease of the premises known as Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen Street, from the United Grand Lodge of England, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

——A Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, under the sanction of the principals of the Andrew Chapter, 834, will be founded at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street West, Hammersmith, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., and will afterwards be held at the same place on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, at 8 o'clock p.m. Companion George Read, P.Z., has consented to act as preceptor.

——At No. 8a, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., the following meetings will be held during the ensuing week, viz.:—Bon Accord Mark Master Masons' Lodge, this (Thursday) evening, the 21st inst.; Grand Masters Royal and Select Council, to-morrow evening, the 22nd inst.; and the Prince of Wales Ark Installation on Monday next, the 25th inst.

——A Masonic concert is to be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The arrangements for the concert will be on the same lines as last year.

——A Masonic ball, in connection with the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, is to take place on the 5th March, at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, London, E. Brethren desiring to be present should communicate with Bro. W. M. Mead, Sec. 1805, 24, Tomlin's Grove, Bow.

AN EVENING WITH "OUR BOYS."

On Friday last, the 15th inst., another social evening concert of "The Old Masonians" took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Stanley Chandler. This gathering was the sixth of eight social meetings arranged to be given by the society during the season 1888-9, and was attended by about 70 members and their friends. Among the old masonians present were Bros. S. R. Speight and Glass, Messrs. Gardner, Gedge, Johnson, Williams, Stephenson, O'Doherty, Barnes, and others. The songs, recitations, and solos were carefully selected so as to suit the taste of all. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and it would have delighted the hearts of many an old mason to have seen the manly, fresh, honest-looking features, and well set-up bearing of the old masonians present, taking their pleasure rationally and modestly with their few friends, after the toil and business of the day was done. The next social meeting will take place on March the 1st, at 8 o'clock, the chairman being Mr. A. B. Whiteley. We have seen the programme, and can testify as to the excellent quality of the entertainment and the talent of the performers. The secretary of the society is Mr. Alfred Watkins, of 17, Abbey Gardens, St. John's Wood, N.W.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

MASONS' VOWS.

By the late BRO. DR. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky.

IN Masons' Lodge, with darkened eyes,
And cable-tow about me,
I swore to hele all Mysteries,
That Masons keep and Masons prize:
The Brothers' secret whispered low,
The words they speak, the things they do.
In mystic manner taught me!

I swore to answer and obey
The summons sent me duly,
By Brothers' hand, or Lodge array:
I swore that I would never stray
From ancient rules, or laws that bound
Freemasons in the days renowned,
But would observe them truly.

I swore, with generous gifts, to care
For those in sorrow stricken;
The Brother on the darkened square,
The Mourner, with dishevelled hair,
The Orphan, doomed alas! to stray
Along Life's cold and cheerless way,
Whose tears gush forth unbidden.

I swore with honesty to deal
With each true heart around me,
That "honour bright" should ever be
Unbroken bond 'twixt him and me;
Nor wrong, nor guile, nor cruel fraud,
Shall ever break the holy cord
With which *that* vow hath bound me!

I swore the Chastity to keep,
Of woman true and tender,
Of Mason's Widow, Wife and Child,
His Mother, Sister, undefiled,
(Those, pure and innocent, whose love
Makes Mason's Homes like that above)
I am the sworn defender!

I swore to guard the Portals close,
Of the Masonic Temple,
To purge the quarries from the dross,
And build the Mystic Walls of those
In body perfect, honest heart,
And mind secure in Royal Art,
By precept and example!

These were *our* Vows, be these our care!
And may such *Light* be given
In answer to our earnest prayer.
That we may ever *do* and *dare*
All that God's Sacred Laws enjoin!
So, when the evening shades decline,
We may be found—in Heaven!

[Private instructions for recitation of this admirable poem will be forwarded by the Editor of this Journal to any brother sending name, address, and number of lodge, accompanied by a stamped envelope for reply.]

MARRIAGE OF BRO. H. B. MARSHALL, JUN.—On the 12th inst., the marriage of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., *B.A.* (only son of Bro. H. B. Marshall, *J.P.*, *C.C.*, P.G. Treas.), with Miss Laura R. Siggs (second daughter of Bro. G. Siggs, of Southwark and Brixton) was solemnised at the Wesleyan church, Mostyn Road, Brixton, in the presence of a large number of friends and well-wishers, the fine building which was beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens, being thronged almost to the doors. The marriage service was read by the Rev. Joseph Nettleton (superintendent of the circuit), assisted by the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M.A., and the service was fully choral. Amongst the numerous presents made to the newly-married couple was an elegant silver salver, the gift of the brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, and which was accompanied with earnest expressions of "hearty good wishes," and many kind congratulations to the bridegroom.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Permit me, as an old Installing Master, to offer a few remarks in reference to the letters you have inserted on the above subject.

I do not think any authority can be found authorizing the "opening a Board of Installed Masters," nor is there apparently available any authoritative dictum against it; consequently probabilities become an important if not decisive factor in the case.

It would appear that when the arrangement between the so-called ancient and modern Freemasons for a uniform working of the ceremonies was agreed on and sanctioned by Grand Lodge, that of installation was, from some cause or other, unaccountably omitted, with the consequence that the then Installing Masters worked possibly on systems which must have varied according to whether they followed the ancient or the modern practice. A hybrid composition of both, this want of regularity in a system in which all should be perfect as the smooth "Ashlar" must have been a source of regret to the workers in the craft; in consequence of which it would seem a representation was made to the then M.W.G.M., the late Duke of Sussex, who, in 1827, appointed a "Lodge or Board of Installed Masters," consisting of 10 brethren, who were authorized to communicate information and instruction in the ceremonies of installation, the form of which had previously been approved and sanctioned by him.

Unfortunately no record, I believe, has been found as to the orders of these brethren.

And now as to probability. One of the ten above-mentioned was Bro. Cant, of the Albion Lodge, No. 9 (of which I have had the honour of being "Installing Master" for many years). This Bro. installed me some 40 years since in the chair, with no more than the simple declaration respecting the Board, and without one (even smallest) allusion to opening it in a more formal manner. The importance of this must not be lost sight of, because if this formality had been decided on by the lodge—a Board of Installation—he who had been authorised to communicate "instruction and information," would have been hardly likely to have forgotten or omitted to have performed the ceremony in its fullest manner. Besides this, the knowledge I have of Bro. Cant's horror at the smallest violation of the ceremonies or deviation from the laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions, would convince me that he would have been one of the very last men who would have done so.

Subsequent to my installation, I heard him repeat the ceremony in precisely similar form many times. A favourite pupil of Bro. Cant's, a Bro. W. Watson, an excellent mason, was my preceptor in the ceremony, and from him I learned it in the same manner.

I might recommend to your inquirers Bro. Sadler's paper's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," as containing very interesting and indeed valuable information on the subject.

From the circumstances I have written of, I can come to no other conclusion but that the "Opening a Board of Installed Masters" is a masonically illegal practice. Yours fraternally,

S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

*** *For many reasons, which to our mind are equally applicable to a reverse opinion, we are not in agreement with our correspondent. Probably other of our readers may be able to afford information in relation to this vexed question.*—Ed. M. S.

CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

There has of late been a very large accession to our numbers, but unfortunately an increase in numbers, is not necessarily an increase in strength, and from my own observation and enquiries I fear in the present instance it is the very reverse. Candidates are being constantly admitted whose pecuniary position should altogether debar them from joining our ranks, for they cannot do so without detriment to themselves and connections.

I speak advisedly when I say that a man only earning 25s. a week, who has a wife and family, and who is actually obliged to borrow the money to pay his initiation fee, and can only hope to repay it by a few shillings a week, should not become a member of our body.

How can this state of things be remedied?

There undoubtedly exists a general false idea that Freemasonry is a rich benefit society, and that in joining it a man is providing in the future for his wife, his family, and himself, and I am sure many have of late years entered the craft with this feeling uppermost in their minds.

I have long felt that those who seek to join us should be explicitly informed upon this point, as well as upon the obligations and responsibilities they undertake. A leaflet pointing this out might be given to each candidate before his name is submitted to a lodge, and I am certain that many a well meaning man would immediately perceive that instead of joining us he should go to the Foresters, or Odd Fellows, or insure his life.

If our ranks are recruited, as in many districts of late, our Charities will be literally swamped by applicants, and our inability to help our brethren will in fact become a bye-word. The ratio of subscribing members to the charities will of necessity, from sheer pecuniary inability, become year by year less, whilst at the same time the applicants for succour will annually become more numerous.

Surely it is time an effort to avert so dire a catastrophe were made, and I shall be happy to suggest a form of leaflet with this view in a future communication if you will kindly permit me.

Yours fraternally,

February 15th, 1889. "IN STRENGTH."

*** *By all means make the suggestion. The question raised by your letter is of absolutely vital importance to the Order.*—ED. M.S

SOLDIER LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

"P.M. 1436," in his feeble attempt to answer the letter on the above subject which you so kindly inserted in your issue of the 7th inst., entirely misses the point, and only succeeds in corroborating my statements. My contention was, that soldier masons, through their frequent moves, lose chance of advancement in the Order in ordinary lodges; but when, in the course of their wanderings, they join a lodge where they form the bulk of the members, this disadvantage disappears. I pointed to the Sandgate Lodge as an example. I said that, this year, only one office (and that the lowest in the lodge), was held by a military brother, and that last year only two. I might have gone back a few more years, but thought that sufficient.

To confute me, "P.M. 1436" says that there have been a number of soldiers officers of the lodge. I daresay there have been *in times past*, but not of late years. The fact is, that the lodge was formed by military brethren for the convenience of military brethren—as P.M. intimates; but the civilians gradually increased until they formed a majority; they then took the reins into their own hands, and now take good care that no soldier gets the "box-seat."

Let me quote "P.M." He says "Our esteemed tyler, himself a retired warrior, is at once (*sic*) evidence of the goodwill with which his comrades would be welcomed." Why, he was appointed not by a civilian but *by a military Wor. Master* some 15 years ago.

I do not advocate Class Lodges, but I do think that, looking at the strength of the Sandgate Lodge, and the number of non-affiliates in camp who are eager to join a lodge where they would get fair play, that no dog-in-the-manger spirit should prevent such a lodge being formed, and the soldiers here being placed in the same position as our military brethren at Dover, Aldershot, Woolwich, Chatham, London, Colchester, &c.

"P.M. 1436" knows that the grievance wants no "creating." It exists. Does he remember the time when a neighbouring lodge would not allow soldiers to join, and they were threatened with being kicked down stairs merely for being soldiers?

Yours fraternally,

PUNJABI.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South African Freemason; Latomia, Neue Zeitchrift für Freimaurerei, Bro. B. Cramer, Editor, Berlin; *Lancaster Masonic Calendar for 1889*, Bro. H. Longman, Lancaster; *Society*, Nos. 578-9 *A brief Retrospect of Masonry in Mansfield*, Bro. J. Linney, Mansfield; *Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry*, by Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson (review next week); *Masonic Record of Western India*, Allahabad

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 771.

A large and influential gathering of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 12th inst., to honour the installation of Bro. William Griggs Nottage, as W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.

Amongst those present were Bros. Thos. Page, W.M.; W. G. Nottage, S.W. and W.M. Elect; Nixon, J.W.; A. Roberts, S.D.; P. M. Grisbrooke, Sec.; P. M. Goddard, Treas.; Past Masters Bros. Manley, Powell, Cantrell, H. D. Marshall; McCloskie, Gray, Hunt, Harding, May, Somers, C. Devereux, Saunders, Rowe, Ashby, &c., &c. The following visitors, amongst others, signed the attendance book: Bros. R. Bradley, Past Grand S.B., P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; Sir Joseph Devereux, P.P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; C. D. Hume, P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks; Past Masters Bros. J. W. Martin, 414; T. King, 862; A. Turner, W.M., 1894; W. Sevenoaks, W.M., 209; Sherworthy, W.M., 414; B. King, W.M., 945; A. C. Hewitt, W.M., 1566; G. J. Judge, W.M., 1788; E. Singer, S.W., 1894; J. Baker, J.W., 1894; W. Walker, 1894; David Hills, 185; E. J. Maddy, 2120; S. W. Sutton, 1604; M. Crewdon, 2120; E. J. Webb, 2182; M. Dix, 2120; H. Hobbs, J.W., 209; G. Gardner, 2120; &c.

Bro. Rowe having proved his proficiency as F.C., the W.M. and brethren withdrew to the special chamber connected with the lodge, where Bro. Rowe was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked in a most finished and impressive manner by the W.M. The lodge was then called off for refreshment, and, on resuming the W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Nottage was then presented and, according to ancient custom, duly installed W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. T. Page. After the usual salutations, the newly-installed Master invested the following officers: Bros. Nixon, S.W.; A. Roberts, J.W.; P. M. Goddard, treas.; P. M. Grisbrooke, sec.; P. M. Marshall, D.C.; Walford, A.D.C.; Somers, S.D.; P. M. Gardner, J.D.; Harding, I.G.; Rowe, org.; Gray, Hunt, McCloskie, Stewards; and Nowell, tyler. The working tools were presented, and the first two addresses given by Bro. Marshall, P.M., and the address to the brethren by Bro. Page, I.P.M.

The W.M. presented Bro. Page with a very handsome P.M. jewel on the successful termination of his year of office, at the same time highly complimenting him on his efficient working. After "hearty good wishes," two candidates were proposed for initiation.

The brethren then adjourned to the Guildhall (kindly lent for the occasion by his worship the Mayor), where a very elegant banquet was served at which the W.M. presided. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, the W.M., in proposing the Royal Family, mentioning that H.R.H. Princess Christian had that day, in that very room, been ministering to the wants and relieving the necessities of a large number of very poor children; this, he maintained was the true masonic spirit, which should be felt and practised by all of them, and he suggested that, to show they were not forgetful of the claims that others, less happily circumstanced, had upon them, the St. John's column should be passed round, and the amount collected forwarded to Her Royal Highness. This was carried by acclamation.

The W.M's health was very eloquently proposed by I.P.M. Page in most eulogistic terms, he wishing him a happy and successful year of office, with abundance of work, and work worthy of him. In proposing the toast of the Visitors the W.M. advocated the more frequent visiting of the neighbouring lodges by the younger brethren, even without the usual invitation, stating that the experience gained could not be over estimated. Bro. Sir John Devereax, P.P.G., sec., Berks and Bucks; Sevenoaks, W.M. Etonian Lodge, 209; King, W.M. Abbey Lodge, 945; Judge, W.M. the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, 1788, responded to the toast.

Bro. Sir John Devereux (to whom the masons of Berks and Bucks owe so much of their present prosperity) in the course of his remarks alluded to the unique and magnificent temple in which the lodge holds its meetings, of which he was the instigator, giving some very interesting details concerning it, and recounting the numerous difficulties he had to contend with before that beautiful structure was constructed and consecrated. The health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. Page, was very enthusiastically received, the W.M. investing him with a handsome P.M's collar, subscribed for by the officers of his year, as "a mark of their sincere regard and esteem," and adding that he was not only a shining example of what a speculative mason should be, but he had done his best for his lodge as an operative mason, having that evening presented them with a very fine ivory gavel which he had carved as a labour of love with his own hands. A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Somers, S.D., was given by Bros. W. Rowe, G. May, and others, which added very much to the enjoyment of the evening. In every respect this installation meeting was a decided success, and the lodge fully deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its master and officers at the close of the first meeting of what promises to be a red letter year for the Windsor Castle Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSWOOD LODGE, No. 2278, AT ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Plough Inn, Elstree, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair as Consecrating Officer, and appointed his officers:—Bros. F. S. Knyvett, P.G.T., as S.W.; Mihill Slaughter, J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. W. Mills, P.G.Chap., as Chaplain; J. Terry, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P., as I.G. The usual preliminaries having been arranged, the Provincial Grand Master said they had met to add another lodge to the province, making the seventeenth on the list, and congratulated the founders upon the expansion of the province since he had been the Provincial Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Sec. then addressed the Prov. Grand Master, and the warrant was read, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named therein. The Prov. Grand Chaplain then gave an impressive oration upon masonry, its objects and its duties, which was listened to with great interest. The consecration ceremony being duly finished, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, J.P., then entered the lodge and was received with grand honours. Bro. J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.Master, installed Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.M., P.P.G.W., West Yorkshire, into the chair, according to ancient custom. The W.Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Petch, P.M., as Acting P.M.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., West Yorks., as S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, treas.; W. H. G. Ball, sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; W. Neil, D.C.; W. H. Aplin, I.G.; and G. Couchman, tyler.

The D.P.G.Master then delivered the addresses to the W.Master and Wardens, and Bro. Mihill Slaughter, P.J.G.W., delivered the address to the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, tendered the honorary membership of the lodge, accompanied with a founder's jewel, to the R.W.Provincial Grand Master, for his kindness in coming amongst them and undertaking the consecration ceremony, which the R.W.P.G.Master accepted, and expressed the gratification it gave him to have been present to receive such a handsome jewel, and such a hearty and cordial reception from the brethren, and he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at many future meetings of the lodge.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the following brethren and gentlemen for their handsome gifts to the lodge, viz., to Bro. Rawson Kelley, W.M., for the lodge furniture, collars, and jewels; to Bro. Col. T. Mitchell for the masonic carpet; to Bro. E. S. Stillwell for the tyler's sword; and to Mr. V. L. Tapling for the curtains.

The acting I.P M. Bro. John Petch, having been elected to serve on the Charity Committee of the Province, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in announcing to the brethren that T. K. Tapling, Esq., M.P., had promised him thirty guineas to endow the three chairs (ten guineas to be given to each of the Masonic Charities), and that Bros. George and John Kelley, West Yorkshire, had also contributed five guineas each for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge.

Amongst the brethren and visitors present were the following:—Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.G.M., West Yorks.; H. Smith, D.P.G.M., West Yorks.; T. S. Knyvett, P.G.T.; G. E. Lake, P.G.Sec.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; W. H. Dipstole, P.G.Stewd.; Rev. W. Mills, P.G.Chaplain; S. H. Moore, P.G.S.B.; M. Slaughter, P.G.J.W.; E. Arnold, P.G.Stwd.; L. J. Myers, P.P.G.Stwd.; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G.Stwd.; T. S. Carter, P.P.J.W.; H. Holmes, P.G.A.Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.J.W.; A. T. Brett, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P.; W. F. Smithson; P.P.G.D., West Yorks.; A. Macauley, P.G.Reg., West Yorks.; T. B. Fox, P.P.G.S.B., West Yorks.; Somerset; A. Haut, P.G.Stwd., Somerset; A. C. Haleshap, P.M. 1471; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; R. E. Hunt, P.M. 45; F. Hallows, P.M. 861, 1662; C. H. Fisher, P.M. 1489; W. Parker, P.M. 1851; E. Blinkhom, P.M. 1471; T. C. Berg, P.M. 1613; W. Medwin, P.M.; E. Howes, 1599, W.M.; G. F. Baker, W.M. 503; G. C. Kinnear, W.M. 727; W. Masters, W.M. 2128; E. C. Mulney, P.M. 179 and 2246; H. Hunt, W.M. Elect, 1471; and several other brethren.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. Bro. Rawson Kelley presided, supported by the R.W.P.G.Master, the D.P.G.M., and other Provincial Grand Officers. The customary loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent speeches were delivered by the W.M. and the brethren who responded thereto. Altogether it was one of the greatest and most successful meetings held in the province.

Answers to Correspondents.

LATOMIA.—Translation in type, but crowded out this week.
Several communications must stand over for same reason as above.

LECTURE BY BRO. J. FINLAY FINLAYSON, 385, 711, QUATUOR CORNATI, 2076, MASONIC HALL, LEICESTER, to UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 523.—Chair was to have been taken by Bro. Kelly (*F.S.A., F.R.H.S.*), P.P.G.M. and G. Supt. Leicester and Rutland, but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather he was unable to attend, Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.M., taking his place. The lecture treated of ancient and modern masonry, and showed the analogy between the symbols of Egypt and India and those now accepted by the craft, and whence the legend of H. A. B. appears to have taken its rise. The lecturer demonstrated that if masonry really rose above the status of a benevolent and social club and took the high position that was claimed for it, it was the grandest exponent of religious truth, apart from supernatural sources, that the world possesses. In its symbols it teaches life and the giver of life; in its great legend it teaches death and the hope of immortality. Over a hundred brethren were present, and the lecture was listened to with sustained and sympathetic interest. At its conclusion, Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W., proposed a vote of thanks "for the eloquent and learned address," which was enthusiastically accepted. By a unanimous vote of the lodge, Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson was elected honorary member of Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 523.

The mysteries of the craft should be intimately known to every Master and every Warden of a lodge. To accomplish this he must take some trouble. He must think over the work, read the best masonic books, and carefully read his masonic newspaper through. The leaders of the masonic fraternity are always expected to be bright Masons.

Evenings Abroad.

The "farcical rally," as Messrs. Helmore and Eden Phillpotts describe their funny play, *The Policeman*, is to be repeated at Terry's Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, March 5th. The cast will include Miss Gabrille Goldney, Miss Lilian Millward, Mr. Arthur Williams, Mr. Forbes Dawson and Mr. Compton Coutts.

At the Globe Theatre on Saturday evening, the 9th inst., Miss Kate Vaughan produced *The School for Scandal*. A charming performance is that of Miss Vaughan as Lady Teazle, and Mr. Fernandez as Sir Peter is sound and legitimate. Mr. Lionel Brough as Moses is, of course, excellent. Mr. Herbert, as Charles Surface, and Mr. Sullivan as Joseph were far above the average. Miss Leclercq's Mrs. Candour is a piece of acting of great merit.

It is rumoured that the new play entitled *The Panel Picture* will follow *Tares* at the Opera Comique.

Julius Cæsar will be played by the "O.U.D.S.," at the new theatre, Oxford, on the 27th inst. Mr. Alan M. Mackinnon will direct the piece, and Mr. Stewart Dawson will lend his aid in the production, as will also Mr. Bourchier in the capacity of assistant stage-manager. Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., will design the scenes of the Capitol and the Forum, which will be executed by Emden and Hall; and Mr. Leslie Mayne has composed some special music for the tragedy. Mr. Bourchier is to be Brutus; Mrs. Courtenay, Portia; Mrs. Charles Sim, Calphurnia; Mr. A. H. E. Grahame, Julius Cæsar; Mr. Morris, Antony; Mr. Clarke, Cassius; Henry Irving's eldest son, Mr. R. Peel, Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. Maude, and Mr. Nugent will appear in other parts.

Despite the fact that Mr. Beerbohm Tree has strengthened the revival of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* very materially since the original matinée performances were given, the reception of the play on the evening of Saturday week last was by no means excessively enthusiastic. Yet Mr. Tree has himself given more artistic satisfaction than before, and the rest of the actors and actresses have improved. The substitution of Mr. J. S. Blythe for Mr. Lionel Brough, and of Miss Henrietta Lindley for Miss Lingard, are the most important changes made. The scenery is excellent, and Sir Arthur Sullivan's music is charming, of course.

Last November I had the satisfaction of recording an interesting production at the Theatre Royal, Leamington, of a drama by Mr. Henry Byatt, entitled *True Heart*. The play has been since greatly revised, and it starts on tour this week under the management of Mr. Yorke Stephens, who has personally directed the rehearsals. A thoroughly efficient company will support the drama, and the wreck scene, with its elaborate effects and strong dramatic climax, will be made a special feature.

Mr. Pierre Leclerq's play, *A Love Story*, will be acted at the Vaudeville Theatre during the current week, supported by Misses Janet Achurch, Dolores Drummond, Morland, Stettith, Haynes and Floyd, and Messrs. Charrington, Fred Thorne, L. Cantley, Pagden, Lugg, Thornbury, Wheatman and Page.

The last nights of *Dorothy* are announced. The new comic opera to be produced at the Lyric Theatre will, it is stated, see the light on the 20th of next month. The theatre closes on the 13th March for a week of rehearsals.

After Mr. H. A. Jones' new piece has ended its run at the Haymarket, a version of the French drama, *Roger La Honte*, will be given. This, however, is not due till the autumn. *Matthew Ruddock* will be the title of Mr. Jones' play. The title of the French piece in its English dress, which will be supplied by Mr. Robert Buchanan, is not yet settled, but it *may* be either *Comrades in Arms* or *Bosom Friends*.

The Limited Liability Music Halls have been holding their Annual General Meetings. Some of them are announcing excellent dividends, but the results of the trading of certain Companies have not been uniformly successful.

Upon authentic information I am able to announce that the well-known provincial Company headed and exploited by Mr. F. R. Benson will be seen in London at Christmas next. The Globe Theatre has been taken for a year by this gentleman, who will, most probably, begin operations with a very elaborate revival of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The date for the production of Mr. Wilson Barrett's new drama, *Nowadays*, as at present arranged, is the 28th of the current month.

This season at Hengler's Circus at Covent Garden will end on Saturday evening next.

Further attractions have been added to *Faust up to Date* at the Gaiety. A new dance for the four nimble young ladies, and a new Irish song for Mr. Lonnen, called "The Widow," and written by Robert Martin, were performed on Thursday last, which was the 100th representation of this truly diverting burlesque by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt.

French plays will be given at Mr. Edwarde's Theatre at the end of May. During the season Madame Sarah Bernhardt will produce *L'Aveu*, the play she has written for herself, all by herself.

It is said that Mr. Carl Rosa intends having an opera season in London this year.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1889.

The movements in the price of money have been constant during the past week, but on the whole the tendency is towards greater ease. A large sum is reported as being shipped from Buenos Ayres for London, and this, with the Australian money nearly due, will considerably improve the position of the Bank. Short loans are quoted at 2¾, 3, and three months' bills at 2¾.

The principal feature in the stock markets is the absence of fresh business, and as a consequence prices are lower, with few exceptions, all round. In the foreign market this is owing to the unsettled state of politics in Paris; and in English rails to the uncertainty as to what may be the effect of the new tariff regulations.

In American railway shares there is the same feature. An association has been formed for the regulation of traffic rates, the settlement of disputes, and for mutual support, but so far the only effect has been to depress prices. In miscellaneous shares there is also a feebleness, which may, perhaps, be traced to the enormous increase of new ventures appealing to the public for subscription. The latest of these are the Bread Companies, which are being brought out two or three every day, and in which, for my part, I would not care to embark one sixpence.

Foreign Stocks show little move on balance. After the settlement was concluded last week they improved somewhat, but that gain has since been lost. The only excitement has been in what is called the "rubbish," which includes the cheap South Americans. Peru tumbled very quickly upon the news that Congress had separated without coming to any decision as to the Grace Contract, but as soon as the dealers came to their senses and realised the fact that this meant absolutely nothing, prices were soon put up again, and now stand about the same as before. Ecuadors also have again come into fashion and a rise of about 3 per cent. was established in one day; nor do I think that the rise is over yet. This stock was carried up many points above present prices in the last flutter and this will probably happen again.

Home rails have been moving irregularly, first up, then down again, but I do not see any reason to anticipate any great falling off, and in very few cases does it happen that prices are below those of a week ago. The Scotch lines are easier, as are also the southern lines, but the heavies are all better. I think that North British may be bought on any fall, as the dividend will soon be published, and will, I hear, be better than anticipated. Brightons also only want a few days fine weather to carry them up again higher than ever.

American rails are still unsettled, and any improvement is confined within very narrow limits. They remain essentially a jobbing market. To-day they are very flat, and it may be a good buying day for a short rise, but the time of the big boom that has so often been predicted seems as far off as ever. The fizzle in Ontario's lasted about five minutes, and they are now as utterly forgotten as usual. I would rather buy Milwaukie shares for a profit of 1 or 1¼ per cent., simply because they are flat and are so well abused.

Canadian Pacifics got up a little on the strength of a slightly improved traffic, but they are not a lively stock and appear to have sunk to a level there is no moving them from. Grand Trunks are active enough, but it would puzzle anyone to say which way they are going next. The rise of last week has not been maintained, but I would rather prefer to buy than to sell at present prices. Mexican rails recovered on the announcement of a good traffic return and look like improving.

In miscellaneous shares the business done has been pretty fair. Beulong tins being one of the lot wanted. Gun shares are in demand, in anticipation of extra Government contracts this year. Bell's asbestos, as soon as they were quoted ex-dividend, tumbled down to 16½; but when the selling ceased recovered again to 17. Apparently the end has not yet come, but it is clear that the holders do not believe much in the future prospects of the company. Telegraphs are flat. The North group of nitrates continue to droop in the absence of the master, while the others, such as Taltal, improve. There is room for both, no doubt, but the North party have so overshadowed this market that all have not had an equal chance.

Mines are quiet, not to say dull. After the recent excitement it is as well to pause a little and look round. Some of the hitherto unknown South African Mines, such as the Bixley and others of the same kind, are coming into notice, but the exploration and land shares are decidedly the favourites, as affording more scope for making big profits.

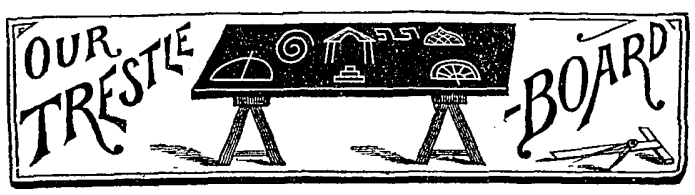
CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

M.C.—(1) Do as you have suggested. (2) You may refuse to accept the shares as they are not marketable.

DIDO.—Wait until after the next settlement. These people are not worth going to any expense about.

We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See page 10.]



With this Number we issue, as a supplement, an index to the contents of our First Volume, which in its appropriate binding is now ready for delivery.

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The Anniversary Festival of the Asylum for Fatherless Children, Reedham, Surrey, is to be held at Cannon Street Hotel, London, on the 12th March, Hugh M. Matheson, Esq., presiding. A strong appeal is made on behalf of the asylum, which, since it was founded in 1844, has admitted to its kindly shelter no fewer than 1,563 children, and has within its doors at the present time some 320. The institution is entirely unsectarian; without endowment; depending wholly upon the benevolence of the public; open to orphans of both sexes, and is the only institution of the kind where they are received as early as three months old, and retained without exception until fifteen years of age. It therefore commends itself to universal support; and members of the craft who, having supported more immediately our own charitable institutions, can yet find means to recognise the grand motto "Charity makes all one," should remember the fatherless and the widow, although they may not be directly associated with our benevolent order. May we express the hope that on the Stewards' lists at the approaching festival of this Orphan Asylum may be found the names of Freemasons whose charitable gifts are not entirely confined to Masonic Institutions.

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Our correspondents have much to answer for. Consequent upon their daring to call attention to the necessity for reform, and on our giving publicity to their complaints, a threat from one high in the councils of our Institutions has been carried out, and we have been notified of the withdrawal of his name from our large list of subscribers. This narrow-minded action on the part of an otherwise large hearted man will not, we think, very appreciably affect our circulation. There is an old saying amongst maidens whose sweethearts do not continue true to the core, that "the loss of one is the gain of two, and the choice of twenty more." We apply this comforting saying to our present case, and, as *Jack Bunsby* says, "the bearing of this obserwation lays in the application on it."

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

UBIQUE LODGE—No. 1789.—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Monday, the 11th inst. The brethren present included Bros. Captain W. L. White, W.M.; W. R. Arnold, S.W.; E. Morris, J.W.; J. Christian, S.D.; W. W. Blades, Acting J.D.; W. Seager, I.G.; Captain A. C. Hansard, D.C.; Captain A. Eardley-Wilmot; Captain W. Richey, P.M., P.Z.; Lieutenants Aldridge, Chamberlain, Turner, Cooper, Laird and Wilken, and many other brethren all of the Royal Artillery. After Bros. W. Dickson and F. Myers had been impressively passed to the second degree, the lodge unanimously elected Bro. W. R. Arnold, S.W., to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Arnold was initiated in this lodge in November, 1884, and raised to the third degree in May, 1885, so that on the night of his installation, which takes place in May next, he will be only four years a M.M., he has, however, served in the lodge as J.D., J. & S.W., and is a life subscriber to the R.M.I. for Girls. Bros. Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., and J. Lacland were unanimously elected to the offices of treasurer and tyler respectively. Bros. W. Arnold, P.M. 13, and J. Thorne were proposed as joining members of the lodge. A dinner followed later, the usual masonic toasts being honoured and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by the brethren.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE—No. 1962.—The members of this lodge met on the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Present, Bros. J. C. Tilt, W.M.; J. Geen, S. W.; Bing, J.W.; Gregory, S.D.; Lowe, Acting J.D.; McNish, Acting I.G.; Lackland, tyler; Claridge, sec.; McDowell, treas., and about 20 brethren and visitors. Bros. W. M. Ward and Haydon were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. Smith was passed to that of F.C., the ceremonies in both instances being very well rendered by the W.M., Bro. Tilt. At the supper which followed labour, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Claridge, the secretary, took occasion to remark that in this lodge a rule was enforced which obliged all candidates for the Master's chair to undergo an examination before a committee of skilled P.M's. and demonstrate to them that he was so thoroughly versed in all details of ritual and ceremonial as to be able to conduct the business of the lodge in a becoming manner. This is a most salutary rule, and one which, if adopted in all lodges, would prevent many instances of ridicule now caused by an imperfect knowledge on the part of rulers in the craft.

DORIC LODGE—No. 933.—The installation meeting was held on the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. There were present: Bros. Jas. Smith, W.M.; J. Hall Brown, S.W.; J. Grey, J.W.; W. Wainwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; J. L. Dale, J.D.; T. G. Scott, steward; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., org.; P.M.'s Bros. T. J. Barnes, Jas. Smith, A. Calver, E. Williams, J. West, G. Hollington, R. Ayton, R. Tucker, T. Crane, and W. J. Edney; Bros. F. W. Cates, W. Caslake, J. Rushforth, G. W. Austen, A. Dutfield, W. A. Hine, J. T. Johnson, A. Steedman, W. R. C. Moore, W. A. Moss, F. Newport, and J. Pick. Visitors: Bros. J. Taylor, P.M. 753; E. Bare, P.M. 1865; A. Brock, 857; H. F. J. Hallows, P.M. 1662; A. Hopson, 1421; J. Abrahams, 205; J. E. Taylor, 212; A. R. Trew, P.M. 959; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; H. F. Elliot, 49; G. J. Reed, 1910; W. Verry, P.M., P.G.S. Br. Herts; J. Boulton, W.M. 2291; J. Wayland, 95; Jno. Fowler, 1158; James Evans, W.S. 1260; J. M. Knight, P.M. 95; R. Goodall, 87; A. J. Hollington, P.M., P.G.S. 58; W. Musto, P.M. 1349. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Smith, so eloquently and efficiently as to call for more than ordinary commendation. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—J. Grey, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; W. Wainwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; J. L. Dale, S.D; A. R. Walker, J.D.; T. G. Scott, I.G.; Hine, steward; W. A. Moss, D.C.; B. T. H. Seddon, P.M. (for the 19th time), org.; J. Rawles, tyler. The business of the evening included the consideration of an application from a former member of the lodge for assistance, and £10 was promptly voted. The retiring W.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and a collar, amid marks of concurrence and appreciation, after which lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the customary toasts were honoured. Songs and recitations by Bros. E. Bare, C. Hopson, F. Newport, A. Calver, F. Cates, W. J. Edney, and T. G. Scott greatly added to the pleasant features of this successful entertainment.

GALLERY (PRESS) LODGE—No. 1928.—At the usual meeting on the 9th inst., a valuable past master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. C. Duckworth, the I.P.M. of the lodge, in acknowledgment of the great services which he has rendered to the lodge since its formation eight years ago. At the same meeting the members handed to Bro. Duckworth a handsome ring for Mrs. Duckworth, as a token of respect, that lady having taken an active interest in the non-masonic gatherings held under the auspices of the lodge.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE—No. 1538.—On the 13th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.—W. Bro. M. J. Mumford, W.M.—Bros. T. G. Fluck, I.P.M.; J. Hartnoll, S.W.; P. C. Maitland, J.W.; G. W. Hatch, P.M., treas.; T. H. Roberts, S.D.; H. T. Wright, J.D.; I. T. Stranger, I.G.; G. H. Cantle, Org. (MASONIC STAR); J. P. Parkes, P.M.; J. Hatch, W. Callie, J. Ford, H. Bye, C. P. Bonne, W. Johnston, C. Watson, C. E. Fardell, T. B. Sproston, H. Cooper, James, C. F. Finch, Cheffins. Amongst the visitors were W. Bro. Chas. G. Hill, P.M. 2262, P.Z. 177; J. Paige, Savage Club Lodge 2190, W.M. 1572; R. H. Davies, J.D. Emblematic 1321; G. Clayton, 780; G. Winny, Org. Duke of Albany 1963. The Lodge was duly opened, and Bros. J. Hatch and W. Collie were passed to the degree of F.C.'s. Mr. Cheffins was then initiated into masonry. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts were given and cordially received, that of the visitors receiving a very excellent response from Bro. Clayton. During the evening many of the brethren acted as vocalists, Bros. Cantle, Winny, and Davies, alternately presiding at the piano.

ROYAL ARCH.—INDUSTRY CHAPTER—No. 186.—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Ex-Comp. Josiah John Cantle, M.E.Z., presiding, and being supported by the following companions:—Ex-Comps. B. Taylor, P.Z., Acting H.; W. W. Westley, J.; John Seex, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. E. Tallant, P.Z., treas.; C. H. Phillips, P.Z.; W. Poore, P.Z.; Edmund Bye, and J. W. Worstencroft. Visitors:—Ex-Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; G. W. Knight, M.E.Z. 1507; and Comp. S. Scott Young, 1385. The minutes of the convocation of 16th October, 1888, having been confirmed, and ballots taken for Bros. Charles Rawlèy Cross, W.M., Creaton Lodge, No. 1791; Edward Austin, P.M., Creaton Lodge, No. 1791; Philip Shepherd, W.M., Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362; and Richard Killick, I.P.M., Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, and declared favourable, Bros. Cross, Austin, and Shepherd being in attendance, were introduced and exalted into the supreme degree. The banquet was served at the Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E., the fifteen sections were very ably worked under the presidency of W. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. The attendance was not so numerous as was anticipated, but doubtless the very inclement weather accounted for the absence of several brethren. Bro. Martin, with his usual ability, conducted the business of the evening, to the satisfaction of all present, and he and W. Bro. Milbourn, P.M., who officiated as S.W., were unanimously elected hon. members, in appreciation of their valuable services on this and preceding occasions. This Lodge of Instruction at all times well repays a visit, its working being, under the preceptorship of W. Bro. H. Shaw, as perfect as can be found in London.

STUART—No. 1632.—At the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Street, E.C., on the 14th inst.—Bro. Lindsay, W.M.—the second degree was rehearsed by the W.M. On the 21st inst. the third degree will be rehearsed by Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.S.B. Midx., at 7 p.m., Bro. Spiegel, Preceptor. Brethren cordially invited.

STAR CHAPTER—1275.—On Friday, 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present, Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, treas., M.E.Z.; Murche, H.; G. Moore, H. 169, J.; Stone, S.E; C. Woods, S.N.; A. Wood, P.S.; Needl, P.Z.; Grummant, P.Z.; Austin; Addington, Z. 1275; Towers, and Wicks. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and received a vote of thanks for his "H" work, being the first time. Comps. Towers and Austin were admitted members. A committee was appointed to report as to the advisability of holding a supper. The balance-sheet was presented by Comp. Murché, and showed a balance on the right side. During the past year the chapter met 41 times, with an average attendance of 12. The highest was 20 and the lowest eight.

PROVINCIAL.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT—SHANKLIN—CHINE LODGE—No. 1884.—At the meeting held on the 31st ult. a letter was read from Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.ProvG.D. of Devon, (who is a member of No. 1884), informing the brethren of the election of Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, &c., as one of the honorary members of the Jordan Lodge, Torquay. On the proposition of Bro. Newman, P.M., P.Prov.S.G.W. Hants, seconded by the W. Master, and supported by Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P.Prov.A.G.D.C. Hants, it was unanimously resolved "That the brethren now assembled in open lodge desire to express their warm appreciation of the favour conferred upon Brother Alfred Greenham, P.M. and D.C., and through him upon Chine Lodge, No. 1884, in his election as honorary member of the Jordan Lodge, as the projector and manager of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—TYNEMOUTH—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863.—Regular meeting at the Grand Hotel, Thursday, 14th inst. Bros. Charles Herbert Stanley Sherlock and Robert Spencer Story were elected members. Bros. Richard Henry Wesencraft and John William Carr were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. (Bro. John Coull). A large number of Provincial Officers and P.M.'s were present, amongst whom were Bros. J. D. Dixon, P.M., Percy Lodge 1427, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Davison, P.M. de Ogle 636, P.P.G.S.W.; Robert Carr, P.M. Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge 24, and St. John's Lodge 1712, P.P.G.S.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.M. Northumberland Lodge 685, and Priory Lodge 1863, treas., P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Beckingham, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863 (D. of C.), P.G.J.W.; Herbert Bott, P.G.Chap.; J. M. Winter, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.Rr.; W. Carnaby, P.M. St. George's 431, P.G.S.B.; C. Roope, P.M. 24 and 1863, P.P.G.O.; R. C. Symonds, P.M. Hotspur 1626, P.P.G.P.; Robert Jackson, P.M. St. Johns 1712, P.G.P.; John T. Davison, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.S.; J. Heslop, P.M. St. George's Lodge 431; Joseph Robertson, P.M. Tyne Lodge 991; W. Wilkinson, 1298 London, organist. The officers present were Bros. John Coull, W.M.; H. Bott, S.W.; W. Spicer, J.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.M., treas.; C. Roope, P.M., sec.; W. Fawcett, S.D.; H. E. Hollis, J.D.; Jas. H. Beckingham, P.M., D. of C.; R. F. Kidd, S.S. Other members of Priory Lodge: Bros. G. Renwick, C. Gibson, A. Waitt, W. Frazier, A. Reichwald, and Bros. H. Geipel and W. G. Renolds of Lodge 1427.

TYNEMOUTH—PRIORY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1863.—Election meeting at the Grand Hotel, on Monday, 10th inst. The chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. T. B. Nichols, Z., P.P.G.J., occupied the first chair. E. Comp. G. R. Duncan was unanimously elected Z. for the ensuing year. E. Comp. J. M. Winter, H.; J. O. Wallace, J.; E. Comp. C. Roope, P.P.G.O., Scribe E.; Ed. Green, Scribe N.; J. H. Beckingham, treas.; H. Bott, P.S.; J. Coull 1st Asst. So.; W. Bambridge, 2nd Asst. So.; Joseph W. Surtees, janitor.

The Annual Meeting of the LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, held under the warrant of Lodge 24, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at Freemason's Hall, Grainger Street, W. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Nesbit, P.M. 24, P.P.G.S.D. Bro. R. L. Markham, P.M., read the Treasurer's and Auditor's Report, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, which may be said to be due to the exertion of Bro. A. T. Aitchinson, P.M. 24, treas., he having looked after the subscriptions so well that only two members were in arrears. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. S Tait's Crown and Mitre Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided, presided over by Bro. J Nesbit, P.M. 24. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to

SUSSEX—RYE—WELLINGTON LODGE—No. 341.—The installation meeting was held at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, Rye, on the 14th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Fletcher, who ably performed the ceremony of passing Bro. H. Davies Horrell to the F.C. degree. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Joseph Molyneux Jenkins, J.W., having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. J. Cole, the ceremony was concluded by W. Bro. William Dawes, P.P.G.S.W. and P.D.G.R. (the secretary of the lodge), who delivered the various charges in his usual impressive manner. The officers for the year ensuing were invested by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. A. M. Brookfield, M.P., S.W.; W. J. Palmer, J.W.; A. H. Crick, Chap.; F. Bellingham, P.P.G.S.B., treas.; William Dawes, sec.; H. H. Barton, S.D.; T. Bushby, J.D.; H. Holman, I.G.; and J. Masey, tyler. Besides several visiting brethren from Hastings and other lodges in the province, the company was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov.G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., who was accompanied by W. Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov.G.Sec., etc. At the subsequent banquet the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

CHICHESTER—UNION LODGE, No. 38.—The Installation Meeting was held in the Council Chamber at Chichester on the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Hawes, assisted by Bro. Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, S.W., Bro. Inkpen, J.W., and a full complement of officers. There was a large muster of the lodge, and a considerable gathering of visitors, including Bro. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M., Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.S., and a number of the W.M.'s of the lodges in the province. Bro. Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, who had been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. George Smith, P.P.G.W., and Senior P.M., of the lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. H. Hawes, who was assisted in the charges by Bro. St. Clair, P.P.G.W., and Bro, Oliver Lloyd, P.P.G., Swd. Br. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. G. Inkpen, S.W.: W. Doman, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M. chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G., S. Wks. treas.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, S.D.; C. F. Charge, J.D.; George Smith P.P.G.W., D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.P.G. org. of Lincolnshire; J. Fielder, I.G.; E. F. Gower, and H. H. Moore, stewds. A P.M's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Hawes, in recognition of his services during the past year. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of 60, dined together in the Assembly Rooms. The catering arrangements were placed in the hands of Bro. Arthur Purchase, and the dinner was provided by Mr. Richardson. The arrangements of the stewards, Bros. E. H. Gower and H. H. Moore, were satisfactorily carried out. The musical portion of the evening's proceedings was undertaken by Bro. A. W. Lambert and was exceedingly satisfactory. The Chichester Orchestral Society played during the progress of the dinner and afterwards songs were sung by several of the brethren, assisted by Mr. W. Evan Cox, Lay Vicar of the Cathedral.

YORKS, W.R.—BARNSLEY—FRIENDLEY LODGE, No. 1513.—The installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Benj. Smith, Past D.C., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Seward, in the presence of the following brethren: C. W. Fincken, S.W.; W. Senior, J.W.; W. J. Frankland, sec.; J. Cheatter, S.D.; J. S. Ingall, J.D.; C. Lingard, I.G.; Benj. Smith, D.C.; H. Fountain, O.; J. H. Smith, F. C. Browne, SS.; Nichols, Watson, Naylor, Braithwaite, Longley, Johnson, Jackson, Coles, Davies, Tallents, A. Gration, Hutchinson, Squire, Harrison. Visitors: H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West York; T. W. Embleton, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; J. H. Gration, P.M., P.P.G.T.; G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; W. J. Lawrance, P.M.; C. J. Massie, P.M.; Geo. Sykes, P.M.; L. Bancroft Coward, W.M. 904; W. G. Haggard, 904; W. Ashe, W.M. 1019; T. Wilkinson, P.M. Todmorden; J. Reed, Scunthorpe; Joe Smith, W.M. Elect 904; E. Bellington, I.P.M. 1462; W. Dickie, P.M. 904; F. Romain, 904; G. Taylor, sec. 1462; S. Slack, P.M. 910; J. Hartley, P.M. 495; C. F. Wike, P.M. 279; R. Ruff, J. W. 1462; J. Lund, S.W. 1462. The W.M. Elect, Bro. B. Smith, was presented by Bros. J. H. Gration, P.M., P.P.G.Tr., and S. C. Alderson, P.M., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was undertaken and most efficiently performed by Bro W. R. Massie, P.M. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Smith was inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. Bro. Smith was then saluted in the several degrees, and Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., concluded his duties as Installing Master, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Senior, S.W.; W. J. Frankland, J.W.; Rev. W. Coombe, M.A., Chap.; T. W. Embleton, P.M., Prov.G.S.W., treas.; J. S. Ingall, sec.; C. Lingard, S.D.; H. Fountain, J.D.; C. W. Fincken, D.C.; W. W. Hutchinson, org.; J. H. Smith, I.G.; F. C. Browne, T. Braithwaite, J. F. M. Coles, S. Squire, stewards; and E. J. Massie, P.M., Almoner. The W.M. presided at the banquet, and was supported by Bros. H. Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorks; T. W. Embleton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Newton, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Gration, P.P.G.Treas.; S. Slack, P.P.G., D. of C.; C. F. Wike, P.M., P.P.G.D.Leicester; C. F. Seward, I.P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. J. Lowrance, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; E. J. Massie, P.M. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, whilst the proceedings were enlivened by music at intervals. A most enjoyable evening was closed with the toast of "All poor and distressed Masos."

THE MASONIC PRESS.—Those who cavil at the existence of a masonic press have yet to learn the influence it brings to bear upon the encouragement, and succour it gives to all that is good, the demolition of shams and imposture, and the general benefit of the fraternity, on whose behoof its promoters labour. The information supplied in the columns of our masonic journals is most valuable, as well as interesting; it furnishes us with a record of all important events that are passing around; it gives free course for the interchange of current opinion: and from every point of view there can be no gainsaying that, bereft of the organised organs, Freemasonry would be deprived of one of its vital sources of being. Freemasonry owes much of its wisdom and discretion to those who have voluntarily taken up the cause, and all right-thinking Masons will agree with us, we are indebted to what is often described at public meetings as "the mighty machine" for doing good.—*Sunday Times.*

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.	
23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Othon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.	
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford, S.E.
2157	St. Mark's College	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
	(4th) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.	
	(Nil).	
	(4th) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.	
	GRAND LODGE MARK MASTER MASONS, 3 o'Clock.	
4	Royal Somerset House&Invrnss.	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C		
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
	(4th) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
165	Honour and Generosity	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1348	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th—*continued.*	
R.A.C.		
7	Royal York of Perseverance	F. M. H.
180	St. James's Union	Ditto
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.		
3	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
R.C.		
29	Palestine	33, Golden Sq., W.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.	
	FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTE 5.30 for 6 o'Clock.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
201	Jordan	Ditto
212	Euphrates	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
R.A.C.		
753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
	(4th) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, Walham Green
861	Finsbury	St. Btlph. Chbrs., 191, Bshpsgte. St., E.C
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.		
29	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street, E.C.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's ... ... 25th Feb	M. H., New Street
74	Athol ... .. 6th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ... ... 19th Mar	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ... ... 12th Mar	M. H., New Street
587	Howe ... ... 11th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance ... 14th Mar	Ditto
887	Leigh ... ... 27th Feb	Ditto
925	Bedford ... ... 18th Mar	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ... ... 20th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington ... ... 26th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... ... 13th Mar	Ditto
1163	Emulation ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
1180	Forward ... ... 4th Mar	Ditto
1474	Israel ... ... 11th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity ... ... 19th Mar	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ... 15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ... ... 12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol ... ... 26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe ... ... 2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor ... ... 7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington ... ... 4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... ... 5th Mar	Ditto
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ... 11th Mar	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity ... .. 13th Mar	Ditto
221	St. John ... ... 18th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George ... ... 27th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.		
37	Concord ... ... 15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John ... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ... ... 12th Mar	Ditto
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope ... ... 18th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY, 21st Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha ... ... 5th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ... 13th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ... 1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
302	Charity ... ... 18th Mar	Ditto
600	Sincerity ... ... 5th Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ... 15th Mar	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ... 5th Mar	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ... 14th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... 16th Mar	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ... 2nd Mar	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ... ... 26th Feb	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DY., 21st Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford ... ... 13th Mar	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.		
271	Lennox ... ... 3rd May	Royal
315	Royal Pavilion ... 16th Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ... 28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... 12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ... 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ... 11th Mar	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort ... ... 5th Mar	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality 13th Mar	Ditto
326	Moira ... ... 14th Mar	Ditto
610	Colston ... ... 20th Mar	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ... ... 12th Mar	Ditto
1388	Canynges ... ... 2nd Mar	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
2257	Powell ... ... 25th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.		
68	Royal Clarence ... 16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort ... ... 26th Feb	Ditto
187	Charity ... ... 7th Mar	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... 20th Mar	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ... ... 14th Mar	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ... 7th Mar	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton ... ... 28th Feb	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.		
42	Unanimity ... ... 28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... 20th May	Bridge Inn
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
88	Scientific ... ... 11th Mar	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles 4th Mar	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty. 5th Mar	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY, 21st Feb	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.		
88	Pythagoras... ... 26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity ... ... 3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid ... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrian ... ... 26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum ... ... 13th Mar	Ditto
802	Repose ... ... 19th Mar	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
253	Justice ... ... 12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth ... ... 17th Apr	Ditto
HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers ... ... 16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett ... ... 27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell ... ... 13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave .. ... 16th Mar	Ditto
HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued*.		
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric ... ... 25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama ... ... 24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett ... ... 11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... ... 15th Apr	Ditto
HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber ... ... 7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ... ... 13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... ... 6th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., 22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ... 1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
57	Humber ... ... 28th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... ... 15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., 22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole ... ... 6th Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Dougla
1075	S. Manghold ... 12th Mar	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald ... ... 13th Mar	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ... 5th Mar	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ... 20th Mar	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ... 12th Mar	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ... 11th Mar	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C		
1004	Athole ?14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
281	Fortitude ... ... 13th Mar	M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley ... ... 4th Mar	Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster 20th Mar	Ditto
1561	Morecambe ... 1st Mar	King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.		
1051	Rowley ... ... *18th Mar	M. R., Church Street
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
289	Fidelity ... ... 7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 27th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... ... 1st Mar	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ... ... 4th Mar	Ditto
1221	Defence ... ... 11th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ... ... 15th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ... ... 9th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ... ... 12th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 6th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... ... 12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
279	St. John's .. ... 6th Mar	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt T-DY., 21st Feb	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MR., 22nd Feb	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ... 12th Mar	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ... 18th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitude ... *5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ... *4th June	Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
32	St. George's ... 27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ... 19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union T-DY., 21st Feb	Ditto
216	Harmonic ... ... 14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants .. ... 12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners ... ... 7th Mar	Ditto
292	Sincerity ... ... 11th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Ditto
667	Alliance ... ... 19th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John ... ... 5th Mar	Ditto
680	Sefton ... ... 1st Mar	Ditto
724	Derby ... ... 27th Feb	Ditto
786	United Service ... 14th Mar	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 20th Mar	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ... 6th Mar	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 13th Mar	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Ednbgh. ... 14th Mar	Ditto
1264	Neptune ... ... 4th Mar	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ... ... 25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 11th Mar	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ... ... 13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ... ... 18th Mar	Ditto
1505	Emulation .. ... 28th Feb	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ... ... 13th Mar	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ... 19th Mar	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic 26th Feb	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ... 6th Mar	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ... 26th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence 18th Mar	Ditto
2215	Anfield ... ... 28th Feb	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ... ... 27th May	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ... ... 15th Apr	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem 5th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ... 18th Apr	Ditto
241	Friendship ... ... 25th Feb	Ditto
249	Mariners ... ... 21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire ... ... 11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's ... ... 10th Apl	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR., 22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Mar	Ditto
1393	Hamer ... ... 7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel ... ... 12th Mar	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Mar	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Feb	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Mar	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Mar	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Feb	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Mar	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Mar	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Mar	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Mar	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Mar	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Mar	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Mar	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Mar	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Mar	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Mar	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Mar	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Mar	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Mar	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Feb	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MR.,	22nd Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory	14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	15th May	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Mar	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Feb	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Feb	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Mar	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb	Ditto
1794	De Vere	*15th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Mar	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Mar	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Mar	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	21st May	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Mar	*Ditto*
156	Harmony	4th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Mar	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Mar	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	21st Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	26th Feb	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Mar	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Mar	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Mar	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Mar	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	20th Mar	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	21st May	*Ditto*
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	9th May	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George TO-DAY,	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Mar	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Mar	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	21st Feb	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Feb	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Apr	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Mar	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY.	21st Feb	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers T MR.,	22nd Feb	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Mar	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	1st Mar	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Feb	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Mar	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Mar	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	22nd Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence T-DY,	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm.. Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore ... ... „ 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart ... ... „ 7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
Mark.		
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(4th) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(4th) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan .. ... „ 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th—*continued*.	
1586	Upper Norwood ... at 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(4th) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... . „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's „ 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(Last) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in February (*see ante*).

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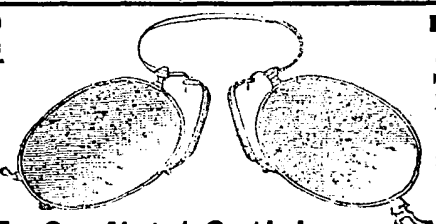
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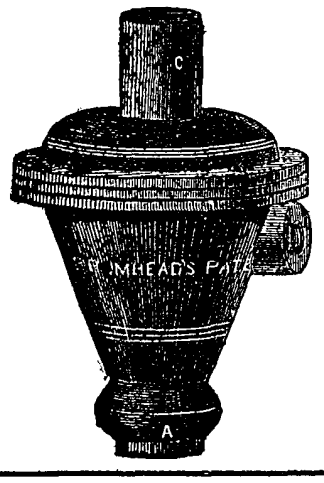
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Aged 78 Years,

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Mark Masonry.

THE Mark Master Masons of England, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, are to be congratulated that circumstances have afforded them a far from anticipated opportunity to secure for the purposes of their Grand Lodge what may be assuredly considered the most appropriate premises in respect of both site and area which could, at any time, be obtained for their headquarters in London; and, still further, that they have in the brethren who constitute their General Board intelligent, far-seeing men of action and resource, who do not hesitate to turn the occasion to account in the best interests of the Order, and that without a moment's delay. It is only within the last few weeks that it became known that the business of Bacon's Hotel (between which and Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street, London, the Freemasons' Tavern is situate) would be discontinued, and the premises which form, with the Tavern, part of the property of the United Grand (Craft) Lodge, be placed in the market for disposal. But that short period has been sufficient for those who have the management of the affairs of the Mark Degree to formulate a scheme, and secure agreements, whereby, subject only to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the United Grand (Craft) Lodge of England are to lease the said premises to them for a period of 49 years, the freehold itself not being in any way obtainable. This formal and solemn approval was given, amidst expressions of much satisfaction, at a Special Grand Mark Lodge holden at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday last, the 25th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Prov. Grand Master, who stated that the proposition met with the unqualified approbation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master. The proposal was introduced by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, *M.A.*, Past Grand Master, and President of the General Board, in a concise and business-like speech, which, aided by a series of plans of intended alterations and additions to the present building, enabled the large number of brethren present to understand and appreciate all the advantages to be gained by carrying out the elaborately prepared scheme of the Board's advisers.

The estimates given as to necessary outlay; the annual rental during term of lease; and the prospects of returns, which might not only lessen but would probably more than meet the same, were thoroughly explained, and were received with general satisfaction. The able endorsement of V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Treasurer, in seconding the proposal, still further tended to show the good policy which would attend its adoption; and the vote of the assembly was unanimously accorded thereto. A few suggestions from several brethren as to matters of detail respecting arrangements to be made for the convenience and comforts of the several Lodges, Chapters, and Councils, whose meetings are likely to be held on the premises when the proposed alterations have been carried out, were received by the President of the Board, and the Special Grand Lodge was closed.

We have said that the members of the Mark Master's Degree in England have cause for congratulation on the good fortune which enables them to have their Grand Lodge premises in such close proximity to that of the Craft Grand Lodge, and believe that the step which has been taken will still further advance the best interests of the Order. A glance backward along the road of its magnificent progress, and a retrospect of only the past twenty years, cannot fail to impress those who know what has been done during that period, with a deep sense of wonder that so much has been accomplished. The members of the Mark Degree need no reminding as to whose joint efforts this remarkable progress has been due; and we hope that when the time comes for utilizing their newly-acquired premises a hearty recognition of the labours of those particular brethren will be accorded to them, for assuredly they have thereby, crowned an edifice of long, zealous and painstaking service on behalf of the Mark Degree. There was a time when, but for a lowest possible majority, the Degree might have remained part and parcel of the Craft, sheltered by the same roof. That now can never be; nor is it advisable that it should. But how nearly it approaches that shelter, and with what thorough masonic good fellowship its advances have been met, let the Special Grand Lodge, whose proceedings we have recorded, testify.

The following Grand and Past Grand Officers were present on the above occasion:—

Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro. Grand Master; Canon Portal, M.W. Past Grand Master; A. M. Broadley, as R.W. Deputy

Grand Master; Lord John H. Taylour, as Grand Sen. Warden; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as Grand Jun. Warden; C. H. Driver, Grand Master Overseer; Gen. C. W. Randolph, Grand Sen. Overseer; Frank Richardson, Grand Treas.; Frederick Binckes, Grand Sec.; C. F. Matier, Asst. Grand Sec.; John Larkin, Grand Jun. Deacon; Rowland Plumbe, Grand Inspector of Works; Robert Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Ramsey, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Lieut.-Col. G. Haldane, Grand Sword Bearer; J. T. Briggs, Grand Standard Bearer; John Kenyon, Grand Inner Guard; E. J. Mills, Past Asst. Grand Inner Guard; W. H. Kempster, Grand Steward; Wyndham Hart, Grand Steward; George Allen, Grand Steward; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and I. of Wight; A. Williams, P.G.M.O.; D. P. Cama, P.G.S. Deacon; George Graveley, P.G. St. Br.; Joseph Mainwaring, P.G. Stwd.; F. Davison, P.G.W.; M. Mildred, P.G. Steward; Geo. Clark, P.G. Steward; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.O.; H. Massey, P.G. Steward; Geo. Powell, P.G. Steward; J. Smith Eastes, P.G.O.; Jabez Church, P.G. Steward; James Moon, P.G. Treasurer; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.S.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, P.G.O.; W. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; H. Faija, P.G.S.; P. L. Simmonds, P.G.S.; Henry Stone, P.G.S.B.; W. Lake, P.G. Steward; Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; Chas. Belton, P.G.M.O.; John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., and a large number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren of Private Lodges, &c.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday next, March 6th, at six o'clock in the evening, the Grand Master and Officers entering the Hall at seven o'clock. The principal business to be transacted after the confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December last will be the elections of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the V.W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. In regard to the former appointment, it is a foregone conclusion that Grand Lodge will gladly confirm the nomination by Sir J. H. Gorst, *Q.C.*, *M.P.*, and I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as Grand Master. In respect of the election of the Grand Treasurer, there can be but little, if any doubt, that a contest of no small importance will take place. The Craft have before them two well-known and much respected candidates for what has been termed "the blue ribbon of the Craft," but which might more properly be defined as the Craft's distinctive purple; for the position of Grand Treasurer is the only appointment, save that of the Grand Master, which the Constitutions of English Freemasonry permit the general body of Masons on the register of English Lodges to make. And it is but of recent years, and then not without a struggle, that that privilege was gained. The brethren now seeking the suffrages of Grand Lodge are in order of nomination—W. Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry, P.M., Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, &c., &c., of world-wide reputation as the proprietor of Terry's Theatre in London, and greatly esteemed as a genial and honourable man, a zealous and good citizen, and of whom his *nominator*, W. Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, spoke in terms which we consider should be again submitted to our readers on the very eve of the election. We shall therefore reproduce in another column* the speech of Bro. Somers Vine in December last; and, acknowledging "the equal measures we are bound to pursue," also that of W. Bro. Ferguson, P.M., Domatic Lodge, No. 177, in nominating for the office W. Bro. George Everett, P.M., also well-known during his thirty years of active Masonic life as a worthy exemplar of all the grand principles of Freemasonry. It speaks well for the Craft that two such honourable representatives of its best traditions should seek the suffrages of its representatives in Grand Lodge, and the only regret that can be entertained is that one of them must sustain disappointment of cherished hopes and of well-deserved reward. We think it a pity, on that very ground, that contests for the office of Grand Treasurer cannot—for it must be admitted that under existing circumstances they cannot—be avoided. In respect of this immediately forthcoming election we have reason to know that though each candidate will naturally desire success, failure will not affect existing friendship, and this portion of a true Freemason's creed will be honoured by close observance. We cannot say "may the best man win" for there is too near an approach to absolute equality to justify comparison. Hence the assurance that the contest will be severe.

Whilst the scrutineers will be engaged in counting the votes polled for the above named candidates, the Grand Lodge will be asked to agree to the recommendations of the board of benevolence for grants to brethren and widows of brethren, amounting to £925, of which sum £425 represents six London, and £500 eight Provincial and District cases. The total number of recommendations to the grand lodge for the year 1888 was 51, and the grants amounted to £3,160, of which 22 London cases represented £1,360, and 29 provincial cases £1,800. We shall refer to these figures in future issues in support of our contention for "equal measures" in regard to contributions to and grants from the fund of benevolence.

The Board of General Purposes report that on the 1st of December last they received notice from Messrs. Spiers & Pond, Limited, the Lessees of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen Street, of their intention not to apply for a renewal of the Lease, which terminated at Christmas. The Board thereon consulted with the Grand Superintendent of Works as to the amount to be claimed for dilapidations, and also as to the steps which should be taken for re-letting the Building, and this latter business was placed in the hands of a leading firm of agents, through whom an offer was received of £300 per annum from a gentleman proposing to open the house as a Temperance Hotel. The Board, however, considered that there were several objections to their accepting this offer, and they subsequently received another from the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of £360 per annum (the rent hitherto received) for a Lease of 49 years, together with an undertaking to expend about £3,000 on the building, the plans to be subject to the approval of the grand superintendent of works, and the nett amount received from Messrs. Spiers and Pond for dilapidations to be handed over to them, such arrangement being subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. The board considers that this offer is in every respect a very desirable one, and have, therefore, accepted it subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. To the report is subjoined a statement of the grand lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the finance committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February, inst., showing a balance at the Bank of England (western branch), of £4,659 19s. 9d., and in the hands of the grand secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £23 16s. 7d.

The report of Bro. John Smith, auditor of grand lodge accounts, of the receipts and disbursements, during the year 1888 will be submitted. The following warrants for new lodges have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last quarterly communication of grand lodge:—2,291, West Ham Abbey Lodge, Stratford, Essex; 2,292, Duke of Brunswick Lodge, Brunswick, Victoria; 2,293, Sandeford Lodge, Malmsbury, Victoria; 2,294, Wavertree Lodge, Wavertree, Lancashire, W.D.; 2,295, Scarisbrick Lodge, Southport, Lancashire, W.D.; 2,296, United Service Lodge, Launceston, Tasmania; 2,297, Harding Lodge, Roebourne, Western Australia; 2,298, Southern Cross Lodge, Palamcottah, Tinnevelly, Madras; 2,299, Mount Currie Lodge, Kokstad, Griqualand East, South Africa; 2,300, Aorangi Lodge, Wellington, N.Z.; 2,301, Fortitude Lodge, Bluff, Otago and Southland, N.Z.; 2,302, St. Mary's Lodge, Southwell, Nottinghamshire. The calendar committee direct the attention of masters of lodges and principals of chapters to the necessity of communicating to the grand secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of lodges or chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, rules 162, 167, 168, 169, 170; edition 1884.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting, in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D. and president of the board; Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., and Walter Hopekirk, G.P., respectively occupying the vice-presidential chairs. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the Grand Secretary and his staff were present. The agenda paper for the ensuing quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to be holden on the 6th March, was presented to the Board of Masters, and the brethren then proceeded with the business of the Board of Benevolence. Recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of grants made in January last were confirmed, the total amount being £390. A list of 38 applications was then considered. It comprised petitions from the London district, Almwch, Battle, Berwick, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Crediton, Darlington, Demerara, Enfield, Hull, Liverpool, Malta, Millom, Newchurch, Plymouth, Shrewsbury and Torquay. Of these, two were not entertained, five were dismissed and one was withdrawn. £845 was distributed amongst the remaining 30 cases. Of these there were three recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100, £75, and £50 respectively; and five for £10 each, and six for £30 each, to the Grand Master. There were seven immediate grants of £20 each, one of £15, six of £10, and one of £5.

The President expressed his regret that in the case of several country petitions, the certificates of the Provincial Grand Secretaries really gave no information about the cases which they certified, much to the detriment of the applicants. Some of the Provincial Grand Secretaries' certificates are models of what is required, so that the Board is able to gauge the exact worth of the case and mete out the adequate assistance; but others are so scanty that the Board is left in almost entire ignorance of the circumstances of the petitioners. The president hoped that in future all recommending Provincial Grand Secretaries would supply the fullest information in their power.

REVIEW.

Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.—Inscribed to the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, by J. Finlay Finlayson. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, W.C., 1889.

A highly interesting and well written book, instructive not only to masons, but to the outside world. The writer, in dealing with a somewhat obscure subject, shows himself thoroughly at home, and, exercising a happy style, does not allow the interest to flag. Much careful labour in the presentation of the various items of research has evidently been bestowed, and their reduction to so small a compass evidences considerable ability. This work is certainly a valuable addition to masonic literature, starting as it does at an era of which we have practically none but legendary history, and conducting the mind through the intricate windings of thousands of years. The allusions to the "sun in splendour" and the "*crux ansata*" are singularly impressive and instructive. The admirable etchings by Mr. Walter Willis, A.K.C., Member of the Society of Engineers, from which the illustrations to the book have been executed, are most interesting. Mr. Willis is himself a "Lewis," whose father was a P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, and is, we believe, seeking admission to the Order. We strongly commend Bro. Finlayson's work to the attention of all masonic students as well as to our readers generally.

* See page 24.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

G. A. O. T. U.

Wherever we are, or wherever we be,
'Mong Mason's acknowledged, accepted and free:
The great book of maxims is open to view,
Its title in cypher, G. A. O. T. U.

When the first page we open, what there do we scan?
Our duty to God, and our friendship to man;
To be upright and perfect in acts and in deeds,
And to honour our Maker from whom all proceeds.

When the hand of a Brother we grasp, let it be
A token of kinship to which there's a key;
To aid and not hinder his passage through life,
To pray for his welfare, avoiding all strife.

To treasure his secrets, if he such impart,
To bind them secure in the depths of your heart;
To support him in danger, to help him in need,
To do good to all men; let this be your creed.

Our life must be long could we read the whole book,
Though we seek day by day for a glance or a look;
With an urgent desire the whole to construe,
Of the wisdom set forth by G. A. O. T. U.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M., P.P.G.R., Kent.

THE COLONIES.

NEW ZEALAND—AUCKLAND—ST. ANDREW LODGE—No. 418.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 20th December last. There were 36 installed masters on the daïs, and visiting brethren representing all the sister lodges, made a total of 140 masons present. The lodge was duly opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Farquhar Macrae, and Bro. Page was duly installed W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew. Bro. P. M. Hewson presented the working tools in the third and first degrees, and Bro. Macrae those in the second degree; he also delivered the address to the Master. The officers were invested as follows:—Bros. John M. Beveridge, S.W.; Thomas Thomas, J.W.; Rev. F. Gould, P.M., chaplain; Dr. Walker, P.M., org.; Thomas Ellison, P.M., treas.; H. C. Tewsley, sec.; R. Robinson, S.D.; T. Finlayson, J.D.; E. Dawes, S.S.; J. Guthrie, J.S.; J. Strathern, I.G.; E. Tonge, tyler. After the investiture, Bro. Macrae addressed the wardens and brethren. Congratulations were tendered to the masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, and the W.M. rendered thanks to Bro. Macrae for officiating as installing master. Refreshment followed labour.

ONELUNGA—MANAKAU LODGE—No. 586.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 18th December last, at the Masonic Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren from town, Ponsonby, Otahuhu, and other districts, and the gathering was a most representative one. The following officers were installed:—Bros. Lawry, W.M., S.W.; Dr. Erson, S.W.; Bruford, J.W.; P. Clark, sec. and treas.; Mulgan, chaplain; Stephens, S.D.; McKinnon, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Chaafe, S.S.; Page, J.S.; C. V. Hill, P.M., tyler. Brother M. Niccol, D.P.G.M., acted as installing master with his wonted efficiency. After the close of the ceremony the brethren were entertained at an informal banquet. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were drank, interspersed with songs, and there was a consensus of opinion that the meeting was one of the most successful in the annals of the lodge.

AUSTRALASIA.—VICTORIA—CAMPERDOWN—LEURA LODGE, No. 1131.—The anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 22nd December. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, at 9.30 a.m., when Bro. H. Parry, W.M. elect, was installed into the chair by Bro. W. H. Batten, P.M., Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballarat. The following officers were invested:—Bros. Henderson, S.W.; Morris, J.W.; Young, P.M., treas.; Peters, P.M., sec.; M'Donald, S.D.; Coy, J.D.; M'Whalter, I.G.; M'Kenzie and Cohen, stewards; Haliburton, tyler. Visiting brethren were present from the lodges at Ballarat, Colac, Geelong, and Smythesdale. At half-past eleven the brethren, accompanied by their wives and families, journeyed to Lake Elingamite, where an enjoyable picnic was held. Returning to Camperdown, the lodge was resumed, and the third degree was conferred on a candidate.

PUNJAB.

A special communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Thursday, the 27th December last, being the Festival of St. John. The Right Worshipful Bro. W. Woodall Parker, District Grand Master, presided, and there was a large attendance of Grand Officers, representatives, and brethren. W. Bro. Dr. Brij Lal Ghose, *R.B.*, delivered a lecture on "Freemasonry and Brahminism," and W. Bro. Col. A. Menzies read an address on "Masonic Literature," sent by W. Bro. H. J. Whymper, who was unavoidably absent. Referring to the latter, the Rt. W. District Grand Master, in his address, very aptly said:—"It is too often the case that members of our fraternity stop short at taking their degrees, and regard the taking of them as the beginning and the end of masonry; but they are really the means by which we may reach our goal and not the goal itself. They enable us to enter the mystic circle of masonic love, and to learn its lessons, if we will; without them the student of masonic literature cannot appreciate what he reads; they afford the light by which all is illumined and made clear. You will have observed, brethren, that in one sense masonry is not a secret—that is its history; its object and its principles are to be found published in some 6,000 or more works which any one may purchase, though only masons can read them aright and with benefit. With this mass of literature at our disposal, is it not wonderful to find that a very large number of masons make no attempt to become acquainted with it, and that many are satisfied to remain in ignorance of the true history, life, laws, and spirit of masonry! yet this is the fact, and I trust that our endeavours may lead to the removal of this reproach from amongst the masons in this district. Only yesterday I got a letter from a lodge, which shall be nameless, forwarding a resolution condemning a circular of the District Grand Master, in which he "*invited*" brethren to supply such information as "*might properly be divulged*," to the masonic column of a newspaper; the lodge considers that this is opposed to the *tradition* of our Order. Now, how it is possible to hold this view in the face of masonic literature extending over 6,000 volumes, and of Masonic Journals published all over the world, I am afraid it is impossible to say. Moreover, as the circular only *invited* the publication of information which *might properly be divulged* and no other, it is difficult to appreciate the value of the objection unless, indeed, it is the outcome of that very ignorance of our traditions which I have just commented upon. Apart from the way in which the lodge in question has thought fit to state its objection—which is as unusual as it is uncalled for, and which will be noticed at the proper time—it seems clear that the brethren concerned cannot have drunk very deep of the stream of masonic knowledge, if they did not know that the stream is a double channel—a secret and an open one—and that both are always full to overflowing."

We commend these remarks to many of our English brethren, who "strain at gnats and swallow camels" in respect of masonic literature, carp at the exposition of open secrets which instruct, whilst they support the publication of surreptitious "ritual" which misinforms.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, has been removed to Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, where in future it will meet regularly on Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

——The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th March.

——The Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, Bro. William Simpson, *R.I., M.R.A.S., &c.*, W.M., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 5 p.m., to-morrow (Friday, March 1st). Founders and officers to assemble at 4.30 p.m. Bro. W. H. Rylands will read a paper, entitled "A word on the legends of the Compagnionage." Members of the correspondence circle can attend.

——The social meeting of "The Old Masonians," to be held at Anderton's Hotel, London, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 8 p.m., will be presided over by Mr. A. B. Whiteley. "Our Boys" hope to provide a pleasant meeting for members and visitors.

——The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed in the Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632, at the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, London, E.C., at 5 p.m., this (Thursday) evening, W. Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, as Consecrating and Installing Officer. Bro. E. Pettit, W.M. elect 1632, will conduct the musical portion of the ceremonies.

——The Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1364, has changed its night of meeting at the "Royal Edward," Mare Street, Hackney, from Saturdays to Fridays, at 8. A masonic charity fund has been commenced in this lodge, and the first subscription night will be to-morrow (March 1st).

——The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Eastern Division of the County of Lancaster, Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E.G. Suptdt., will hold its annual meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Friday, 22nd March, at 2.30 p.m., and afterwards dine at the Swan Hotel. Particulars of Ex. Comp. John Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br. and Prov. G. Scribe E., Cooper Street, Manchester.

——The Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, Bro. Edmund Dare, W.M., will meet at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on the 5th prox., at 4.30 p.m. Work in each of the three degrees, election of W.M. and officers, and banquet at 7.30.

——This evening, February 28th, Bro. Henry Prenton will give a Concert to the aged Masons at the Institution at Croydon, and will be assisted by the Misses Emily Davies and Camelia Page, Bro. Henry Parkin, and Messrs. Eustace Jay and W. Emerson.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The South Australian Freemason, January, 1889, J. H. Cunningham, Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide; *Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette*, London; *Proceedings of District Grand Lodge of the Punjab*, December, 1888; *Latomia, Neue Zeitschrift für Friemaurerei*, No. 4, Leipzig (Editor please note that our Editorial Offices are at 59, Moor Lane, London, and *not* Fleet Street); *Society; South African Freemason*.

THE MASONIC PRESS.—Masons that have the right stuff in them can certainly afford a few shillings a year for a masonic journal. Ignorance has ever been the bane of Masonry. It is the few well informed and intelligent who are lifting the order above the common herd, and giving it the character and usefulness it possesses. It is the reading mason that gives vitality to the order. Masons who are allowed to rust, to go to sleep, satisfied with their own ignorance, are a millstone round the neck of the order, dragging their companions to their level of arrogance and stupidity.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

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INFORMATION FOR INTENDING "CANDIDATES FOR MASONRY."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I. Masonry consists of a body of men banded together to preserve the secrets, customs, and ceremonials handed down to them from time immemorial, and for the purposes of mutual, intellectual, social, and moral improvement ; they also endeavour to cultivate and exhibit brotherly love, relief and truth, not only to one another, but to the world at large.

II. Masonry offers no pecuniary advantages whatever, nor does there exist any obligation nor implied understanding binding one mason to deal with another, nor to support him in any way in the ordinary business relations of life.

III. Masonry teaches us to remember our common origin, but it also distinctly enjoins us to respect all social distinctions, so that whilst some must rule, others must obey and cheerfully accept their inferior positions.

IV. Masonry has certain charities, but it is not in any sense whatever a benefit society, nor is it based upon any calculations which would render this possible. The charities are solely for *those who having been in good circumstances* have been overtaken by misfortune or adversity, and they are quite insufficient to meet even these demands now made upon them. Neither a mason, his wife nor his children have any claim upon them, and it is only by the votes of the subscribers that even a proportion of the most deserving cases can be admitted or relieved.

V. Masonry distinctly teaches that a man's first duty is to *himself, his wife, his family* and his *connections*, and no one should join the order who cannot well afford to pay the initiation fees and subscriptions to his lodge, as well as to the masonic charities, and this without detriment in any way to his comfort, or to that of those who have any claim upon his support. The initiation fees are from £5 to £10, and upwards; annual lodge subscriptions, from £2 upwards ; clothing, from £2 upwards; charities, optional, but expected.

VI. Masonry recognises no distinctions of religion, but none should attempt to enter who have no religious belief, as faith in God must be expressed before any can be initiated, and prayers to Him form a frequent part of the ritual.

VII. Masonry, therefore, demands that everyone before offering himself as a candidate, should be well assured in his own mind :—

(1.) That he sincerely desires the intellectual and moral improvement of himself and his fellow creatures, and that he is willing to devote of his time, his means, and his efforts, in the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

(2.) That he seeks no commercial, social, nor pecuniary advantages.

(3.) That he is able to afford the necessary expenditure without injury to himself or connections.

(4.) That he is willing to enter into solemn obligations in the sight of God.

The above, in a leaflet form, I would suggest should be in the hands of every secretary, and when any name is about to be proposed, it should be his duty to hand it to the candidate for perusal. I am certain this would be the means of preventing many well meaning men from entering our order, who find they have made a mistake when too late to remedy it, and who entered with an idea of some ill-defined pecuniary or other advantage which masonry was never intended to bestow : and who cannot afford the necessary expense, unless it were to a benefit society, which we all know does not exist in masonry.

I am gratified to see, from your editorial remark to my letter in last week's publication, that you regard this subject as of the same vital importance as I do, and only hope much good will result from your kindly having allowed me to call attention to it in your valuable paper. Yours fraternally,

February 23rd, 1889. "IN STRENGTH."

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

With reference to the question of opening a Board of Installed Masters, may I be allowed to point out the immense inconvenience of a general custom not being adopted. In November last, I, an absolute stranger, and uninvited, was told enough to pay a visit to the Temperance Lodge at Birmingham, and, as a passing remark, I shall never forget the welcome and kindness received. With regard to the matter in question you may imagine my embarrassment on finding a Board of Installed Masters was to be formally opened up, when I tell you it was entirely new to me, and I was almost as ignorant as an entered apprentice. In closing the Board I experienced a still more trying ordeal, feeling I was actually being observed by my more enlightened brethren.

Fraternally yours,

Eton, Feb. 26th, 1889. THOS. PAGE, I.P.M. 771.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

May I venture to ask you to allow me, through your columns, to remind the 426 brethren who had kindly promised their support to Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M., of the Drury Lane Lodge, when he retired from the present contest, as well as the members of the Craft generally, that Bro. Harris will be a candidate for that high office at the election which takes place in March, 1890. I take the earliest opportunity of doing this in order to avoid any possible misconception on the subject. Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Drury Lane Theatre, A. M. BROADLEY,
26th Feb., 1889. P.M. 1717 & 1835 ; P.D.D.G.M. Malta ; Sec. 2127.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A resolution is carried at a regular meeting—certain members wish to rescind. Question—Is it in order to move that the minutes, or any part, be not confirmed ; or to allow the minutes to be confirmed, and then give notice to rescind ? Yours fraternally,

Plymouth. P.M. 223.

*** *We hold that* "CONFIRMATION *of minutes*" *means that a second meeting shall agree with the resolutions of the former, until when such resolutions cannot become law ; but others consider that "minutes put for confirmation" mean only that they shall be read and accepted as correctly entered.*—ED, M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

M.M.—We should like to know who calls us to account ; send your name and you shall have reply by letter.

J. C., P.M. 1787, has not sent addressed stamped envelope for "private instructions," and we cannot depart from the condition we have made. His letter was not addressed to our Editorial Office.

G. S. H., Sec. 1790.—Have done our best for you. In future, please do not let a fortnight pass over ; and, above all things, condense.

S.W.—We have thought it advisable in the interests of our Subscribers to discontinue Our City Article.

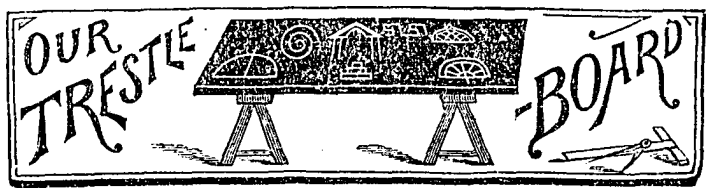
S.R.B., P.P.G.R., DORSET.—Your letter has been forwarded to VERITAS.

THE PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. R. F. GOULD.

It is an undoubted fact that, with the best intentions in the world, Freemasons as a rule do not put into practice so readily as they might the lesson which they are taught, "to be swift on foot" in rendering those acknowledgments and that assistance which they may admit are due to such of their Order as have faithfully served them. We know of many cases in which projects for helping worthy brethren have either come to nought through the apathy and neglect of committees or honorary officials, or have been worse than fruitless through the decease of the intended recipient, whose "hope deferred" has embittered his declining days, notwithstanding the desire of the fraternity to make them comfortable. Why need this be ? Surely, the merits of a suggestion for extending reward to a good and faithful servant cannot require very close examination or anxious consideration, and the mind can readily be brought to a decision thereon. That done, why should there be delay ? *Bis dat qui cito dat*, and a speedy gift, if gift there is to be, should follow the operation of mental determination. To hasten slowly "may be at times a good injunction to follow ;" but we much prefer that which tells *us* to be "swift on foot to execute benevolence."

We have still before us the expression of opinion of many brethren first announced several months ago, that "the long continued services of Bro. Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment," and, headed by the Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, a large and influential Committee of Prov. Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers and brethren appear to join in the refrain, "And so say all of us!" Then, may we ask, why delay the practical issue of such opinion? Better the lesser value of the product with immediate possession and enjoyment, than a long deferred hope of something more important, but with which the chances of life might seriously interfere. We earnestly hope that nothing may interpose between the wishes of the "Gould" Committee and their final purpose and intent, but who can say?

It is not for us to repeat the reasons which have been given and which are universally admitted for testimonializing the unequalled services of Bro. Gould. They are most probably known to all those who would be likely to appreciate the long years of labour and research which have produced amongst other standard works *the* HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY, and, if they are not so known they ought to be: for to admit an ignorance of "Gould" is to argue ones' self unknown as a Freemason. At any rate we are disposed to think that very nearly, if not all, those who can or should be reached in the way of advertisement, have been reached, and that a notice of the intention to close the contributory fund on a given day should be issued, so that finality may be assured, and contributors and recipient might alike rejoice in the consummation of a project which reflects credit upon its promoters, and will honour and assist him to whom both honour and assistance are due. We add, in the words of the circular before us, that individual subscriptions to the Testimonial are limited to one guinea, lodges and other bodies being unrestricted in this respect, and may be sent to Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E., the Hon. Secretary and *interim* Treasurer.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We must ask our correspondents to kindly pay attention to our request that communications of an editorial character should be forwarded addressed to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., and *not* to the Publishing Office in Fleet Street. We fear that one or two letters intended for attention in this number cannot find a place in our pages, owing to the delay caused by neglect of the instruction we have so often repeated.

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Our readers will notice the commencement of a series of weekly notes, under the heading of "Point, Left, Right," from the pen of the well known journalist who writes under the *nom de plume* of "The Druid."

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We are honored—and we publish it with pride—by *Latomia*, the German Masonic Paper of Leipzig, translating and publishing in full our leading article of January 3rd, "*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*."

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At the late Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, a suggestion was made, more in the way of discussion than formally, that possibly a portion of the extensive premises which that Grand Lodge will now soon enter into possession of, might be made available for a Masonic Club. This was talked over amongst the brethren after Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and we think that there is a disposition to ascertain what brethren, whether or not connected with the Mark degree, might think of it. We have heard many good reasons in favour of such a project, and scarce any against it. If any of our readers would like to express an opinion either by private letter, or in our pages, they can do so.

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The most important *matinée* performances to take place at Terry's during the ensuing month are as follows:—*The Policeman*, by Messrs. Walter Helmore and Eden Phillpotts, Tuesday, March 5th. *The Bookmaker*, by Mr. J. W. Pigott, in which Mr. Edward Terry will create the title *rôle*, Tuesday, March 19th. *Young Mrs. Winthrop*, by Bronson Howard, Tuesday, March 26th.

Evenings Abroad.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS" AT THE PRINCESS' THEATRE.

The new play by Messrs. Hall, Caine and Wilson Barrett, which has now been running a few nights, has settled comfortably down into what appears to be a successful run. Though it is reminiscent of many other plays, such as *It's Never Too Late to Mend*, *The Black Flag*, and other strong productions, it must nevertheless be recorded to the credit of the authors, that the incidents as exploited in the present instance have been skilfully and effectively managed. The construction in places is weak, however; for it is by no means clear why the heroine need have been implicated in the death of her father at all, nor why she should be so over anxious to meet secretly the murderer, Grainger, and thus bring on all the trouble which ultimately falls upon the devoted head of John Langley: the last act, too, is weak. Scenery, however lovely, will not compensate for want of cohesion in a plot, nor for raggedness of incident at a time when directness of aim and thoroughness of purpose are needed to weave the threads of the story into a climax, which should be effective and convincing. About the "make believe" of John Langley, who lives on the farm of his wife for some weeks without recognising her. I will say nothing, as its weakness is apparent, and it is to no purpose to object to it, seeing that without this the play as designed could not go on. It is a question whether the average patrons of melodrama, and by this I mean the pit and gallery folk, do not more enjoy a play which appeals to their power of being carried away by a story, than one in which the end is worked out by truly natural and psychological means. Certain it is that they do not examine for motives so minutely as do others who are considered better judges; and, given that they have plenty to laugh at, and plenty to weep over for a change, they do not enquire, nor do they care, whether the play is built up of old materials or not, or whether or not it is constructed in strict accordance with the "dramatic unities." It is for this reason that I believe *The Good Old Days* has "money in it," despite its faults of which there are not a few. I have not space at command to tell the story, and therefore confine my remarks to the acting. The *cast*, generally, is strong. Mr. Wilson Barrett is, of course, the long suffering hero, and his acting throughout is exceptionally virile and finished; his heroics are not strained; his passion and his grief are real; his love is tender and manly and the part enlists the true sympathies of the auditory. Miss Eastlake as Mary Langley is womanly and tender; though she plays an important part, and plays it well, she does not give us anything fresh: she is Miss Eastlake as we have now known her for a long time. Mr. Lewis Waller as the villain, Grainger, gives us in the first act a sample of the players' art of which he may feel justly proud; after this, he becomes merely the conventional bad genius of the heavy drama. Mr. Carson is rather a bore as Parson Langley; but Mr. Austin Melford as Amos is capital—strong, venomous, and wicked as the man should be. Mr. George Barrett as Coldbath Joe has to enact a character after his own heart, and he does wonders with it, seeing that the authors have not done great things in the way of providing him with material. Mr. W. A. Elliott, who acts a character by no means dissimilar to Mr. George Barrett's, stands out well with a clever piece of acting, and Mr. Robert Pateman portrays a part which is decidedly beneath his power, with a force and breadth of effect which is of great value. I think this admirable actor is to be pitied in some of the scenes, as his business at times is so arranged as to be almost puerile. Miss Webster as Lucy is particularly good; there was a sadness and tenderness displayed here which denoted a thorough appreciation of the cruel wrongs she had suffered and the true repentance she was supposed to feel for the benefactress to whom she had in a former act behaved so cruelly. Miss L. Belmore was bright and amusing as Biddy. All the minor parts were adequately filled. The scenery and general mounting of the play were excellent, and Mr. Walter Hann, the artist, exhibits some good work which will certainly add to his reputation.

"THE BALLOON" AT THE STRAND.—"From grave to gay." The contrast between Mr. Caine and Mr. Barrett's piece and the farcical comedy by Messrs. J. H. Darnley and G. M. Fenn could not well be greater. In *The Balloon* we have a model of what a farcical comedy should be; it is an excellently constructed, well contrived piece of the merriest kind, without one tinge of vulgarity, and with not a dull moment in it. The story is, of course, utterly absurd, but it is its utter absurdity which supplies the fun. *The Balloon* is exceedingly bright from a literary point of view, and it contains many amusingly drawn sketches of character. The part of Mr. Aubrey Fitzjohn seems as though it might be one of Thackeray's sketches come to life. I can honestly recommend any of my readers who desire to spend a hour and a half of uncontrollable laughter to go to the Strand Theatre just now. We are told to "laugh and grow fat"; certainly, if this item of proverbial instruction were faithfully carried out, all who go to see *The Balloon* will be affected with obesity for the rest of their natural lives. Everyone engaged in the representation seems determined not to lose a single chance of adding to the hilarious effect of the authors' work. First to be named is Mr. Alfred Maltby, who, in the character of Fitzjohn, to which I have previously referred, seems not to be acting, but gives us a reality, a real live adventurer of the most amusing type, "an amusing scoundrel," of a degree of excellence which few actors could hope to excel. Mr. George Giddens is simply perfect as the perplexed medico, Dr. Glynn; his description of the cruise in the balloon, and his marvellous but battered escape therefrom was as good in its way as was Mr. Arthur Cecil's description of his escape from the restaurant, as narrated in *The Magistrate*. All through Mr. Giddens was admirable. Mr. Forbes Dawson is easy and quite satisfying as the young lover. Mr. George Raiemond, particularly well made up as the elderly medical practitioner, Dr. Boyton, is artistic and natural, and the old servant Todd, as represented by Mr. Wilton Heriot, is a piece of character-acting worthy of an artist. Miss Ellaline Terriss is a very sweet Grace. Miss Emily Miller, as her aunt, is amusing. Miss Gabrielle Goldney as Miss Vere is charming, and Miss Rose Saker, as Mrs. Rippendale, could not be well improved upon. *The Balloon* ought to go up for many a night to come, if sterling merit is any criterion of permanent success.

The Meyer Lutz Benefit, organised to celebrate the completion of the *maestro's* twentieth year of his musical directorship at the Gaiety Theatre, will take place on the 4th prox. A gigantic programme has been arranged. *Editha's Burglar*, an act of *Sweet Lavender*, an act of *Faust up to Date*, the trial scene from "Pickwick," and a host of other things will be put on. The *élite* of the profession will assist; and I dare say, at any rate the wish is father to the thought, the theatre could be filled half-a-dozen times over if all those anxious to "assist" at the benefit could manage so to do.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Point—Left—Right.

I salute my brothers! Years ago, when as a young man I was admitted through the portals of a Masonic Lodge, and before the fickle tide of circumstances had steered me into any definite course of life, I never dreamed that with the fall of years my pen would fight the cause of our glorious craft. Perhaps no class of every-day workers more strongly support Masonry than journalists; but to be called upon to write Masonic notes for Masons from a Masonic point of view is a task from which the ordinary journalist would shrink. But I salute you, brethren! and I tender you my hearty good wishes.

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The spirit of quotation is strong among Masons. How nice it is to be able to throw a bit of Shakespeare, or a slice of Milton into the after-dinner speech. I.P.M's particularly indulge in verbosity, and there is something very dramatic in leading up to a quotation, much as Henry Irving would to a strong "situation" and centering one's efforts in a final burst of blank verse. Unfortunately, pure quotation is a thing of the past. Everybody mis-quotes and feels a pride in questioning his mis-quotation, but there are men who not only do this but who have so much the courage of their opinions that they *revise* even Shakespeare. The lines appearing on the index page of our last week's supplement is a superb case in point. No one would read the words perhaps and detect the error, or rather the revision, because the revised version of the MASONIC STAR is as pure English, as good grammar, and as sound sense as the original by William. But Shakespeare wrote—"In such Indexes, although small *pricks* to their subsequent volumes, there is seen the baby *figure* of the giant mass of things to come!" The extraordinary part of the affair is that the version printed is an exact reproduction of the lines found in a standard work on quotations from "Eminent Authors," and this is immortality!

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Many masons know something of art, many more alas don't. I was walking down one of our principal thoroughfares a few days ago, and gained shelter from a fall of snow in one of those picture selling places where canvases are purchased by the square mile. The bidding for an execrable study of animal life was not fast or furious, but it was leading a very worthy brother into a pitfall, and had I not recognised the picture and the bidder with the same glance, I don't know what would have happened. The picture, of large dimensions, in a massive frame of very best Dutch metal, had reached the price—by bogus bids—of twelve pounds, and "guineas" was bursting from the lips of our unfortunate art critic, which would certainly have secured the canvas had I not engaged his attention. The picture was signed "Armfield," and was recommended by the auctioneer as a *genuine* Armfield, and by the fact that the purchase would secure its "free delivery to any address in the United Kingdom." So I should think! Whether or not the painter's name was Armfield, I cannot, of course, say, but it was not *the* Armfield, nor was the work worth the cost of "carriage to any address in the United Kingdom." Picture selling by auction is one of the nearest approaches to swindling one can find even in such a city as ours, and I am prepared to lay very long odds that the auctioneer in question has never seen a genuine "Armfield" in his life.

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A very serious feeling is pervading the minor bodies of the craft, that public-houses are not the best places in the world for the holding of Masonic lodges. The subject is a very delicate one indeed, and requires a vast amount of experience from the man who would seek to reform the custom. We derive a deal of support from our friends the Licensed Victuallers, who are, as a rule, very sound and conscientious Masons. I should be very sorry to think any one of them would resent a well founded scheme for the rehabilitation of our lodges in masonic halls, especially in provincial centres, or where the railway facilitates the necessity of a special building. When my hair was commencing to show the silver locks nervously peeping out from among the black ones, I found there was a deal of sentiment and feeling in Masonry which went far to interest us more deeply in its mysterious lore. I have visited lodges in almost every corner of the civilised world, and have found no meetings more depressing than those which are held in rural "pubs," where the accommodation and surroundings are ill suited for the congregation of the brothers of our order.

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Masonic Halls don't pay. At the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Birmingham Masonic Hall Company, held a few days since, a dividend of only 2 per cent. was declared. Now there are in Birmingham sixteen lodges and six chapters, and, unfortunately, *two* Masonic Halls. A local hotel houses Lodge No. 468 and Chapter 43, seventeen lodges going to one of the halls and three to the other. Did the whole of the local Masonic Institutions arrange affairs so that only one meeting place was necessary, how much more impressive the Masonic Order of Birmingham would become. My own lodge possesses, in common with another, the finest specimen of a Masonic Hall it has ever been my privilege to enter. Its fame is not confined to its province or its country, and I have met in the remotest quarter of India men who have heard of its praises, and who remember their visits to it among the masonic episodes of their lives. This hall is the one that lies within the very shadow of the principal home of our Queen, and the Royal Borough of Windsor has done well in possessing itself of a Meeting Hall that is an ornament to the Craft.

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Those of my readers who are fortunate enough to have afternoons to spare and nerves strong enough to withstand the fatiguing influences of the Theatrical Matinée, will be more than pleased with the series arranged at Bro. Terry's Theatre during the following month. Chief of the series will be *The Bookmaker*, on the 19th, when the popular lessee will create the title *rôle*. Among the occupants of the immortalized "third row" of stalls will be found a spectator who ever enjoys the charming comedy of Edward Terry; and his name is not Copperfield, but THE DRUID.

ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

The following is a translation from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart which appeared in LATOMIA *of Jan. 12th, 1889:—*

THE endeavour of all men throughout life is to obtain peace and happiness, but vast are the individual differences and views respecting that which is to procure those blessings. These differences and views are to be traced to the education, social position, and character of each. The majority of men desire only that which will insure the comfort and enjoyment of their material existence. *Their* morality is based upon conformity to existing practices, but wise men, such as Freemasons should be, take a far higher view of life, and not content with satisfying only these minor claims, strive to obtain light upon the true design of mankind. They erect for themselves ideals of perfect circumstances, and endeavour to conform their lives to the high standard which they have imagined. This leads them to reflection which begins with the question "What am I to do to find the right path through all the errors and contradictions, through all the fluctuations and accidents of life, and to form my existence to one of true contentment and honourable manhood? What am I to do?" That is the first and foundation question of all ethics of all Freemasonry. It is difficult to answer, for here we have not to do with that which can be easily understood and which can be measured by ways and means, but with an object far distant and general, which can only be attained through well calculated and well arranged successions of action. He who sets to work without careful reflection and then fails to obtain any result to his endeavours cannot console himself with the thought that, at least, his intention had been good.

In order that we may be able to answer this question aright, we must, therefore, set up a perfect standard for ourselves, and one which bears a practical useful application. Every possession, to procure which a man will employ his energy, must in its conception exercise an influence upon him and make itself felt in his conduct, for it is only such an interest which enables him stedfastly to work till his idea is realized. He, therefore, who does not understand the aim and importance of human autonomy, would abstain with indifference from striving after such an idea. He whose desires are thus exercised is interested to the utmost in his own personality, and is, in as much, an egotist. But this kind of egotism has its foundation in human nature and is not to be eradicated. It may be termed self love. Egotism, therefore, first becomes unjustifiable and objectionable selfishness when its gratification is sought at the cost of others and in opposition to their interests. So much is certain—a perfectly disinterested desire, the performance of an action simply for duty's sake without the satisfaction which its attainment promises—is an impossibility. A secret society helps us to conquer this inborn selfishness and establishes a sympathy which binds men in social intercourse together. For in a society which demands perfect and ever-growing sympathy between its members, selfishness will, in a measure, lose its ground, and well doing and love will arise to generate new impulses. Starting from this point, that where sympathy reigns, selfishness, its direct antithesis, will be removed from the individual, so that what pleases and advances others will render happiness to ourselves, arises the demand for the establishment of some universal comprehensive object by which the well being of all may be best secured. It is not from single and inferior objects but from higher considerations and purposes that the question "What amI to do?" can be satisfactorily answered.

Ethics calls this universal ultimate object, which is only to be obtained by the harmonious working together of all the highest worth, the acme of goodness.

We are all of us dependent upon a chain of outward circumstances, which arise partly in the nature and partly in the conduct of others, and it is exactly this dependence which entangles us in the most manifold contradictions. Ancient philosophers, therefore, held it for the best that man should make himself independent of these outward circumstances, and that he should cultivate within himself some mental government which would enable him to look with indifference upon changes of outward condition. Self-control, frugality, observation, tranquility of mind, were therefore to be striven after.

(To be continued).

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER,
MARCH 6th, 1889.

On the eve of the election of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year we believe that the reproduction of the speeches of the respective nominators of the Candidates for the Office will be of interest to our readers:—

"Bro. SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair—it is my great privilege, as the selected representative of a large and influential committee, numbering over 700 members of the craft, and comprising brethren in all parts of the country, to nominate for the high office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year an eminent brother whom I believe to be universally known, highly esteemed, and eminently qualified to discharge the duties of that position; I allude to Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry. That brother entered the ranks of masonry more than 20 years ago; he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382; he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which most of our brethren may know is a lodge composed mainly of professional gentlemen connected with the liberal arts and sciences, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He also joined the St Alban's Lodge, No. 29, of which he is

a Past Master. He is a member of the Savage Club Lodge, and has been Treasurer for the last two years ; he is also a Past First Principal of the Asaph Chapter, and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1885-86, and has been two years a member of the Board of General Purposes; he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Life Governor of the two other Masonic Institutions ; he has also served the office of Steward eight times ; a masonic record which would commend itself to any brother. But, apart from all masonic associations, the public and private life of Bro. E. O'Connor Terry is such as should commend him to the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in Grand Lodge. For several years past he has occupied positions of public trust, and has discharged the duties appertaining to those positions in a manner which has reflected credit on him as a patriotic citizen. He has also the pleasure of being, among those who have his private acquaintance, a most consistent friend ; and, therefore, as have I said before, in public and private life he has shown those attributes which are essential to a good mason. On those grounds, M.W. Grand Master, I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year."

"Bro. FERGUSON, P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177, said :—M.W.G.M. in the Chair—I have also to nominate a distinguished Mason for the office of Grand Treasurer, a brother who has worked justly and honestly in Masonry for 30 years, one who has worked in founding lodges, and in keeping those lodges going in such a manner that they have been enabled to supply large sums of money to the charities. He is not only a brother who exercises charity in general, but he is forward in promoting the same virtue in others. I have very great pleasure in proposing Bro. George Everett, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177 ; founder and Past Master of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381 ; founder and Past Master of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and about seven years its Treasurer ; he is also a founder, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. He has not only laboured in Craft Masonry but also in Arch ; he is Past Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975 ; Past Z., founder, and Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No, 1381 ; he has also served the office of Steward five times ; he has been the means, as a member of the lodges with which he has been connected, in subscribing money which they might not have done, and had not done until he was their treasurer, one of them being the Domatic Lodge, and by the example that he has shown the brethren themselves have supplied far more to the funds of Grand Lodge of England. He has also made himself a Vice-President of each of the three Masonic Charities. A record of services like that shows that this brother is worthy of being elected Grand Treasurer. I have been deputed by the brethren of the various masonic bodies with which he has been connected to represent to you that we have a perfectly worthy brother among us, one whose merits have been pretty well explained by what he has done. I might say that he is an independent man ; free from the anxieties and cares of business ; and with these qualifications, as I have laid them before you, I am sure you will think he is a proper person for the office of Grand Treasurer."

MAGIC SQUARE.

At the request of several of our brethren who are adepts at chess, we reproduce the following article from *Notes and Queries*, in the belief that very many of our readers will peruse it with satisfaction. Its author is Mr. William Beverley, who is described as the most distinguished chess-player of England :

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63	14	17	36	21	12	59	38	= 260
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This square illustrates the Knight's Tour over the chess-board in the game of chess, in which the knight plays to every square on the board, and touches it but once.

Every line of figures running up and down sums up 260.

Every line of figures running right and left sums up 260.

Divide the board into four quarters ; then the rows and files of each quarter will sum up 130.

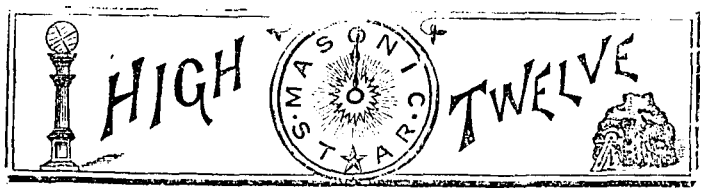
Divide the board into sixteen equal parts ; the number that compose each sixteenth part will sum up 130.

It also follows that any sixteenth portion of the board, added to any other sixteenth portion, will sum up 260.

It also follows that any half row or file, added to any other half half row or file, in the entire square, will sum up 260.

Take the files of numbers running up and down ; the four central numbers of the file will sum up 130 ; and so, of course the four remaining or outer columns will sum up 130.

These are only some of the wonderful properties of this mysterious square. This is really a *magic square ;* and in comparison, the ordinary square by this name sinks into insignificance.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 28th :—

The Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, meets at Freemasons' Hall, London. Dinner in Glee room, Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 p.m.
" Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
" Bedford Chapter R.A., No. 157, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
" Girls' School Club dine in Gavel room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
" St. George's Chapter R.A., No. 5, dinner in Albany room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 1st :—

The Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
" Fidelity Chapter R.A., No. 3, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
" British Chapter R.A., No. 8, meets at F. M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
" Gavel Club meets at supper in Gavel room, F.M. Tavern, at 8 p.m.

MARCH 4th :—

The Joppa Lodge, No. 188, meets at F.M. Tavern. Dinner in Albany room, F.M. Tavern.
" Unions Lodge, No. 256, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
" Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner at Freemasons' Tavern.
" Regularity Chapter R.A., No. 91, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
" Premier Conclave Red Cross, &c., meets at 16a, Great Queen Street, W.C. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
" Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 139, meets at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C. Dinner at Holborn Restaurant.

MARCH 5th :—

The Albion Lodge, No. 9, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
" Ladies' banquet of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, will be held in the Crown room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
" Lodge of Union, No. 166, will dine in Prince's room, Criterion Restaurant, W.C., at 7 p.m.
" Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet at Holborn Restaurant.

MARCH 6th :—

The Grand Officers' Mess, Crown Room, F.M. Tavern.
" Assistant Scribes will dine in the Edinboro' Room, F.M. Tavern.

MARCH 7th :—

The Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
" St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
" La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet (Ladies' night) in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.
" The Victoria Rifles Lodge, No. 822, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Albany room, F.M. Tavern.
" St. James's Chapter R.A., No. 2, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

OLD ENGLAND.—No. 1790.—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present :—Bros. F. T. Ridpath, W.M., P.G.S., Surrey ; J. Kilvington, S.W. ; R. G. Fleming, J.W. ; G. S. Horsnail, sec. ; S. Clarke, S.D. ; C. Tarry, steward ; E. C. Symmons, I.G. ; and W. Lane, tyler. Also Bros. H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., P.G.J.W., Surrey ; W. H. Ranson, P.M., Stockwell ; Buckley, Rayner, Grew, Sherry, Turpin, Bolton, Dyball, Tite, White, Gordon, Horton, Andress, Mortimer, Brittan, Thomas, Griffin, and J. Clarke. Visitors :—Bros. F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O., Surrey ; Wm. Burn, S.D. 858 ; W. G. Goode, S.D. 2096 ; C. Cooke, J.D. 1851 ; W. Sykes, J.W. 1597 ; W. G. Simmons, 1155 ; C. J. Attwood, 1623 ; and G. Holden, 2096. Messrs. Frank Edwd. Brittan and Richard John Thomas were initiated into the Order. Bro. the Rev. John Bennett, M.A., Vicar of Thornton Heath, was elected a joining member. Hearty good wishes having been given to the W.M. by the various visitors, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The customary loyal and masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., which was cordially received. In response Bro. Ridpath thanked the brethren for the reception with which the toast had been received, and Bro. Hobbs for the kindly and feeling expressions in which it had been proposed, and said that if the approval of the brethren had been secured he had every reason to be satisfied. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., announced that Bro. Hobbs had presented a charity box to the lodge, the former one having been destroyed in the late fire, and invited the brethren to specially support it on its introduction that evening. The remaining toasts were then in usual form given from the chair, and responded to by the several brethren interested. Several songs and recitations were admirably rendered during the evening by Bros. Kilvington, Buckley, Rayner, Grew, Tite, and Turpin. Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O., Surrey, accompanied, and a most enjoyable evening was passed by all present.

ROSE.—No. 1622.—On Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by W. Penny, W.M. Henry Muggeridge Lodge, and afterwards by Bro. Bates, P.M. The Preceptor being unavoidably absent, that duty was performed by Bro. J. Addington, P.M. 217, Z. 1275. There were about 18 members present.

PROVINCIAL.

DORSETSHIRE—BLANDFORD.—HONOUR AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE—No. 1266.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, February 12th. Present:—Bros. A. Wilkins, W.M. and Prov. G.S.; Stickland, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.D., acting S.W.; Watts J.W.; Cherry, S.D.; Alexander, J.D.; Marsh, treas.; Brennand, sec. and P. Prov. G.R.; Curtis, I.G.; S. Rivington, org.; Turner, I.P.M. and Prov. G.S. Works; Todd, P.M. and P. Prov. G.; Luff, P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W.; Barrett. Visiting Bros. Martin and Cave, St. Cuthberga 622; Wm. Chamberlain, P.M.; E. H. Makepeace. One candidate was initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Todd. P.M. and P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works. A great feature in the ceremony was the music at service rendered in its entirety. Bro. W. W. Stickland, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, was then presented by Bro. J. Marsh, in the name of the members of the lodge, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel with a suitable inscription as a token of respect and gratitude for his great zeal and efforts in the cause of Masonry. The W.M. presented also Bro. G. E. Turner, I.P.M. and Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, with a P.M's jewel in recognition of his year of office. Both acknowledged the presentations in suitable terms. The lodge was closed in ancient form. Refreshment was served in the Banqueting Chamber by the tyler, Bro. W. Strange.

SOMERSETSHIRE.—BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND—ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—No. 41.—The first convocation of the present session of this very old chapter (which received the first centenary warrant ever granted to a Royal Arch Chapter in England), was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Tuesday, the 19th February, when there were present:—M.E. Comp. F. Glover, M.E.Z.; E. Comp. Jas. Knight, H.; E. Comp. Geo. Hy. Bartlett, J.; M.E. Comp. C. W. Radway, P.Z. No. 41, P.P.G.J., treas.; M.E. Comp. Lawson Howes, P.Z.41, P.P.G.R., Dr. Cer.; E. Comp. W. E. Sparrow, org.; T. E. Wilton, Sc. E.; T. Raymond Gill, Sc. N.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.S.; Jno. Banks, 1st Asst. S.; H. Humphries, 2nd Asst. S.; E. Bigwood, janitor; M.E. Comps. T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.J.; Jno. Hearne, P.G.Std.B.; E. L. Hill, P.P.G.A. Soj.; C. Becket, P.P.G.A. Soj.; E. J. B. Mercer, P.P.G. Pr. Soj.; R. B. Cater, P.Z.; and Comp. C. Wilkinson. The visitors included M. E. Comps. Col. J. Randell Ford, P.Z. 53, P.P.G.J.; Jos. A. Timmins, No. 53; E. Noke, H., No. 53; and Isaac Sumsion, No. 53. Bro. Wm. Shy Fisher, a member of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, was exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z. The historical lecture was given by J., the symbolical by H., and the mystical by the M.E.Z. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the M.E.Z. of No. 53, and the other visiting brethren, which was responded to by M.E. Comp. Timmins, M.E.Z. M.E. Comp. R. B. Cater, P.Z., said he rose to perform a very pleasant duty on behalf of the brethren. M.E. Comp. E. J. B. Mercer, P.Z., had at all times evinced great interest for the good of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and of this very ancient chapter in particular, and was ever ready and willing to take the place and perform the duties of any companion who might be incapacitated. During his (the speaker's) year of office as First Principal of the Chapter, he had availed himself of Comp. Mercer's kind offices upon more than one occasion, and this had been the case also with others. He had much pleasure in asking his acceptance of a Past First Principal's jewel, and expressed a fervent hope that Comp. Mercer might be spared for many years to wear it in that chapter. M.E. Comp. Mercer acknowledged the presentation, and assured the companions that he had been glad to render assistance to the chapter, and would be ready at all times to place his best services at its disposal. The chapter was closed in perfect harmony.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE.—No. 1601.—On the 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E.—Bro. Dr. Visger, W.M.—Bros. Walter Smith, S.W.; Norris, J.W.; H. Shaw, P.M., preceptor; A. Drew, P.M., *sec pro. tem.*; G. Pickering, S.D.; Shelton, J.D.; Scott, I.G.; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; James Stevens, P.M.; Remington, Walker, Kestruck, J. Clark, C. Atkins, Williams, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Axford as candidate. Lodge was called "off" and "on." Bro. Pickering rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Walker as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 22nd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Present:—Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Wingham J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Eckersall, 1st A. S.; James Stevens, P.Z.; Addington, Z. 1275; Powell, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in excellent style by the several officers, Comp. Powell as candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected to occupy the chair of M.E.Z. at the ensuing meeting (March 1st, at 8 p.m.). The very efficient manner in which this Chapter of Instruction is worked under the guidance of its Preceptor, Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, induces us to strongly recommend South London Royal Arch Freemasons particularly, who desire to see the ceremonial performed as it should be, to visit on that occasion.

THE SIR HUGH MYDDELTON—No. 1602.—On Thursday, the 21st inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road.—Bro. C. Dearing, W.M.—Bros. R. S. Merrifield, S.W.; T. Scammell, J.W.; H. Patient, S.D.; R. Garner, sec.; J. Osborn, treas.; C. Weeden, preceptor; J. D. W. James, J.D.; R. Garner, I.G.; H. C. Turner, and others. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. H. C. Turner as candidate. There will be a special meeting on the 28th inst., to consider the advisability of moving the Lodge of Instruction to the Three Wheatsheaves Tavern, *High Street, Islington (next door to the Agricultural Hall).*

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
858	South Middlesex	Beaumont House, Waltham Green
861	Finsbury	St. Btiph. Chbrs., 191, Bshpsgte. St., E.C.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1563	City of Westminster ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.	———	
29	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street, E.C.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(1st) FRIDAY, MARCH 1st.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
1815	Ponge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2073	Quatuor Coronati...	F. M. H.
R.A.C.	———	
3	Fidelity	F. M. T.
8	British	F. M. H.
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
	(1st) SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd.	
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2182	Sterndale Bennett	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C	———	
975	Rose of Denmark...	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
	(1st) MONDAY, MARCH 4th.	
12	Fortitude & Old Cumberland ...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	Ditto
188	Coppa	F. M. T.
256	Unions	F. M. H.
1319	Asaph	Ditto
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Pk., Brockley
2098	Harlesden	National Schools, Harlesden
R.A.C.	———	
1056	Victoria	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Sq., W.
1891	St. Ambrose	Barons' Court Hot., West Kensington
Mark.	———	
139	Panmure	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C.	———	
	Premier	16a, Gt. Queen Street, W.C.
148	Invicta	King William IV., Greenwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, MARCH 5th.	
7	Royal York Lodge of Perseverance	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
9	Albion	F. M. H.
18	Old Dundee	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
765	St. James'	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Sq., W.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1397	Anerley	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
1693	Kingsland	Railway Hot., Highbury, N.
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond
2128	United Northern Counties ...	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand, W.C.
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.	———	
1629	United	F. M. H.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th.	
	GRAND LODGE, AT 7 P.M.	
511	Zetland	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1298	Royal Standard	Railway Hot., Highbury, N.
1585	Royal Commemoration	White Lion Hot., Putney
1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
	(1st) THURSDAY, MARCH 7th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
231	St. Andrews'	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1228	Beacontree...	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1425	Hyde Park...	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.
2291	West Ham Abbey	Town Hall, Stratford, E.
R.A.C.	———	
2	St. James's	F. M. H
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			
43	St. Paul's	25th Mar	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Mar	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Mar	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Mar	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Mar	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Mar	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Mar	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Mar	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO DAY,	28th Feb	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Mar	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Mar	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	28th May	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Mar	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
302	Hope	18th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales T-MR..	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Mar	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Mar	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Mar	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Mar	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Mar	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Mar	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Mar	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa TO-MOR.,	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Mar	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Mar	Ditto
326	Moira	14th Mar	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Mar	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Mar	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Mar	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Mar	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Mar	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
42	Relief	21st Mar	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Mar	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Mar	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May	Bridge Inn
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
88	Scientific	11th Mar	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Mar	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Mar	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Mar	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	6th Mar	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
253	Tyrian	26th Mar	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum... ...	13th Mar	Ditto
892	Repose	19th Mar	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto
HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn. & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Mar	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto
HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
57	Humber	7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	28th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
1004	Athole	6th Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Mar	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Mar	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Mar	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Mar	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Mar	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Mar	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	?14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
281	Fortitude	13th Mar	M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley	4th Mar	Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster	20th Mar	Ditto
1561	Morecambe TO-MOR.,	1st Mar	King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.			
1051	Rowley	*18th Mar	M. R., Church Street
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
289	Fidelity	7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	1st Mar	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Mar	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	15th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
279	St. John's	6th Mar	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Mar	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	18th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
32	St. George's ...	27th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Mar	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Mar	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire	28th Mar	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Mar	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	1st Mar	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Mar	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Mar	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Mar	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Mar	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Mar	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. ...	14th Mar	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Mar	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Mar	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Mar	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Mar	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Mar	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Mar	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Mar	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Mar	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Mar	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Apr	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Apr	Ditto
241	Friendship... ...	25th Mar	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool TO-DAY,	28th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	26th Apr	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Mar	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Mar	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	TO-MOR., 1st Mar	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Mar	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Mar	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Mar	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Mar	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Mar	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	22nd Apr	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Mar	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Mar	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Mar	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Mar	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Mar	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Mar	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Mar	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Mar	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Mar	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Mar	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Mar	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Mar	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Mar	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1955	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Mar	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Mar	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Mar	Ditto
1863	Priory	14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	15th May	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Mar	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Mar	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	TO-MOR., 1st Mar	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1435	Annesley	29th Mar	Ditto
1794	De Vere	*15th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Mar	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	28th May	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Mar	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	30th Apr	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Mar	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	21st May	Ditto
357	Apollo University	29th May	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Mar	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Mar	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Mar	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	7th Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	12th Mar	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Mar	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Mar	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Mar	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Mar	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	20th Mar	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	21st May	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	9th May	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	29th Mar	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	24th May	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	16th May	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Mar	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Mar	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Mar	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Mar	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Mar	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Apr	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Mar	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Mar	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Mar	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	TO-MR., 1st Mar	Ditto
394	Concord	TO-DAY, 28th Feb	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Mar	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Mar	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	16th May	M. H., Park Terrace

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Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm.. Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest.. St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore ... ... „ 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot.. Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St.. Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart ... ... „ 7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, MARCH 1st.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot.. Maiden La.. Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav.. George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot.. Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street.W.[bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
Mark.		
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(1st) SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(1st) MONDAY, MARCH 4th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot.. Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street. Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan .. ... „ 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) MONDAY, MARCH 4th—*continued*.	
1586	Upper Norwood ... at 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot.. Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.		
206	Hope ... ... „—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(1st) TUESDAY, MARCH 5th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd.,Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Ashley's Hot., Henrietta St., Cov. Gdn.
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's „ 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(1st) THURSDAY, MARCH 7th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in February (*see ante*).

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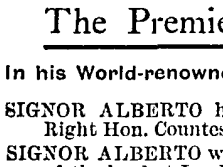
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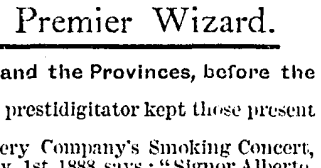
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Candidates for "Mastership."

"EVERY Candidate for the Office of Master must be . . . . . presented to a Board of Installed Masters." So runs a portion of our Installation Ritual. It would appear from letters we have received, some of which we have published, that the meaning of the phrase is not understood by the Craft at large, or that the stipulation is wantonly or carelessly ignored. Which is it? The requirement itself is certainly expressive, and should leave no room for misunderstanding. Every *Candidate* shall be presented to a Board of Installed Masters! For what purpose? Can it be for any other than to prove, *as a Candidate*, that he is fitted for election; and qualified in all the other respects which are set forth in the recited requirements for the position he seeks? We think not. Having satisfied those brethren who have a greater knowledge of the duties of a Master of a Lodge by reason of having themselves discharged such duties—more or less efficiently, as the case may be—the Candidate submits himself for election, and being elected is installed;—by whom? Not *by* a Board of Installed Masters, but by a predecessor in the chair, or by some other qualified brother, *in* a Board of Installed Masters, and in accordance with ancient custom. Can anything be much plainer or more consistent with that due order of things which did, does, or should characterise masonic work? So much for the meaning; and now for the disregard of the injunction contained, if not in any constitutional law, still in the ritual which is acknowledged, (not in isolated cases, but generally), to be in accordance with ancient custom, and, being such, to be uniformly observed. Is it or is it not a fact that there is practiced in many parts of England, and more particularly where ancient masonic customs are almost religiously preserved by Craftsmen, a form of ceremony for constituting in due order and with much solemnity a "Board," or, as it might be called, an "advanced Lodge" of Installed Masters for purposes connected with the Installation of Masters of Lodges? Is it not also a fact that in the Metropolis, and quite immediately under the purview of the Grand Lodge itself, this ancient ceremony, which bears evidence of most careful consideration and deep purpose, is unknown, or at any rate so little known that its practice now and then becomes an event, and those who seek to retain it as an integral part of a perfect whole are looked upon with disfavour as pedants and innovators? If these be not facts why should so much questioning arise as to what is proper to be done or be left undone by those who are interested in the purity and comprehensiveness of masonic ritual?

In our last and present numbers will be found two letters on what we consider cognate subjects, viz.: the "Board of Installed Masters," and the "Qualifications of Candidates for the Master's Chair." One writer asserts that the most interesting ceremony connected with the Board of Installed Masters, in which are conveyed certain symbolical teachings which every Master of a Lodge should know, but which a large majority have never had the opportunity of learning, was until just lately a dead letter to him. The other proves that in some instances bye-laws are necessary to ensure the operation now of what in earlier days was a well-observed custom. We should be glad to know from some authority, if such there be whose dictum would have all the force of a command, what is or is not proper to be observed by all lodges alike in regard to both subjects. Confident that the general body of the Craft would acquiesce in either the retention of an ancient custom in connection with the ritual, or the entire abandonment thereof, if after due consideration it should be determined one way or the other by whomsoever has the ability and right to determine, as well as the power to enforce such determination, we should be content with merely suggesting that this matter should at once receive attention in high quarters. But past experience teaches us that no such attention is likely to be given to any wishes or complaints of those who really desire the preservation of our ancient rites from interference or abandonment, unless a strong resolve be made to raise the question in Grand Lodge by constitutional procedure. We have no ritual committee, as have some other Grand Lodges, and failing such a court of appeal on ritualistic matters, we look upon this subject as one which might consistently be referred to our Board of General Purposes.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 27th ulto., and was largely attended, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, presiding. The large Hall of the Tavern was filled to its utmost capacity for dining purposes, and the gallery was fully occupied by a charming company of ladies at the opening of proceedings. The Chairman, supported by numerous Grand Officers and distinguished Freemasons, was conducted to his seat, and Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. H. Cooper Smith, the brethren sat down to banquet, the ladies retiring under the charge of a numerous body of Stewards, to partake of the refreshment provided for them, and to give place to a string and reed band under the direction of Bro. H. J. Calcott, which performed a choice selection of favourite airs during dinner. With the service of dessert, and after Grace, the toasts of "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., the Grand Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," were proposed and drank with much enthusiasm, the band playing the appropriate anthems. The healths of "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master," "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the present and past Grand Officers," having been also duly honoured, the latter receiving an able response from V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, the Earl of Euston (chairman) proposed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." His LORDSHIP said: I am quite certain that the Craft in general must be pleased when we see this grand assemblage of Stewards from every province under the United Grand Lodge of England present here this evening. It is a number of Stewards that I may say it does me personally great credit to see here from last year; whereas there were then 276, this year there are 358. (Cheers.) I hope that when the Secretary reads out the lists the increased number of Stewards will show an *increased list of subscriptions*. (Cheers.) I trust you will pardon me if I go back some fifty years to the foundation of this Institution. It is an Institution which was founded and suggested by the then Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in 1842, and since that time 730 aged Masons have been relieved with annuities at the rate of £40 a year as long as they lived. After the last election there were 180 annuitants on the list receiving £40 a year, and I am sorry to say that there is an enormous number who still want to come on that list. Times have not gone well: what has hit one has hit another, and it has hit some very hard. And when I tell you that there are 64 candidates for the next election, and only 14 vacancies, it will convey to your mind how much we want to do beyond what we are doing now. Our income from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for Aged Masons—I mean men—is £900 a year. The dividends on the funded property is £1,128 a year, making a total of £2,028 a year. Our deficiency every year, which has been made up, is £5,172. Now, brethren, when you look at that you will feel with me that we ought not every year to depend so entirely upon the subscriptions of the Craft, but that we should go on doing what we are doing to the best of our ability—that we should use our income only in case of need—that we ought to keep on increasing and increasing the invested funded property, so that if a really bad year comes, which God grant it may not, we may then take the income and say "we can tide over this." But if we get hard hit and have to dip into our funded property, where are we going to be the next year? If once you begin to dip into your reserve fund, you will find the next year you will want to dip again, and the next year again, and in that way capital will soon go. Let us be content, and in spite of having to say with difficult words "No: let us seek out the most deserving cases that come before us, and give them the annuities we can afford to give, and not try and go beyond our absolute power." There is another branch of this Institution—the Widows' Fund—and after the last election there were 230 widows receiving £32 a year each, and some of them are at the home of the Institution. That means £7,360 a year. The income of the Institution is £850 from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and £882 from their invested funds, making a total of £1,732, leaving a deficiency of £6,000. In plain language that means that year by year, as brethren all come forward as you have all done—those brethren who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and endeavour to keep up not only the name but the spirit of Charity—£15,000 yearly is wanted to keep this Institution going without touching the funds of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) I cannot tell you, but I suppose presently the Secretary will tell you, what we have got to-night. I can only say it is a good lift on the road towards that sum. (Cheers.) We cannot expect every year such a lift, particularly after the Centenary of the Girls' School, when the whole Craft was called upon and answered in a way that no Charities had ever been answered before, for on that occasion £50,600 was forthcoming on the day of the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls' School at the Royal Albert Hall—a sum that we trust may do good to that Institution, that may set it on its legs, and, we hope, may enable it to make additions that they may want, so that they may not want so much the next two or three years; they cannot expect it. They have raised an immense sum, and you must not forget the old saying that the young are all very well in their way, but there are many men and many widows who are receiving the grants of £40 and £32 a year respectively, some of them living at their own homes, some of them living down at the Institution at Croydon. One old lady I saw there myself: she had been 25 years at the Institution, and I may tell you that before she came there she had every luxury in the world; but when her husband died he left her penniless, after she had been living in the greatest affluence and ease, and that old lady whom I saw living there is content and happy in the habitation provided for her by this Benevolent Institution. I do not want to detain you long, but I do want to say one thing. I want you all to go back to your provinces and to your respective lodges and take back the thanks of the Benevolent Institution for sending you up here this evening, and not only sending you up, but sending you up, as I trust you will hear from the Secretary, with a full hand. I think there is very little more to be said except this, that as we go on, so let us pull together in that harmony and brotherly love which we always have done, and let us never forget either one Charity or the other. Let us keep the one great object of our Institution before us, and whatever the world may say of Freemasonry, whether they say that we dine too well or we enjoy ourselves too much, let us have that one consolation in our conscience, that we are doing good in every way we possibly can. (Applause.) Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, and that is "Success to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Masons," and, while asking you to drink it heartily, I call upon Bro. Farnfield to reply to the toast.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, in responding to the toast, said: The large assemblage that we have here to-night does my heart good, because I fully believe that when so large a number of Masons are assembled together, the outcome of that assembly will be a very large total of the lists of the Stewards of the money that has been brought in. It was with fear and trembling the Committee approached this year, because in reviewing our balance sheet at the last General Committee, we found that last year we were something like £2,000 to the bad; and after the bumper Festival that the Girls' School had we cannot hope to have as large a sum this year as the last. But everything comes to those that hope and do not despair, and seeing you all assembled round us to support his lordship in the chair, we have every hope that the total to-night will not be less than last year, but that it will be more. (Cheers.) In that hope I am sure you all will agree with me, and, therefore, I will not further trespass upon your time, but thank you all on behalf of the Committee and Executive of the Institution for so kindly responding to the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. TERRY then read the lists of subscriptions which amounted to £13,186 5s., being the collections of 190 Stewards representing London Lodges and producing £6,884 10s. 5d., and of 170 Stewards representing Provincial Lodges and producing £6,301 14s. according to the following summary, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks ...	23	2	0
Bristol	52	5	0
Cambridgeshire ...	94	10	0
Cheshire	36	15	0
Cornwall	157	10	0
Cumberland & Westmorland	102	12	6
Derbyshire	32	11	0
Devonshire			
Dorsetshire	156	10	0
Durham	115	10	0
Essex	291	18	0
Gloucestershire ...	94	10	0
Hants & Isle of Wight	135	0	6
Hertfordshire ...	233	5	0
Kent	821	17	6
Lancashire (East Div.)	171	3	0
Lancashire (West Div.)	93	9	0
Lincolnshire... ...	448	14	0
Middlesex	390	3	0
Northants and Hunts	683	8	6
Nottinghamshire ...	57	15	0
Oxfordshire	159	1	6
Shropshire	210	18	0
Somersetshire ...	51	15	0
Staffordshire ...	10	10	0
Suffolk	326	11	0
Surrey	241	18	6
Sussex	208	10	6
Warwickshire ...	147	0	0
Wiltshire	168	0	0
Worcestershire ...	77	1	0
Yorkshire (Nth. & East)	105	0	0
" (West) ...	400	0	0

The announcement of the grand total of subscriptions was received with applause.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., proposed the health of "the Right Hon. Chairman," a Provincial Grand Master, well recognised in his province, and one of the most popular of Provincial Grand Masters, although but comparatively a young mason, having made great headway in the craft, holding at one and the same time positions of great importance and some of minor official character, thereby supporting our order, and dignifying it to the utmost of his ability.

In response, Bro. Lord EUSTON thanked the brethren for the cordial reception of the toast, and in the course of his speech, remarked that he wished he had become a mason on attaining his majority, for he did not know of any institution which could compare with it in respect of its power to do good, or in regard to its ability to face the whole world and defy calumny.

To the toast of "Success to the other Masonic Institutions," whose respective festivals are fixed for the ensuing May (Girls), and June (Boys), Bros. HEDGES and BINCKES made appropriate responses: the latter more especially adverting to the investigation which has been instituted with reference to the management of the Boys' School, and expressing his fears that support may be withheld pending the production of the report on that enquiry. The text of Bro. Bincke's speech we shall have occasion to refer to and more fully expound, but this is not the proper time to enlarge thereon. We believe, ourselves, that should it prove that wrong or mistake exists, all will be set right, and that at no distant date; whilst if the report to be issued should absolve the management of the institution from "faults," it would be a great pity if complaints against the administration which cannot be justified, should have interfered with the assistance so sadly needed to maintain its prestige and prosperity.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence proposed "the Stewards," complimenting them upon the success of their endeavours, and, after suitable response from Bro. Sir Lionel DARELL, the CHAIRMAN proposed a toast to the ladies who had honoured the festival by their welcome presence. Bro. Major LAMBERT having responded on their behalf, the brethren at once proceeded to accompany them to the adjoining temple, in which a grand concert, arranged for their delectation and delight was in progress, and in which the following distinguished artistes took part, under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy, Vicar Choral, St. Paul's Cathedral:—Miss Julie Albu, Miss Blanche Murray, R.A., Miss Julia Jones, Madame Pauline Featherby, Bros. Edward Dalzell, Alfred Kenningham, Herbert Schartau, R. E. Miles, and R. De Lacy; solo violin—Madame Adelina Dinelli; at the grand piano—Bro. John Jefferies.

The orchestra was under the direction of Bro. H. J. Calcott.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

Revised.—Asa L. Brown, Platteville, Wisconsin.

When need or distress, when misfortune or sorrow,
Assail or encompass a brother around,
Go, serve and assist him, wait not for the morrow,
On foot, e'en, though out of thy way he be found.
Ah, yes, there is *help* in fraternal devotion,
A solace in sorrow, an aid in distress,
Which fills the sad heart with soft, thrilling emotion,
When true to the *first* on its mission we press.

When faint through the gloaming the Vesper is pealing:
When clear on the morn rings the Matin's sweet tone,
With heart and with voice, on thy closet floor kneeling,
Remember a brother's welfare as thine own.
Praise God for His love and His grace, and His blessing
On thee, and thy home, and thine own loved and dear.
Then think of the *second*, and while Him addressing,
Let brotherly love plead in language sincere.

Preserve in thy breast what a brother, confiding,
Commends to thy keeping, if honest and just,
Inviolate hale it, and keep it in hiding,
And, strong in thy honour, betray not his trust.
Forget not the builder, beset and in danger,
E'en death from his bosom extorted no *word*,
So keep thou the *third*, though it be to a stranger,
Enough that a brother the trust has conferred.

Aye, stretch forth thy hand if a brother is falling,
Support him, and aid him his feet to regain.
Await not the summons, the sign, or the calling,
But fly to relieve him from danger or pain.
If slander's foul tongue his fair name is assailing,
Though absent or present his honour defend,
And prove that the *fourth* shall be ever availing
To rescue the fame of a brother and friend.

To err is but human: a brother, forgiving,
Performs but a duty, a labour of love:
And he who demurs or who fails is not living
The life shown and taught by the Master above.
Approach then the erring with kind admonition,
With counsels of love win him back to the square.
Five points thus obeyed, we attain the fruition
Of duty, as taught by our Fellowship Star.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place on Friday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes, occupied the chair as W.M., while Bro. Sudlow, on whom the control of the lodge has now devolved, occupied the S.W. chair.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, when, by the direction of the Presiding Master, Bro. Matier, Bro. Monteuuis and others formed a deputation to wait on Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, who had kindly consented to preside, and usher him into the lodge. When his lordship had taken his seat at the right of the Presiding Master, Bro. Fenn gave the time, and the brethren greeted his lordship with five.

Bro. Fenn then proceeded to work the first lecture, in doing which he was assisted by the following brethren:—1st section by Bro. C. E. Cassall, S.D. 1415; 2nd, A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044, &c.; 3rd, W. H. Kiroy, J.D. 1965; 4th, Black (in the absence on business of Bro. W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768); 5th, Robt. Clay Sudlow, P.M. 263, &c.; 6th, W. P. Reynolds, J.W. 7; 7th, C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826.

At the conclusion of the last section, Lord Euston said he really thought that, for the admirable work which they had all been privileged to hear that evening, the least thing they could do was to thank, as he then did, those brethren who had assisted the W.M. for the treat they had given the assembled brethren in enabling them to hear the work so perfectly and so well done. He, therefore, asked the brethren to join him in thanking all those brethren who had taken part in the work of the evening. This was seconded by Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Fenn, addressing Lord Euston and the brethren, said it was usual for the brother who occupied the chair to say a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment, which was really paid, not to him, but to the brethren who had done the work. But he was sure that the brethren who had assisted him in the work would be extremely gratified that their exertions had met with approval, and would esteem the vote of thanks, so cordially given them, very highly. In offering the visitors present an opportunity of joining the lodge, Bro. Fenn informed them that after payment of necessary expenses their funds were devoted to the three masonic charities. After stating what they had been able to do for the charities in the past, he concluded by saying that they had this year voted twenty guineas to the Benevolent Institution in place of their usual ten guineas.

After the supper, which followed the closing of the lodge, the toasts proper to the occasion were proposed, all of which were most heartily received.

CONVOCATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MADRAS.

On 26th Jan. last, at 6.30 o'clock, a Regular Convocation of the District Grand Lodge of Madras was held in the Masonic Hall of Lodge "Perfect Unanimity," No. 150 (E.C.), Mount Road. There was a large gathering of Master Masons, representing all the local lodges, ranged under their respective banners. To the *right* of the throne were the lodges Perfect Unanimity, No. 150; Mount, No. 926; and John Miller, No. 1906: to the *left*, Universal Charity, No. 273; Pitt-Macdonald, No. 1198; and Carnatic, 2136. After the brethren had assembled the Right Hon. His Excellency the R.W. Bro. Lord Connemara, P.C., G.C.I.E., the District Grand Master, with his Deputy, W. Bro. Colonel G. M. J. Moore, R.A., and the District Grand Officers in their full Masonic paraphernalia, entered in procession and took their respective seats on the daïs. The District Grand Lodge was duly opened by the District Grand Master, and W. Bro. Browne, B.D., the Venerable Archdeacon, offered prayer. After the business on the agenda paper had been completed, the District Grand Master appointed and invested his Grand Officers for the current year, viz.:—

W. Bros. Sir Arthur Collins, *Kt., Q.C., Chief Justice*, S.W.; Venerable J. F. Browne, *B.D.*, Archdeacon, J.W.; Bro. Rev. C. H. Malden, *M.A.*, chap.; W. Bros. T. V. Ponnoosawmy Pillay, *Judge*, Registrar; Cowasjee Eduljee, President Board of General Purposes; J. T. Greatorex, sec.; J. H. Peebles, 4th year treas.; Sur.-Major Walker, S.D.; Kelly, J.D.; F. Dunsterville, Supt. of Wks.; J. B. Barton, D. of C.; Donald Calder, Asst. D. of C.; Symonds, Swd. Br.; Hukerjee Fukerjee, Std. Br.; Ramasawmy, Asst. Std. Br.; Bro. F. W. Read, org.; W. Bros. R. C. Carey, pursvt.; P. Vijayarangum Mudaliar, jun. pursvt.; and Bro. A. Cooper, tyler. Five brethren were appointed to serve on the Board of General Purposes and seven were elected by the brethren present. The District Grand Lodge was then duly closed with solemn prayer by the newly appointed D.G. chap, Bro. Rev. C. H. Malden, *M.A.*

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after a sumptuous dinner, the District Grand Master proposed the following toasts, viz.: the Queen-Empress and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, which were responded to by the brethren most enthusiastically. W. Bro. Willie Grant in proposing the health of His Excellency the R.W. Bro. Lord Connemara, said that the three principal officers of the District Grand Lodge were heads of three important departments, viz.: the State, the Law, and the Church—Lord Connemara was the Governor of the Presidency, Sir Arthur Collins the Chief Justice of Judicature, and the Venerable J. F. Browne, Archdeacon of the diocese of Madras. The District Grand Master in responding said that by the union of the State, Law, and the Church, the peace, harmony and brotherly love of the members of the Craft would be greatly cemented. W. Bro. Col. Moore proposed the Mofussil Lodges which was responded to by W. Bro. Fred. Pinsent. W. Bro. J. Stiven proposed the visiting brethren and was replied to by Bro. Cecil M. Barrow. Bro. A. Cooper, D.G. tyler, proposed, "To all poor and distressed," &c., which brought the pleasant evening to a close. Between the toasts W. Bro. Newitt and Bro. Read entertained the brethren with some popular and humorous songs.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

The seventh social evening of this society was held on Friday, the 1st inst., and we availed ourselves of an opportunity to look in upon "Our Boys" and share in their agreeable entertainment, as we would advise other Metropolitan and Provincial supporters of our Institutions to do now and then, if they would care to see what an intelligent and respectable class of young men the former pupils of the Boys' School become when "out in the world." If the visitors to these social entertainments felt but a small share of the gratification we have experienced, they would be amply repaid for the time devoted to that purpose. At the opening of the entertainment on Friday last, Mr. A. B. Whiteley took the chair, but the programme of music and recitation had not proceeded far when the president of the society, W Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, Prov. Dep. Grand Master for Worcestershire; W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, Past Dep. G.M. Malta, &c.; and W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. and Sec. R.M.I.B., entered, and were enthusiastically received. At the earnest solicitation of Mr. Whiteley and the company, Bro. Godson took the chair, intimating that he could only devote a short hour to its duties, as his presence would be soon afterwards required at Westminster. Before, however, taking up the programme before him, he stated that Bro. Binckes desired to say a few words which he believed would give his hearers much satisfaction. Bro. Binckes at once said that he had been requested to propose Bros. Broadley and Augustus Harris as vice-presidents of the association, a statement which it is almost needless to say was cordially received and gave general satisfaction. After a few remarks from Bro. Broadley, Bro. Godson arranged that the annual dinner should take place on the 13th April, when either he or the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, Dep. G. Master for Suffolk, will preside. The programme of the entertainment was then proceeded with, the several vocalists and reciters vieing with each other in the display of talent and ability. Bro. Godson being presently called away to "a very different place," Bro. Binckes presided for the remainder of the evening, which was characterised by good fellowship and harmony throughout. It would be invidious to select from the list of those who assisted any particular names, and our space will not admit of a lengthened notice. We can only say that we have attended many a more pretentious smoking concert than that "Our Boys" offer their members and visitors without experiencing half the enjoyment they fortnightly afford. Brethren would do well to book the 15th inst., at 8 p.m., for a visit to Anderton's Hotel, on which occasion the eighth social evening of the session will be held, and Mr. W. A. Glass will preside.

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Original Correspondence.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

My friend of "The Organ" is at it again, I see. This time you, as one of "the other Masonic Journals," come in for a share of his favour. Well, I daresay your back is broad enough to bear it, and that you can take your own part. Still, by the writer in the *Freemason*, there are one or two points which I think I may fairly be allowed to draw attention to. The first is his statement that he "did not make sufficient allowance for counteracting influences," one of which he says is "the criticisms, &c." This is a curious admission after the way he wrote about those criticisms, calling them "silly," "stupid," "ignorant," and so on, and insinuating that no one ought to or would pay any attention to them, but treat them in the same high and mighty contemptuous manner which he arrogated to himself. I thought at the time that "sufficient allowance" was not being made for their probable effects, and now, though only one of the "silly ones," the (I had nearly written "scribbler") organ of the craft, owns to the effect of the short-sighted policy of abuse and silence. I cannot pass over the statement made that "these criticisms obtained publicity within a few *weeks* of the day appointed for the Festival." On the 7th January I addressed you on the above subject, and my letter appeared in your impression of the 10th, nearly two months ago. Now, Sir, to say that this was within a *few weeks* of the Festival is straining a point. Probably if courteous attention had been accorded, it would not have been necessary to continue the correspondence, but the way in which an "uninspired writer" tried to besmirch those whose only object was to endeavour to obtain a rectification of abuses was about as blameworthy as possibly could be. Instead of a fair and manly front being shown and complaints considered, attempt was made to completely burke the main question, and by personal abuse and clamour obscure it. Now, I would ask, as I read that these criticisms ought to have been published during the "slack season of the year," when that season is? Perhaps the Festival having now gone by, *this* is the slack season so far as the R.M.B.I. is concerned. If so, various questions having been raised, why not proceed to *at once* "discuss" them? Mine, for instance, regarding commission to "Mr. Collector." Statements show that some £13,000 have been got together, names are given of stewards on whose lists names of donors have been inscribed, but I cannot see any item representing money *collected* and paid-in by the collector. Sir, if the authorities of the R.M.B.I. *will* answer, now is the time to do so. On how much, if any, of this sum is a commission payable, the reason why it is so payable, and why it is not shown that "Mr. Collector" collected it, instead of those whose names are published? Also, if those in authority have the good of the Charity alone at heart, they will tell us the meaning of, in both accounts, the items "provincial and other expenses" £80 0s. 1d. each.

With some £2,000 to be found "somehow, or somewhere," perhaps part of it may be made up from amounts which are so vaguely described as these. I suppose there is no chance of any surrender of a tithe even of "official salaries?"

The Girls' School Festival is in May and the Boys' in June next: when might it be considered would be the proper time to criticise, as I intend to do, the affairs of those Institutions? Now, or after the Festivals have taken place? The fact is that one Institution can scarcely be criticised without clashing, in point of management, with the others.

Fraternally yours,
SUBSCRIBER.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Would you mind letting me have an answer to the following query. Have honorary members a vote or voice in the lodge which has made them hon. members?

Out here some lodges allow them to speak and vote: others by their Bye-Laws forbid it. I should like to have your opinion. I always thought an honorary member was a member to all intents and purposes, but who in consideration of valuable services was excused fees.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
Madras, January, 1889. C. H. M.

*** *The Book of Constitutions is silent as to the rights and privileges of Honorary Members.*—ED. M.S.

CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I should like to be informed of the rule regulating the transmission of certificates, as to the time that should elapse before a member receives the same after his initiation into Freemasonry, as I have been informed that I have to wait one year from the date of my raising.

Yours fraternally,
London, E.C., March 1st, 1889. J. F. B.

*** *You have been wrongly informed. You are entitled to a certificate* IMMEDIATELY *after your initiation, passing and raising respectively. It is customary, for the sake of convenience, for a brother to wait until he has received the degree of M.M., but immediately thereafter he should be placed in possession of his certificate. See Book of Constitutions, Rules* 196 *to* 203.—ED. M.S.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MASTERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In reference to this important subject which I observe has been treated of in the earlier numbers of your journal, I send you an extract from the Bye-Laws of one of our lodges, with which I am closely connected :—

"No brother to be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he has served the office of Warden in this lodge twelve months; neither shall he be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he is capable of opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees, and working the ceremonies; the qualification of such candidates shall be certified by a Board of Past Masters prior to his election, and no preference shall be given to seniority in the craft, but to personal worth and merit only."

This rule has been in operation for many years; in fact I think I can answer for 22 or 23 years, and I am happy to say that during the whole of that time we have only had one case in which the P.M's could not recommend the S.W. as duly qualified.

In my opinion it is a most salutary rule, because when a brother takes office he knows that unless he makes himself acquainted with the working it will be useless for him to aspire to the office of W.M., consequently he sets to work in earnest, and generally with a good result.

Of course it is a rule which should be applied with some discretion, because we cannot expect every one to be word perfect, and we have never drawn a hard and fast line in this respect, more especially if we had reason to believe that the brother had worked hard and tried his best to be proficient. It undoubtedly acts as a fillip to the lazy and careless ones, and that is the great point.

Yours fraternally,
Greenwich, Mar. 1st, 1889. E. J. B. BUMSTEAD.

SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

THE MASONIC STAR of 7th, 14th and 21st inst. contain letters on the above subject, in respect of which, with your permission, I shall take the advice you gave to "Punjabi" and "speak out."

"Punjabi's" letter is all right, excepting so far as "P.M. 1,436" has been able to correct him over the vicar. I suppose it was I who made him chaplain, and I had his word that he did not require any other office; but I have no hesitation in saying that he is a great acquisition to the Sandgate Lodge, and having said that I will go on to the chief question involved, and deal with "P.M. 1,436." I hope now the subject is opened, that it will be the means of getting the military brethren what they require, or a good reason shown why they should not have it, and (if possible) stop internal and external squabbles in connection with the lodge. To this end I propose to put the following questions for solution :—

1. Are military brothers entitled to the same advancement in the craft as civilians?

2. Consistent with the nature of their occupation, can anything fairer be done for them by existing laws?

3. Have they been fairly dealt with in the Sandgate Lodge?

In reply to first question, I take it that few lodges expect the military to be mere financiers, and no right thinking brother will envy them all the honour their status and ability may demand at our hands. They are more than average patrons of the craft, both in numbers and contributions, having frequently to join different lodges and constitutions, to enjoy masonic privileges. The reason they join in greater numbers is one we may all be proud of, viz., their duty takes them to more foreign countries than any other mason on the face of the globe, and it is probably the only chance open to them to make life pleasant outside the family circle of their own regiment, and create that kindly and brotherly feeling and intercourse between ourselves and the numerous races the G.A.O.T.U. has destined us to rule over, and which we all so much desire.

In answer to No. 2, I say that more can be done for them, and is done at most other military stations, without infringing upon the Book of Constitutions, by P.G. Master recommending a prayer of petition for an ordinary warrant, and a paragraph in bye-laws regulating the proportion of civilians to be admitted, so that the military always predominate in lodges formed for their benefit. The military have founded many lodges, only to find that in a few years they have had no voice in them, and it will always be the case, without some safeguard of this kind. "P.M. 1,436" should know that a "Class Lodge" was never asked for, and that a purely military lodge has no chance of being granted since 1882.

In answer to No. 3, I believe the military have a very substantial grievance against this particular lodge, and the present correspondence does not bear out P.M.'s statement "that there has always been the greatest goodwill, &c." I say that they have never agreed amongst themselves. There has of late years been a clique to the destruction of all harmony and masonic spirit, and I am not very proud of being a P.M. of a lodge where another P.M. will lead anyone to believe that the chair has been given six or seven times to a soldier or sailor. The lodge was founded by Captain Coates in 1873, and since then the only soldier that has ever been in the chair is Bro. Field, and that is 11 years ago, and some years one or two soldiers have been given office and in others they have been given nothing, although the chief support has been derived from them. How can he possibly quote a "Serving Bro." to prove advancement to military brethren! Worthy as our Brother Tyler undoubtedly is, he has never been a soldier since the lodge was formed.

Many instances could be quoted to show how little hope there is for harmony in this lodge, and but that your space is valuable I would give particulars. Probably in a future letter you may permit me the opportunity to explain reasons why an endeavour to remedy the existing evil should have met with the approval of the provincial authorities instead of an unqualified rejection.

Yours fraternally,
W. Perry, I.P.M.,
28th February, 1889. Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.

Answers to Correspondents.

X.Y.—The question you raise is a strange one; we will give it consideration and endeavour to find a solution.

P.M.—Where you can have learnt such "curious" ritual we are at a loss to conceive. It is impossible to revise such a mass of errors.

MARK MASONRY.

A new Mark Lodge will be consecrated this month, bearing the title in honour of the M.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton. Bros. Belgrave Ninnis, Dr. Brodie, Lennox Browne, T. G. Lewis-Thomas, and Captain Henry Wright are amongst the founders and first officers. The lodge will meet at 8A, Red Lion Square, W.C.

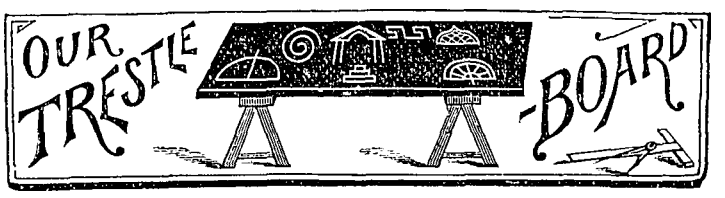
The forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held in July, will be presided over by Bro. Lionel E. Darell, P.G.S.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Festival to be held in May will be presided over by the R.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk, and we have reason to anticipate that he will be well supported on that occasion, particularly by the lodges under his more immediate rule. A meeting of the Building Committee is to be held in April, for the purpose of receiving and deciding on tenders from eminent builders for the construction of the Centenary Hall and new buildings at Wandsworth Common, the plans and designs of which have been virtually settled.

W. Bro. Barrell, P.M. 469, P.Z. 272, P.G.A.D.C. Lincs., who has successively been elected Councillor, Alderman, and Provisional Chairman of the County Council of Holland, was, on Friday last, elected unanimously the permanent Chairman of that body. Bros. E. W. Gooch, S.D. 469, J. Laming, 469 (Spalding) and R. W. Staniland, 272 (Boston), are also members of the Holland C. C.

A Masonic "At Home."—The W.M., officers, and brethren, of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971—which was consecrated in 1882, for the convenience of officers quartered in the Aldershot Division—gave an "At Home" at the Officers' Club House on Thursday night, the 21st ult., which proved to be a most enjoyable event. Upwards of 500 invitations were issued to the Masters and Past Masters of adjoining lodges and distinguished brethren of the order, in addition to the Staff of the Aldershot Division and other officers, and the leading families of the neighbourhood, most of whom were present. The visitors were received by the W.M. (W. Bro. W. E. Foster) and Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Onslow.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

The *Masonic Record* of Western India, published at Allahabad, in its issue for October last, reproduced *in extenso* our article in No. 4 of The Masonic Star under the title "Is Publication injurious to Freemasonry?" and, complimenting us thereupon, thought it "a subject which should elicit some strong expressions of opinion from the fraternity."

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No such expressions have reached us from any craftsman in England, but in distant lands the subject has had consideration: and a correspondent to the *Masonic Record* itself, as we find in its December number, evidently is in exceptional disagreement with us. He forwarded to that paper a letter with extracts from an oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Russell, P.Prov.G.Chap. (Cornwall) in October, 1875, which he considers fully answers the question in the affirmative, but which we do not hesitate to declare, having in former years been in direct correspondence with the author, having a knowledge of his sentiments at that date, and reading his oration by the light of such acquaintance, rather tends to strengthen than to controvert our arguments in favour of discreet publication outside those esoteric secrets which our obligations compel us to regard.

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It is not for those who are not of our fraternity that masonic journals are published, for but little that can interest "strangers" will be found in their pages, and certainly not anything affecting that secrecy which may not be revealed; but for the general information of craftsmen who desire to learn more of the tenets of Freemasonry and the progress of the order than can be obtained within the confines of their respective lodges. For such of our brethren we still, and shall continue to, maintain that publication is NOT injurious to Freemasonry, but, on the contrary, most useful and advantageous.

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The discontinuance of "Our City Article" does not appear to be relished by some of our esteemed subscribers. On the other hand, its insertion met with strong objection from many who thought the space could be better utilized. We cannot expect to please all who take interest in us, at the same time have no desire to do otherwise. If we could but know in which direction general satisfaction could be given we should point that way once and for all. Meanwhile, we must not veer about at the caprice of every wind that blows.

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It may interest many visitors to the Isle of Wight, and especially to Ventnor, to know that the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 551, holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, at Ventnor, every Monday, at 7.30 p.m. The dates of meeting of the Mother Lodge will be found in our tabulated list of Provincial Lodge Meetings.

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On the retirement of V.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.P.B.G.P., from the office of Treasurer of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, on the 20th ult., the brethren presented Lady Monckton, as an acknowledgment of Sir John's eminent services on behalf of the lodge, with a valuable diamond ornament.

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We had lately an opportunity of hearing a very talented artiste in the person of Mdlle. Eva Norini, who charmed a critical audience by her able rendering of the part of Marguerite, at an entertainment which included the garden scene in Faust. This young lady, who is we believe available for general concerts, would be doubtless much appreciated in connection with the musical portion of our lodge entertainments, if her services could be secured by any of our *entrepreneurs*.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The inauguration of a United Grand Lodge of the Masons in Victoria will take place on March 20th, and the installation of Sir W. J. Clarke as Grand Master will take place on the following day.

The plan for the extension of the accommodation of the Masonic Hall at Deniliquin has been approved by the management, and the architect, Mr. Vahland, of Sandhurst, is now preparing specifications. When these are completed the tenders will be called. The extensions will cost about £1,000. The present building will be left as it is, and a new hall will be erected between it and Messrs. Hunter and Son's premises, in addition to which there will be an ornamental front, with offices facing the main street.

Masonic Lecture by W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford, of Freemasons interested in the advancement of the Order, when a very interesting paper was read by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, York, on "The Advance of Intelligent Masonry." After some discussion on the subject of the paper and a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Bros. J. L. Atherton, J. Ramsden Riley, and J. W. Balme, to Bro. Whytehead, it was decided to form a society, to be called "The Bradford and District Masonic Literary Society," of which Bro. Whytehead should be the president.

Point—Left—Right.

What weather! Not at all Masonic. I was in a blinding snow storm at Penge last week and coming back across the river not a trace of snow was to be seen. It is well; for the last fall plainly demonstrated the incapacity of the City authorities to grapple with any inconvenience to their knife and fork routine of every-day duty. I suppose, grappling with slush and muck amounts to money, and who, for one moment, would not wade ankle deep in half-frozen filth if only by so doing we are enabled to send a few thousand pounds to Timbuctoo, or China, to help the starving multitudes of whom we know nothing. The foreign policy of "City Charity" has no willing ear to native wants. Why should it have? What business has any man to be poor in this land of peace and plenty! Are not our streets paved with gold, and is there not a soup kitchen and a workhouse in every thoroughfare? Marry come up, forsooth! What would you have, you half-starved mechanic? Would you allow us to give you better wages and cleaner homes at the expense of our reputation for being an eminently *free* country? Would you rather us help you from the doors of the workhouse and lead you into decent surroundings, by stopping the supply of rum and 'bacca to the heathen of Central Africa. Tut, Tut! a pretty state of things, indeed. One would imagine almost the docking of turtle soup to pay you wages for sweeping the roads.

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In spite of my guarded remarks, my par of last week has brought me into sad disgrace with several of our worthy brethren who are "publicans." They must look at the question in its broadest view and from an impartial position before they discuss masonic lodges being held in public houses. There are, of course, public-houses and public-houses, and I stand firmly by my opinion that there is no analogy between the sentiment of masonry and the sentiment of the tap-room. Take away from masonry its sentiment and its enlightening motives—for masonry *has* enlightening motives—and it is nothing but a hollow sham, fit only to encourage the delights of the fourth degree as a total eclipse of the first, second and third.

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Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett has published an indignant letter about the newspaper comments upon her manners and associations, alluding to a story that she and her husband live apart. She says: "The member of my family who would be missing if it were true is at the present moment reading in the adjoining room. I am described as encircled by an army of young men. I am encircled by an army of two young men, aged respectively 12 and 14, and I am rather popular with them. I have no other masculine aquaintances who are not older than myself; which gives them an excellent opportunity to be of ripe years."

"Is it, or is it not, of consequence that the statement published and copied all over the United States is untrue in every word and detail? Does it, or does it not, matter in the least that a man or woman who has done honest, respectable work should on that account feel that his or her character, good taste, and good manners may be impugned at so much a line in any newspaper? Does it not matter that such an individual cannot live life so simple, so secluded, so well meaning, as to escape the most grotesque misrepresentations? I ask these questions, not only for myself, but for a number of modest, respectable persons, who have had the misfortune to write a popular book or play."

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"The *misfortune* to write a popular book or play!" Ah, there's the rub! No sooner does a man or woman do something or commit something that is brought to the public notice, and deemed by the public mongers to be worthy of comment, than the something and its perpetrator immediately become the property of the public. His private affairs are sifted for him, and the quality of his trousering discussed by the column. It is then suggested that his wife is not altogether what she might be, and his son—well! as for his son, the sooner he is dead the better for humanity. This is very cheap chatter, the market price of which—to be more definite than Mrs. Burnett—is just one penny a line, thirteen, I believe, going to the dozen.

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This kind of "journalism" was originated by the cheap Society papers, ill-written rags for the most part, edited by men whose moral surroundings are on a par with their educational attainments. The mode of running their papers is "give me an advertisement and I will give you an 'editorial' note; if you won't then I'll slate you as thick as printer's ink." As far as Mrs. Burnett goes, she may be a very decent woman, and the wife of a decent man, but whether she is living apart from that man or not is no business of the general public. All such twaddle is a development of garden wall oratory, introduced by the butcher boy to his sweetheart of the kitchen. *He* informs *her* that the Rev. Mumbles has left the vicarage in every one's debt, and *she* tells *him* of the terrible shindy last night between the Captain and his wife, and that the former appeared at the breakfast-table this morning with a "lovely pair." I believe very strongly in the freedom of the Press; when this freedom degenerates into impudence, the freedom of the whip should be brought into greater prominence.

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This reminds me of that eminently modern journalistic invention the "Dramatic Critic." The impudence of this gentleman is unbounded. His powers of expression are limited to a dozen set phrases—obsolete, vulgar, and for the most part meaningless to the general reader. His appreciation or disapproval of any new play is supremely indifferent to a man of dramatic knowledge who will have long since discovered such appreciation or disapproval, is regulated by the quantity of whiskey which flows from a particular quarter during a particular space of time, and by the degree of acquaintanceship which exists between the critic and the *caste*. Perhaps this is not altogether surprising when we remember that London alone possesses an average of one-and-a-half dramatic critics to every professional mummer in the United Kingdom. The gentlemen qualified to give an opinion upon the dramatic productions in the Metropolis may be counted on the fingers of both hands; and among that number must be included "Launcelot Gobbo," who has given the readers of the MASONIC STAR the benefits of his experience.

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Wonders will never cease, "Groom's," the little coffee and muffin den in Fleet Street has actually undergone the process of a spring clean. The Bohemian walls have been newly papered, and the sacred boards have been *re*-covered (as the decorator persists in calling it) with brand new linoleum. But this is not all; the greasy little girls, who have for years identified themselves or their class with Groom's, have all disappeared. Their ceaseless chatter and party bickerings have gone with them. No longer do we wait our coffee while the details of some feminine difficulty is adjusted to the satisfaction of the entire staff. Young ladies of the modern type now dispense the breakfast muffin and the choppy luncheon. Particular attention is given to deportment, and to grammatical expressions, and the modulated tones of the mistress of the coffee pots as she gives her directions—viâ the lift—to the mysterious cook in the lower regions, savours more of the high class academy than of Fleet Street. However, I like Groom's. The coffee is very good—almost excellent—and the muffins—well, if they only would toast mine a little more thoroughly, I would name them the best in the market.

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A very excellent mason has paid the debt of nature in the person of Bro. Phillip James Shelley, of Deptford. He was a good man, indeed, far beyond the usual acceptation of the term: no man with a just claim appealed to him in vain for assistance, and it is a significant fact that never was his good nature and human kindness imposed upon. Over the remains of three of his servants he had erected a monument at his own expense, upon which his own name had been engraved, and under which a space for his own body was reserved, against his decease. Seventy-nine years of a honored existence go down with him, and with him the regret of a host of people he had benefited in some way or another. May his body and his soul gain that rest he so much sought after.

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The Shops (Weekly Half-holiday) Bill, which was printed yesterday, seeks to empower local authorities, upon the application of not less than two-thirds of the occupiers of shops within a given distance, to order that all shops within such district, except public-houses, refreshment houses, tobacconists' shops, and news-agencies, shall "be closed on one specified day in each week at or before any hour, not earlier than two o'clock in the afternoon." The penalty for a breach of the order is to be a fine not exceeding £5. A saving clause exempts chemists and druggists from liability for supplying medicines, drugs, or medical appliances after the appointed hour: but they are required to close their shops all the same. The occupier of a shop is permitted to supply goods to any person lodging on the premises. I sincerely hope that no such measure as this will ever pass the watch-gates of common sense. Many of our tradesmen are surrounded by restrictions which encroach far upon the freedom of the subject, and handicaps them heavily against the unblushing foreigner. I wonder what Sir John would say to our compelling him to work no later than two o'clock on one day in the week. Sir John, I fancy, prides himself upon his endless labours. I have letters from him in my possession which plainly shew he has far more to occupy his time than he can properly discharge. Go to, John of the Lubbock ilk, you have done good work in your day, and will undoubtedly do a great deal more, but don't pose so foolishly as a defender of the working classes. I can prove to your satisfaction, Sir John, that such ridiculous legislation as you are attempting has nothing but evil results in front of it.

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The stones of Temple Bar have been set up one upon another, and although the associations of the old gateway are for ever lost, still it is something to have reclaimed the remains from the despoiling mind of the City men. Travellers to Waltham will discover the Bar converted into an entrance gateway to "Theobalds," Sir Henry Meux's place, in this charming suburb of London. For small mercies let us be thankful. We should have liked Temple Bar rehabilitated in the Temple Gardens, for which purpose several charming spots were available. But the Temple fathers had no affection for the gate; the City grandfathers had nothing but hatred for it, and so an oppulent brewer accepted the stones, and thus the drama ends. I hope I am modest beyond the dreams of suspicion, but the one man who rescued the masonry from its tomb in the Farringdon Road, and worried the Corporation into *some* action in the matter was your very devoted scribbler.

THE DRUID.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, Dec. 12th, 1888, per Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder; *South African Freemason*, East London, Cape Colony (thanks for notice); *Masonic Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1889*, compiled by Bro. B. A. Smith, P.M. 523 and P.P.G. St. B.; *Society*.

ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

Owing to pressure of other matter, we are compelled to defer this until next week.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

This lodge held its meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, March 1st, 1889, at 5 p.m. There were present: Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., J.W.; G. W. Speth, sec.: Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, J.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, as I.G.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. St.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; J. Finlay Finlayson; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., and Prof. W. Mathien Williams: also the following members of the correspondence circle: Bros. J. B. Mackey: James Stevens; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Da Silva; F. A. Powell: R. A. Gowan; Prof. F. W. Driver; W. M. Graham; C. F. Hogard, P.G. St. B., and S. R. Baskett. Also the following visitors: Bros. S. Carrick Street, Yarborough Lodge 554, and Sidney Willis, Emulation Lodge 21.

The following nine lodges and 62 brethren were admitted to the correspondence circle of the lodge, viz: Grayston 1915, Whitstable: Dis. G. of Gibraltar; Drury Lane 2127; Naval Military Royal Arch Chapter, 40 (S. C.) Edinburgh; Natalia 1665, Pietermaritzburg; Castle 1621, Bridgenorth: Tudor 1792, Harborne; Abbey 624, Burton-on-Trent; Corinthian 1806, Amoy, China; and Bros. W. Woodhouse, R. Hodges, D. W. Preston, F. E. Bilson, all of Bournemouth; A. Kirk, Gainsboro'; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Doncaster; J. W. Staton, Brooksville, Kentucky; Baron Murrow, St. Leonards; W. L. Willey, Boston, U.S.A.; J. W. Edwards, J. Wilson, F. Batty, all of Manchester; R. Crofts, A. Brown, T. P. Dorman, G. Ellard, all of Northampton: C. C. Silberbauer, C. J. Muller, both of Cape Town; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B., Tynemouth; J. Weighton, W. Francis, D.D.G.M., R. D. Clarke, J. W. Pierson, all of Pietermaritzburg, Natal; T. Cook, L. E. S. Torgires, J. R. Roffey, all of Durban, Natal: J. W. Johnson, Bradford; J. S. Gibson Sugars, H.M.S. Arethusa: C. Boyle (C.M.G.) Gibraltar; G. W. Baine, Sunderland; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; W. Abrahams, P.D.G.M., Maryland: R. Somerville, J. M. Campbell, both of Glasgow: C. C. J. Taylor, A. Bayne, F. Williams, L. Sutro, all of Kimberley; A. R. Perks, Johannesberg, Transvaal; C. Baxter, Edinburgh; W. C. Whiteside, J. Bilson, both of Hull: S. Border, C. E. L. Wright, both of York; H. Crossley, Halifax; J. W. Waugh, Baildon, Yorks; G. W. Wakeford, Dep. G.M., of Prince Edward's Island; B. Lightfoot, Faversham; H. F. Greig, Belvedere; W. M. Graham, Edmonton; J. C. Stone, Enfield; T. R. Arter, Moseley, Worcester; E. W. C. Wilson, Truro; C. W. Meiter, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Augustus Harris, A.M., Broadley, P.D.D.G.M.Malta, J. W. Thatcher, W. Steward, W. Wingham, A. Gravott, all of London, and W. C. Lewis, Amoy, China. This raises the total number admitted to 588.

Handsomely and symbolically designed certificates of having passed the chair of the lodge were signed by the Officers in favour of Bros. Sir C. Warren, *G.C.M.G., K.C.B.*, P.G.D., &c., and R. F. Gould.

The paper of the evening was read by Bro. W. H. Ryland. It was entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage, Pt. II.," being the continuation of a paper read by the same brother twelve months ago. The interesting subject was well handled, and many new lights were thrown thereon by the lecturer, some of which Bros. Gould and Speth acknowledged themselves inclined, at a first view, to accept. The essay was, however, so long, that only portions could be read, a fact which prevented a full discussion, for which we must await the issue of the next number of Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, when doubtless it will be done full justice to.

Bro. Bywater produced for inspection a Craft Jewel, formerly worn by Bro. Robert Burns.

Professor Driver thought that it was scarcely sufficiently known what a high literary qualification the lodge required of candidates for full membership, and suggested some public announcement of the fact, in order to prevent disappointment to would-be applicants. The matter was discussed at some length and at its close the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will meet at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 3.45 p.m., for election of W.M. and Officers for the ensuing year, and to discuss a proposition for donating a sum of money to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

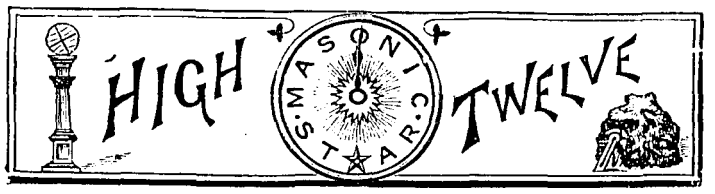
——The Union Lodge of Instruction at Leicester will hold its Annual Festival under the presidency of W. Bro. Joseph Young, P.M. 523, P.P.G.J.W., at Freemasons' Hall, Salford Street, Leicester, on the 8th inst. (to-morrow) at 7.30 p.m. The second lecture will be worked in sections, and supper will be served at 8.30 p.m.

——The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with which so many of our brethren are intimately connected, has introduced a Bill into the House of Commons providing for the removal of all wrecks on or near the coasts of the United Kingdom, whether in navigable waters or not, which may prove a danger to the crews of Life-boats in their endeavours to save life and property. The Bill is backed by Members representing all shades of political thought, and is likely to receive very general support. The Second Reading is fixed for Wednesday, the 27th inst.

——The Installation Meeting of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, will take place at the Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent Street, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst.

——All Royal Arch Masons will be welcomed at the First Annual Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, which takes place at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, April 5th, with Comp. F. Hilton as Chairman. Tickets may be obtained of the S.E. Comp. Stone, 17, Soames Street, Peckham, S.E.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the ordinary meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1,827, will be held at the Guildhall Tavern, London, and on Friday, the 15th, an emergency meeting will be called at the same place to receive the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and High Officers of the Corporation, and a large number of Grand Officers, Present and Past at dinner. The W.M., Bro. Henry Clark, C.C. and L.C.C. will preside. A brilliant gathering is expected at this now annual banquet.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, MARCH 7th:—

The Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
.. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
.. La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet (Ladies' night) in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.
.. The Victoria Rifles Lodge, No. 822, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Albany room, F.M. Tavern.
.. Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, meets at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Banquet in Masonic Temple.
.. St. James's Chapter R.A., No. 2, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 8th:—

The Britannic Lodge, No. 33, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
.. Bedford Lodge, No. 157, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.

MARCH 9th:—

The Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown Room, F.M. Tavern.
.. Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.

MARCH 11th:—

The St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
.. Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
.. University Chapter of R.A. Masons, No. 1118, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.

MARCH 12th:—

The St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
.. Urban Lodge, No. 1196, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
.. Samson Lodge, No. 1668, meets at the Café Royal, Regent Street, and dinner will be served after labour.

MARCH 13th:—

The Enoch Lodge, No. 11, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet at F.M. Tavern.
.. United Lodge, No. 1629, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 8 p.m.

MARCH 14th:—

The Polish National Lodge, No. 534, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
.. Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, at 6.30 p.m.
.. Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, Festival Dinner, Concert and Ball, at Freemasons' Tavern.
.. Strand Lodge, No. 1987, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Dinner in Prince's room, at 7 p.m.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

EMBLEMATIC—No. 1321.—On the 26th ult., at the Mona Hotel, Hearnett's Street, Covent Garden.—W. Bro. Esling, W.M.—Bros. Graham, S.W.; Klein, J.W.; R. H. Davies, S.D.; Price, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; Brindley, P.M., preceptor; Hunter, P.M.; Englefield, P.M.; Bogell, P.M.; Swan, P.M., sec.; Pett, W.M.; Noakes, Forscutt, White, Mogford, Theis, and Cantle. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pett as candidate. During the evening Bro. Brindley, P.M., worked the first section of the lecture.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday, February 28th, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bro. J. L. Barrett, W.M.—Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; J. Gwyn, J.W.; T. Eisenmann, S.D.; H. J. Whitehouse, J.D.; F. Lazarus, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, preceptor; W. J. Ball, sec.; W. Paddle, P.M.; J. Gaskin, J. Tattersall, &c. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and a *resumé* of the various officers' duties in each degree was made by the W.M. A vote of sympathy with Bro. F. T. Smith in his recent bereavement was carried unanimously. A ballot for the Benevolent Fund will be held on Thursday next, March 7th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

STUART—No. 1632.—A meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D. (Surrey); W. Ball, 1339; H. E. Vickers, W.M. 1632; M. Spiegel, P.M. 188; G. W. Wood, P.M. 1642; H. Baldwin, P.M. 1632 and 1949, P.P.G.Std.B. (Mdx.); J. L. Bush, 1632; E. Pettit, W.M. Elect, 1632; W. P. Allen, 2256; W. H. Vickers, 1632; C. Linsey, S.W. 1632; J. H. Nicholls, S.D. 1280; A. J. Crofts, I.G. 1632; A. Bannister, I.P.M. 1632; G. H. G. Morgan, W.S. 1632; J. S. Manley, Abbey Lodge; and Samuel Ellis, tyler. The lodge being opened, the chair was occupied by Bro. Frances, who appointed Bros. Wood and Baldwin as Wardens, and Bro. Spiegel D.C. He then addressed the brethren upon the occasion of the meeting, and rehearsed most effectively the ceremony of consecration, in the course of which *he delivered an impressive oration on* the nature and principles of the institution. The lodge having been dedicated and constituted, the benediction was pronounced and the lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. H. E. Vickers was duly installed as W.M., and appointed and invested his officers. Bro. Frances was elected an honorary member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services as Consecrating and Installing Master; also to Bro. Pettit for his able conduct of the musical part, and to those brethren who lent him their assistance and contributed so much to the solemnity of the ceremony. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which did credit to Bro. Manley's abilities as caterer. The usual loyal and masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a most enjoyable and musical evening was spent. It is contemplated to establish a smoking concert for the fourth Thursday in each month.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday the 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; V. P. Marché, A.S.

1329, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H. 169, H.; T. Grummant, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Addington, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Austin and Wingham. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Austin candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Murché for his excellent work of Z. for the first time. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor, was requested to take the chair at the annual supper on Friday, 5th April.

WARNER.—No. 2192.—The fifth regular meeting of this lodge, under sanction of Highbury Lodge 2192, was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on the 1st inst.—Bro. G. H. Gush, P.M. 1541, W.M.—Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 850, S.W.; and N. Salmon, S.W. 177, J.W. The fifteen sections were worked by the W.M. and brethren in the following order:—First lecture, 1st sec., Bro. C. G. Cutchey, 2256; 2nd, W. Webb, 1580; 3rd, G. K. Pugh, D.C. 1625; 4th, F. Trinder, P.M. 701; 5th, W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; 6th, H. Hill, S.W. 1695; and 7th, H. Jenkins, S.W. 850. Second lecture, 1st sec., J. R. Duff, 145; 2nd, W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; 3rd, A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; 4th, H. Hill, S.W. 1695; and 5th, H. Jenkins, S.W. 850. Third lecture, 1st sec., J. Oldis, P.M. 1288; 2nd, G. H. Gush, P.M. 1541; and 3rd, N. Salmon, S.W. 177. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the visiting brethren, which was cordially acknowledged by the W.M. and those who had assisted him, the whole of whom were elected by the lodge as honorary members. Some of the other visitors were elected members, and the lodge was then closed. Among the many brethren present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. C. P. Cutchey, 1685; W. P. Allen, 2256; Geo. Hurley, 2256; G. J. Reed, 1910; W. Blenkensop, 754; J. Ives, 2256; F. Bromhead, 1662; U. Smith, 617; J. Calver, 2256; W. Longmore, 2256; J. Briginshaw, 2256; Dr. W. C. Griffiths, 2256; J. W. Drew, 145; J. Speller, 2256; R. Grout, 174; General Farquharson, 389, S.C.; W. Shurmur, 2256; Scoresby-Jackson, 2256; M. Gross, 1278; and B. Nicholson, 1766.

PROVINCIAL.

STAFFORDSHIRE—MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418.—HANLEY.—Masonic Conversazione and Ball. One of the most successful entertainments for the benefit of the Masonic Charities that has taken place in North Staffordshire was held at Hanley on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Menturia Lodge. The attendance was so large as to necessitate the occupation of nearly the whole suite of rooms in the municipal buildings. The Victoria Hall was used as a ball-room, the council chamber and mayor's parlour as supper rooms, the sessions court as a concert hall, and the grand jury room as a suitable place for the exhibition of curiosities of various descriptions, while the stipendiary court, the town clerk's offices, and other portions of the buildings were needed for various purposes. Bro. *H. Windle, W.M.; Bro. J. T. Howson, hon. sec., and the committee had a busy* time for some weeks in preparing for the entertainment, at which the following acted as stewards:—Bros. C. F. Baker, J. Barlow, G. Barlow, T. Bickley, T. Brimyard, J. Bromley, J. Charlesworth, J. S. Crapper, A. B. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, W. Jones, J. Mayer, G. Pitchford, J. Robinson, W. Edwards, J. Goodson, H. J. Gover, E. V. Greatbach, R. G. Hall, E. J. Hammersley, E. B. Jackson, T. C. Slaney, D. Shaw, J. Stringer, W. Tunnicliff, J. Thorley, P. B. Watts, H. Windle, T. Godwin. The various rooms were decorated under the superintendence of Bro. C. R. Clark, and the walls of the main corridors had hung upon them a remarkably fine collection of oil paintings, engravings, and pen-and-ink sketches, lent by Bros. H. N. Marks, W. Tunnicliff, Dr. J. S. Crapper, T. Henstock, A. J. Henstock, and S. Miles. Handsome vases for decorative purposes were lent by Bros. J. Bromley and David Jones. The exhibition in the grand jury room comprised a number of microscopes lent by Mr. Hastings, Mr. J. A. Audley, T. Malkin, and Bros. J. Charlesworth, W. Hampton, and C. H. Phillips. There were objects of interest of *various kinds lent by Bros. Dr. J. S. Crapper, H. J. Gover, and others. The stewards* of the concert-room were Bros. A. B. Jones and J. Stringer, and the accompanist Bro. W. Edwards. The music was supplied by Master Tom Parker, an accomplished youth as a violinist; Mrs. George Dean, Mr. T. Cranmer, Mr. W. Mitchell, Bro. T. C. Slaney, vocalists; Mr. J. Bower, Bro. C. F. Baker, and Herr Hils, instrumentalists. Recitations were given by Mr. Lyn Morgan. Organ recitals were given in the Victoria Hall by Bro. W. Edwards and Mr. J. W. Preece, of Newcastle. Music for the dancing was supplied by an excellent band under the direction of Mr. C. Akid, of the Theatre Royal, Hanley. The refreshment department was entrusted to Bro. John Munro. The company began to arrive at half-past seven, and altogether about 630 ladies and gentlemen attended. The brethren wore their full regalia, and there were present representatives of the Yeomanry, Artillery, and Rifle Volunteers. Bro. C. F. Baker officiated as M.C., and although at times the ballroom was rather crowded the entertainment was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and we have reason to believe will render substantial aid to Masonic Charity.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, MARCH 7th.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., *Basinghall Street, E.C.*
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
231	St. Andrews'	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1228	Beacontree...	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1425	Hyde Park...	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.
2291	West Ham Abbey	Town Hall, Stratford, E.
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's...	F. M. H
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

(2nd) FRIDAY, MARCH 8th.

33	Britannic	F. M. H.
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
780	Royal Alfred	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddleton	Agricultural Hall, N.
1997	John Carpenter	*Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.*
2000	Earl of Mornington	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.

(2nd) SATURDAY, MARCH 9th.

108	London	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
173	Phœnix	F. M. H.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1328	Granite	F. M. H.
1426	The Great City	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1607	Loyalty	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1859	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
1928	*Gallery*	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, *Brixton*
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
2029	King Solomon	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.

(2nd) MONDAY, MARCH 11th.

5	St. George's and Corner Stone...	F. M. H.
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
90	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1670	The Adelphi	F. M. H.
2012	Chiswick	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
2030	The Abbey	Town Hall, Westminster
2213	Argonauts	Cromwell Hall, Putney
R.A.C.		
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1118	University	F. M. H.
Mark.		
104	Macdonald	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C.		
53	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Sq., W.

(2nd) TUESDAY, MARCH 12th.

96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
180	St. James' Union	F. M. H.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
548	Wellington	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
933	Doric	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1668	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
2127	Drury Lane	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, W.C.
Mark.		
223	West Smithfield	8a, Red Lion Square
R.C.		
71	Bayard	33, Golden Sq., W.

(2nd) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th.

11	Enoch	F. M. H.
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent...	F. M. H.
87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
147	Justice	White Swan Tav., Deptford
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Road
1228	Beacontree	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate E.
1610	Northern Bar	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1629	United	F. M. H.
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1986	Honor Oak	White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood
R.A.C.		
1260	John Hervey	Holborn Rest., W.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
Mark.		
284	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.

(2nd) THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.

19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
206	*Friendship*	*Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.*
238	Pilgrim (German Language) ...	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
879	Southwark...	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1539	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's	25th Mar	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Apr	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Mar	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Mar	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Mar	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Mar	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Mar	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Mar	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Mar	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Apr	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Mar	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	28th May	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th June	Ditto

Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Mar	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Mar	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	5th June	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

302	Hope	18th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Apr	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Mar	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salem Street

Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Mar	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Mar	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Apr	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Mar	Royal Pavilion
1821	Athlingworth ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Mar	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	31st May	Old Ship Hotel

Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Apr	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Mar	Ditto
326	Moira	14th Mar	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Mar	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Mar	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Apr	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Mar	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Mar	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY,	7th Mar	Ditto

Bury—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

42	Relief	21st Mar	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Mar	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales TO-DY.	7th Mar	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Mar	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	23rd May	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May	Bridge Inn

Cambridge—4 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

88	Scientific	11th Mar	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	1st Apr	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	2nd Apr	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Mar	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	(?)	Ditto

Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

253	Tyrian	26th Mar	M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum	13th Mar	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Mar	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Mar	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters—*continued*.

1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cana	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

57	Humber TO-DAY.	7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Apr	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	28th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street

Isle of Man—7 Lodges, 1 Chapter.

1004	Athole	3rd Apr	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Mar	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Mar	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Mar	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Mar	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Mar	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ? 14th or 21st Mar		M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

Isle of Wight—7 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

35	Medina	14th Mar	85, High Street, Cowes
151	Albany	11th Mar	M. H., Newport
175	East Medina ...	20th Mar	M. H., Ryde
551	Yarborough ...	19th Mar	M. H., Ventnor
698	Ryde	5th Apr	M. H., Ryde
1869	Sandown	21st Mar	M. H., Sandown
1884	Chine	28th Mar	M. H., Shanklin
R.A.C.			
151	Albany	24th Apr	48, Pyle Street, Newport
175	East Medina ...	31st May	M. H., Ryde

Lancaster—4 Lodges, 1 Chapter.

281	Fortitude	13th Mar	M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley	1st Apr	Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster	20th Mar	Ditto
1561	Morecambe ...	5th Apr	King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.			
1051	Rowley	*18th Mar	M. R., Church Street

Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

289	Fidelity TO-DAY.	7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Apr	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Apr	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	15th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Apr	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street

Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

279	St. John's	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Mar	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	18th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.

32	St. George's ...	27th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Mar	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	7th Mar	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
594	Downshire	28th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
667	Alliance	19th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Apr	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Mar	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Mar	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Mar	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Mar	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Ednbgh. ...	14th Mar	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Apr	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Mar	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Mar	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Mar	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Mar	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Mar	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Apr	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Apr	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Mar	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Mar	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
2289	Great Crosby ...	(?)	(?)
2290	Fairfield	1st Apr	M. Rooms, Fairfield
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Apr	Adelphi Hotel

Installation Meetings, as far as known are marked * before date of meeting.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters—*continued.*

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Apr	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Apr	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Mar	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	26th Apr	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Apr	Ditto
1393	Hamer	2nd May	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Mar	Di

Manchester—37 Lodges, 11 Chapters.

44	Friendship	5th Apr	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Mar	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Mar	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Mar	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	7th Mar	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Apr	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	8th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Mar	Ditto
992	St. Thomas	3rd Apr	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	22nd Apr	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Mar	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Mar	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Apr	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Mar	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	8th Mar	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Apr	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Mar	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Mar	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Mar	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Apr	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Apr	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Mar	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's TO-DAY,	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

Newcastle-on-Tyne—11 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

24	N'castle-on-Tyne T-DY	7th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Mar	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Apr	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Mar	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	8th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Mar	Ditto
1863	Priory	14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	15th May	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

Newport, Mon.—3 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

471	Silurian	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Mar	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

Norwich—6 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

Lo. 52	Union	2nd Apr	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Mar	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Mar	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY,	7th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	*15th Mar	Ditto
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

Nottingham—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Apr	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1435	Annesley	26th Apr	Ditto
1794	De Vere	*19th Apr	Ditto

Nottingham—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters—*continued.*

1909	Carnarvon	18th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	28th May	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

Oxford—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

340	Alfred	2nd Apr	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	30th Apr	Ditto
478	Churchill	6th May	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	21st May	Ditto
357	Apollo University	29th May	Ditto

Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse—16 Lodges, 12 Chapters.

Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Apr	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Mar	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Apr	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Apr	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Mar	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	7th Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	12th Mar	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Mar	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Mar	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Apr	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Mar	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	20th Mar	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	23rd May	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	21st May	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th June	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	9th May	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	31st May	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	24th May	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	16th May	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

Portsmouth, Landport, and Southsea—11 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

257	Phœnix	27th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Mar	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	Unit'd Service T-MOR.,	8th Mar	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Mar	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Mar	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	23rd May	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street

Sheffield—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

139	Britannia	14th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Mar	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Apr	Ditto

Southampton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Mar	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Mar	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY,	7th Mar	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	5th Apr	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Mar	Ditto

Sunderland—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

80	St. John	12th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Mar	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	16th May	M. H., Park Terrace

Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, MARCH 7th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7.30	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart	„	7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Fagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, MARCH 8th.			
9	Albion	at	——	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	——	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Fmnla. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Perners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ho., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
Mark.				
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, MARCH 9th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(2nd) MONDAY, MARCH 11th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Copemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan	„	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

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	(2nd) MONDAY, MARCH 11th—*continued*.			
1586	Upper Norwood	at	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	——	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, MARCH 12th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	——	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	——	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Ashley's Hot., Henrietta St., Cov. Gdn.
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	8	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„	6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(2nd) THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 1st Thursday in March (*see ante*).

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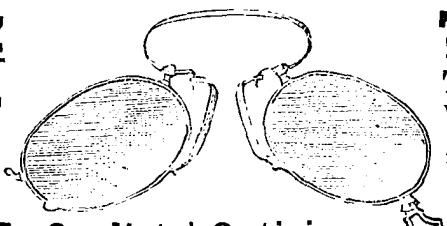
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ONE of the largest gatherings in connection with the Quarterly Communications of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, on the 6th inst., testified to the great interest taken by the Craft in the election of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. It is true there was also to take place what is certainly the much more important election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but the fact that no other nomination for the position of "Chief head and ruler" had been made, and that the nomination of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would assuredly have unanimous and enthusiastic acceptance, precludes the suggestion that to that annual event alone was due the overflow attendance of members of Grand Lodge. A large assemblage, in consequence of the necessity for personal ballot, on the election for Grand Treasurer must have been anticipated; and here we may say that much better provision should have been made to prevent the confusion and annoyances to which the want of disciplinary arrangement gave rise. To see a mass of persons crowding the corridors and approaches to the Temple; hindering the free passage of later arrivals to the ante-chambers; and struggling for entrance when at the appointed moment the hall doors are thrown open, is not an edifying sight, and does not favour the doctrine of the Craft that "all things should be done in order." Amongst the Officers of Grand Lodge there must be many who are practiced in the management and movements of large bodies of men, and surely they might be permitted to devise a plan whereby the recurrence of such unseemly disturbance could be prevented. Probably in no other building provided for the reception of the representatives of any body or society of men, either in this or any other country, could such an example of "how not to do it," in respect of admission to a place of deliberation, be found. Very shortly after six o'clock the temple floor below the daïs, and the gallery overlooking the same, were occupied to overflowing, and the adjoining hall in the tavern was put under requisition. This also was filled to its utmost extent. As the hour approached for the commencement of business, the closely packed assembly began to exhibit signs of weariness, and when the appointed moment had passed, by several minutes, impatience of delay found utterances in repeated and loud outbursts of "Time! Time!" which ceased only on the entrance of the Grand Officers, accompanied by the substitute Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, *M.P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, who, on taking the chair, was supported by the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, as Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. Bro. Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, as Past Grand Master.

The Grand Wardens' chairs were occupied by W. Bro. Brigr.-Genl. Alexander W. Adair, and W. Bro. Lt.-Genl. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, respectively. Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication were read by the Grand Secretary, and confirmed. W. Bro. Sir John Gorst, P.M., Drury Lane Lodge, following up his nomination on the previous occasion, proposed the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, which was seconded by W. Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller, and carried. The usual proclamation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was then made by W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies. W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, *M.P.*, First Lord of the Admiralty, proposed, and W. Bro. Ferguson seconded, W. Bro. George Everett, P.M., for election as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Thomas Catling, W.M. Savage Club Lodge No. 2190, proposed, and W. Bro. Lennox Browne seconded, W. Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry for election to that high office, and scrutineers having been appointed and obligated, the balloting cards were collected and the scrutineers withdrew. So also, *en masse*, did the major portion of the vast assembly; and the crush and struggle for exit at the porch was only a little less than that experienced on entrance. Those who remained in Grand Lodge speedily despatched the remaining business set forth on the agenda. The recommendations for grants contained in the report of the Board of Benevolence, and which amounted to £925, were agreed to. The report of the Board of General Purposes, which we published in full in our impression of the 28th ult., and which recommended the acceptance of an offer from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to rent the premises hitherto known as Bacon's Hotel, part of the

property of the United Grand Lodge, on a lease for 49 years, at a rental of £360 per annum, and with an expenditure for repairs and improvements of £3,000, was agreed on the proposition of W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board, seconded by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master for Norths and Hunts. The Auditor's report was received and accepted, and the Grand Lodge was closed in form. Shortly afterwards the result of the ballot for Grand Treasurer was announced to the acting Grand Master, and W. Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry was declared elected, having polled 841 votes, as against 617 secured by W. Bro. George Everett. It may interest our readers to compare the polling with that in 1888, when the office of Grand Treasurer was contested by W. Bros. Asher Barfield and Stephen Barton Wilson. On that occasion 809 brethren voted; on this so many as 1,458. Last year Bro. Barfield was elected by 643 and Bro. Wilson received 166 votes. This year, as will be noted, Bro. Everett sustained defeat although polling within 26 votes of the successful candidate in 1888, whilst Bro. Terry, the present Grand Treasurer elect, obtained 198 votes more than his predecessor (now in office) and 32 more than the total of voters at the last election. Surely the only office it is in the power of the members of the Grand Lodge to bestow, other than that of the Grand Mastership itself, may justly be considered the "Craft's distinctive purple."

MASONIC WEDDING.

The beautiful new church of St. George's Jesmond, Newcastle, was, on the 5th inst., the scene of a thoroughly masonic wedding, the bridegroom being Bro. William Faucett, shipowner, Newcastle, the bride Miss Laura Renwick, youngest daughter of the late John N. Renwick, Esq., of this city. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M. of Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.S.W. (of which lodge the bridegroom is S.D.), assisted by Bro. the Rev. Canon Pennefather, P.P.G. chap., vicar of the parish. The bride was given away by her brother (Bro. George Renwick, *J.P.*). Bro. C. H. S. Sherlock presided at the organ, and played the Wedding March. A large number of masonic brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. John Coull, W.M. of Priory Lodge 1863; H. Bott, S.W., P.G. chap.; J. O. Wallace, I.P.M., Priory 1863; J. M. Winter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. Roope, P.M., P.P.G.O., sec.; C. W. Henzell, P.M.; R. Jackson, P.M. 1712, P.G.P.; H. E. Hollis, J.D.; E. Green, W. Frazer, J. A. Waitt, R. H. Wesencraft, E. F. Dodds, W. Fisher, J. Renwick, J. Bowman, 1557. After the ceremony the bridal party, accompanied by the brethren, returned to the residence of Bro. Geo. Renwick, where the wedding breakfast was provided, to which ample justice was done. The happy pair left by the 1.15 p.m. train for London to spend their honeymoon. Among the presents, which were both numerous and costly, may be mentioned a beautiful drawing-room timepiece, from the brethren of Priory Lodge 1863.

PUNJAB.—THE CRAFT RITUAL.

In the "minutes of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab at a special communication to celebrate St. John's Day (27th December, 1888)," at which R.W. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, District Grand Master, presided, and a large number of grand officers, representatives, and other brethren attended, addresses were delivered by the District Grand Master, and W. Bro. Dr. Brij Lal Ghose, *B.B.*, P.D.D.G.M. An address was also to have been delivered by W. Bro. H. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M., but in his unavoidable absence his paper was read by W. Bro. Col. O. Menzies, D.D.G.M. From this we extract a paragraph relating to the ritual of the three first degrees in Freemasonry, which, we think, will be of interest to many of our readers.

"The second class of Masonic literature, to which I referred at the commencement of this address, that of the Rituals and Lectures, may be shortly dealt with. It may now be subdivided into three classes, the one following the Oxford working—the second Emulation working, and the third almost anything the publisher of the Ritual pleases. The second is perhaps the most consistent, and it is the most popular, but to those who study rituals I would commend 'the revised Ritual of Craft Freemasonry, by an old Past Master,' published only this year—its notes are of the highest value. I personally belong to the number who regret our literature does not possess any authorized ritual, and that there are not any genuinely authorized lectures published, the latter being principally the irresponsible productions of Masonic enthusiasts. It is true that Dr. Hemming was authorized by the United Grand Lodge, soon after the Union in 1813, to revise the system of *lectures*, and it is true the Prestonian lectures were authoritatively used in the last century, but we can hardly be said to possess any Lecture under authority at the present time, although the great American authority, Mackey, holds that Hemming or "Union" Lectures are to be considered as still under authority. The safest plan to follow when placing a Literary value on published Lectures, is to see that they are in harmony with the most perfect Ritual obtainable."

We desire to call the attention of our brethren, particularly those concerned in banquetting arrangements, to a very novel and elegant form of menu card which our printers are now producing, and which we feel assured will meet with unqualified success. An inspection of their novelty list of similar productions would repay a visit to 59, Moor Lane.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

The great masonic contest of the year is over, and fortune and a majority of votes have declared in favour of an estimable candidate for the office in the person of W. Bro. Edward O'C. Terry, so well known in masonic circles, and also as the proprietor of Terry's Theatre in London. A no less estimable candidate of well-known repute for earnest work in Freemasonry, and as a supporter of our Charitable Institutions—Bro. George Everett—has sustained honourable defeat. Now the fight is o'er, we offer congratulations to the victor (as we should have done in any case) and sympathy with the vanquished; in addition to an expression of admiration of the extremely gentlemanly and truly masonic manner in which both brethren have conducted their respective candidatures. We heartily wish our Bro. Terry a pleasant year of office,—we are sure it will be one of usefulness and credit,—and hope that Bro. Everett may not be altogether disheartened, but will manfully persevere. We



THE GRAND TREASURER ELECT,

W. BRO. EDWARD O'CONNOR TERRY, P.M., &c., &c.

notice an intimation of his disposition to again offer himself for the honourable appointment which it is in the power of his fellow craftsmen to confer upon him in reward for his past labours. And now arises an opportunity of testing the practice of masonic brotherhood upon those principles which unfortunately are too frequently only theoretically considered. Let us avoid a contest which, no matter how courteously and kindly conducted, must naturally divide the members of Grand Lodge into parties, and, even if only slightly, cause heartburnings and disappointment. If there be another brother desirous to seek the suffrages of his brethren in this direction, and we believe there is one such already disposed to take the field for 1890,—one upon whom honourable distinction has lately been conferred by his fellow citizens, and who must even now have his hands full,—let him "bide a wee!" He'll not lose by it, and his withdrawal need be but for the year. If he should persist in permitting his nomination, there is a prospect of the division of a certain interest which would cause failure to both, and enable a third, and at present unknown candidate, to carry off the prize. It should, indeed, be a very bright exemplar of the Order who can now enter the lists and expect victory. We hope that good counsel will prevail, and that it may come to be considered that the provocation of a contest in 1890 will not be regarded with favour by those who desire to see Freemasonry carried out upon its truest principles, and its order, peace, and harmony effectually maintained.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

At the last general committee meeting of the R.M.I. for Boys, on the 2nd inst., there were two petitions accepted and the names placed on list of candidates, and an application from an ex-pupil for a grant towards outfit was favourably entertained.

At the last general committee of the R.M.I. for Girls, a notice of motion was given by Bro. Morley for appointing a sub-committee for consideration and report of all petitions before presentation to the General Committee for their further consideration and recommendation. Bro. Morley's object is to secure full discussion of the merits of each particular case before the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers make their final decision.

The Board of Stewards at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held their final meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 7th inst., Bro. Sir Lionel Darell presiding. All accounts having been passed and settlement directed, votes of thanks were accorded to the several officers of the Board, and the thanks of the meeting were also accorded to Bro. Sir Lionel Darell for presiding.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

A SONG FOR THE THIRD DEGREE.

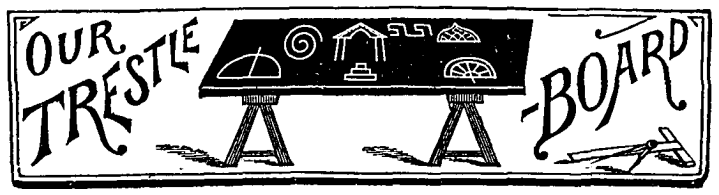
OH GOD! I trust in Thee,
As now I go,
To seek on bended knee
Thy will to know;
Through shades as dark as night,
Be Thou my soul's delight;
I trust in Thee.

And when this journey ends,
And all is still,
Oh! then my prayer ascends
Thy Holy Hill,
And quickly from above
Descends the Heav'nly Dove,
Sent unto me.

Help me designs to draw
On Trestle Board,
According to Thy law,
Great GOD—adored.
With Hiram's burning zeal,
To Thee will I appeal,
My LORD, to Thee.

What foes need I to shun,
Whilst Thou art nigh?
Thy will, Oh GOD! be done,
Is all my cry.
And as this body must
Be humbled into dust,
In Thee I'll trust.

For the ALMIGHTY hand
Shall raise again
All who, in sea or land,
In Death's domain,
Have waited for that hour,
When the prevailing power
O'er Death shall reign. —*Voice of Masonry.*



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

"Time! Time!"—We were not greatly surprised to hear these exclamations in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. after the hour of seven had passed, and the closely packed mass of brethren in the large hall had patiently waited a full hour for the commencement of proceedings. We are told that "punctuality is the courtesy of princes," and could not help reflecting that if our Most Worshipful Grand Master had been enabled to be present at the Quarterly Communication, the patience of the members of Grand Lodge would not have been so tried.

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At the previous Communication the hour during which the brethren assemble and the Grand Officers (excepting, as the rule now goes, the Grand Treasurer, who does not apparently meet his colleagues in office "on the level") are at mess, a selection of music was admirably performed on the organ by the then "acting" Grand Organist, and the brethren delightedly expressed their satisfaction therewith and hoped for a repetition on future similar occasions. But no such thing! with the exception of a short voluntary now and again at frequent intervals the organ was dumb and discoursed not, the same talented musician, in the absence of the Grand Organist—at mess—being either not present or not permitted to prove his quality.

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Our provincial brethren had reason for complaint that after, in some instances, lengthened journeys, they had to experience the crush for approach to and the struggle at the confined entrance to the Grand Hall, prior to the long wait before business commenced; and there were murmurs, "not loud, but deep," against the scant courtesy accorded to them, not only on this but on former occasions. It may be difficult, perhaps, to effect a departure from the present mode of reception of brethren who attend for the purpose of discharging their masonic duty; but at least some attempt should be made to prevent the "bear garden" scenes such as have lately been witnessed.

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The method of distribution of balloting papers or cards also requires attention. We saw, in one instance, two in the possession of one brother just prior to collection. Whether or not both were polled we cannot say, and should hope not; but they certainly might have been.

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We are only in a position to remark according to our own observations in the Temple, but we are given to understand that "confusion worse confounded" was the (dis)order of the day in the overflow assembly in the adjoining large hall.

We think that both the Craft Grand Lodge and the Grand Mark Lodge are to be congratulated on the unaminity with which the proposal for the letting and hiring respectively of that portion of the United Grand Lodge premises, hitherto known as Bacon's Hotel, was agreed to by such of the large assembly as remained to hear the report of the Board of General Purposes advising the acceptance of the offer made by the Grand Mark Lodge (the majority had "crushed" out, after the balloting cards had been collected, much in the same manner as they had previously "crushed" in). The Mark Masters obtain premises suitable to the dignity and importance of a particularly favoured branch of Freemasonry, whilst the Craft secures responsible and fitting tenants for a property which bade fair to be a drug in the letting market. The advantages to the Mark Degree which must ensue from this arrangement cannot, we think, be at this moment calculated; and we shall expect to see the progress of the past few years not only maintained but greatly exceeded.

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W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, *J.P.*, *C.C.*, and Past Grand Treasurer, has donated the sum of one hundred guineas to the Homes for Working Boys in London.

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We notice the names of several very eminent Freemasons as interested in a new Society for Promoting the Safety of Horses, in support of which a public meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C., London, on Tuesday last, and over which Bro. Burdett-Coutts, *M.P.*, presided. Its object is to call attention to the unnecessary suffering inflicted upon working horses by reason of the unsafe and slippery roads in and around London, and it has the approval of, amongst many others, Bro. Sir Robert Fowler, *M.P.*

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We are asked, in two or three quarters, "what steps should be taken to form a Lodge of Instruction?" It is a very simple matter. A number of subscribing members of a regular lodge desirous of meeting for instruction and improvement request from the "Mother" Lodge a *sanction* for holding a Lodge of Instruction at a given place on fixed dates, and in accordance with bye-laws to be approved. We do not know of any case in which the requisite "sanction" has been refused. If it will help our enquirers in any way, we will forward them a copy of bye-laws of Lodges of Instruction now in successful working. Or, if preferred, will publish in our pages for general information a set of rules in operation.

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THE DOYEN OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.—The position of oldest Freemason in England—if not in the world—is claimed on behalf of Bro. G. J. Wilson of Darlington, who is now over eighty years of age, and was initiated into the Order in April, 1833. He has a splendid record of masonic services, having served the office of W.M. in the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, four times in the course of 22 years, and has held three Provincial Grand appointments. He has lately been appointed Prov. Grand Third Principal of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Durham. Notwithstanding his advanced age, our veteran brother still regularly attends Lodge and Chapter; and we trust he may be blessed with health and strength to do so for many years yet to come.

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We regret to know that there is at this moment pending in our Courts of Justice a "Masonic libel" case resulting from an obstinate disregard of that "caution" which should be the first care of every Freemason when disinclined to uphold "a brother's character absent or present." Unfortunately we know, as we presume do many of the Metropolitan Craft, the particulars of this deplorable quarrel between hitherto much respected members of our Order. It is no province of ours to spread unpleasant details, or to interfere with the course of ordinary legal procedure; but it is quite within it to recommend, for the sake of the Order itself, that if it be possible for the injured party, if injury there be, to prevent "scandal to the Craft" by avoiding further publicity, he should do so; and thereby win the esteem of his fellow Masons. And the offender, if offence there be, should submit himself to the operation of masonic justice in its dealings with those who forget one of its most essential obligations. Should there be yet time and opportunity for the intervention of Mercy between Justice and judgment, we trust that the beautiful words of our ritual in descanting on that attribute, and which are certainly familiar to the injured brother, may dispose his heart to its exercise and to forgive.

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Have any of our readers read an earnest appeal by the Rev. Alfred Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's, Kent, and Rural Dean of Westbere, on behalf of the "family of the late Mr. Wood," and which appeared last week in one or two of the daily papers? From inquiries we have made, we learn that the deceased was a brother Freemason, formerly connected with the Apollo Lodge, a Grand Chaplain in the province of Oxfordshire, a Past Grand Chaplain in the Mark Degree, a member of rank and standing in the Royal Arch, and some years ago a member of the Lewis's Lodge at Ramsgate.

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Our late brother was, it appears, in the words of the reverend gentleman who makes the appeal, "a most prolific writer, but owing to several causes was unable to save anything or make any provision for his family. He enriched others but not himself, and has died leaving a widow in very ill health with six children absolutely destitute." Now, some good hearted brother, ready to practice what we all profess, step forward and help the vicar by bringing this case to the proper quarter for material assistance "The case is urgent!"

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you permit me through your columns to express my grateful thanks to those brethren who kindly recorded their votes in my favour at yesterday's election!

To the provincial brethren who came long distances, at, I fear, much trouble and inconvenience, my thanks are especially due.

Will you further allow me to state that immediately the result became known, a large and influential meeting of my supporters was held, at which I was strongly urged to again become a candidate. A resolution embodying assurances of support was unanimously adopted. to which I promised a most appreciative consideration. Yours fraternally,

March 7th, 1889. GEO. EVERETT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to thank those brethren who came from the east, south, north, and west, to vote for me, in giving me such a magnificent majority. To the committee, the members of my mother lodge, and those brethren who came voluntarily from such districts as Durham, Cornwall, &c., my thanks are especially due, and I shall never forget their kindness. If it were possible I would thank each of them personally, as it is I shall be obliged by the insertion of this letter in your next edition. Fraternally yours,

Terry's Theatre, March 11th, 1889. EDWARD TERRY.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As a P.M. and one who has had the privilege and honour for several years of filling the office of Installing Master in his lodge, I think it would be a great pity to put a stop (as appears to be the object of some provincial officers) to that portion of the ceremony in the opening of a Board of Installed Masters, which for briefness I will designate proof and prayer, and substitute a more formal declaration. The proof and prayer in the opening of the second and third degrees might with as much reason be omitted.

Would not the self-same provincial brethren be astonished if when visiting a lodge they heard the W.M. proceed to open his lodge by asking his wardens if they vouched for the brethren in the W. & N. & S., and himself vouching for those in the E., and naming the degree declare it open. Here would be prerogative with a vengeance! Yet I would ask what is the difference, if it be illegal for a W.M. to open his lodge by declaration, what makes it legal, as he proceeds in the ceremony and opens a Board of Installed Masters, for him to omit that proof and prayer, which would be illegal if omitted in the working up of the lodge? To my mind if it is illegal in the one case, so is it in the other.

In conversation with a very old Mason, a P.M. and P.P. Officer, he told me that, to his own knowledge, for a period of over forty years he never knew a Board of Installed Masters to be opened by mere declaration, but always by proof and prayer. I have also the authority of the secretary of one of the oldest lodges under the English constitution, that in his old lodge for a period of over one hundred and fifty years it has been the unvaried practice to open a Board of Installed Masters with proof and prayer, or as you put it in your editorial, using "a form of ceremony for constituting in due form and with much solemnity a Board of Installed Masters."

That this form of ceremony and solemnity may be transmitted through all generations is the fervent desire of

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

Prestwich, Mar. 10th, 1889. A. MERCER, P.M., Sec. 1534.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Will not this meet the enquiry of C. H. M. of Madras in this week's MASONIC STAR?

"The book of Constitutions does not in any way recognize Honorary Members of Private Lodges. When that Book speaks of Members it means only those brethren who are regularly contributing members to the funds of the Lodge to which they belong, and such Brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as Members of private Lodges. The status of an honorary Member must be strictly confined to the Lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his Lodge. He cannot therefore hold any office in the Lodge or vote on any subject which might even remotely affect the Craft at large. In short his status and privileges as an Honorary Member entitle him to attend the Meetings of the Lodge and partake of its refreshments without the necessity of being introduced by a subscribing Member, *provided always that he be a subscribing Member to some other Lodge.* Honorary Members have no other right or privilege whatever. (*Extract from Report of Board of General Purposes, approved by Grand Lodge, 7th December*, 1864.)"

Yours fraternally,

March 10th, 1889. A. M.

JUBILEE JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you kindly inform me whether a brother initiated in January, 1888, is entitled to wear a "Jubilee" jewel?

Yours fraternally,

March 9th, 1889. I.G.

*** *We should say not. As is generally understood, they can be worn only by those who were subscribing members to private lodges at the date of the Jubilee celebration in Albert Hall in 1887.* —ED. M.S.

BACON'S HOTEL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am pleased that this matter has been settled, and suitable head-quarters secured for the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. The rent is somewhat high, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that it goes into the funds of the Craft. One thing in the proceedings strikes me as rather odd, viz., that Bro. R. Plumbe, the Grand Mark Inspector of Works, has not been consulted—it is hardly courteous to him to ignore him altogether. Yours, &c.,

March 8th, 1889. OBSERVER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Can you, or will any of the Craft, be good enough to say whether, on the formation of a new lodge, it is usual to require the appointed secretary to pay the joining fee? Yours fraternally,

A MASON.

*** *As far as we know, the first Secretary of a new lodge is generally chosen from amongst its founders, who themselves arrange the conditions under which they become members. There is nothing to prevent their exempting their intended Secretary from payment of a joining fee if they so please, but we think that all founders of a lodge should in this respect "meet upon the level."* —ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

P.M. 1436.—We cannot possibly insert your letter of the 12th inst. It is too personal. What a pity it is that brother Masons cannot enter upon a controversy without disparaging remarks on those who do not quite agree with them. But it is ever so!

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The Liberal Freemason, February, 1889, Bro. Alfred F. Chapman. Boston, Mass.; *Freemasons' Journal*, New York, Wm. E. Burton, Editor and Publisher, 161, Fulton Street, N.Y.; *South African Freemason*, Vol. II., No. 19; *Masonic Review* for February, Edited by Bro. Henry D. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio; *Society*.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, Bro. C. Weeden, P.M., Preceptor, now meets at the Wheatsheaves Hotel, 56, Upper Street, Islington, Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Frederic Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday next, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m. Election meeting, notice of motion for vote of ten guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and refreshment *after labour*.

——The first annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction will be held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 5th April, when it is hoped that that there will be a large attendance of R.A. Masons. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, in the chair.

——The next Social Evening and Smoking Concert of "The Old Masonians" will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to-morrow, Friday evening, at 8 p.m., Bro. W. A. Glass (one of the former pupils of "Our Boys" School) will preside and will have the support of several well-known members of the fraternity. This is the last concert for the session, and we again repeat our recommendation to brethren to give the youths who were educated at Wood Green the encouragement which their presence would afford. We are informed that the "wind up" of the session will be a Cinderella dance on the 29th inst.

——The Chough Lodge, No. 2264, Bro. E. T. Edwards, W.M., will give a Ladies' banquet and dance at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 19th inst. A large gathering of the members of the Lodge, their visitors and friends, is anticipated. Particulars of Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, Secretary, 8, St. Mary's Road, Peckham, S.E. For general information we may state that the Lodge has been founded by members of the well known Chough Musical Society, from which its title is derived.

——The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys meets to-morrow (Friday) at 4 p.m.

——The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will meet on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 4.30 p.m.

——The Board of General Purposes will meet at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m.

——The Board of Benevolence will meet at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 6 p.m.

——The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., to the City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., and meets on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. Bro. D. Moss, P.M., preceptor.

——The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, will commence to hold meetings on Monday next, the 18th inst., at Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addle Street, Wood Street, E.C., at 7 p.m., under the guidance of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., who will act as preceptor; Bro. C. G. Sparrow, P.M. 1743, P.Z. 1471, sec. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

——The Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382—W. Bro. Sidney Charles Hill, W.M.—holds its next regular lodge meeting at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E., London, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 4 p.m. Work in three degrees and installation of W.M. The lodge is in mourning.

REVIEWS.

THE MASONIC CALENDARS FOR 1889.

We have not had sufficient time lately to do more than acknowledge the receipt of the following "handy-books" of information in respect of the organization of sundry Provincial Grand Lodges, and even now cannot do more than briefly review them.

The Dorset Masonic Calendar, A.L. 5889, A.D. 1889—Compiled by John A. Sherren, P.P.G.Pt., P.M. and Tr. 170 and Prov. Scribe E., under authority of the P.G.M. (Weymouth: Sherren and Son, 79, St. Mary Street), claims our first attention as being without doubt most exhaustive in respect of every "part, point and letter" of masonic information relating to the lodges, chapters and preceptories in Dorsetshire. Its lists of grand officers, past and present, of officers of private lodges, and even of members of the latter, are voluminous, and cannot fail to be of interest to every Freemason in the province. We do not hesitate to express our opinion that this is one of—if not the best of—the masonic calendars we have yet seen.

A Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hertfordshire, 1889—Edited by W. Bro. George E. Lake, Provincial Grand Secretary, Edenlea, Watford. Much of what we have above written might be repeated here in respect of this calendar. It is not so voluminous; but it is, nevertheless, ably compiled, and will afford readily all usually required information to the brethren interested in the masonic work of the province.

Calendar of Masonic Meetings in East Lancashire, 1889 (39th issue)—Edited by W. Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec., 2, Cooper Street, Manchester, and published by Bro. O. C. Compton, Fleet Street, Bury. This useful little calendar would be greatly improved by the addition of the dates of the installation meetings of the numerous lodges and chapters within the province. In other respects, for information relating to the immediate present, it is sufficient for its purpose.

The Freemason's Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1889 (17th year of publication)—Compiled by W. Bro. B. A. Smith, P.M. 523, P.P.G.St. Br. A very well-put-together little work of general information in relation to the province, with a capital calendar of appointed meetings, and blanks for engagements. It has for its frontispiece an excellent likeness of W. Bro. George Toller, P.M. 523, P.G.S.Br. and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Province. The lists of brethren who support, as either life governors or life subscribers, the several charitable institutions are "very pretty reading," and uphold the credit of the province for masonic charity. A couple of pages more of the same description in the next edition is really the only suggestion we can make for the improvement of this calendar.

The Lancaster Masonic Calendar for 1889 (Lancaster: H. Longman, Printer, Market Street), is a waistcoat pocket edition, containing dates of meetings and list of officers of the various lodges, chapters, conclaves, &c., &c., held in the town. Its purpose is for the use of townsmen merely, and not for provincial information. To the former it should be found a good help to memory, and preclude excuses for non-attendance at masonic meetings in Lancaster.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, MARCH 14th:—

The Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, at 6.30 p.m.
" Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, Festival Dinner, Concert and Ball, at Freemasons' Tavern.
" Polish National Lodge, No. 534, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
" The Southwark Lodge, No. 879 meets at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E. Dinner in the Trafalgar room.
" Strand Lodge, No. 1987, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Dinner in Prince's room, at 7 p.m.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 15th:—

The Studholme Lodge, No. 159, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

MARCH 17th:—

The St. Peter's Westminster Lodge, No. 1537, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Dinner in Prince's room.

MARCH 18TH:—

The Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Crown room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
" British Lodge, No. 8, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
" Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner at F.M. Tavern.
" Lodge La France, No. 2060, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

MARCH 19th:—

The Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 70, meets and dines at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.
" Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, at 7 p.m.
" Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, at 6.30 p.m.
" Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
" Castle R.A. Chapter of Harmony, No. 26, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

MARCH 20th:—

The Grand Stewards' Lodge meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
" Grosvenor Mark Lodge, No. 144, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
" Oak Lodge, No. 190, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
" Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
" Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Dinner in Prince's room at 6.30 p.m.
" Langton Lodge, No. 1673, meets at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and banquets in Masonic Temple.

MARCH 21st:—

The Globe Lodge, No. 23, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
" St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
" Universal Lodge, No. 181, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner at F.M. Tavern.
" Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.

FROM THE SKY.—Whence came Geometry or Masonry? We answer, from the canopy of the heavens. Our ancient brethren were wise observers of the sun, moon, planets and stars, and from their movements and changes deducted all the important figures and principles of Geometry or Masonry, and of architecture. Had we not seen the movements and changes which produce the figures and suggest the principles named, we might have doubts on the subject. A discerning eye and years of observation will discover in the sky every geometrical figure used in Freemasonry and Knighthood, not excepting Jacob's Ladder, the Ark, the Arch, the apron, the Passion cross, the Maltese cross, and the cross of St. Andrew. The triangle constantly exists, and constantly is produced. Job saw all this and hinted it strongly. Look and think wisely brethren, ere you discard this suggestion.

Point—Left—Right.

Brother "Ballyhooly" Lonnen, of the Gaiety Theatre, takes his first benefit on Monday afternoon, April 1st, when the house will be crowded from the stalls to the loose boxes—I meant the upper boxes—right away to the gallery benches near the roof. Bro. Brickwell, of Terry's, will business manage, in conjunction with Bro. Potter, which says much for success, for who could manipulate a brick well if it was not a potter? Eh!

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Miss Watt Tanner has come all the way from Australia to show us how they do things in the Antipodes, and will make her *début* in London, at Terry's Theatre, on March 19th, when the newly appointed Grand Treasurer will be seen in a new *rôle*, but not a French one. It can't be an Irish one either, for Pigott, J. W., is the author of the piece. However, I hope Miss Watt-Tanner will be successful, and above all that my editor will be satisfied at my finding room for these two pars in my column of masonic hotch-potch.

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The great contest is over, and Sweet Brother Lavender has been voted by a spanking majority to the Grand Treasurership of English Freemasonry. I made a "book" on Everett winning, didn't hedge a red cent., and am now, Micawber fashion, arranging to get over to Spain, without being caught at Southampton. To think that after all these years of honorable toil I was lured in an unguarded moment to lay odds of 5 to 2, 3 to 1, and 11 to 2 against Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry beating so great a Mason as George Everett! But what matters; who could make a better treasurer than the brother elected; and who *could have* made a better than the one not chosen. Perhaps there *is* one, however. What about Bro. "Dagonet," with his liver and kidneys, his mother-in-law and paraffin scalp application; or is he giving too much consideration to boxing and other delights of the *intellectual* orders? Ye powers! think of the author of "How the poor live" taking a fervid interest in BOXING!!!

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Here is a clipping from an American contemporary which is far to good to lose:—"Two years or so ago Edison was credited with having invented a 'Toddygraph,' but as nothing has been heard of the machine since, it is presumed that the Walkers, of Kilmarnock and other large distillers have bought him off. This 'Toddygraph' consisted of a small mug or flask, into which the user poured a glass of his favourite blend, wound it up, and he could go on using the 'graph and getting drunk for months, before it needed replenishing. One had, by putting the 'graph to the lips, bending the head backwards and the little finger upwards, all the ordinary sensations and effects that accompany and follow the drinking of a glass of whiskey; with the advantage that the 'inner man' was not burdened with the actual presence of the grog to discommode him." Anyone introducing the Toddygraph to several Masonic lodges I wot of—especially on the hire system—would do a roaring trade.

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Saturdays were with me, for years, days of rest. Amid the pines and among the rabbits, surrounded by my books and the supreme comforts of a bachelor life, the cares and worries of this howling city were forgotten. Lately I have surrendered all these pleasures to the requirements of a modernised existence. Modernised, forsooth! what heresy it is to say so. On Saturday last an unhealthy looking individual, with a black bag, made his way through the city streets and across the Thames to the plains of Waterloo. "Paper, Sir!" shouted a plump rosy-faced lad, but there was no response. With the resigned expression and sickly smile peculiar to paper men, who do very little work and receive princely salaries for doing it, the individual sought a carriage to himself upon the seat of which he might lounge his weary frame, and invent more copy for his Monday editions. Far into the country he went—far beyond the station mentioned on his ticket—until at last he was informed he could travel no further. What a blessing, for surely he was now beyond the magnetic influence of type and printer's ink.

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It is a lovely afternoon, and the sun with much strength is almost successful in dispelling the mist that still crawls over the river. What peace and luxury of repose! Perhaps he is the only man in the whole town who claims a connection with the London Press. But what is this form mounting the gentle slope of the bridge. Who can it be that strolls with majestic mien towards him? A king? Yea, a king of kings in mortal garb with massive watch guard and a gilded cane! A king, say you? Aye, a king, indeed; none other than his majesty the King of "Pears." The individual salutes his eminence as is his due. His majesty is condescending. He links his arm in that of the individual and away go their thoughts to the land of soap and printers' ink. His majesty is more gracious as the day wears away. They take train together, the magnate and the individual, and back they go nearer to the centre of all earthly troubles.

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The details of that evening,—let them remain secrets undefiled. Over a bottle of Chateau R——, an oath of secrecy stops the publication—the other House of Pears dictates the policy of the future. Onward, again, the couple go until they reach that well-known halting place at Kew, where Brother Brill dispenses the hospitality and the dear delights of a masons' heart. Then comes the feature of the day. They sit down to dinner, his majesty and his guests, for others of great note and men of high degree join with the "festive board," and the sallow-faced individual warms more and more attentive to the flow of eloquence that mixes with the water and the wine. The company disperse. The king's chariot with caprisoned gee-gees await his majesty's commands. The individual is invited to escort his majesty away. The individual accepts, and as the mist again gathers over the river, and the stars blaze brightly above the land, the carriage dashes up to the king's abode, and deposits him safe and sound at his ancestral home. But onward speeds the chariot and its caprisoned steeds, onward travels the individual, solitary and pensive. A turret passed on the road chimes the hour of two, and in a village further west, a village wrapt in slumber and in darkness, the chariot stops again. This time the individual gets out. His bachelor gate swings and sings on its hinges. His ancestral "front steps" echo back the ring of his hobnailed boots, and before that blazing star that watches over Tom Bowling up aloft has time to twinkle again, he is safely deposited in the armchair of his forefathers.

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To sleep perchance to dream? Yes, dream of happiness and peace. He is no longer a struggling unit of society but a king himself. He is surrounded by men with coronets upon their brows, with rich and costly jewels in their ears, with priceless gems upon their fingers. . . . What bell is that which clangs its unholy notes upon the Sabbath air. Is it the washing bell or the man with the muffin tray? Is it the tinkler to the builder's yard which sends the hungry workman to his meal? No! wondering minstrel, it is the clarion of a modern church, desecrating the sabbath Sanctity with its unholy noise. It is time for church. It is time for weary souls to slumber. Another turn and the clothes are wrapt closer round his ears, and the individual sleeps. That individual was

THE DRUID.

ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

(*Continued from page 24.*)

The following is a translation from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart which appeared in LATOMIA *of Jan. 12th*, 1889:—

It may be said that Freemasons followed the way to this Stoical philosophy so far only as concerns the innermost working of mankind. The whole of Freemasonry is contained in a knowledge of self, and in self-control. That the brethren should take part in the workings of the outer world was not considered. But, by the modern acknowledgment of the sociability of mankind, we may no longer hold fast to the ethic of individuality, but apply that of sociability, and, in conformity with this, extend the circumference of our best efforts to a united body, from which the happiness and contentment of all shall spring. The *desire* of this highest object requires an outward sphere of action, for it is only in its performance that it can have meaning for others.

Viewed as an individual and apart from his relation with the whole, man can never be perfectly understood. The greatest intellectual actions spring only from intercourse with others and are general in their motives. Ethics, it is true, deal only with the individual whose actions restrain and advance the common weal, and society can at most desire nothing further than the improvement of the individual state. From the earliest ages, therefore, ideal conditions of society have been designed in which every possible happiness was to be attained and participated in by all. Instances of this kind are to be found, for example, in Plato's "Republic," Campanella's "Lonnenstaat," Moore's "Utopia," and Bacon's "Atlantis." But the accomplishment of these ideals (or idealistic states) have always been shattered by the uncalculated diversities of the individual which have rendered the establishment of fixed laws for the commonwealth impossible. If only we were all as we should be—in some measure as happily constituted as the men required by Plato for his ideal state—if only we could always keep before our eyes the highest object of our common energy and work harmoniously together, then we should attain to the highest point of virtue. For a vast commonwealth, ethical actions are only possible through the division of labour among guides and followers and of regulations and arrangements. Each, supposing that he he desires the accomplishment of this object, must employ these rules and submit to the prescribed regulations, otherwise, of course, the expected general result cannot be attained.

Free-will also must assist the laws, for they deal with complicated conditions of which often no detailed instructions can be given, and require that the *doer* of them shall act for himself. All actions therefore necessarily bear the individual impress.

All laws prescribing definite lines of action are, in reality, so far technical as they refer to remedies which shall effect something active. There is no abrupt division between ethical and technical laws. If I will assist the needy and do good to the poor, I must first know from experience what will do good and what will assist. Did I not know, I could not carry out the ethical ideals. It may justly be said, and we Freemasons in particular should reflect upon it, that the perfect ethic far exceeds, the perfect technic in its widest sense.

In all that we do for the general benefit we must take the result into calculation, for wisdom and skill should in no wise be used for the furtherance of selfish objects but are required for idealistic aims, and our philosophy throughout will be to protect ourselves from blind thoughtless action and by no means to degrade the philosophy of judgment and skill. Man, in his weakness, can certainly not calculate results with mathematical precision, but must be satisfied with a greater or less degree of probability, and he does well to take as his aim the nearest approachable result. We must act with the trust that good will succeed and evil fail, but it is important that the caprices of the individual be excluded by fixed laws. He who desires the general welfare desires also that of the individual.

(*To be continued*).

We extract from the pages of *The Freemason* for the information of our readers the following :—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS. Statistics 1882-1888 Inclusive.

NAME.	Subscribed this Year.	Seven Years' Aggregate.	Annual Average.	Expended this Year.	Surplus.	Deficiency.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
London	22454 0 0	57796 9 9	8256 12 10	2615 14 0	6640 18 10	—
Bedford	97 13 0	232 6 0	33 3 9	—	33 3 9	—
Berks and Bucks	696 19 0	2042 7 6	291 15 4	36 6 7	255 8 9	—
Bristol	37 16 0	199 10 0	28 10 0	—	28 10 0	—
Cambridgeshire	346 0 0	947 2 0	135 6 0	—	135 6 0	—
Cheshire	459 18 0	1072 15 0	153 5 0	145 6 4	7 18 8	—
Cornwall	372 15 0	874 13 0	127 17 7	72 13 2	55 4 5	—
Cumberland and Westmoreland	210 0 0	236 5 0	33 15 0	72 13 2	—	38 18 2
Derby	748 4 6	1750 16 6	250 2 4	72 13 2	177 9 2	—
Devon	120 15 0	844 3 4	120 11 11	254 6 1	—	133 14 2
Dorset	294 0 0	704 0 0	100 11 5	72 13 2	27 18 3	—
Durham	358 1 0	768 18 6	109 16 11	108 19 9	0 17 2	—
Essex	912 8 0	2567 4 0	366 14 10	181 12 11	185 1 11	—
Gloucester	485 5 0	1351 17 0	193 2 5	108 19 9	84 2 8	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	1055 11 0	3486 12 0	498 1 8	508 13 0	—	10 12 8
Hereford	63 0 0	163 16 0	23 8 0	—	23 8 0	—
Herts	618 9 0	1539 15 0	219 19 3	143 6 4	74 12 11	—
Kent	3026 10 0	5207 16 6	742 19 6	472 6 5	271 13 1	—
Lancashire E.	1171 5 0	2075 3 6	296 9 1	181 12 11	114 16 2	—
Lancashire W.	2087 9 0	3589 2 0	512 14 7	217 19 6	294 15 1	—
Leicester and Rutland	648 10 0	1064 10 0	152 1 5	72 13 2	79 8 3	—
Lincoln	—	196 14 6	28 2 1	145 6 4	—	117 4 3
Middlesex	1092 8 6	3223 9 6	460 9 11	254 6 1	206 3 10	—
Monmouth	94 10 0	653 13 0	94 16 2	108 19 9	—	14 3 7
Norfolk	228 18 9	461 9 6	65 18 6	108 19 9	—	43 1 3
North Wales	673 2 6	1038 10 6	148 7 3	36 6 7	112 0 8	—
Norths and Hunts	204 15 0	204 15 6	29 5 0	—	29 5 0	—
Northumberland	52 10 0	1163 17 0	166 5 3	181 12 11	—	15 7 8
Notts	176 8 0	701 12 6	100 4 8	36 6 7	63 18 1	—
Oxford	521 7 0	1084 11 0	154 18 9	—	154 18 9	—
Shropshire	770 15 0	1891 3 9	270 3 5	36 6 7	233 16 10	—
Somerset	913 10 0	1867 13 6	266 19 1	72 13 2	194 5 11	—
S. Wales, E.	26 5 0	1048 12 0	149 16 0	181 12 11	—	31 16 11
S. Wales, W.	105 0 0	367 10 0	52 4 3	72 13 2	—	20 8 11
Stafford	344 12 0	1827 18 6	261 2 8	145 6 4	115 16 4	—
Suffolk	509 4 0	1622 2 6	231 14 7	181 12 11	50 3 8	—
Surrey	1126 10 0	3333 4 6	476 3 6	36 6 7	439 16 11	—
Sussex	690 17 6	3760 19 6	537 5 8	290 12 8	246 13 0	—
Warwick	1340 0 0	2614 12 0	373 10 3	145 6 4	228 3 11	—
Wilts	319 8 6	1168 11 0	166 18 9	145 6 4	21 12 5	—
Worcester	674 12 0	1403 9 0	200 9 10	108 19 9	91 10 1	—
Yorkshire, N. and E.	765 0 6	1986 5 6	283 15 1	181 12 11	102 2 2	—
Yorkshire, W.	2600 0 0	7008 0 0	1001 2 10	690 5 11	310 16 11	—
Channel Islands	—	147 0 0	21 0 0	72 13 2	—	51 13 2
Colonies	183 8 6	555 16 6	79 8 1	363 6 8	—	283 18 7

The cost of the Girls per head is £36 6s. 7d., that of the Boys £41 13s. 10d. The returns for the Girls are only approximately correct, for I am told at the Office that there may be some more to come in, but not sufficient to make any appreciable difference in the average.

P.M. 607.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES'—No. 765.—The last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, March 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E. Present:—Bros. J. E. Costello, W.M.; E. J. Jones, S.W.; G. Perkins, J.W.; R. Tilling, P.M., sec.; A. Tilling, S.D.; L. C. Mollett, J.D.; D. Samuels, I.G.; T. Prior, stwd.; A. G. Young, tyler; P.M's. G. Tilling, H. W. Mitten, J. Cox, W. H. Tilling; Bros. G. Shrubsall, W. J. Stahlschmidt, S. J. Abbott, H. Roberts, J. Mills, J. Mills, jun., H. J. Bullion, S. F. Easton, T. B. Weare, R. W. Hosie, C. B. Rudd, H. Drake, R. Bower, T. Bradford, R. Crosthwaite, and T. H. Sparling. Also the following visitors:—Bros. J. W. Jeffrey, I.G., 134; S. G. Bonnor, 1382; G. Smith, P.M., 1706; G. J. Briggs, 13; H. A. Brydges, 2,262. The W.M. raised Bro. H. Drake to 3rd degree. The ballot was taken for officers for ensuing year. Bro. E. J. Jones, S.W. unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. W. Mitten, treasurer and trustee; and Bro. A. G. Young, tyler. Brethren then went to refreshment which was most ably served by the proprietors of the hotel, Messrs. Pearce and Sons. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, Bros. H. Lester, R. De Lacy, J. Gilby and G. F. Smith, gave some excellent vocal and instrumental music during the evening which was highly appreciated.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—Bro. I. Botibol, W.M.—now in its hundreth year of existence, met at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 4th inst. There were two initiations. The following resolution was proposed by Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M.:—"That the Brethren of this Lodge have sincere pleasure in expressing their thanks for the able and successful manner in which Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., has performed the duties of Secretary, and at the prosperous position of the Lodge through his exertions, and that the sum of Fifty Pounds be given from the Lodge Funds for a Testimonial to be presented to him as a token of their esteem." A committee was appointed to consider the best means for celebrating the "Joppa" Centenary Festival. The Lodge of Instruction connected with this lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE—No. 1426.—The election meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday last, the 9th inst.—W. Bro. John Seex, P.M., W.M.—Bros. W. F. G. Cook, P.M., S.W.; Chas. T. Smith, J.W.; M. B. Headon, P.M., treas.; Wm. Baber, P.M., sec.; L. B. Mozley, S.D.; D. T. Keene, J.D.; G. W. Robson, I.G.; J. K. Gwyn, D.C.; G. Jenkins, org.; and R. Potter, P.M., tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the election proceeded, W. Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., being elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., was elected for the fourteenth time in succession as treasurer, and W. Bro. R. Potter as tyler. The following resolution on the proposition of Bro. J. K. Gwyn was carried unanimously:—"That as the W.M., W. Bro. John Seex, P.M., has already the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, the sum of ten guineas be placed in his name on his list as steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that a bar be placed on the riband of his P.M.'s jewel, recording the fact of his second term of office as W.M. of this lodge." There was no further business, and after proposition for initiation had been received, the lodge was closed and adjourned until October next. An excellent cold collation was served shortly after five o'clock, after partaking of which a most agreeable evening was spent in the old harmonious and masonic spirit with which the Great City Lodge has been for many years characterised. The following brethren, in addition to those already named, were present during the evening, viz., W. Bros. James Stevens, G. W. Blackie, R. Fendick, and W. F. Kibble, Past Masters; Bros. J. W. Colmer, H. J. Bertram, Thos. Owens, W. F. Bertram, F. E. Bailey, T. J. Hale, F. Ricards, J. T. Jolliffe, B. C. W. Peterson, G. M'Fraser, and A. J. Coleman. The visitors were W. Bro. W. Poupart, W.M. 9; W. J. Holmes, and H. J. Shelley, S.W., both of 1981; and G. W. Church, 20. W. Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., sent from Inverness a telegram expressive of "hearty good wishes," and was not himself forgotten in his regretted absence.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

TEMPERANCE—No. 169.—The ceremonies of consecration of a new lodge, and the installation of a Worshipful Master Designate, were admirably rehearsed in this lodge by W. Bro. James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br. and Sec. of the R.M.B.I., at the Railway Tavern, New Cross, S.E., on Friday last, the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, to whom the entire proceedings gave great satisfaction. Bro. Terry of course presided, and W. Bros. George Bolton, P.M., and —— Jackson, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, officiated respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens. The consecration ceremony was not shorn of one particle of the customary ritual, and the musical portion of the service was thoroughly well conducted. At its conclusion Bro. Terry fully rehearsed the installation ceremony, placing Bro. Bolton in the chair of K.S., and completing his excellent and arduous work of the evening by delivering, with his usual oratorical ability, the several addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren. A very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Terry, with honorary membership, was carried, but Bro. Terry, accepting with much appreciation the first part of the vote, preferred, as an old subscribing member of the lodge, to retain that position and the privileges attached thereto, which the acceptance of honorary membership would forfeit. Several of the visitors were accepted as members, for whom W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., returned thanks. After the lodge was closed, a majority of the brethren "refreshed" before separating, and the health of Bro. Terry was drank with enthusiasm and met with most able response. Amongst the numerous brethren present on this occasion were:—Bros. Terry, P.G.S.B., &c. W.M.; Bolton, P.M. 147, 169, S.W.; Jackson, W.M. 169, J.W.; Milbourn, P.M. 13, Pep. and D.C.; Vellenoweth, 169, Hon. Sec.; Talbot, 65, S.D.; Lazarus, S.D. 879, J.D.; Borrett (New Cross) I.G.; Penrose, Falkner, Morgan, Dale, P.M. 169; Speight, P.M. 147; Gedney, Sanford, Wilton, P.M. 169; Long, Vint, chaplain, Ellis, Vail, Bax, W.M. Royal Oak, Taylor, Newell, Williams, organist, Neeld, P.M. 169, Priest, Aldridge, Brown, P.M. 169; J. H. Morgan, Walters, Bear. Visitors:—Bros. Hoare, Percy, Sayers, Presland; and new members who were most cordially received, Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Hopkins, 1598; Turpin, Old England; Dealer, 871; Amos, 871; Tims, 871; Colley, J.D. 1571; Chappell, 147; G. H. Williams, 228; Hughes, 192; Wallace, 592; Farman, 1820; Hewitt, 1820; E. J. Williams, P.M. 1539, org.; Fleming, 1539; Gundry, 975; Benstead, 709; Miller, P.M. 1668; Fish, 1668; Robin, 249; and Robeson, P.M. 673. This Lodge of Instruction has for its preceptor a well known South London Freemason, W. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M.; its secretary is Bro. C. Vellenoweth, 169, and it meets every Friday evening at 8, at the Railway Tavern, New Cross.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 8th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; Patrick, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Addington, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods as candidate. The S.E. reported that the first annual supper would take place on Friday, April 5th, when Comp. F. Hilton will act as president, and Comp. Addington as vice-president. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Patrick for his work as J. for the first time.

SOUTHWARK LODGE—No. 879.—On Thursday, 7th inst., at the Sir Garnet Wolseley. Bro. Beavis, P.M., preceptor; Bros. Bird, W.M.; Fryer, S.W.; Lazarus, J.W.; Barrett, S.D.; Norden, J.D.; Walter, I.G.; W. J. Newell, organist;

Wilkinson, acting secretary. Bros. Leigh, Kent, Davies, Percival and several others. This being the night for the election of officers the ceremony of initiation only was rehearsed, after which Bro. Beavis was re-elected preceptor, and Bro. Kent, treasurer. Bro. Wells, who has been secretary for the last 8 years, having been obliged to retire in consequence of ill-health, Bro. Harper was elected to that office. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Wells for his past services, and as a slight acknowledgment, five guineas was voted to the Girl's School to be placed in his name. Bro. W. J. Newell was elected organist, and in consideration of his valuable aid he was made an Honorary Member. Bro. Freyer having been elected to the chair on the next meeting night, the lodge was closed.

Unique Lodge—No. 1789.—At the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Westminster, S.W., on Monday, 11th March, 1889. Present:—Bros. W. R. Arnold, W.M.; G. Mason, P.M. 1789, acting preceptor; W. Arnold, S.W.; J. Lawson, J.W.; J. Christian, J.D.; H. Hart, I.G.; W. W. Blades, and others. The ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Blades representing the candidate.

PROVINCIAL.

SUSSEX.—Derwent Lodge—No. 40.—Hastings.—The monthly meeting was held at the Castle Assembly Room, on Monday, the 11th.—Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain.—Bros. W. S. Allen, sS.W.; Edwards, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., sec.; G. Randell, S.D.; R. Walmsley, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; J. Whitehouse, acting organist; G. H. Gage, I.G.; C. J. Tiechurst, S.S.; T. Markwich, I.P.M.; Capt. Hennal, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Glenister, P.G.S. Bearer; Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. Davenport Jones, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; Tendell, Herphy, Cooper, Jukes, McCormich, Boyce, Roddis, Glenister, Veness, Edmed, and Reed. Visitors:—F. H. Guy, Sternale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182; and J. M. Jenkins, W.M. Wellington, No. 341. A letter from Bro. Dr. Trollope was read expressing sincere feelings for the hearty congratulations sent him at last meeting, and consenting to sit for the proposed picture. Bro. Herphy was raised to sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Randell was passed to Fellow Craft degree. On the proposition of Bro. W.M. Glenister, ten guineas was voted to Mrs. Lewis, the widow of the late Bro. Lewis. Bro. Hennah also presented petition to Board of Benevolence on her behalf, which was signed by majority of brethren present. The Board of General Purposes reported that they regretted they were unable to recommend the lodge to hold a special welcome meeting to the visiting brethren at the forthcoming Heath Congress at Hastings.

Must be Lived.—To be true Masons it is not sufficient to have received and learned the routine lodge work. That is just what most are doing. We must absorb and digest its philosophy, and make it a part of our moral and spiritual life.—*Barkley.*

Masonry's Influence.—Freemasonry exercises a remarkable degree of influence over the minds of its members. It tends to educate and develope human nature in magnanimity, generosity and large-mindedness, and to stimulate the practice of many virtues. It cannot do everything, however; and there is no reason to expect that it will be able to transform a naturally mean, hard and sordid nature into a full-formed, symmetrical manhood. Among Masons as in the world outside, a class may be found who are naturally inclined to take low, narrow views of men and measures. Their minds are full of suspicions and prejudices; they run in narrow grooves; they cherish petty resentments; they can see only one side of a case and act only on personal feeling. Such a class do not best represent Freemasonry.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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This Day (2nd) THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge and Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim (German Language) ...	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
879	Southwark...	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane

(3rd) FRIDAY, MARCH 15th.

6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

(3rd) SATURDAY, MARCH 16th.

1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767	Kensington	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
R.A.C.		
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Rest., W.C.

(3rd) MONDAY, MARCH 18th.

1	Grand Masters	F. M. T., Gt. Queen Street
8	British	F. M. H.
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
2060	The Abbey...	Town Hall, Westminst r
R.A.C.		
12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
1593	Trafalgar	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
333	Kintore	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
361	Onslow	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

(3rd) TUESDAY, MARCH 19th.

30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St, E.C.
162	Cadogan	F. M. H.
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
255	Harmony	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey

(3rd) TUESDAY, MARCH 19th—*continued.*

435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
857	St. Marks	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1635	Canterbury	33, Golden Sq., W.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow, E.
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex
R.A.C.		
26	Cassell Chap. of Harmony ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
46	Old Union	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
933	Doric	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.

(3rd) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th.

	Grand Stewards	F. M. H.
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
190	Oak	F. M. H.
700	Nelson	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
1150	Buckingham and Chandos ...	F. M. H.
1278	Burdett Coutts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1360	Royal Arthur	Prince of Wales' Hot., Wimbledon
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
1677	Crusaders	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
R.A.C.		
141	Faith	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.C.		
79	Orpheus	33, Golden Sq., W.

(3rd) THURSDAY, MARCH 21st.

23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gibon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chbrs., 191, Bshpsgte. St., E.C
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.		
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—Ed. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	25th Mar	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Apr	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Mar	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Apr	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Apr	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Mar	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Mar	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Mar	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Apr	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Apr	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Apr	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Mar	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	9th Apr	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	28th May	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th June	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Apr	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Mar	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	5th June	Ditto
348	St. John's	9th Apr	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	18th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Apr	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Apr	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Mar	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence T-MR.,	15th Mar	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick T-DY.,	14th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Mar	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Apr	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Mar	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Apr	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	31st May	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Apr	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Apr	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Apr	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Mar	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Apr	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Apr	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Mar	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Mar	Ditto
187	Charity	4th Apr	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	21st Mar	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Apr	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Mar	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	23rd May	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	8th Apr	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	1st Apr	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	2nd Apr	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Mar	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	(?)	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	26th Mar	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	10th Apr	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Mar	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	14th May	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon	8th May	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon ...	15th May	Ditto
788	Crescent	23rd Apr	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix...	6th Apr	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Mar	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued*.

1691	Quadratic	13th May	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon ...	9th May	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	21st Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	27th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Apr	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	28th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	3rd Apr	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	9th Apr	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	10th Apr	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Mar	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	9th Apr	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Apr	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ? T-DY.,	14th, or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

ISLE OF WIGHT—7 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

35	Medina TO-DAY,	14th Mar	85, High Street, Cowes
151	Albany	8th Apr	M. H., Newport
175	East Medina ...	20th Mar	M. H., Ryde
551	Yarborough ...	19th Mar	M. H., Ventnor
698	Ryde	5th Apr	M. H., Ryde
1869	Sandown	21st Mar	M. H., Sandown
1884	Chine	28th Mar	M. H., Shanklin
R.A.C.			
151	Albany	24th Apr	48, Pyle Street, Newport
175	East Medina ...	31st May	M. H., Ryde

LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

281	Fortitude	10th Apr	M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley	1st Apr	Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster	20th Mar	Ditto
1561	Morecambe ...	5th Apr	King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.			
1051	Rowley	*18th Mar	M. R., Church Street

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	4th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Apr	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Apr	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	9th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Apr	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Mar	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Apr	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	18th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	27th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Mar	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	4th Apr	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Apr	Adelphi Hotel
594	Downshire	28th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
667	Alliance	19th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Apr	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Mar	Ditto
786	United Service T-DY.,	14th Mar	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Mar	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Apr	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. T-DY.,	14th Mar	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Apr	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Mar	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	8th Apr	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Apr	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Mar	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Apr	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Mar	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Mar	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Apr	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Apr	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Mar	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Mar	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
2289	Great Crosby ...	(?)	(?)
2290	Fairfield	1st Apr	M. Rooms, Fairfield
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Apr	Adelphi Hotel

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	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS—*continued*.		
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Apr	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Apr	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Mar	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire	8th May	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	26th Apr	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Apr	Ditto
1393	Hamer	2nd May	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Apl	Ditto
	MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship	5th Apr	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Mar	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Mar	Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Apr	Ditto
317	Affability	4th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Apr	Ditto
815	Blair	12th Apr	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	10th Apr	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Mar	Ditto
992	St. Thomas	3rd Apr	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	22nd Apr	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Mar	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Apr	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Mar	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	14th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	12th Apr	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Apr	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Mar	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Mar	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MR.,	15th Mar	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Apr	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Apr	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Apr	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Apr	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	8th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's	2nd May	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie TO-DAY,	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham
	NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
24	N'castle-on-Tyne ...	4th Apr	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Apr	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Apr	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Apr	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Mar	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	12th Apr	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Mar	Ditto
1863	Priory TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	15th May	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
	NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
471	Silurian	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Mar	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward T-DY.,	14th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	8th May	Ditto
	NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union	2nd Apr	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Apr	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Mar	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Mar	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George T-MR.,	*15th Mar	Ditto
213	Perseverance TO-DY.,	14th Mar	Ditto
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto
	NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Apr	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1435	Annesley	26th Apr	Ditto
1794	De Vere	*19th Apr	Ditto

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	NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—*continued*.		
1909	Carnarvon	18th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	28th May	Ditto
1435	Annesley	14th Jun	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto
	OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
340	Alfred	2nd Apr	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	30th Apr	Ditto
478	Churchill	6th May	Ditto
1515	Bertie	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	21st May	Ditto
357	Apollo University	29th May	Ditto
	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Apr	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Apr	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Apr	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Apr	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Mar	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	21st Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	26th Mar	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Mar	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Mar	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Apr	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Apr	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	20th Mar	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	23rd May	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	21st May	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th June	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	9th May	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	31st May	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	24th May	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	16th May	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phœnix	27th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	14th Apr	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	8th Apr	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	Unit'd Service ...	12th Apr	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Mar	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Mar	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Mar	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Apr	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	9th Apr	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	23rd May	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street
	SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
139	Britannia TO-DAY,	14th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Apr	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Mar	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Apr	Ditto
	SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DY.,	14th Mar	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Mar	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	4th Apr	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	5th Apr	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Mar	Ditto
	SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
80	St. John	9th Apr	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	14th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	15th Mar	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	16th May	M. H., Park Terrace

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Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm. Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear. High Street, Deptford.
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses. Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1056	Metropolitan (Victoria)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd..
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7.30	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	56, Upper Street, Islington, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart	„	7	Victoria Hot., Farringdon Street, E.C.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, MARCH 15th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Perners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyality	„	8	Private Ho., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwll, S.E.
Mark.				
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, MARCH 16th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, MARCH 18th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fencharch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan	„	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

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	(3rd) MONDAY, MARCH 18th—*continued*.			
1586	Upper Norwood	at	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, MARCH 19th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	City Arms Rest., 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Ashley's Hot., Henrietta St., Cov. Gdn.
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
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1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
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3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
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720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
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871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„	6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
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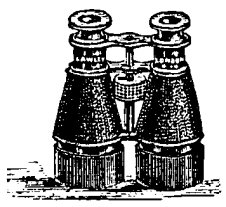
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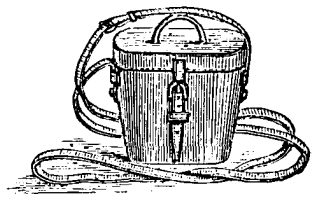
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Military Masons.

THERE have lately appeared in our columns several letters relating to the connection of Freemasons who are attached to the Army of our Sovereign with a lodge holding its meetings, almost as it were, under the shadow of one of our large military stations. They set forth particulars as yet, notwithstanding efforts in that direction, uncontradicted, and which constitute a grievance requiring the early attention of a properly constituted authority, with a view to prevent dissension and to do justice.

Before more fully referring to the information the above mentioned letters afford, it may be worth while to note what "the General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft" say on the subject of Military Lodges. The only sections which treat of these are Numbered 155, 156, 157, and 188. By the first it is declared that "When any Military Lodge under the constitution of England shall be out of England, it shall be conducted so as not to give offence to the Masonic authorities of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge of England, &c." As we are considering circumstances in connection with a Lodge at home, either that existing or that proposed, we need take no further account of Sec. 155. Sec. 156 defines the constituency of a Military Lodge thus:—"No Military Lodge shall initiate into Masonry *any inhabitant or sojourner* in any town or place at which its members *may be stationed*, or through which they may be marching, nor any person who does not at the time *belong to the military profession*, nor any military person below the rank of a corporal," and then follow certain reservations which do not affect the present question. The italics in the foregoing transcript of the law are ours. Then Sec. 157 merely directs what should be done in case of a military body to which a lodge may be attached being disbanded or reduced, and what may be then done with the warrant to make the Lodge a Civil Lodge. Sec. 188 states that "No other Lodge shall initiate any non-commissioned officer or corporal belonging to a regiment or battalion to which a Military Lodge is attached, nor shall any Lodge initiate any military person below the rank of a corporal," except under certain reservations which are understood. Beyond these four sections the Constitutions of the Order make no reference to Military Lodges, which, if desired, must therefore be created and constituted in like manner to all private (civil) Lodges, no other authority being expressed.

Now, what is submitted by our correspondents for consideration? That, in the immediate neighbourhood of a large military station, there is a lodge numbering some eighty members, of whom some thirty are soldiers. For many reasons, which it is not necessary to comment upon, for any one of them is good enough, and the mere wish is sufficient, the soldiers desire to establish another lodge. We are not informed whether or not it is suggested that it shall be attached to any particular regiment, or shall be universal in so far as the military station and military element is concerned. What we do learn is, that some fifty "soldier masons" being desirous of joining a new lodge, if formed, and knowing of some other twenty comrades fitted and wishful to enter the Order, amongst them being "Officers, Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants, &c.," selected certain brethren to formulate and forward a petition to the M.W. G. Master, which did not have the approval of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, through whom it was required it should be transmitted, and met with an unqualified refusal.

We cannot believe that such a result would have ensued unless there were most pertinent reasons for refusal. But these do not appear to have been communicated, and the rejected petitioners, as well as those of the Craft who have been made acquainted with the application and its refusal, are equally at a loss to opine on what ground the latter was made. There are many true, loyal, disciplined and obedient men serving under the colours, who possess all the qualities necessary in good Freemasons, and who must be interested in the ultimate result of this endeavour to promote the general interest of Soldier Masons. We have thought it but fair to them, and to the Craft generally, to give this much prominence to the question which has arisen, pending the endeavour to elicit further information, and preliminary to discussing it more thoroughly.

ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

Translation from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart in Latomia *of Jan. 12th, 1889:—*

(*Continued from page 56 and concluded.*)

He who desires the general welfare, desires also that of the individual, but as it is impossible for him to trouble himself directly about each one, the only way is to benefit all throughout by general principles which he himself follows, and thereby raises to sovereignty—principles from which he expects that the well-being of all will be reached. Public Societies prove their right only by the influence which they exercise upon the life of the individual, and betray their imperfection when outsiders are not indirectly benefited.

Much devolves upon the self-help and energy of each fellow-worker. For individual action is important, partly on account of the inventive combination which the application of the laws must supply, partly on account of the calculation of probability, partly by preserving the laws from collision. Each individual, therefore, should perseveringly quicken his intelligence in order that he may be able to apply practical energy at the right time and in the right place.

Ethics lays the greatest stress upon sentiment, in which it recognises the measure by which the moral worth of each may be weighed, for from the thoughts and feelings right action will of itself naturally follow; and, *vice versâ*, where thoughts and feelings are not sufficiently developed so that general cultivation is lacking, the subjective conditions of action are not present. Although there is little prospect that a whole body of mankind, a whole people, for instance, will ever undertake to work for the attainment of the highest good, nevertheless, this latter object may be gained by a small community of ardent workers so far as the barriers of human imperfection allow. But then the mental forces of all must work together to obtain the result. A formal education of mankind must therefore take place, in order that the practices and habits which insure the power of the will may be established in them. A physical technic is needed for the service of these moral aims, and this technic we name Freemasonry. The disturbances which from the weakness of mankind, from the application of false and not ethical motives, threaten the common works, must be dealt with by the weakening of the antagonistic motive through the psychological means of reward and punishment. In fact, the true accomplishment of these moral laws within a community, nowhere depends only upon reasonable perception and upon the sentiment conveyed through them, but also upon the means of discipline which make the happiness of the individual dependent upon the propriety of his action. Every society, for the realization of certain objects, promises obedience to an authority, so that subordination is the condition to the fulfilment of moral purposes. But as voluntary obedience is not to be depended upon, it is impossible to do without restraint.

Restraint, which is exercised in the name of reason against stupidity, is justified, from the ethical point of view, as an indispensable means of education, for without education no one is reasonable. But, besides the restraint of punishment, there are more effective means, viz., those which spring from the sense of honour. This sense of honour must be drawn much more into the service of morality than it has hitherto been; it affords the strongest motive for the support of social order. That wherein each finds his contentment depends, as has been already pointed out, upon his sensibility for pleasure or pain, upon his capability for interest in this or that object. No one can be commanded to feel enthusiasm for an object for which he has absolutely no taste; but that which affords him satisfaction he does from choice and without incitement. Thus ethics appear unnecessary; they can paint an ideal man, but when they dictate unidealistic laws, there is just as little result as when the unmusical is bidden to sing correctly. But we must remember that there is no philosophy which can make each happy after his own fashion, or which can perfectly satisfy his own particular wishes.

To make men happy nothing more can be done than to cultivate that disposition within them by which the maximum of pleasure and the minimum of pain is obtainable. In each are seeds of sensibility for moral aims, moral feeling and conscience, which each is bound to cultivate, and the duty now is to investigate the reasons which cause men to act in opposition to these. Here ethics demand that man should reflect upon the individual aims of his actions, and upon the motives for the same. They apply to his feeling of self-esteem and brotherly love, and counsel him to raise his individual to general objects, to make the pleasures of the moment subservient to future lasting enjoyment, and a slumbering impulse will be roused by teaching helping reason to the mastery, by education through means of the care bestowed upon the mind and will, through example and the power of public opinion which rouse energy and ambition. Nature has not implanted naked egotism within the breast of man, otherwise he could not become moral but must ever remain selfish.

The natural inclination of mankind to higher moral ideas can only be developed in social life. Every advance towards new ideal life is perfected by the thoughts which have had their rise in the individual, being recognised by every increasing others, and their realization striven after (or required). The exchange of new ideals and the power which they gain is of high importance in history. Every remodelling of the sensibility, every alteration in the moral feelings of mankind, without which no historical efficacy of the ideal is possible, establishes the idea of revival which every ethical consideration supposes will contribute to moral development.

Every object for which man strives is prescribed to him not by negative principles, such as freedom and equality, but by the needs and inclinations of his sensual spiritual nature, which require to be satisfied.

Physical well-being, marriage, care for posterity, satisfaction in the love and sympathy of others in his social intercourse, delight in the beautiful and pleasing, the need of religious advancement, all these lie in human nature although in different degrees and strength. These impulses can neither be eradicated nor refused the right to be satisfied. Out of their elements (and they are the greatest historical powers) must every decided revolution for the highest good be compounded.

The social condition which must be considered as the highest object must contain the possibility of granting to each what will be a benefit to him, so that, in the co-operation for the attainment of the general object, he also will find his happiness in such manner as is in proportion to the ethical development of his nature.

And thus we are ever working after ideals, and seek in the development of the same the possible practical progress, hoping that the future will bring to perfection that which appears to us as the most worthy and perfect in humanity.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

On Tuesday, the 12th instant, the new W.M. of this popular Lodge, Bro. Henry Lindfield, presided at the regular meeting, held at the Albion, where he was supported by Past Masters Green, Treasurer; Radcliffe, Sec; Hentsch, Back, Morgan, Dickson; King P.M. 172; H. Nash, S.W.; King, J.W.; Orlton Cooper, S.D.; Kirkland, J.D., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. J. Bennett was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Arrangements, for an outing during the summer months, the brethren to be accompanied by their ladies, were foreshadowed, and we doubt not that when the day arrives will be voted as perfect as on previous occasions. An ample supper followed; after which an hour or so was spent in social converse and with jovial song. In the course of the evening Bro. Orlton Cooper recited the following lines, and modestly confessed himself the author when a request was made that that individual should be "named."

THE SEVEN AGES OF FREEMASONRY.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,"
So says our Bard, and surely 'twould be hard
If Masons could not act as other players;
So your permission now I humbly crave
While we may reckon what lives Masons have.
Our hero, we will take, just like the Sage's,
And trace him, step by step, through seven ages.

At first the 'Prentice, full of doubts and fears,
And mind uncertain as to smiles or tears,
With strange misgivings, yet undaunted heart,
Enters the Lodge—and so he plays his part.

And then the Craftsman, with true zeal inspired,
His soul with noble aspirations fired;
The Master's precepts now his greatest care,
Resolves henceforth to act upon the Square.

Next Master Mason, raised to third degree,
Entitled now to share our mystery;
A friend, and Brother, to the world is sent,
His badge the emblem of his good intent.

In office now, as Inner Guard, he stands,
And Candidates receives from Tyler's hands.
A great ambition fills his manly breast,
His lawful aim within the Chair to rest.

The Deacon and Instructor next we see
Leading the Novice in Freemasonry;
Signs, Tokens, Words, does he impart to each,
With proper steps the Pedestal to reach.

Still working up, he fills the Wardens' Chairs,
First in the South, then in the West appears;
Assisting loyally the lodge to school,
The Lodge that he some day may have to rule.

At length he enters on the final stage;
But no decay is here, nor sign of age,
Full in the prime of his Masonic years,
The honoured title, "Master," now he bears;
Elected by his Brethren to the place,
He rules his Lodge with courtesy and grace;
With dignity the sacred Ritual gives,
So in him, once again, our Founder lives.
Thus, when his year of office comes to close,
He earns at last well-merited repose;
And, as the sun sinks grandly in the west,
So, in like splendour, goes he to his rest.

Freemasons' Chronicle. Orlton Cooper.

When it(Masonry) makes a man a Mason, it makes an alms-chest of his bosom and it gives to every other Brother throughout the world, a key to it.—*Bishop Randall.*

"A Good Enough Koran."—In 1839 a very interesting incident occurred in St John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York, when Mahmoud Junah, the first lieutenant of a frigate sent to America by the Imaum of Muscat on a misson of peace, and a Mohammedan, was made a Mason. It being impossible at the time for the Lodge to procure a copy of "The Koran," in which the candidate was taught to place his religious faith, a difficulty which might have been insuperable appeared. Upon explaining it to the candidate, he asked if the book which was used in the Lodge taught them to believe in the existence of a "Great I AM." On being assured that it did, he said, "That is a good enough Koran for me," and he was accordingly received and initiated in the Lodge.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

SONG.

A MASON'S life's the life for me,
With joy we meet each other,
We pass our time with mirth and glee,
And hail each friendly brother:
In lodge no party-feuds are seen,
But careful we in this agree,
To banish care or spleen.
The Master's call, we one and all
With pleasure soon obey;
With heart and hand, we ready stand,
Our duty still to pay.

See in the East the Master stands,
The Wardens South and West, Sir,
Both ready to obey command,
Find work or give us rest Sir;
The signal given, we all prepare.
With one accord obey the word,
To work by rule or square:
Or if they please the ladder raise,
Or plum the level line;
Thus we employ our time with joy,
Attending every sign.

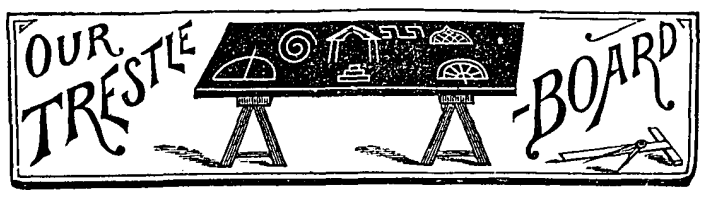
Th' Almighty said, "let there be light,"
Effulgent rays appearing,
Dispell'd the gloom, the glory bright
To this new world was cheering;
But unto Masonry alone
Another light, so clear and bright,
In mystic rays then shone;
From east to west it spread so fast
That, Faith and Hope unfurl'd,
We hail with joy sweet Charity,
The darling of the world.
Then while the toast goes round
Let mirth and glee abound,
Let's be happy to a man:
We'll laugh a little, and drink a little,
We'll work a little and play a little.
Chorus.—We'll laugh, &c.
We'll sing a little, be merry a little,
And swig the flowing can.

OUR WORK.

WHEN a Freemasons' Lodge is fully at work,
If a Cowan should dare to draw near,
He would meet with a welcome he fain would regret,
And then promptly retire in fear.
Though our actions are harmless, we secretly try
All our plans and designs to pursue;
A Master to guide, and instruct us, and prove
All the workers united and true.

Truth, Charity, Justice, are models that we
Try to copy and mould by our skill:
Great Hiram's designs are our well spring of life,
And our duty we strive to fulfil.
After labour, with Wisdom to guide us we stroll,
Through rectitude's path, to the road
That leads to the Temple where Friendship and Love,
Peace and Concord take up their abode.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.R. Kent.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Whilst again renewing our thanks to the brethren who have accorded us generous support, and by the renewal of their subscriptions, have testified to their appreciation of our efforts, we desire to urge upon them that they can materially aid us by calling the attention of other masonic friends to the paper.

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A correspondent—Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and Past Prov. Grand Junior Warden of Devon—writing to us in reference to a recent occurrence, remarks, "I am quite with you as to the benefit resulting to the craft from discreet and judicious publicity. The fraternity has nothing to fear from discussion. I have been a mason now for thirty-five years, and I have never witnessed anything in our lodges or the working of our ceremonies which need fear the light. As you know, there are many points of detail which I think capable of improvement, and I long for the establishment of some central 'Congregation of Masonic Rites' to which we may refer when in doubt. I am still 'pegging away,' and have, I hope, got rid here of the Valley of Jehosophat and the *Star* and Garter, &c., &c. I feel more and more that there ought to be some living voice, an 'Ecclesia docens,' which can speak with authority. As it is, every one says 'My Book!! says so-and-so,' and so 'Roma locuta est, causa finita est.'"

We congratulate our revered friend and the brethren in the locality which has the advantage of his ministrations as a Clergyman, and his teachings as a Freemason, that he has so far succeeded in breaking down prejudice, and adherence to such solecisms as still—and whilst ignorance prevails will continue to—affect the purity of our ritual. It is true that his efforts are made in a province which is recognised for the general intelligence of its population, and for the quality and ability of its prominent Freemasons. Devon will learn and apply where, we regret to say, other of our provinces will not listen to the words of understanding.

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Have our brethren in certain lodges ever reflected upon that departure from one of the Grand Principles of the Order which is involved in the expression, "Very well answered, W.M."? We need not waste many words in calling attention to this, and suggesting a little consideration before committing oneself to such untruth on certain occasions. What can be more ridiculous—it is really more than that, for it is an offence—than to hear outbursts of approval of proficiency which does not exist, although it is declared by our tenets that it shall before advancement, and when what is necessary has been dictated, and frequently very badly dictated, from beginning to end! Is this matter not worth attention! Worshipful Masters, insist that it is! and do the craft an essential service.

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If now and then a non-proficient were requested to delay progress for a month, and it became known that Masters would accept nothing less than the proficiency our landmarks require, there would soon be an end of the existing practice. We would certainly italicise such a sentence as the following in any lodge report in these pages:—"The W.M. very properly requested the candidate to retire, in order that he might, on the next occasion of meeting, prove that he had made the requisite small extent of progress in the science necessary before advancement."

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We are pleased to see the commencement of a magnificent response to the appeal of the Rev. Alfred Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's Kent, on behalf of the widow and family of the late W. Bro. the Rev. J. G. Wood, as acknowledged in the columns of *The Telegraph* on Monday last. It is an indisputable testimony to the worth and ability of our deceased brother, and should leave no doubt in the minds of craftsmen that he was in life a bright exemplar of the principles of our Order. It would be most satisfactory to find the response we refer to supplemented by similar assistance from Freemasons, as such. We recognize the names of some brethren in the list of donations, but not as connected with the craft.

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Our recent remarks on the proper opening and closing of Boards of Installed Masters as part of the original ritual of craft masonry, and the correspondence which has appeared on the subject in our columns, have been the means of placing before us a waistcoat-pocket edition of a manual called the "Installing Master's Companion," from the preface of which we extract the following:—"For the interest of the brethren I also insert in its place the impressive ceremony of opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters; but it is only fair to add that this has been declared by the Grand Registrar to be 'irregular'; though the context obviously shows that there must have been, and should be, some such ceremony." Can any of our readers inform us what Grand Registrar expressed such opinion, and when, and upon what grounds!

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We would at once give more particulars about the little book we mention in preceding paragraph, for it is certainly—excepting for a little bit of bathos about a "bleak mountain"—a capital guide for any brother desirous of installing his successor; but, unfortunately, the portion which relates to the Board of Installed Masters is not so full and correct as it should be. We have a *MS.* of many years ago purporting to be the "ceremony as used in the North of England instead of the practice in the South of merely declaring it." The two do not agree, and the disadvantage is with the publication we mention.

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Says the *Daily Telegraph*:—Female aversion to Freemasonry has, for the last fifteen or twenty years, been a gradually diminishing quantity, and the cause is not far to seek. During that time the lodges that have given periodical entertainments to ladies have become more numerous, and at present there are many which commit the enormity every year of either a banquet or a ball, or a summer outing, participated in by the gentler sex. Lodge La Tolérance has just given one of these ladies' banquets, followed by a ball. The Gallery Lodge (named after the Reporters' Galleries of the Houses of Parliament) is another lodge prone to the same heresy. From the time when it was consecrated by the Grand Secretary of England in 1881, it has annually permitted itself a ball every winter and a picnic every summer, and for the last two seasons has added to its questionable innovations by giving a series of enjoyable Cinderella dances.

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Attention is called in several of our contemporaries to the efforts which are being made in the masonic world to obtain votes for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on behalf of Mrs. Mary Cooke, the widow of the late Bro. C. J. Cooke, who, many years ago, was connected with the *Maidstone Journal*. In 1853, Bro. Cooke joined the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, at Maidstone, of which lodge he was afterwards secretary and W.M. In 1856 he was G.S.W. of the Province of Kent. Bro. Cooke subsequently joined the reporting staff of the *Standard* in London, and died about eight years ago. His widow, in whose behalf the appeal to the R.M.B.I. is being made, is 65 years of age, and the case is strongly recommended by many of the leading masons of the metropolis and elsewhere, among the latter being Bro. the Rev. G. Dormer Pagden, M.A., W.M., of the Invicta Lodge, Deal; Bro. F. Hall, I.P.M. Invicta, Folkestone; and Bro. John Brothers, P.M. of the Ashford Lodge. Last May Mrs. Cooke polled some 1,200 votes, and it is hoped that she will receive more this year to ensure her election.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I was pleased to see your answer to "A Mason," with regard to the first secretary of a new lodge. There can be no doubt that all founders *should* "meet upon the level." Can you tell me whether it is customary for founders to pay more than the joining fee, and, if so, why should a founder pay more than the joining member who comes into a new lodge a month after its consecration? I enclose my card, and remain, Yours fraternally,

THE LEVEL.

*** *Founders of Lodges if they are "true and sincere," should deserve the honourable distinction accorded to them, by starting their Lodges free from all expenses connected with formation; and whilst paying alike for membership, should, in addition, discharge such expenses proportionately to the dignity of the offices respectively conferred upon them.*—ED. M.S.

SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I presume from the severe rebuke you administered to "P.M. 1436," in your issue of 14th March, that he has sent you such a letter as bears out the views expressed in my last, over "want of harmony," &c. I feel certain that if he could have disproved any of the statements you would have given him an opportunity to do so, and I hope that should he be favoured with the insertion of an answer to me in your columns he will sign his name.

I signed the prayer of petition of these military brothers for the following reasons :—

1. Because it was made perfectly clear to me that it would benefit a large number of military brothers who at present are not enjoying masonic privileges, and object to affiliate to 1436.

2. Because I was of opinion that it would assist them in getting the advancement in the craft that is the chief subject of this argument.

3. Because I believed that standing in the way of what I thought to be these brothers' just claims would injure the Sandgate Lodge much more than it would to assist them. I believed it to be a happy moment either for good or evil, and took the course that I thought would create harmony.

My S.W. was Bro. P. M. Platten, and he took the same view, and I suppose there is no sounder or more careful, right thinking brother in the craft, or in many other degrees he belongs to.

My J.W., although not a P.M., was held in high esteem by the brothers of the Sandgate Lodge, and did his work well, and nobody can say that he did not know what he was doing.

In addition, there were about 80 petitions signed by Prov. Officers, P.M's, members of Sandgate, Hythe and Folkestone Lodges, and brothers interested, and most of them were forwarded to Prov. G. Master in favour of the prayer of petition; so we were not alone in the views we took. I am informed that they had about 50 joining members and 22 candidates to propose for initiation, amongst officers, warrant officers, staff sergeants, &c., and I should have thought it a very strong claim, particularly as they were promised the assistance of Grand Lodge officers. It seems hard at present to understand on what information this application met with an unqualified refusal; perhaps, if "P.M. 1436," will publish his name, it may afford food for reflection to Prov. G. Master.

Yours fraternally,
W. PERRY, I.P.M., Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Australasian Keystone, February, Melbourne; *South Australian Freemason*, February, Adelaide; *Society*; *Voice of Masonry*; *Masonic Advocate*; *Toronto Freemason*.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I. GIRLS.—Out of twenty pupils entered for the Cambridge Local Examination in December last, the following obtained third class honours, viz., Maud F. Hill, Ethel Fielding, and Ellen M. Foxall; and the following satisfied the examiners, viz., Dorothy Ainsworth, Georgina L. Smith, Mary Sherington, Isabella McLeod, Edith J. Matthews, Kate Wortley, Hannah Inglis, Marion A. Warner, Caroline Weare, Florence K. Habgood, Amy D. Cutbush, Annie Brockbank, Daisy E. Capon, Louise A. Haigh, and Norah Besly.

For the College of Preceptors' Examination, 29 pupils out of 30 passed, viz. :—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, Lucy Smith, and Jane Turner, in Class II., Div. III.; Beatrice High, Hilda Newman, Charlotte Webb, Hilda Lyon, Louisa Pincombe, Maud Greethurst, Jane Hutchings, Charlotte McMillan, Mabel Henshaw, Ettie Chapman, and Emily Hall, in Class III., Div. I.; Kate Stokes, Olive Hurst, Millicent Wotton, Emily Carruthers, Lucie Ochsenbein, Minnie Woodward, Nellie Walters, Mary Hammond, and Mary Hirst, in Class III., Div. II.; and Ada Buckley, Minnie Wedgewood, Alice West, Charlotte Banister, and Florence Wright, in Class III., Div. III.

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R.M.B.I.—The committee met at Freemasons' Hall on the 13th inst., Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., treas., presiding. The secretary, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., announced that the total amount of subscriptions and donations at the recent festival had now reached the sum of £13,330, and the number of lists to come in had been reduced to 17. The decease of a widow annuitant was reported, and an application from a widow to be allowed half her late husband's annuity was granted.

We are requested to Notify that :—

——The Sections of the Second and Third Lectures (F. C. & M. M.) will be worked in the "Strong Man" Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, at the "Bull and Bell" Tavern, Ropemaker Street, E.C., London, on the 25th inst. (Monday next) at 7 p.m.; Bro. J. Margetts, 1598, W.M. and Section Master.

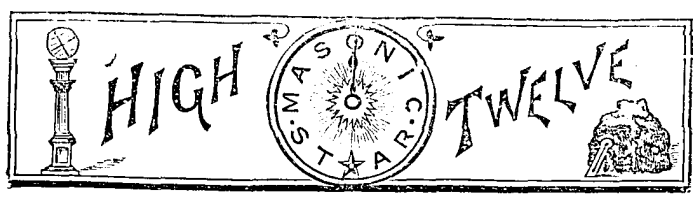
——The Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, W. Bro. Robert Stevens Walker, W.M., will meet at Anderton's Hotel this (Thursday) afternoon, at 5.30, for election of W.M. and officers for ensuing year; and will dine at 7 p.m. We regret to announce the decease of W. Bro. William Sampson, I.P.M. of this lodge, for whom the brethren are requested to attend in masonic mourning in token of the great respect in which that worthy brother was held.

——A Lodge of Instruction has been sanctioned in connection with the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, to meet at the Cheshire Cheese, Addle Street, City, on Monday evenings, at 7 o'clock. The first meeting was held on Monday the 18th inst.

——The Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will hold its Annual Supper at the "Stirling Castle" Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th April, at 7 p.m., when Ex. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. has promised to preside. Tickets will be issued at 2s. 6d. each up to 29th inst., on application to Comp. C. H. Stone, the Scribe E, at aforenamed address.

——The Second Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Association, under the combined sanction of the "Beaconsfield" and "Warner" Lodges of Instruction has been inaugurated at the "Chequers Hotel," Walthamstow. It has a strong committee of energetic brethren, Bro. John Wildash, P.M. 1662 being its President, and Bros. W. Shurmur, treas., 2256, and T. Scoresby Jackson, J.W. 2256, its Vice-Presidents. The treasurer is Bros. Ffrench Bromhead and Wm. Nicholls, both of the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, which now meets on Wednesday evenings instead of Mondays as heretofore.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AT STOCKTON.—The annual encampment of the Mount Grace Preceptory of Knights Templars was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Hans B. Olsen, of West Hartlepool, was installed E.P. by Sub-Prior Henry Maddison, of Darlington, and subsequently the following officers were appointed :—John Pearson (Stockton), prelate; G. Carter (West Hartlepool), cons.; Jno. Hunter (Hartlepool), marshal; E. Cowper (Darlington), sub.-marshal; H. Macdonald (Stockton), treasurer; J. Burn (Stockton), registrar; C. S. Lane (West Hartlepool), captain of the G.; B. R. Smith (Stockton), equerry. There were a number of visitors from the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, and the Royal Kent, Newcastle, and several nominations for installations were made. In the evening the Knights banqueted in the hall.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, MARCH 21st:—

The Globe Lodge, No. 23, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
,, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Universal Lodge, No. 181, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner at F.M. Tavern.
,, Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, meets at F.M. Hall Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.
,, New Concord Lodge, No. 813, meets for installation and banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
,, Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, meets at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E., at 4 p.m. Banquet at 7 p.m.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 22nd:—

The Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Gavel Club meets at supper at Freemasons' Tavern.

MARCH 23rd:—

The Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, meets at Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, E.C. Dinner in Large Saloon.

MARCH 25th:—

The Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Robert Burns R.A. Chapter, No. 25, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Eclectic R.A. Chapter, No. 1201, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Gavel room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, meets at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Banquet in Masonic Temple.

MARCH 26th:—

The Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 195, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
,, Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
,, Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, (Election Meeting), meets at Bridge House Hotel, S.E. at 5 p.m. Banquet at 7 p.m.

MARCH 27th:—

The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
,, Eccleston R.A. Chapter, No. 1624, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room.
,, Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Banquet in Prince's room, at 5 p.m.
,, Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, meets at Café Royal, Regent Street. Banquet at same place.
,, Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, meets at Bridge House Hotel, S.E. at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.

MARCH 28th:—

The Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
,, Grenadier's Lodge, No. 66, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
,, St. George's R.A. Chapter, No. 5, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
,, Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, meets for installation and banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
,, United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 1540, meets at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E., installation at 4 p.m. Banquet at 6.30 p.m.

MASONIC INSTALLATION AT SWANSEA.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Taylor as Worshipful Master of the Caradoc Lodge of Freemasons, took place at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends and visitors. The W.M. for the past year (Bro. Neil Leitch) performed the ceremony of installation in full masonic form. The W.M. elect then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Neil Leitch, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; W. Terrill, S.W.; Fred. Lewis, J.W.; Dr. Walters, P.M., P.G.C., chaplain; John Rogers, P.M., P.G.S.W., treas.; Morgan Williams, sec.; T. P. Martin, S.D.; N. M. Grose, J.D.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D.C.; T. T. Pascoe, A.D.C.; E. R. Brown, I.G.; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; Allan Paton and W. H. Lewis, stwds.; and George Bullerwell, P.G.T., tyler. A banquet was given at the Royal Hotel in the evening.

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Freemasonry, we are glad to find, flourishes like the green bay tree in South Wales. Swansea in particular is deserving of credit for the admirable way in which it has housed the craft and the conscientious interest the brethren take in the work. W.M. Taylor had an excellent installation gathering on Monday, very many brethren, despite the terribly inclement weather, making the journey from Cardiff and Penarth with the especial object of proving that the metropolis was not going to be behindhand in showing respect to a Mason who had made it the town of his adoption. The members and visitors present included, in addition to the Mayor of Swansea, Bros. Neil Leitch, W.M.; R. Parry, I.P.M.; J. R. Davies, P.M.; Thomas Sandbrook, P.M.; John Rogers, P.M.; J. C. Sladen, P.M.; J. L. Perrin, P.M.; James Hughes, P.M.; Dr. Thomas Walters, P.M.; J. H. Taylor, W.M. Elect; Fred. Lewis, sec.; Morgan Williams, S.D.; T. P. Martin, J.D.; N. M. Grose, D.C.; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; J. T. Pascoe, I.G.; E. R. Browne, S.; H. Paton, S.; G. Bullerwell, T.; W. H. Jones; Wm. Henry Lewis, L. J. R. Morgan, Wm. Taylor, Owen Owen, Ernest Grant, W.M. Cambrian, 369; F. G. Musgrave, W.M. St. David's, 679; W. Lloyd Protheroe, P.P.G.C. Sir Watkin, 1477; John Munday, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., 960; James Harris, Bute, 960; G. S. Fitt, I., 237; G. Roberts, P.M. 192, P.P.G.R.; W. D. Davies, 818; Henry Cadle, I.P.M. 476; Thomas M'Kinn, P.M. 237; George Jasper, 237; T. Davies, 237; H. P. R. Jackson, P.P.D.C.; E. George Protheroe, 237; W. G. Nicholls, S.W. 237; John Williams, W.M, 237; John W. Lloyd, P.M. 237, P.P.G.P.; Thomas W. Jones, P.M. 237; R. J. Dangerfield, 237; Matthew Whittington, 364; W. Morgan, I.P.M. 237; James Loveluck, W.M. 833; John Jones, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Stephens, 529; Henry Taylor, P.M. 237; George Allen, P.P.G.J.W.; and Arthur H. Roberts (Penarth) Floreat, Swansea.—*Western Mail.*

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The masonic fraternity has never changed its policy. It says to the profane, you must seek in order to know our mysteries. You will not be sought after. This first step is of the highest importance, and must be strictly adhered to. Any member of the Institution who urges a profane to become a Mason, is guilty of conduct unbecoming a true member of our Order, and deserves to be disciplined for so doing.

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It is a curious fact, considering the hostility of the Roman Catholic Church to Masonry, that it was a Romanist who largely aided in its introduction into America. We refer to Anthony Browne, sixth Viscount Montague, who was G.M. of England in 1753, and by whose authority Henry Price was appointed G.M. of Massachussetts. As the family were Romanists, Lord Montague was never permitted to sit in the House of Lords, and suffered other penalties for his conscience's sake. In masonry he recognised a great level of toleration, and spared neither time nor treasure in propagating its tenets.

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Brethren should remember that silence is absolutely necessary in a lodge. It is grossly disrespectful and an evidence of ignorance to see brethren laughing and whispering when a degree is being given. It is worse still to see and hear the Secretary and Treasurer counting the dues, &c., when the W.M. is addressing the lodge.—*New Zealand Mail.*

NEW ZEALAND—AUCKLAND.—WAITEMATA LODGE, No. 689. The annual meeting and installation of W.M. of the Lodge Waitemata, E.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall on St. John's day, the 27th December last, and, as was expected, there was a very large gathering, including representatives from all the city, suburban, and country lodges, and a goodly number of representatives from outside sister lodges. There were, including 25 Past Masters, an attendance of 110 brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Captain Olive, the retiring Past Master, after which Brother Lodder, D.D.G.M. took the role of installing master and duly installed Bro. Chas. Daniel Grey, into the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Chas. Crozier, S.W.; W. Dunn, J.W.; J. L. Hatswell, treas.; H. G. Wade, sec.; Walter Grey, S.D.; Wm. Stewart, J.D.; T. Dickenson and T. Prescott, stewds.; James Garrand, I.G. and Captain Tonge, tyler. The charge to the master was delivered by Brother P.M. Wright; that to the wardens by Bro. P.M. Augur; and that to the brethren by the D.D.G.M., Brother Lodder. Congratulations poured in on the master, officers, and brethren of the Lodge from all sides, and from numerous foreign visitors, and apologies were received from numerous distinguished brethren who were unavoidably absent. At the invitation of the lodge, the whole of the visitors were entertained at a fine banquet in the lower hall. In the intervals of the toasts and subsequently, a number of songs were sung, and the brethren appeared to enjoy the gathering thoroughly.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.—The question of a Grand Lodge for this Colony which has been agitating the minds of prominent Masons for some years is at last resolving itself into something more akin to real business. Numerous Past Masters of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions in Wellington will shortly meet to discuss the plan of action necessary to further the Grand Lodge question. In Canterbury and Otago the same lively interest is being taken in the matter, and it is therefore not improbable that the Earl of Onslow, our new Governor, who is a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, will ultimately be New Zealand's first Grand Master. We feel sure from communications received, that no opposition will be made by the Masonic authorities at Home to the establishment of a Grand Lodge, provided, however, that everything is done in a legitimate Masonic manner. As things are at present, with ten Masonic jurisdictions in New Zealand, it is absolutely impossible for the Craft to be known by "its works," but united, under one flag, it will be indeed a mighty power. When the Craft in New Zealand will be in a position to emulate the example of our brethren in New South Wales, then we shall be able to safely say that the star of Masonry in this Colony is in the ascendant.—*New Zealand Mail.*

Point—Left—Right.

The enterprising journalist, like the enterprising burglar, has again overstepped that caution which should govern all his doings of a prophetic nature. On what authority the daily press enthroned Archdeacon Watkins into the Episcopal chair of St. Asaph, and enlightened the world with the details of his private and public career, nobody knows, neither will they probably ever know the annoyance such careless enterprise has occasioned. No one will sympathise with the Archdeacon more than the Rev. Alfred Edwardes, who has been chosen by her Majesty to fill the coveted position. Mr. Edwardes is not a brilliant priest, nor has he shewn any great claims for the preference bestowed upon him; but he is a sound and strong churchman, and will defend the Established Church in the Principality with a deal of determination. His ability to preach in the Welsh language will be of assistance in overcoming the opposition his nomination has caused, and his age will allow him time and opportunities to do great things. The Rev. Mr. Edwardes in his private life, is one of "nature's gentlemen," a race of individuals that does not increase in number proportionately with the general population.

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Let me rob a contemporary of a bit of news by repeating the story of Mr. Gladstone and the shamrock. Before the "illustrious visitor" came to Naples, there were no shamrocks in the woods or along the hedgerows; but directly the inventor of Home Rule appeared upon the scene, lo, and behold! the shamrock grew up, "as if even dumb nature had a heart in Italy." Now, I am no politician in the sense of commenting on politics, but of all the specimens of political blasphemy and downright impudence, this is the finest I have ever read.

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My editor has received the following communication. He has requested me to publish it in fac-simile, but for various reasons I have deemed it wiser to produce it in type. "Sir,—Mr. Tay-Pay has benefited greatly by his stay in Stonecutter Street. There were no honest or decent men in the world before the illustrious visitor arrived, and now I can testify that there are thousands of such people going strong and well about the streets and byeways. It is as if even *dumb* nature had a heart in London. Yours truly, An Irish Lady."

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No shamrock grew in the woods and banks,
No field or garden the leaflet knew,
Botanical life played various pranks
In Italy's suns, and mists, and dew;
No tendering care I'd have you know,
Successfully made the shamrock grow.

Manures of every sort were tried,
To make the evergreen "take the shoot,"
But every stalk gave up and died,
From the tip of its leaf to its fibrous root,
And nothing whatever I'd have you know,
Could ever induce that plant to grow.

But the Grand Old Man with Hibernia's air,
And nourishing things from an Irish *stew*,
Smiled on the growth with a smile so fair,
That it made up its mind to begin anew.
And what do you think? I'd have you know
The "illustrious visitor" made it grow.

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The death at the ripe age of eighty-four of Mr. S. C. Hall, the founder and editor of the *Art Journal*, causes a gap in the older ranks of literature that will widen as time goes on. The foremost value of art in his eyes was its practical application to what may be termed commonplace enjoyment. To console the mind and heart of the humbler man he brought art down to his level through the medium of the rich, and surrounded it when there by commonsense methods of which he was a master. He carried its graces and its consolations into homes that knew them not, and all his efforts were crowned with an ample measure of success. A hard and zealous worker, he had but little time to devote to the requirements of the craft of which he was a faithful though minor member. Eighty-four years of such a life as his is a noble record.

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Bro. Bernard Partridge has the reputation of being in the foremost rank of artists in black and white. His sketches in pencil, pen and ink, or wash, are alike charming, and his knowledge and great love of dear old Father Thames is unequalled. He is also of a humorous turn of mind, has tried the stage—in "Held by the Enemy" he played an important character very satisfactorily I remember—and several other walks of life have been honoured by his acquaintance. The smartest thing I have seen for a long time is his sketch in last week's *Judy*. Get a copy, my dear readers, and if you know any thing of stage managers, tell me if the lesson it teaches is not a beautiful one. Why our worthy brother does not stick at his easel instead of rambling about the back yards of a profession which hide him from view I don't know; but one pencil scratch by Bernard Partridge is worth a thousand speeches by Bernard "Gould." Besides, he insults his genius by neglecting her.

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Does anybody know anything of *The Westminster Gazette?* A cutting from an 1882 issue of this paper has just come into my hands, containing an article upon "The Follies of Freemasonry." Read what it says:—

"The unvarnished history of freemasonry is that it was established late in the last century, by a few illiterate and petty tradesmen whose ideas of romance were flattered by the flimsy cloak of affected mystery they contrived to throw round their proceedings, and whose counterskipping vanity was titillated by the grandiose titles freely lavished on each other. Cheops, the pork butcher, is an object of ecstatic delight to the wife of his bosom and to his domestic circle, besides being the envy of a whole street of retailers when, adorned by the ineffable title of Divine Despot of the Diabolical Dodderers of Doodlecumdishclouterid, and by several pounds weight of clumsily-executed travesties of the insignia of knighthood, in brass mountings and paste jewels, he assumes the throne in the bar parlor of the Pig and Whistle."

And again:

"Moderate men who have joined the ranks of Masonry, men, it is scarcely necessary to add, of no great logical powers or analytical capacities, but good and true men, notwithstanding, say its *raison d'etre* consists in charity and conviviality. As regards the latter, from the days of Hogarth, who in his great picture of 'Night,' draws the 'Brother,' garnished with his tawdry Masonic finery, staggering dead drunk to the bosom of his family, no one has doubted the orgie-like type of lodge meetings. Still, to a man who had ever tasted fair cookery and tolerable wine, one would think no great inducements were held out by the greasy feasts and African vintages which form the staple of the ordinary masonic tavern 'banquet.' Almsgiving, in a blatant, patronizing, and vulgar manner, is no doubt affected by freemasons; but from their own published reports it is easy to glean that their charities are neither economically nor intelligently administered. Where, then, our readers may be inclined to ask, is the *cui bono* of freemasonry?"

If the *Westminster Gazette* is still living it might favour us with a second edition of its article. Perhaps the gentleman who forwarded the cutting to me anonymously will continue his contributions from time to time. They are instructive.

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Speaking of cuttings brings me to the Press Agency, which supplies us with provincial and local slips. There is a certain publication named the "*Weekly Chronicle*," published in Fleet Street, which has honoured us—in its issue of the 3rd of March—by taking bodily from our pages of February 28th, a column of various matter, and setting it up as original to itself, under a heading of "Freemasonry." So clumsily has this been done that it speaks of *to-morrow, the 1st of March*, though its own issue bears date the 2nd, and it calmly stops the list of Metropolitan Lodge Meetings on the Thursday, when its date of publication enables it to include the meetings on the succeeding Friday and Saturday. My editor is a particularly generous man, and his unique knowledge of Freemasonry may be dispensed for the asking, but we have an office boy whose salary will not permit him to be generous, and whose knowledge of anything outside Bath buns and peg tops is not unique. If our contemporary will therefore allow us to supply it with a masonic column, will have the decency to acknowledge us, and will pay our office boy a small additional wage, the matter, I daresay, may be arranged. For the benefit of the "*Weekly Chronicle*," I may state that the reason we cannot afford to increase the said salary ourselves is that we pay for *our* contributions.

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The first anniversary of "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's, takes place to-night, when, I am informed, souvenirs will be presented to every visitor. A charming little house—more charming when its nut-brown and apple-green decorations are discarded—a courteous and business-like acting manager, a clever and entertaining host, and one of the best pieces Pinero has ever written, is the sum-total of attractions. When I am weary and down-hearted I go to Terry's, and when I am skittish—though my skittish days are over—I go there too, and I always walk home to my first floor back with contentment, more evenly balancing the discontent inseparable from daily toil. Discontent has made me bald, but I will not, no! I will *not* use another scribbler's application.

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There is a rather eminent young man whose professional address is Warwick Court, Holborn. He is popular with all grades of society, from the starchy policeman—who seems to enjoy the attractions of his acquaintance—to the more starchy gent of Gray's Inn, who has a nod and a smile for our young friend every time he passes. The name of this eminent gentleman is "Mike," and he is, like *Lord Fauntleroy's* Dick, a "perfessional boot black." Mike polishes boots to perfection—indeed, his partner in the newspaper business round the corner assures me, in confidence, that he is the finest boot polisher living. I quite believe it, for poor Mike, not being blessed with the full powers of locomotion—I sincerely hope this allusion will not hurt his sensitive nature—gives his undivided attention to his business, and he does a roaring business too. Messrs. Day and Martin have presented him with his stock-in-trade, and supply him with brushes and blacking without charge, and his license, I believe, is paid by a gentleman annually. Mr. "Mike" is a professional gentleman in more senses than one, and he has mastered the art of never having made an enemy. I am one of his early morning customers, and pay him by contract, but later day visitors are known to wait their turns to be attended to; and many a man of high degree, socially and masonically, I have seen engaged in an entertaining chat with "Mike," under the pretence of having their boots blacked.

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I have often in my journalistic capacity begged favors of compositors and readers, and the longer I live the more certain I become that something more than begging is necessary. If the gentlemen who typed "to" for *too*, and "caprisoned" for *caparisoned*, in my last week's stuff, could only imagine the vexation of spirit their neglect has caused, they would take more pains to decipher the terrible scrawl of

THE DRUID.

We extract from the pages of *The Freemason* for the information of our readers the following :—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS. Statistics 1882-1888 Inclusive.

NAME.	Subscribed this Year.	Seven Years' Aggregate.	Annual Average.	Expended this Year.	Surplus.	Deficiency.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
London	4238 14 0	40857 8 5	5836 15 6	3377 0 6	2459 15 0	—
Bedford	—	36 15 0	5 5 0	—	5 5 0	—
Berks and Bucks	122 6 0	1164 11 6	166 7 4	83 7 8	82 19 8	—
Bristol	—	131 5 0	18 16 5	41 13 10	—	22 17 5
Cambridgeshire	—	443 2 0	63 6 0	83 7 8	—	20 7 8
Cheshire	39 18 0	701 19 6	100 5 8	83 7 8	16 18 0	—
Cornwall	82 14 0	576 14 0	94 5 5	83 7 8	10 17 9	—
Cumberland and Westmoreland	—	1602 10 0	228 18 7	125 1 6	103 17 1	—
Derby	75 12 0	2368 5 0	338 6 3	125 1 6	213 4 9	—
Devon	840 0 0	1693 6 0	242 12 3	291 16 10	—	49 4 7
Dorset	—	232 1 0	33 3 0	125 1 6	—	91 18 6
Durham	252 10 0	1034 12 0	147 16 0	208 9 0	—	60 13 0
Essex	258 6 0	1450 0 7	207 2 11	125 1 6	82 1 5	—
Gloucester	21 0 0	1270 19 6	181 11 4	166 15 4	14 16 0	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	152 6 0	1999 0 6	285 11 5	291 14 10	—	6 3 5
Hereford	—	53 10 0	7 12 10	—	7 12 10	—
Herts	—	521 16 0	74 10 10	125 1 6	—	50 10 8
Kent	231 15 6	4812 11 6	687 11 1	416 18 4	270 12 9	—
Lancashire E.	126 5 0	3108 5 0	444 0 9	458 12 2	—	14 11 5
Lancashire W.	84 0 0	1264 15 0	180 13 7	416 18 4	—	236 4 9
Leicester and Rutland	—	777 15 0	111 2 2	41 13 10	69 8 4	—
Lincoln	21 0 0	84 0 0	12 0 0	166 15 4	—	154 15 4
Middlesex	305 13 6	2073 10 6	296 4 4	250 3 6	46 0 10	—
Monmouth	—	638 3 0	91 3 3	125 1 6	—	33 18 3
Norfolk	—	403 4 0	58 6 3	250 3 0	—	197 16 9
North Wales	71 8 0	467 10 0	66 14 3	83 7 8	—	16 13 5
Norths and Hunts	117 12 0	682 17 0	97 11 0	83 7 8	13 3 4	—
Northumberland	—	1395 1 6	199 6 7	125 1 6	74 5 1	—
Notts	—	692 4 0	98 17 9	41 13 10	57 3 11	—
Oxford	57 15 0	619 4 0	88 9 2	125 1 6	—	36 12 4
Shropshire	10 10 0	208 1 0	29 14 5	41 13 10	—	11 19 5
Somerset	210 0 0	1579 11 6	225 13 1	291 16 10	—	66 3 9
S. Wales, E.	—	1229 6 6	175 12 4	166 15 6	8 17 0	—
S. Wales, W.	241 15 0	812 5 0	116 0 9	166 15 4	—	50 14 7
Stafford	105 0 0	1931 3 0	275 17 7	208 9 2	67 8 5	—
Suffolk	136 10 0	1090 12 0	155 16 0	41 13 10	114 2 2	—
Surrey	53 15 0	1106 3 6	158 0 6	166 15 4	—	8 14 10
Sussex	30 14 0	1399 7 0	199 18 2	208 9 2	—	8 11 0
Warwick	—	969 2 0	138 8 7	208 9 2	—	70 0 7
Wilts	—	688 14 0	98 7 9	83 7 8	15 0 1	—
Worcester	57 15 0	983 4 0	140 9 2	83 7 2	57 2 0	—
Yorkshire, N. and E.	37 16 0	1688 11 6	229 15 11	208 9 2	21 6 9	—
Yorkshire, W.	260 0 0	4706 16 0	671 10 10	980 9 0	—	278 18 2
Channel Islands	215 5 0	535 10 0	76 10 0	83 7 8	—	6 17 8
Colonies	94 10 0	526 12 9	75 4 8	333 10 8	—	258 6 0

The figures of the year's subscription in the *Freemason* of June 30th, 1888, were kindly corrected for me up to the last day of October, and I regret to say have never shown so poor a result for the last ten years and more, and I trust they will never again show such a falling off.—Yours fraternally, P.M. 1607.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE—No. 1805—had a very pleasant evening on the occasion of the masonic ball (for which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., granted dispensation authorising Craft clothing to be worn), on the 5th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, and the members are to be congratulated on the satisfactory result to the benevolent fund, as about ten guineas will be added to it. Great credit is due to the principal officers and P.M.'s, and Bro. W. M. Mead (the hon. sec.) for carrying through so successfully one of the most pleasant meetings of this lodge. Amongst the officers and brethren of the lodge present were Bros. H. Johnson, W.M.; R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; J. Bailey, I.P.M.; A. Peterken and H. B. Forbes, P.M.'s; W. M. Mead, sec.; G. Warn, S.D.; W. Potts, E. Hambridge, E. R. Speirs, Griffith, C. W. Hankey, G. H. Fennell, W. J. Roberts, and N. Howard; also present, Bros. George Brown, P.M., D.C. 169; Minett, S.W. 1672; A. Rivier, 879; T. G. Scott, I.G. 933; Plater, S.W.; J. W. Gibbs, org.; A. Paterson, S.D.; D. Annan, D.C.M., all 1804; T Cole, 907; F. T. Wood, S.D. 1672; W. Lee, 1693; C. D. Mears, W.M. 1076; C. E. Fardell, 1538; J. T. Warman, 1382; E. Waller, S.W., and S. Thompson, P.M. No. 9; T. Butler, 898; T. Taylor, 1227; Bown and Martin, 65. It is, we believe, the intention of the members of this lodge to organise a summer outing and banquet in July, so that the lady friends of the brethren may have the opportunity of another agreeable recreative exercise.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UBIQUE—No. 1789.—On Monday, the 18th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Westminster, S.W.—Bro. W. R. Arnold, W.M.—Bros. E. Morris, S.W.; J. Christian, J.W.; Geo. Mason, P.M. 1789, acting preceptor; W. W. Blades, S.D.; Lieut. R. M. Laird, J.D.; Captain A. C. Hansard, I.G.; W. Arnold, W. Dickson, A. Parry, J. Lawson, and H. Hart. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hart representing the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dickson being the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down. Bro. A. Parry, of the Adams Lodge, No.158, was elected a joining member. Bro. Morris was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

WANDSWORTH—No. 1044.—The 26th annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road. The chair was taken at 6 p.m. by Bro. Higerty, P.M., 1044 and 1714, P.P.G.D. (Surrey); Bro. J. J. Black, P.M. 1564, S.W.; Bro. Baker, 1360, J.W.; Bro. J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564, Secretary; Bro. Jones, P.M. 1563, &c., Treasurer; Bro. Brooks, S.W. and M.-elect 382, S.D.; Bro. Tavernor, J.D., and Bro. R. Monger, A.D.C. 1044, I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, when the W.M., with Bros. W. Foddy, 1044; J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; R. Monger, A.D.C. 1044; H. Baker, 1360, and J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564, performed in a most admirable manner the work of the evening, viz., the five sections of the second lecture. The brethren present numbered 45. A very imposing feature of the evening was the reading of a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Germany, sent by the personal direction of the late Emperor Frederick, acknowledging a letter of condolence from this Lodge of Instruction on the death of the Emperor William I. A great honour to the lodge. Several brethren were unanimously elected members, and before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and the "Section workers" for their excellent work. Lodge being closed, the banquet followed, and the usual toasts were responded to enthusiastically. During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. Higgs, P.M. 106 (Superintendent of the Locomotive Department, Nine Elms, L.&S.W.R.), with a very handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of the high esteem of certain of the brethren. The musical part of the programme was under the superintendence of the well-known Bro. Professor Gilardoni, 235, and Bro. Monger, 1044, and the following contributed to the programme: Bros. Peterkin, R. Monger, Black, P.M., Bray, Cutting, Dench, Cowley, W.M. 1044, and Frost. The "visitors" spoke in the highest praise of the musical talent displayed, giving it as their opinion also that from personal knowledge there was no Lodge of Instruction in England to surpass their Wandsworth Lodge in the perfection of its emulation working.

CLAPTON—No. 1365.—On Friday, the 15th inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Dalston.—Bro. Shurmur, W.M.—Bros. Caton, S.W.; Cordell, J.W.; Finch, preceptor; Church, sec.; Campbell, S.D.; Margetts, J.D.; Luker, I.G.; Fairclough, Geddes, Bats, Cunningham, Harrington, Sawer, Wilson, Bunker, Adams, and others; and James Stevens, P.M., visitor. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, the work being thoroughly well performed by W.M. and assistant officers. Responding to an expressed wish of the members present, Bro. Stevens agreed to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree," in this lodge at an early date to be arranged. Bro. Caton was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E.—Bro. J. A. Shelton, W.M.—Bros. D. O. Scott, S.W.; C. Thomas, J.W.; J. E. Kestruck, S.D.; H. Visger, J.D.; H. G. Walker, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; H. Drew, P.M.; G. Williams, J. Joyce; C. Blanchard; Hardy Smith; A. Norris; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Smith, treas., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Joyce as candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Blanchard as candidate. Bro. D. O. Scott was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, preceptor; Capt. R. J. Vincent, Z. 1777, H. 1329, M.E.Z.; Patrick, H.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. elect, 169, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; W. Briant, 1329, S.N.; Wingham, 25, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, A.S.; Neeld, P.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; and Addington, M.E.Z. 1275. The chapter was regularly opened by the principals. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Capt. Vincent for his able work as M.E.Z. for the first time in the chapter. The S.E. reported that the annual supper would take place on 5th April.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE—No. 1622.—There was a crowded attendance on Thursday, 12th inst., at the annual supper of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, when the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Page, P.M. 1475, &c., P.Z., ably occupied the chair. The stewards for the evening were Bros. T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z., sec.; C. H. Stone, 1641, I.G. 507, asst. sec.; J. Addington, P.M., M.E.Z. 1275; H. Martin, S.D. 1622; J. T. Penney, W.M. 1679; and W. Towers, W.M. 15. Bro. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., in a neat little speech, proposed the health of the chairman, to which Bro. Page ably responded. Bro. Page proposed the Rose Lodge of Instruction, eulogising the excellent work it was doing, and pointing out its almost cosmopolitan influence. Bro. Rose, P.M., preceptor, gave a suitable response. Bros. W. Cowley, P.M., P.Z., treas., and T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z., sec., responded to the toast of their health. The latter reported an average attendance of 27½ (average P.M.'s 7). He drew attention to the 4th Charitable Association, which when closed will bring up the total contributions to the charities to nearly £1,000. Bros. Harcourt, West, and Todd, gave capital recitations, and Bros. Stone, Capt. Thornhill, Morgan, Lowton, and Whitehead delighted the brethren with some splendid songs.

PROVINCIAL.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863—Held their regular meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Thursday, March 14th' Bro. John Coull, W.M., in the chair. Bros. H. Bott, S.W., P.G.Chap.; Wm. Spicer, J.W.; Chas. Roope, sec., P.P.G.O.; J. O. Wallace, I.P.M., acting S.D.; Geo. R. Duncan, P.M., acting I.P.M.; J. A. Wait, acting J.D.; Chas. H. S. Sherlock, org.; and R. F. Kidd, I.G. Several apologies were received from officers of the lodge who were unable to be present owing to sickness. Members present:—Bros. J. T. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Frazer; G. Renwick; R. S. Story; W. Weller; and J. Robertson, P.M. Visitors:—Bros. R. L. Markham, P.M. 24; A. Trail, P.M. St. George's, 190 (Grand Lodge of Scotland); W. Cummins, I.G., St. George's, 431; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M., St. Hilda's, 240; W. Moffoot, S.W., 240; W. H. Thorn, S.D., 240; J. A. Hall, P.M., 240; G. Wilson, 240; S. W. Linsley, 240; R. Bromley, 240; H. J. Adams, 240; J. D. Marshall, W.M., Hadrian, 1970; J. T. Ross, S.W., 1970; J. W. Henderson, S.D., 1970; J. Ashworth, I.G., 1970; M. J. Wheatley, P.M.D.C., 1970; J. H. Penney, J.W., 1970; A. Walton, 1970; G. R. Potts, 1970; D. Walton, 1970; J. R. Young, 1970; J. Rigby, St. Bede, 1119; J. A. Armstrong, sec. Gosforth, 1664; R. Wilson, S.W., 1664; A. Hall, Walker, 1342; J. N. Simpson, I.G., Northern Counties, 406; W. E. Nicholson, Percy, 1427; W. J. Bell, S.W., 1626; C. A. Bushell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Ridley, 2260 and 1427; W. G. Reynolds, J.W. 2260; J. B. Lazenby, S.D., 2260; G. Lisle, S.S., 2260; J. R. Roberts, I.G., 2260; J. Schmitger, 541 and 2260; A. F. Ball, sec., 2260; and H. W. Dixon, J.S., 2260. Bro. J. H. Wesencraft was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. The visitors from the various lodges having tendered their hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in love and harmony at 9 p.m.

ESSEX—LOUGHTON.—THE BAGSHAW LODGE—No. 1457.—W. Bro. J. C. Hopwood, W.M.—This lodge held a regular meeting at the Public Hall, Loughton, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The W.M. opened his lodge at 4.30 p.m., supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Shadrake, S.W.; H. Day, J.W.; C. J. Edwards, sec.; J. Langdon, D.C.; G. J. Thompson, P.P.G. Org., I.G.; and O. Steffin, org. There were also present Past Masters J. A. Clarkson, J. Tanner, T. J. Nunn, E. Sholander, and J. Crowther; Bros. A. Sawer, G. Smith, C. E. Skinner, R. Fish, G. Austin, W. White, &c.; and visitors, W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, &c., and Bros. J. Margett and W. A. Longdon, both of No. 45; W. F. Bertram, 1426; W. M. Ward and G. L. B. Lenham, both of No. 1962; and R. Green, J.W., Colbourn, No. 1804. Bro. G. Smith was raised to the third degree with very impressive ceremony, and subsequently Messrs. Charles K. Fenton, Alfred James Floyd Gunning, and Charles Savin Foster, were initiated into the Order. The whole ceremonial was admirably performed by W. Bro. J. C. Hopwood, the W.M. After the disposal of routine business, the brethren partook of an excellent supper in the large hall, and a capital musical entertainment was carried out by the members of the lodge under the direction of Bro. J. Margett, and assisted by other visitors. An exceedingly pleasant evening was passed before the brethren separated for their respective homes.

NORTHS AND HANTS.—On the 12th inst. the Right Worshipful the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. for the Province of Northants. and Hunts., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., P.G.Std.B., consecrated a new lodge at St. Neots, which is to be called the Euston Lodge. The ceremony was largely attended by brethren from lodges within and without the province. The following brethren represented the Stamford Merit Lodge—Bros. E. P. Monckton, A. J. Moyes, J. T. Holmes, C. Roberts, G. Spademan, F. L. Gooch, Emnals, Barker, and Packer. Business over, the brethren adjourned to the public rooms, where a banquet was held, at which about 100 brethren sat down.

WORK WITH DIGNITY.

We have noticed on many occasions a lack of dignity on the part of officers and members while conferring degrees that is far from becoming. One of the Degrees is designated "sublime," and there is an old adage that "there is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous."

How often is this step taken in many of our lodges?

To the candidate first impressions are most lasting, and levity at the beginning impresses him with the belief that the forms and ceremonies are not matters of solemnity, but mere farcical necessities in order to make up a form of initiation. We have seen candidates who have acquired these impressions in the ante-room, maintained them in the preparation room, and could not divest themselves of them even during the solemn ceremonies of the lodge-room. The reason of this has been the folly of members who profess to be the friends of the candidate, but who really, for the purposes of Masonry, are exactly opposite.

Some men are sensitive. Masters of Ceremonies should remember this, and perform their duties with such dignity as would impress the candidate with the solemnity which is expressed in the words of the Senior Deacon when he bids him enter the lodge room. To use levity outside and beyond the eye of the Master is to treat him with disrespect which would not be allowed in his presence, and at the very outset give the candidate a bad impression. Men of refined tastes become shocked, while those who are of a different frame of mind are not prepared to receive those valuable moral lessons which Masonry is designed to teach.

How much more so is this the case when those who are engaged in the "floor work" of the "sublime degree" forget the lesson which is the true interpretation of the allegory? What integrity can be expected from one who has been made the victim of a farce? And yet it must appear so to those who, having been the first to go through the ordeal and have the opportunity of seeing their companions pass along the same road, when they notice members in their seats "enjoying" the mishaps of their fellow man, apparently without considering the lesson taught thereby. Can it be wondered at that the subsequent instruction is not attentively listened to on such occasions?

Work then, with dignity, so that each lesson may make its proper impression and become lasting.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, MARCH 21st.	
23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1365	Clapton	Gt. Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.	———	
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
	(4th) FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd.	
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.
197	Jerusalem	Ditto
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.
R.A.C.	———	
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
1839	Duke of Cornwall...	F. M. H.
	(4th) SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.	
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M.H. Tav., Coleman Street, E.C.
	(4th) MONDAY, MARCH 25th.	
4	Royal Somerset H'se & Invrnss.	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony ...	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
905	DeGrey and Ripon	F. M. H.
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.
R.A.C.	———	
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
	(4th) TUESDAY, MARCH 26th.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, MARCH 26th—*continued.*	
165	Honor and Generosity	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1318	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
R.A.C.	———	
21	Cyrus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
Mark.	———	
332	Borough of Greenwich	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Grnwch.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
201	Jordan	Ditto
212	Euphrates	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
R.A.C.	———	
1624	Eccleston	F. M. H
	(4th) THURSDAY, MARCH 28th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte St.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hotel, Ilford
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
R.A.C.	———	
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.	———	
13	Hiram	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.			
43	St. Paul's	25th Mar	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Apr	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Apr	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Apr	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Apr	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	11th Apr	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Mar	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Apr	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Apr	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Mar	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Apr	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Apr	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Apr	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Apr	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	21st Jun	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	9th Apr	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	28th May	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th June	Ditto
Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Apr	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Apr	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Mar	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	5th June	Ditto
348	St. John's	9th Apr	Ditto
Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
302	Hope	15th Apr	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	21st Mar	F. M. H., Salem Stree
974	Pentalpha	2nd Apr	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Apr	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	15th Apr	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salem Street
Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Apr	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Apr	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Apr	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Mar	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Apr	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	31st May	Old Ship Hotel
Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Apr	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Apr	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Apr	Ditto
326	Moira	18th Apr	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Apr	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Apr	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Apr	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Mar	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	18th May	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Mar	Ditto
187	Charity	4th Apr	Ditto
Bury—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
42	Relief TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	17th Apr	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	11th Apr	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Apr	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Mar	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	23rd May	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May	Bridge Inn
Cambridge—4 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
88	Scientific	8th Apr	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	1st Apr	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty.	2nd Apr	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY,	21st Mar	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	(?)	Ditto
Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
253	Tyrian	26th Mar	M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum	10th Apr	Ditto
802	Repose	18th Apr	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	14th May	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto
Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
708	Carnarvon	8th May	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon ...	15th May	Ditto
788	Crescent	23rd Apr	Ditto
1194	Villiers	20th Apr	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix...	6th Apr	Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	20th Jul	Ditto

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Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters—*continued.*			
1691	Quadratic	13th May	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon ...	9th May	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto
Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	21st Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	27th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Apr	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	28th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	18th Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
Isle of Man—7 Lodges, 1 Chapter.			
1004	Athole	3rd Apr	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	9th Apr	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	10th Apr	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	17th Apr	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	9th Apr	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Apr	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ? TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
Isle of Wight—7 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
35	Medina	11th Apr	85, High Street, Cowes
151	Albany	8th Apr	M. H., Newport
175	East Medina ...	17th Apr	M. H., Ryde
551	Yarborough ...	16th Apr	M. H., Ventnor
698	Ryde	5th Apr	M. H., Ryde
1869	Sandown TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Sandown
1884	Chine	28th Mar	M. H., Shanklin
R.A.C.			
151	Albany	24th Apr	48, Pyle Street, Newport
175	East Medina ...	31st May	M. H., Ryde
Lancaster—4 Lodges, 1 Chapter.			
281	Fortitude	10th Apr	M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley	1st Apr	Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster	17th Apr	Ditto
1561	Morecambe ...	5th Apr	King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.			
1051	Rowley	19th Aug	M. R., Church Street
Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
289	Fidelity	4th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Apr	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Apr	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	19th Apr	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	9th Apr	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Apr	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
279	St. John's	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt T-DY.,	21st Mar	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MR.,	22nd Mar	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Apr	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto
Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.			
32	St. George's ...	27th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union T-DY.,	21st Mar	Ditto
216	Harmonic	9th May	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	4th Apr	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Apr	Adelphi Hotel
594	Downshire	28th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
667	Alliance	16th Apr	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Apr	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Mar	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Apr	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Apr	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Apr	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Ednbgh. ...	11th Apr	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Apr	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	8th Apr	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Apr	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Apr	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Mar	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Apr	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Apr	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Mar	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Apr	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Apr	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Apr	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Mar	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
2289	Great Crosby ...	(?)	(?)
2290	Fairfield	1st Apr	M. Rooms, Fairfield
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Apr	Adelphi Hotel

Installation Meetings, as far as known are marked * before date of meeting.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS—*continued.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
R.A.C.			
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Apr	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Apr	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Mar	Ditto
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire	8th May	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Apr	Ditto
680	Sefton	26th Apr	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Apr	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	15th May	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Apr	Ditto
1393	Hamer	2nd May	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Apl	Ditto

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

44	Friendship	5th Apr	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Mar	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	19th Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Mar	Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Apr	Ditto
317	Affability	4th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Apr	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	17th Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Apr	Ditto
815	Blair	12th Apr	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	10th Apr	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Mar	Ditto
992	St. Thomas	3rd Apr	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	10th May	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	22nd Apr	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Apr	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	11th Apr	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Apr	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Mar	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	11th Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Apr	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	12th Apr	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Apr	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Mar	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	19th Apr	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Apr	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Apr	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Apr	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Apr	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	8th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue TO-MOR,	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Apr	Ditto
325	St. John's	2nd May	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	9th May	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Apr	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	21st May	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	N'castle-on-Tyne ...	4th Apr	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Apr	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	19th Apr	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Apr	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Apr	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Mar	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	12th Apr	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	22nd Mar	Ditto
1863	Priory	11th Apr	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	2nd Apr	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne T-DY.,	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	15th May	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	17th Apr	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	11th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian TO-MOR.,	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	8th May	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	2nd Apr	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Apr	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	16th Apr	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Mar	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Mar	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Jun	Ditto
213	Perseverance ...	9th Jun	Ditto
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Apr	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1435	Annesley	26th Apr	Ditto
1794	De Vere	*19th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—*continued.*

1909	Carnarvon	15th Apr	M. H., Goldsmith Street
2017	Duke of Portland T-DY.,	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	28th May	Ditto
1435	Annesley	14th Jun	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	2nd Apr	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	30th Apr	Ditto
478	Churchill	6th May	Ditto
1515	Bertie	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	21st May	Ditto
357	Apollo University	29th May	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Apr	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Apr	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Apr	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Apr	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Apr	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	21st Mar	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	26th Mar	Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Apr	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	10th Apr	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Apr	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Apr	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Apr	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	17th Apr	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	23rd May	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	21st May	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th June	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	9th May	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	31st May	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	24th May	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	23th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	16th May	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Apr	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	8th Apr	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	Unit'd Service ...	12th Apr	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Mar	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	16th Apr	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	15th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Apr	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	9th Apr	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	23rd May	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Mar	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	11th Apr	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Apr	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Apr	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Mar	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	20th May	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Apr	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	11th Apr	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	15th Apr	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	21st Mar	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers T-MR,	22nd Mar	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Apr	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	4th Apr	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	5th Apr	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Mar	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	9th Apr	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Apr	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	11th Apr	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Apr	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	22nd Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Jun	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	16th May	M. H., Park Terrace

*Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting*

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, MARCH 21st.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.			Place of Meeting.
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7.30	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	56, Upper Street, Islington, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart	„	7	Victoria Hot., Farringdon Street, E.C.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Fagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(4th) FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd.

9	Albion	at	——	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	——	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1056	Metropolitan (Victoria)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyality	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.F.
Mark.				
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.

(4th) SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.

179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.

(4th) MONDAY, MARCH 25th.

22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan	„	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	at	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1743	Perseverance	„	7	The Cheshire Cheese, Addle Street, E.C.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	——	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(4th) TUESDAY, MARCH 26th.

55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	City Arms Rest., 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	——	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	——	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Ashley's Hot., Henrietta St., Cov. Gdn.
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road

(4th) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th.

3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	8	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„	6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(4th) THURSDAY, MARCH 28th.

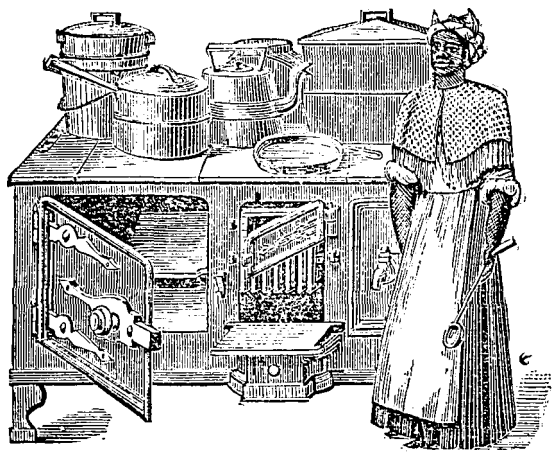
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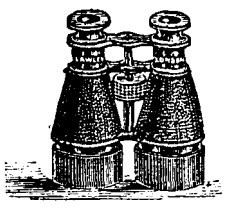


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In the Dark.

THERE is passing through our correspondence column, a controversy in relation to certain circumstances connected with the refusal of a petition for a new Lodge at or near Sandgate, in Kent. The masonic interests of our brothers in the Army are greatly concerned in the action taken by the Provincial Grand Master of that province, and it is of much more than local masonic importance that the particulars which have justified his refusal to recommend the prayer of the petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in whom alone, it is said, rests the power to grant new Lodges, should be known. There appears to be a reticence as to the communication of reasons for withholding information which to our mind is not called for. It is possible that the very best of reasons can be given for the refusal of the petition, which, being given, would satisfy the understanding of the petitioners and meet with loyal acceptance. If that be the case, why should they be kept in the dark? If otherwise, can it be wondered that perfect indifference to all appeal should occasion irritation?

We write "it is said," and we do so advisedly, for although by the Constitutions of the Order it is expressly declared that petitions for new Lodges are to be addressed to the M.W.G.M., there is no section which declares that he alone shall be the grantor of new warrants. Inferentially, but not positively, the privilege, not the prerogative, may be accorded to the Grand Master, but that is nowhere definitely stated. That it was never intended, past and present custom notwithstanding, that the grant or refusal should be personal to the "chief head and ruler," is, we take it, evidenced by the fact that every "Charter or warrant from the Grand Lodge of England," as the expression is in open Lodge, bears the countersign of others than the Grand Master, and notably that of the official representing Grand Lodge itself, "which alone possesses the supreme superintending authority" (sec. 4), and "the power of regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft" (sec. 5). That it is the "supreme authority" is further established by the fact that it points out, in distinct terms, what the M.W.G.M. shall do in some cases and may do in others, and although this (sec. 18), has but reference to the appointment of Grand Officers, it nevertheless asserts a power of supreme authority which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as in its wisdom it may appoint. On this arises the question where and when, and in what direction, has it delegated an authority to grant warrants for new Lodges. We want "light" thrown on this; at present the great bulk, if not all of the English Craft, are, like ourselves, "in the dark."

Where has it been said "custom maketh the law?" We have met with the phrase and condemn the doctrine. Nevertheless, in the present instance and for the sake of the argument, let it be admitted. Then the power, privilege, or prerogative, choose whichever term we may, rests with our M.W.G.M. to make—though he cannot unmake—(note that, and see sec. 5)—new Lodges by the granting of petitions forwarded to him as the Ruler of the Craft, under constitutional law. Now, if it could be supposed possible that H.R.H. could make himself personally acquainted with all the facts and particulars set before him in such petitions, and decide thereon according to his own unbiassed judgment, we may be sure that his decisions would be at all times unreservedly accepted, not one word being uttered against their propriety and fairness. But is this the case? It cannot be; and consequently the ruling power rests with his advisers, and those advisers should be accountable to the Grand Lodge, and through it to the Craft, for the nature of their advice, when it is believed that other and more satisfactory counsel could and should have been given. To doubt their honesty of intention or desire to do justly would be most improper, probably most unwarranted, and it may be taken for granted that as a general rule the advice given is sound and fitting. Nevertheless, the possibility remains that it may not be universally so, and instances can be quoted wherein reasonable doubt exists as to the quality of the advice which may have been tendered. Something of this doubt attaches to the refusal to recommend the petition for a new Lodge at Seabrook; and it does not seem to us at all out of place that the some fifty or sixty brethren who have an interest in Freemasonry, sufficient to induce them to foregather in the manner proposed, should feel greatly disappointed by the issue, and desire to know upon what grounds such disappointment should be theirs. This they strive to obtain by respectful

request and proposed deputation, but no satisfaction is vouchsafed, and they are kept "in the dark."

We contend that this is not as it should be, and that neither they nor any other or others of our Order should be so treated. It is not in accordance with our truest principles. In common fairness they should be made acquainted with the reasons, most probably good and very sufficient, for the refusal of the R.W. Prov. G. Master for Kent to recommend their petition. The Craft, generally, cannot have much care as to whether or not another Lodge be added to the register of the Grand Lodge, but most assuredly they have, and ought to have, an abundant care that whatever may be done in the business of Freemasonry should bear the light of communication, and that what affects any portion of their body politic, and may spread to their universal detriment, should not be allowed to remain "in the dark."

A "SOLDIER MASON'S" ADDRESS

To the Members of the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham.—11th March, 1889.

(*See Correspondence at page* 86).

WORSHIPFUL SIR,—I have great pleasure in rising to thank you for the manner in which you proposed my health, and the kind way it was received. I can assure you, Sir, it gives me very great pleasure to be among you, and to know that I am as welcome here as I have been in other parts of the world. During the last two or three years of my Indian service I used to travel from Muttra regularly every month to attend my Craft and Mark Lodges in Agra, and on several occasions I visited "Hope" Lodge at Meerut, where the scene of the first outbreak of the Sepoy war was in the year 1857. On one occasion I happened to be there when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was present, on the 15th March, 1884. I also visited Movar Gwalior, where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred on me in the month of March, 1883. And during the twelve-months the regiment stayed in Africa on our way home from India, I visited a masonic lodge at Princetown, Natal, and I have much pleasure in stating that wherever I have been the same fraternal welcome, and the right hand of fellowship, has been stretched out to me in greeting.

It is a matter of congratulation to be able to state that "masonry" is progressing. It has progressed, brethren, not in England alone but in the world generally, for during the last 20 years the number of lodges holding their authority from the Grand Lodge of England has nearly doubled. It is very interesting to look back through the records of an old masonic lodge, and I have not the least doubt that the records of this lodge contain names of many brethren who have held high positions in the estimation of the city and country—men whose energy and perseverance have assisted in making Birmingham and its district what it now is.

It is also very interesting to look back through the old constitutions published in the early part of last century; by doing so a candid mind must come to the conclusion that to the operative masons of the middle ages is our origin due, and that those masons were banded together in a common brotherhood, and had peculiar means of communicating one with the other. To my mind an almost conclusive proof of this is given by the religious and other edifices erected by those grand old operative masons; for whether you contemplate some magnificent cathedral, or look at an obscure church in some remote village, the same harmony and suitability for the purpose for which each were intended may be observed, the period can be accurately determined, and the structures themselves show that the masons which erected the one were in communication with, and acted in concert with, those who built the other. It was undoubtedly the custom in those days to admit into the fraternity the patrons of the art, and from this we evidently get the title of speculative or accepted masons, and as these speculative masons could not use the working tools in an operative sense, they were probably directed to apply them to their morals, and it may be that this is the origin of our "peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." On the revival of the arts and sciences knowledge became more universally spread. Operative masonry as a secret society became unnecessary, but the moral teaching of the art has been preserved, and it is with this we now have to do. Looked at from this point of view, Freemasonry supplies one great requirement of mankind. Society being split up into so many varied classes, sects, and parties, masonry supplies a common platform upon which all men can meet, and teaching the grand principles of the universal fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man, it leads us to respect the opinions of those from whom we differ, it tones down our prejudices and softens our passions. Requiring from our members a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, it rests its superstructure upon the volume of God's sacred writings, and refers its members to that book for the guidance and rule of their faith; and whatever may be the difference of opinion as to the doctrine, this I can safely assert, that there can be no difference of opinion as to the moral teaching of that grand old book, and whoever confines his thoughts and actions within the circle therein described, is bound to be a good Freemason, a respectable citizen, and a useful member to society.

I thank you, brethren, for the very warm welcome you have given me, and I am very sorry I did not know about the Temperance Lodge when I came to Birmingham 11 months ago.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

MONTREAL.—The Grand Lodge of Quebec brought their annual communication to a close on the 30th January last. The session was taken up discussing points of interest to the craft, and the installation of the newly-elected officers, which was performed with all due solemnity by M.W. Bro. Dr. J. H. Graham, P.G.M. The M.W. Grand Master's address to the Grand Lodge contained the following in relation to the matters of difference between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the United Grand Lodge of England:—"At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, a resolution was passed containing the following clause, viz., 'Whenever the Grand Lodge of England shall propose an adjustment by conference or by mediation, or whenever a sister Grand Lodge shall propose to mediate between the two grand bodies, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge are hereby empowered to consider the same, and to take such steps as may be consistent with the honour and dignity of this Grand Lodge to adjust or mediate the differences between the two Grand Bodies, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge in the premises.' The Grand Lodge of Canada (in the province of Ontario), at its last annual communication, in a kind and fraternal spirit which this Grand Lodge fully understands and appreciates, authorized its Grand Master to offer his mediation both to England and Quebec. M.W. Bro. Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, accepted the position, and under the authority of the resolution of this Grand Lodge just quoted, your Grand Master and Grand Secretary have considered the proposition just made and have accepted the mediatorial offer. That distinguished brother hopes to visit England during the present year, and from his high character as a man and a mason, his eminent position at the bar of his province, his comprehension of the points of difference, and his fraternal desire to compose those differences, it will be seen that no better mediator could have been selected. There is also the additional reason, not without its weight in such effort to terminate our disputes with England, that the Grand Lodge of Canada, as our Mother Grand Lodge, is the fittest mediator in this matter with the Grand Lodge of England, which was its Mother Grand Lodge. The selection of such an intermediary is in the highest degree judicious and appropriate. In view of this offer and with a desire to strengthen the hands of M.W. Bro. Walkem in mediating, I would suggest that the Grand Lodge at this communication should authorize and empower my successor in office, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to suspend or even withdraw the edicts of this Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodges of England and its lodges whenever advised or requested so to do by Grand Master Walkem. In his judgment and good will we have a sufficient guarantee that the advisory power thus given him will be judiciously employed, and this action from us may facilitate the efforts he may make to accomplish successfully his mission."

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—A new masonic hall at Young was dedicated and consecrated on January 24th by Bro. V. W. Bray, G.S., in the presence of about 500 members of the Craft, including visiting brethren from Goulburn, Forbes and other districts. The proceedings throughout were very impressive. The lodge room is 42ft. in length by 21ft. wide, and the banqueting hall 21ft. by 16ft. The cost of the entire building was about £1,400.

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Under the presidency of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, M.W. Bro. Lord Carrington, a handsome testimonial tea and coffee service has been presented, at a banquet held in his honour, to Dr. Tarrant in recognition of his valued services to the Craft in New South Wales.

NEW ZEALAND—New Plymouth, Wellington.—The festival of St. John was celebrated by a large gathering of local Freemasons at the Robe Street Lodge room on the occasion of the installation service of the Ngamotu Lodge, No. 2053 E.C. The sister lodges—Mount Egmont, No. 670 E.C., and De Burgh Adams, No. 446 I.C.—attended under their respective masters, and visitors were also present from lodges Nos. 293, 321, 450, 456, 458, 705, and 1646 E.C. Bro. Duncan McAllum was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremonies being impressively performed by Bro. Holford, P.M., assisted by W.M.'s Asher and Brooking. The proceedings in lodge having terminated, the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in fraternal intercourse and musical recreation.

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The Rodney Lodge, No. 1711, had a grand meeting in the Masonic Hall, Warkworth, New Zealand, on the 17th January last, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Somerville as Worshipful Master. A large number of brethren from Auckland attended. After the business of the lodge had been completed, a ball took place, to which the leading residents of the district were invited by the brethren, and which proved a most brilliant and imposing event.

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The Wellington Lodge, No. 1521, held a most successful conversazione and musical evening at St. Peter's School-room, Wellington, New Zealand, on the 11th January, which was attended by nearly four hundred brethren and visitors. An address by Bro. Edward Wakefield, on "The Social Side of Masonry," was greatly appreciated and applauded. Subsequently dancing was kept up until midnight, when the most enjoyable proceedings of the evening terminated.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Latomia; Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette; Masonic Record of Western India; Canadian Craftsman; South African Freemason; Society.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The anniversary meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 70, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 19th inst. Bro. H. J. Wright was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the D.P.G. Mark Master, the Rev. Bro. C. J. Martyn, in a large assembly of brethren. The installation banquet was held under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. In the course of the evening Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. and Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, responded to a toast proposed in its honour, and effectively pleaded the cause of that excellent charitable institution.

At the Masonic Club, Plymouth, a series of smoking concerts has been inaugurated. Bro. D. Cross, one of the directors of the club, presided at the first of these on the 20th inst. The concert was in charge of W. Bro. W. Hearder, P.M., P.G.O. It was attended by a numerous body of Freemasons and their friends, and gave general satisfaction.

The annual banquet of the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, was held on the 19th inst., at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Club, Plymouth. There was a large attendance, and covers were laid for ninety. A choice musical entertainment was a great feature of the evening, in the course of which an elegant and valuable P.M. jewel was presented to W. Bro. H. E. Sitters, for his services during the past year.

At the installation meeting of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, at Ilminster, Somersetshire, on the 19th inst., Bro. T. Bryant was installed W.M. by W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G. Master, in the presence of a large number of brethren, and subsequently the brethren dined together at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M.

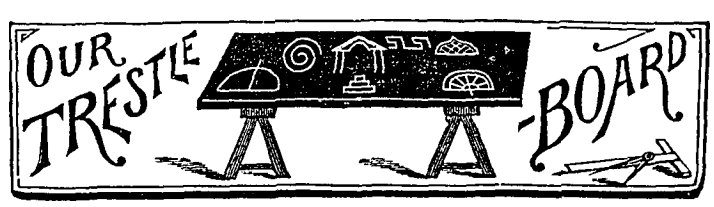
The memorial window erected in the Parish church of Cheltenham by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, to the memory of their late Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John Brook-Smith, was unveiled and presented to the rector of the parish, the Rev. Canon Bell, D.D., on the 20th inst., by the Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., in the presence of a large number of members of the masonic craft, wearing the insignia of the order. The Rector expressed his pleasure in accepting the gift, and said the window would not only be an adornment to the venerable church, but would serve as a memento of the liberality of the Masonic Order, and of the Freemasons' love and esteem for their departed brother.

The installation meeting of Lodge Metham, No. 1205, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Stonehouse, Devon, on the 18th inst., when W. Bro. Archelaus Tout was installed W.M. for year ensuing. There was a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, and the entire proceedings were of a most satisfactory nature.

A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, in connection with the Albert Victor Mark Master Masons' Lodge, No. 70, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 19th inst., under the name and title of the Henniker Lodge. Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.M.; the Earl of Caithness; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.M.; B. R. Bryant, Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O.; N. Tracy, Rev. R. O. Davies, and other notables in the degree were present. The impressive consecration ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Matier, and the oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn.

On the 13th inst., a dinner, tea, and entertainment were given at Foresters' Hall, Margate, by the Union Lodge, No. 127, Bro. J. Healing, W.M. The chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. Taylor Jones, P.G.C. A very substantial repast was provided by Bro. Hume for 250 aged poor. The entertainment comprised songs and recitations and instrumental music, the last being under the direction of Bro. J. Moore. On passing out, each guest was presented with 1lb. of tea, the gift of a London brother.

Bro. Thomas Barnes has been presented by the Coleridge Masonic Lodge, at Clevedon, with a silver goblet, in celebration of his Masonic jubilee, he having been initiated at Barnstaple in 1838.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We so entirely agree with the following remarks of our contemporary, *The Freemason's Chronicle*, that we have no hesitation in submitting them to the earnest consideration of our readers. "Judging from the supply, the demand for Masonic books is on the increase, and such, no doubt, is really the case, but we cannot help thinking, when we look at the magazines and the periodical literature of years ago, that the Masons of the past must have been more liberal patrons than are their successors of to-day. Taking the older issues of the *Freemason's Review* and the *Freemason's Magazine* for instance—it matters not whether the Quarterly, Monthly, or Weekly parts are considered—we find work which compares favourably with anything that is attempted at the present time, and this notwithstanding the fact that the influence of Freemasonry and the number of individual Masons is now far in excess of what it was then. Our predecessors in the work of Masonic journalism must have been better supported than are the caterers of to-day, or they could not have continued year after year, as they did continue, the really interesting and voluminous serials of their time. It is true the present is an age of cheap literature, and many persons are apt to consider a few halfpence should be sufficient to pay for all their requirements of a literary character. They forget that class journals cannot compare in regard to circulation with those of a cosmopolitan character, and on this account they cannot understand why a small class paper should cost more than a larger general one. But such is the case, and if those who attempt to supply the demands of the present day fail to do all that is required of them the reason is, in all probability, that the Craft does not contribute its fair share towards the undertaking; in other words the members of the Order do not support their journals as they might be expected to do."

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The columns of other Masonic papers published in our colonies often contain reference to the above referred to requirement for support, and frequently descant unreservedly on the apathy and indifference of the great bulk of the members of our Order. The *Canadian Craftsman* thinks that a "rough ashlar" is a Mason who does not subscribe for a Masonic paper or read a Masonic book. Very crude, we should say, if not rough; and putting such men up as Master—the representative of wisdom—is, as Bro. Drummond says, "foolish, poor and simple." In other words, the last would have a simple A. B. for Master. To this cause may we not trace the want of interest in our Lodges!

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The editor of the "Installing Master's Companion" has written to us with an extract from the report of a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at which the Grand Registrar said, in the course of a discussion on another topic, "It is as bad as opening a Board of Installed Masters, which is directly contrary to the mode of business authorised by the Grand Lodge at the Union in 1813, and would be an entirely new object of departure." It would, we feel assured, be interesting to many of our readers if they could possibly learn what was "the mode of business authorised, &c., in 1813," and we should ourselves be thankful to see "chapter and verse" for things which we do, as well as for what we leave undone, in respect of Masonic working.

OBITUARY.

We record with great regret the deaths of no less than five distinguished members of our order which have occurred during the present month. They are those of—

Bro. E. Simpson, P.P.G.P., of West Lancashire, the oldest Past-Master of Lodge Fortitude, No. 281, who died on the 12th inst., in the seventy-second year of his age, and who was interred in the presence of some forty brethren on the 15th, in Lancaster Cemetery.

Bro. John Watson, *J.P.*, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of Nottinghamshire, a Mason of long standing, having been initiated as far back as 1833 in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham. By the death of this distinguished brother, the craft generally loses one of the brightest and most capable exponents of its principles.

Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W., East Lancashire, and Chairman of the Charity Committee of that province, who had been a member of our order for over 24 years, having been initiated in the Stamford Lodge, No. 1069, Manchester, on the 16th January, 1865, succeeding to the chair of W.M. in 1868. He was connected also with other Manchester Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters wherein particularly his loss will be deeply felt.

Bro. R. Brown, P.P.G. treasurer, West Lancashire, a member of the firm of Brown, Barnes and Bell, photographers, of Liverpool, who was initiated in the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, about twenty years ago. In addition to his connection with several Lodges and Chapters in the craft, and also with higher degrees in Freemasonry, he was Hon. Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, and to his earnest services much of the success thereof is mainly due. His remains were interred in Anfield cemetery on the 18th inst. amidst general expressions of regret.

Bro. W. Nott, P.P G., J.W., of Wiltshire, who was initiated in the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in 1864, and held many important offices in his province in several masonic degrees. Bro. Nott also edited the very excellent calendar for the province of Wiltshire, and outside masonic service was a prominent volunteer held in high esteem as major of the second battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment. His funeral was largely attended, there being some thousands of spectators who witnessed the assemblage of Freemasons, Volunteers, and representatives of public bodies to pay their "last sad tribute of respect to departed merit." Over his remains his comrades in arms fired three volleys, and sounded the first and last "posts;" his brethren in masonry deposited "acacia;" the Odd Fellows sprigs of thyme, as emblems of immortality, and his sorrowing relatives and friends wreaths and crosses of choice and beautiful flowers. The town of Devizes was in mourning throughout the day. The masonic burial service was read at the grave by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Grand Chaplain, and there were many of the most distinguished freemasons amongst the large number of craftsmen who were present.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 20th inst., W. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., presiding. There was a large muster of members and brethren. An acknowledgment from a brother at New Zealand of former assistance which had enabled him to advance his prospects in life was read, and gave much satisfaction. Recommendations which had been made to the Grand Master for grants amounting to £380 were confirmed. Forty-four applications from London and the provinces for relief were considered. Of these, four were dismissed. Five others, in consequence of further necessary information being required, were deferred. Thirty-five cases were relieved, of which one was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, and eight for £50 each; three were recommended to the M.W.G.M. for £40, and seven for £30 each; there were ten grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one of £5; the total of the evening's grants being £1,085.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have been reading with interest about "Soldier Masons," and I wish to tell you why I am not at present a member of any lodge. The regiment to which I am attached left India in November, 1885, and instead of coming to England as intended, we went to Africa and stayed there till November, 1886, but expecting orders to leave every month. When we did come home the regiment went to Norwich. After having been there about seven months (May, 1886) we went to Colchester. We left there in April, 1887, and went to Manchester; while there I visited the Blair Lodge several times on invitation. Again in April, 1888, the regiment left and went to Leeds, and I came here to Birmingham with a detachment. On the 11th of this month I was invited by a brother to the Temperance Lodge, and received a very warm welcome. In responding to the toast of my health, etc., as a military visiting brother, I gave a short address which I send you to do what you like with.* I would willingly join the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, but unfortunately we leave here about the middle of next month for Scotland; so you see that the continual shifting about prevents me joining a lodge and do credit to it. They say we shall remain in Edinburgh two years—I hope so. I have served offices as S.D. of Star of Agra Craft Lodge, No. 1936, and M.O. of Taj Mehal Mark Masters Lodge, No. 298, East India; and am also a R.A. Mason. What I have learned I have not forgotten, and I have confidence that I can still carry out the work and duties of the offices I mention.

I am very glad that you are taking up the cause of Military Masons. It is very interesting to read about them. I was told by a civilian brother in Manchester that he was surprised to see a *soldier* a "Freemason." Fraternally yours on the ⌊,

Sergt.-Farrier W. WILLIAMS, 13th Hussars.

Birmingham, March 22nd, 1889.

* *We find space for this admirable address in another column.*—ED. M.S.

SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your admirable Leader on the above subject on the 21st inst., it appears to me that the position of these Military brothers has not been put to you as clearly as it might have been.

In 1882, H.R.H. The Field Marshal Commander in Chief recorded his orders much as follows: "I have no objection to a soldier being a Freemason, but I disapprove of Military Lodges," and I have no doubt the motives of H.R.H. would be fully understood by every officer and N.C. officer of experience in the service, but as the only military warrants are 316, 352, 497, 528, 748 and 824, the order is probably of much older date, as some of these lodges are fast approaching their centenary, hence it follows that Rules 155, 156, 157 and 188, in the "General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft," do not apply to soldiers at all unless they b long to the Royal Scots, Royal Warwick, Suffolk Reg., Somerset Lt. Inf., 1st Batt. East Surrey, or the 2nd Batt. R. I. Fus., excepting so far as the general rule applies about initiating no soldier below the rank of a corporal.

Now in H.M. Service there happens to be a large body of Royal Engineers, Horse and Field Artillery, Army Service Corps, besides Departmental Corps and 173 regiments, besides the six mentioned above, and I suppose it will not be contended that Civil Lodges and these six regiments have a claim to monopolise the benefits of the Craft.

What has been applied for and refused is an ordinary warrant with a hope to get Bye Laws sanctioned that would confer the same privileges on military brothers stationed at Shorncliffe Camp as are granted at other military stations and nothing more.

Yours fraternally,
W. PERRY, I.P.M., Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Can you give me your opinion of the following case? A brother is duly announced on the usual summons to be raised to the Third Degree, but owing to pressure of business it has to be postponed to the next ordinary lodge meeting, occurring two months later. By an oversight of the Secretary all reference is omitted in the next summons. Could the raising in this case be legally proceeded with?

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

*** *Certainly.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

STEWARD.—The address of Mdlle. Eva Norini, the vocalist, is 23, Colville Road Mansions, Notting Hill. We should have written to you but your request for information arrived too late for use.

C. H. MIDGLEY.—You can resign at any time, taking care to clear all your dues to the Lodge in the country: and you are free to join a Lodge in London, whether you resign the country Lodge or not.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, No. 700, at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford Square, Woolwich, on Tuesday evening next, April 2nd, at 7 p.m., Bro. J. G. Milbourn, I.P.M. 13, Section Master; Walter Martin, P.M. 879, S.W.; E. C. Talbot, 1310, J.W.; and H. Tufnell, 700, hon. sec.

——The annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction will take place on Friday, 5th April, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of R.A. Masons, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

——At the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, Hackney, on the 22nd inst., Bro. Campbell, W.M., after the business of the evening the sum of five guineas was voted to Bro. Caton's list for the Boys' School. Arrangements were made for the delivery of W. Bro. James Stevens' Lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," on the 12th April next.

——The Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Bro. W. G. Nottage, W.M., will be to-day, March 28th, engaged in the melancholy duty of paying a "last sad tribute of respect" to the late Bro. John Whitehouse, the Senior Mason of the province of Berks and Bucks., whose remains are to be interred with full masonic honours at Slough. The brethren will assemble in the Herschel Masonic Hall, Slough, at 2.30 p.m.

——The Beaudesert Lodge, No. 1087, at Leighton Buzzard, Bro. A. W. Tooley, W.M. purposes to hold on the 29th inst. (to-morrow), a Lodge of Sorrow, in tribute of respect to the late Bro. Gotto. P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Beds. and secretary of the lodge, who deceased on the 19th inst.

The Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, held a meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday last, the 25th inst., when Bro. Edward Pettit was most ably installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Henry E. Vickers, I.P.M., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren.

The Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, held its anniversary festival at the Masonic Temple, Barmouth, on the 20th inst, W. Bro. H. J. Hart, W.M., presided, and there was a very large attendance; the D.P.G.M. North Wales, Col. Henry Platt, P.G.D. Eng., was present during the business of the meeting, which included Installation of Bro. W. Chas. Logan, as W.M. The banquet was served at the Marine Hotel.

IT is best at all times for Masons to keep the interests of the Blue Lodge nearest their hearts. The Lodge is the base of the Craft, and when that fails all else is like a rope of sand.

MASONIC OFFICERS.—The officers of Masonic bodies give character to the Fraternity, and while merit ought to be the criterion for office in every case—civic as well as Masonic—the large majority of the members of our Fraternity evidence, by their actions, that the chief requisites for office in Masonry are ability, character, and a name that is held in good repute in the community. The best and noblest representative element should be the office-bearers of our Fraternity. However exalted Freemasonry may be in its principles, it should be exemplified in practice by its members, and especially by its officers, in order to maintain its ancient and honourable prestige.—*New York Dispatch.*

Point—Left—Right.

I am rather late in the field with my appeal for funds from the readers of THE MASONIC STAR, on behalf of the wife and children of the late Rev. Bro. J. G. Wood, the prolific writer on Natural History, but better late than never. Our worthy brother was a member of Lewis' Lodge, Ramsgate, a Grand Chaplain in Mark Masonry of England, Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire (Apollo Lodge), and a member of rank and standing of the Royal Arch, St. Paul's, and others; so says his son, whose letter is before me. Bro. Wood has done more than any other man who ever lived in modern times, to make Natural History more relishable to the million. He was an indefatigable worker among the subjects of the lower kingdom, and "the poor fellow literally died in harness."

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"He was on a lecturing tour, caught a severe chill, took to his bed at Coventry on the Saturday, and died on Sunday. His last thoughts were about his wife and children. He wrote a few lines in pencil to his wife, bidding her adieu, and giving what directions he could about some works and articles he had left unfinished." Now, brethren, this is one of those cases which demands the fulfilment of the masonic creed. We give money freely, not always wisely. Let us give a little here, for *here it is deserved* and will be well applied.

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Contributions to the fund, addressed to "THE DRUID, MASONIC STAR, 59, Moor Lane," *will be acknowledged in this column, and will be forwarded direct to Messrs. Hammond & Co., the Bankers of the Fund, when the contributions have ceased. If every reader of* THE MASONIC STAR *sends me no more than a shilling, we shall be enabled to donate the very handsome sum of several hundred pounds to the wife and six children of the illustrious deceased.*

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A bucolic advertisement worth rescuing from the oblivion of a daily paper:—

MILK.—Lad wanted for small round, well schooled to business; good wages to smart boy; no duffers who cannot sell milk; must rise with the sparrows in morning, chirrup as loudly, finish the day as early, and live as they do, out.

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The cast for *Calumny*, Bro. Malcolm Watson's new play, is now complete, and comprises Miss Wallis, Miss Robertha Erskine, Miss Dairolles, Bro. William Farren and his youngest son Frank, Mr. Arthur Elwood, Bro. Fred Terry, Mr. Matthew Brodie, and others. The piece will be produced on Thursday afternoon, April 4th, at the Shaftesbury Theatre, for the benefit of Bro. W. H. Griffiths, the acting manager. The first act is laid in London, and the second and third in Paris.

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John Bright is dead. He was not a mason, but the loss is ours. In the words of a daily contemporary—"We do not think of John Bright as of a champion fallen in the thick of the fight, a leader and king of men snatched from our eyes and loves, but as a grey old warrior borne peacefully to his rest in the quiet days when the cobweb stretches across the cannon's throat. Dead indeed is he with all his honors thick upon him. He was a bright example of what a man may become, and every member of our order would have welcomed their ability to have placed their sprigs of acacia on his grave. But I say again, the loss is ours.

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It is not often we hear or read a respectable speech from the ordinary member of a Masonic Lodge. Replies to Toasts are usually of the "massage" order of treatment, or, you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. The W. M. says, with a serious look upon his placid countenance, "I—think—brethren—that—when—I—say—we—have—in—brother—Johnny—a—man—and—a—mason—who—has—given—his—time—AND—fortune,—brethren,—to—his—lodge," &c., &c. And Brother Johnny swells his manly chest, and answers the brethren that he has done nothing but what his love of Freemasonry and his admiration for that excellent brother who occupies the Master's chair, &c. When, therefore, we read a speech such as that delivered to the members of the Temperance Lodge at Birmingham, on the 11th of March, we are somewhat surprised that such ideas come from the brain of "the common soldier," as a foolish fellow expresses himself in a letter to my Editor, which he wisely refuses to publish.

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The "common soldier" indeed! The author of this remark has not lived in the world as long as I have. His intellect and ideas must be of a very, very "common order."

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Dramatic Memo.—Hurry up for the last nights of *Dorothy*. The bewitching little maid will warble her warnings to love-sick maidens but a few nights more.

Don't miss Bro. Lonnen's benefit at the Gaiety on Monday afternoon the 1st prox. Let us give him a right-good benefit—not that I think he wants one—and try and make him weep with gratitude. The bill of fare has innumerable courses.

Advice Gratis.—Go and see *Macbeth*, *Richard III.*, *The Balloon*, and *Merry Wives of Windsor*. Instead of booking your seats, go in the pit, have a crust of bread and cheese instead of a supper at Romano's, and send the difference between the expenditure, real and estimated, on to THE DRUID.

WOOD FUND.—I have to acknowledge the following contributions:—A., 2s. 6d.; B., 2s. 6d.; C., 2s. 6d.; D., 2s. 6d.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

The annual general meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James', the Right Hon. Bro. Joseph Chamberlain, *P.C.*, *M.P.*, in the chair.

The meeting, which was influentially attended, particularly by masons, was densely crowded, scores being unable to obtain admittance. There were present, amongst others, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.C., Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Capt. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P.; General Lord de Ros, The Earl of Belmore, Sir Edward Birkbeck, Bart., M.P.; Admiral Sir John Corbett, K.C.B.; Capt. J. Sydney Webb, Deputy Master of the Trinity House; Sir Francis Outram, Bart.; Admiral Beamish, Mr. A. B. Forwood, M.P., Secretary to the Admiralty; Sir Joseph Pease, Bart., M.P.; Mr. Robert Birkbeck, Mr. R. U. Penrose Fitzgerald, M.P.; Colonel Colville, C.B.; Sir John Coode, Mr. L. T. Cave, Mr. C. G. Prideaux Brune, Admiral Ward, Mr. W. H. Lyall, Colonel FitzRoy Clayton, Admiral Robertson Macdonald, Bro. Charles Dibdin, the Secretary; Captain the Hon. H. W. Chetwynd, R.N., Chief Inspector of Life-boats, and many others.

It was announced that letters regretting their inability to attend the Meeting had been received from the Dukes of Abercorn and Norfolk, the Duchess of Buccleuch, the Marquis of Ripon, the Earls of Carnarvon, Derby and Strafford; the Earls Percy and Waldegrave, the Countess of Rosebery, Lords Robartes and Windsor, the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., and several other Members of Parliament; the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Mayors of Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, and others.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE CLAPTON LODGE—No. 1365.—W. H. Caton, W.M. A regular meeting was held at St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., on Thursday last, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Caton, W.M.; J. Tucker, S.W.; W. D. Church, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M. and Treas.; W. Lutwyche, P.M. and Sec.; D. Campbell, acting as S.D.; G. Quirk, J.D.; C. E. Luker, I.G.; W. W. Futcher, D.C.; J. H. Thompson, Wine Steward; W. Finch, H. Oldham, J. Balkin, P.M's.; C. Stanger, R. E. Fairclough, E. C. Robinson, J. D. Geddes, W. Cathrow, G. Kett, E. J. Farries. Visitors—J. Stevenson, 1579; R. G. Keston, 2077; W. A. Finch, 2256; James Stevens, 1216, P.M.; H. W. Garrod, 749; W. F. Cathrow, 1733; E. Brooks, 766, J.W.; S. A. Stanger, 12, J.D.; J. Bunker, 1158, P.M. The work of the evening *comprised the raising of Bro. E. C. Robinson, the passing of Bro. John David* Geddes, and the initiation of Mr. Ernest Toller Mursell Norcutt, each ceremony being well performed by W.M. and officers. After the dispatch of routine business and the closing of the lodge, supper was served in the large dining-hall of the Great Eastern Hotel Restaurant. It was announced in course of the evening that the W.M. Bro. Caton intended to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Boy's School, and his list was made up to some forty or fifty guineas as a commencement of his Stewardship. The visitors expressed themselves highly delighted with the whole proceedings of the evening, which, after abundant harmony, terminated at a reasonable hour with the Tyler's toast. A pleasing episode in the proceedings arose from an incidental remark made by one of the visitors in returning thanks, that the W.M.'s regard for Masonry had induced him to sacrifice his pleasure in sharing the home enjoyments of the evening, which was the anniversary of the birth of his wife, Mrs. Caton. This called forth much enthusiasm amongst the brethren, and "health and long life to Mrs. Caton" became "the toast of the evening" to which the W.M. responded with much feeling and in admirable terms.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE—No. 1321.—Held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, 21st inst.—W. Bro. Henry Esling, W.M.—Bros. J. Price, S.W.; F. J. Potter, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., treas.; T. G. Cooper, P.M., sec.; W. Kent, S.D.; R. H. Davies, J.D.; W. J. Harris, I.G.; J. Wheatcroft, steward; E. Beeson, A.D.C.; Theis-Boyell, I.P.M.; Hunter, P.M.; Kirkaldy, P.M.; Edgington, P.M.; Englefield, P.M.; T. Merton Clarke, org.; Marshall, Andrews, Bamnell, Salisbury, W. O. Welsford, G. Hartley, J. Howell, F. W. Chowles, J. H. Evans, E. L. Berry, H. Matthews, J. H. Muggridge, G. E. Grimes, and Walter Monk. Visitors: W. Bro. J. A. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; J. Darby Allcroft; N. Ruffin, La France, 2069; G. H. Cantle, 1538, org., MASONIC STAR. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Andrews was raised to the rank of an M.M. The lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bros. Merton Clarke and Muggridge were elected members of the lodge. After the lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet, served in Bro. Pearce's well-known style. The toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," were proposed by the W.M., and met with a true emblematic response. The "Visitors" toast was then proposed, coupled with the names of Bro. Fitzgerald, P.M., and Bro. Cantle. Bro. Fitzgerald thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the visitors, with his usual eloquence. The joining members—"Treasurer and Secretary"—toasts followed. Bro. Boyell, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was received with *éclat*. W. Bro. Esling briefly replied, and said the way in which the compliments had showered on him proved his labour was not in vain. The officers' toast was proposed and responded to by all the officers. It fell to Bro. E. Beeson, A.D.C., to make the humorous speech of the *evening. He said in his capacity (A.D.C.), he had little to do with the welfare of* the brethren while in the lodge. His task seemed to be to criticise and test the menu, and in this he thought he had done his duty. After many witty remarks, which convulsed the brethren, he wound up by thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. The "Tyler's" toast was then given as a final. During the evening Bros. Davies, Harris, Kirkaldy, E. Beeson, Fendick, and others, acted as vocalists. Bro. Merton Clarke presided at the piano.

LEY SPRING No. 1598.—The election meeting was held on Thursday, 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Present:—Bros. Robert Stevens Walker, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Arber, J.W.; Allaway, treas.; Buscall, P.M., sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Dipple, D.C.; Graves, org.; Pargiter, P.M.; Roberts, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Langdon; Margett; Plenderleith; Smyth, P.M. 929; Smith, Hipkins, Thomas, Galloway, and Bawtree. Visitors: Bros. Burns, 1071, and Charlie Woods, 869. The lodge was in mourning through the lamented death of Bro. Sampson, I.P.M., to whose widow and family a vote of deep sympathy was ordered to be conveyed. Bro. Turner was elected W.M., and Bro. Allaway re-elected treasurer. Bros. Langdon, Plenderleith, and How, were elected the audit committee. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Walker on his retirement from the chair of K.S. At the social board the usual loyal and masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm. Bro. Buscall, P.M., sec., proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. Walker,

expressing regret for his illness during the year of office. Bro. Walker, W.M., responded, thanking the brethren for their kindness. He had never had such a long period of illness before. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Bro. Burns, 1071, thanked the brethren for their kind reception and masonic welcome. Bro. Woods, 1869, also responded. He considered masonry a grand reality, and would remember this visit as a *red* letter day. The other customary toasts were duly honoured. The harmony of the evening was increased by some capital songs from several members, Bro. Graves, org., presiding very ably at the piano.

BROMLEY SAINT LEONARD LODGE—No. 1805.—Meeting at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, on Tuesday last. Present:—Bros. H. Johnson, W.M.; R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; J. Collier, treas.; W. M. Mead, sec.; Tom Green, S.D.; G. E. Warn, J.D.; C. Lewsey, I.G.; W. J. Roberts, S.S.; W. T. Potts, J.S.; J. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. Peterken, and J. E. McLaren, P.M.'s; Bros. Captain Sir John Colomb, *K.C.M.G., M.P.*; Speiro, Selby, Barnes, Fennell, Griffith, Davis, Howard, Wingfield, Flynn, Oates, Donaghy, Hankey, Bussey, Bird, Mitchell, Humbridge and Hutcheson. Visitors:—Bros. G. Brown, P.M. 169; J. W. Gibbs, org.; C. J. Tigon, P.M., and Alex. Paterson, S.D., all of the Coborn Lodge, 1804; James Evans, 1260; Davison, 1382; Stewart, 1716, and W. Blackwood, Cumberland Kilwining 217. Bros. Capt. Sir John Colomb, *K.C.M.G., M.P.* (of Lodge No. 13, Limerick I.C.), was elected a joining member, and Mr. A. S. Bird was duly initiated. Bros. W. Griffith and G. Hutcheson were passed to the second degree; and Bro. G. H. Fennell was raised to the degree of M.M. Propositions were made for election of member, and of four candidates for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge is to be congratulated on its continued increase of strength. A very agreeable evening was spent after labour had been completed.

PROVINCIAL.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT—VENTNOR.—THE YARBOROUGH LODGE—No. 551—Held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bro. Fredk. P. Ansle, W.M.—Bros. *T. H. Clough, I.P.M.*; *A. Houston, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.*; J. J. Webber, P.M., as S.W.; J. S. Ineson, J.W.; F. H. Sheppard, S.D.; W. D. Bidgood, J.D.; W. Cole Norman, I.G.; Wetherick and Tuddenham, stewards; E. A. Swane, sec.; C. Small, tyler, Tolman, Longmuir, and other brethren. Visitor: W. H. Millett, St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was successively taken for two gentlemen proposed at the last regular lodge, and having proved satisfactory, they were initiated into the Order by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The charge was ably given by Bro Sheppard. Bro. Millett was proposed and elected a joining member. The charity box was circulated, and the lodge then closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Tolman's for supper, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several songs and recitations were given; amongst others the W.M. recited the "Masons' Vows," and the "Working Tools" in a most touching and feeling manner. Bro. Sheppard also recited the "Ancient Bro. of Damascus," all three of which appeared in the MASONIC STAR.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On the 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford.—Bro. D. O. Scott, W.M.—Bros. C. H. Sharman, S.W.; H. Visger, J.W.; C. Blanchard, S.D.; G. Pickering, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., preceptor; Walter Smith, treas.; C. Atkins, sec.; A. A. Drew, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; Hardy Smith, A. Norris, P. McCarthy, W. Robin, C. Thomas, J. Noyes, J. A. Sheldon, H. G. Walker, &c. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hardy Smith as candidate. The W.M. delivered the traditional history in a most able manner. The lodge was lowered and called "off and on." In M.M. degree the brethren practised entry drill, and the respective lodges were closed in due order. Bro. C. H. Sharman was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

STAR—No. 1275.—On the 23rd inst., at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. This meeting was of a most interesting and instructive character. On the invitation of the lodge, through its preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, the entire work of the evening was left in the hands of the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. , who attended in goodly number, and by their appointed officers gave their hosts an opportunity for judging how closely the workings of the respective lodges assimilate. Bro. G. Pickering, of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, opened the lodge and presided during E.A. degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Noyes being candidate, and the work was ably performed by the Ravensbourne members. Bro. McCarthy, P.M., presided in the F.C. degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Faulkner acting as candidate. Bro. A. A. Drew presided in the M.M. lodge and rehearsed the third ceremony, Bro. E. C. Percy-Stevens being candidate. In each degree the officers were advanced in rota to their several positions, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost regularity. The musical service, conducted by Bro. Newell, the organist to the receiving lodge, was perfect. At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction for their attendance and admirably smart working, which was heartily acknowledged. Several new members were accepted, and the meeting adjourned. The following, amongst other brethren, were present, in addition to those above named:—Bros. Skelton; Visger; Blanchard; J. D. Wilkinson, sec.; Newell, org.; Dale, P.M.; Skudder, P.M.; Tilling, P.M.; Waterman, P.M.; Carey, P.M.; Goode, P.M.; Jas. Stevens, P.M.; Eedle, P.M.; Turpin, Morley, Kemble, Clark, Bird, Mullis, Morgan, Thomas, Ashby, Sandford, Clark, Noyes, Vonberger, Faulkner, Ray, Nightingale, Stevens, Black, Lazarus, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, Frood, Penrose, and Best.

TEMPERANCE—No. 169.—On the 22nd inst., at the Railway Tavern, New Cross Road, S.E.—Bro. Turpin, W.M.—Bros. Dale, S.W.; Speight, J.W.; Robeson, S.D.; Laphard, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; Milbourn, preceptor; Vellenoweth, sec.; Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Smith, and Penny. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Laphard, candidate. The 2nd section of lecture was worked by Bro. Milbourn, preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Laphard, 147, and Smith, 33, were elected members, and Bro. Dale, P.M. 169, was elected W.M. for the 1st Friday in April.

PROSPERITY—No. 65.—At the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Tuesday, March 19th. Present:—Bros. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, W.M.; Talbot, 65, S.W.; *A. Valentine*, J.W.; *L. Da Costa, 1349, S.D.*; *Fisher, 192, J.D.*; *Sarson, 192*, I.G.; B. Da Costa, 1349, Deputy Preceptor. Also, Bros. Haller, W.M. elect 65; Roberts, P.M. 65; Dyson, P.M. 65; Cary, 1625, sec., and about 20 other brethren. The third degree was worked, Bro. Freyer, candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." Bro. Dyson, P.M. 65, proposed, and Bro. Roberts, P.M. 65, seconded, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Moss for his past services as Preceptor. Both these brethren made eloquent speeches recognizing Bro. Moss's worth, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. Moss thanked the brethren and traced the lodge history from the time when he was first elected preceptor, and expressed his sorrow at leaving the lodge after a preceptorship of close upon ten years. A testimonial was presented to Bro. Moss on his leaving for South Africa, which consisted of a sum of nearly 60 guineas. Bro. Moss again thanked the brethren, and bade farewell to the lodge, the brethren, in accordance with ancient custom, giving him for the last time "Hearty Good Wishes." A Masonic Benevolent Association was afterwards formed, and the first meeting appointed for the 26th inst.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 22nd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., M.E.Z., and Preceptor; V. T. Murche H.; Benedetti, J.; Stone, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Addington, Wicks, Briant, R. C. Davis, H. Martin, G. L. Moore, C. Wilson, and Neeld, P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington, candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Benedetti for his able work as "J" for the first time. Comp. Murche was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, MARCH 28th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte St.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hotel, Ilford
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
13	Hiram	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
	(Last) FRIDAY, MARCH 29th.	
R.A.C.		
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St, E.C.
K.T.		
26	Faith and Fidelity	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
	(Last) SATURDAY, MARCH 30th.	
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
	(1st) MONDAY, APRIL 1st.	
12	Fortitude & Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
69	Unity	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
83	United Lodge of Prudence	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
256	Unions	F. M. H.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
1625	Tredegar	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E.
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1883	Caxton	F. M. H.
2020	St. Botolph's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T.
1704	Cable	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
Mark.		
5	Mallet and Chisel	8a, Red Lion Square
K.T.		
127	Bard of Avon & Drury Lane	8a, Red Lion Square
	(1st) TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd.	
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101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.

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	(1st) TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd—*continued.*	
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1259	Duke of Edinburgh	Cape of Good Hope Tav., Comrcl. Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1693	*Kingsland*	*Railway Hot., Highbury, N.*
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
Mark.		
236	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
350	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
355	Royal Savoy	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
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511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1491	Athenæum	*Athenæum, Camden Road, N.*
1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1328	Granite	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
Mark.		
	Grand Masters	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
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10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	*Anderton's Hotel, E.C.*
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., *Basinghall Street*, E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H
1155	Excelsior	White Swan, Deptford.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1804	Coborn (? April 11th)	Vestry Hall, Bow
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's	F. M. H.
181	Universal	Ditto
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
1716	All Saints (? April 14th)	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
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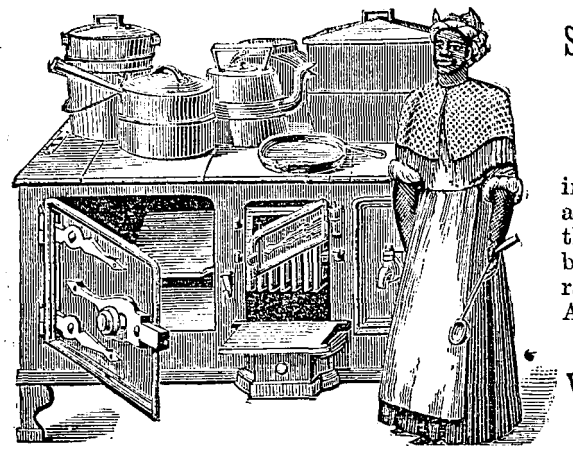
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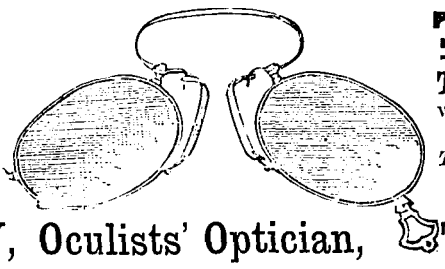
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Boards of Installed Masters.

WE are compelled to give prominence to this subject once more by the nature of the many communications from brethren beyond those we have published. They all express a great interest in the question, the majority, especially from the provinces, maintaining the propriety of the ancient practice of opening and closing of a Board or Lodge in the Installed Master's degree in due order and perfect form as Lodges in other degrees are opened and closed, and none objecting thereto if it is not irregular or against duly constituted authority. It is evident that, to those who know the "proper method," the present careless and perfunctory manner in which "constitution" is effected jars most strongly upon their notions of what is proper in Masonic working. To others who are ignorant of the practice and procedure connected with this portion of Ritual, uncertainty of what is or is not permitted, and the absence of any direct intervention from whomsoever may be the actual and determinate authority, is most irksome.

It is said that this subject is one the discussion of which in public masonic journals is not advisable; but those who say so can adduce no stronger argument against such discussion than can be put forward for the same purpose, as against what has been for years, and will continue to be, discussed in relation to other portions of our ritual. Why not say at once that the difference between the brethren desirous for the retention of the old custom and the beautiful teaching it conveys, and those whose apathy and indifference would delete it altogether from the work of our predecessors, ought not to be subject of debate at all? For where else can the divergent opinions be expressed and considered with any prospect of a settlement? In Grand Lodge? No! And we need not enlarge on the reasons for they are known to all who have ever of late years attempted to promote reform in masonic work, or to set wrong right. In the Board of General Purposes? Again No! for the business of that Board does not apparently extend to the governance of the Lodges in aught else but the performance of official duties, the maintenance of order, and the adjustment of differences when such unfortunately arise and particulars thereof are brought to their notice by aggrieved or presumably aggrieved brethren. Any question of ritual raised in that section of the governing powers in English Freemasonry would soon be set to the right about, and the intrusive questioner be speedily met with an unmistakeable rebuff. What other authority is there then to whom the ruler of a masonic province who may charge as an irregularity that which has been the custom during many decades before power was given him, and the doyen of Freemasonry in the district which he governs can prove has been of immemorial usage, and will not surrender whilst he can loyally retain without disloyalty, can refer for a satisfactory settlement of so vexed a question? We know of none, and it is this very want of a qualified arbitrator, whose ruling shall be binding, and whose dictum should be enforced, that the craft now suffers so much disturbance, not only on this point of procedure, but in many others of equal importance

It must be that in 1813, not more than 76 years ago, and therefore, most probably, within easy reach of proof, there was or was not a MS. form of ritual and ceremonial relating to a board of Installed Masters, to which, at that period, direct reference was made in other portions of masonic work. It is certain that there are now extant several written and some printed copies of that formula, and these latter were never challenged as being otherwise than faithful re-productions of the former, nor was the performance of ceremonial in accordance therewith ever prohibited. Now, if in 1813 the framers of craft ritual prepared such form of ceremony, where is the MS.? It does not seem to be at all out of place to say some one must know, and that such knowledge should be readily communicated, without necessity arising for continued questioning. On the other hand, there may have been no such formula. If that is the case, how came it that the performance of the ceremonial was ever permitted—nay even encouraged—and made an integral part of the work of some of our oldest and best provincial lodges? Was there no authority then to rule its practice an irregularity? Can we suppose that if there had been it would not have been exercised and the practice discontinued?

We need not now argue the point that if the board of Installed Masters was never more than a name the reference thereto in our installation ceremony is ridiculous and inconsequential. It would not help the objects our

correspondents have in view either to discuss this, or the necessities for proof of an Installed Master's entitlement to the position he claims, by his ability to communicate certain "signs, tokens and words," of which the great majority of rulers in the craft are as ignorant as the merest tyro in freemasonry. What is now required is best expressed in the concluding sentence of the letter of our correspondent J. S. H. (see page 98). "The question raised as to irregularity in the use of this formula is an important one, and ought to be at once answered. If it really never was part of the authorised work of the United Grand Lodge, its use should be firmly discountenanced, otherwise it is too beautiful and instructive to be lost."

With this we heartily concur.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I miss this week, and for the first time, one of the most interesting features of your journal—the Poet's Corner. I trust this will be continued. Failing the contributions of members of the Craft who have already contributed, and a further supply from the writings of our deceased brother, Robert Morris, whose masonic poetry has been hitherto unapproached, I shall have to send you some of the old-fashioned masonic ditties. I don't know why they called a masonic poem a ditty, except that the terminals of the verses almost always ended in *ity*, but they did. They had little frivol*ity* about them, however, and no joll*ity*, and they had a strong family resemblance. They were full of solemn*ity*, and divin*ity*, and placid*ity*, and although char*ity* appeared prominently, as it should in everything masonic, there was no hilar*ity*.

The monotony is occasionally varied by an *ety*, as in sati*ety* and sobri*ety*, but even these are not cheerful words, and although they naturally lead up to "Lurli*ety*," which is a word our Swiss friends use (and one which, I am informed by a friend of mine, used actually to be in vogue in this country when he was a boy coming home early from market—I think Covent Garden, but am not sure) I have never seen it used in masonic poetry.

Now and again we get *ality*. I think one writer got so far as jovi*ality*, but he apparently composed his ditty late at night. I was going to say we want a little mor(*e*)*ality*, but there is plenty of this in the old-fashioned masonic ditty.

We want a masonic verse that we can *sing*, or at any rate *recite*, and although we should prefer original music (if we cannot get original metre), such a one as the parody on "Here's to the Maiden," which appeared a few weeks ago, serves the purpose. I don't like, however (I don't say "we" because you are "we" and *you* may), a Dibdin drinking chorus, tacked on to moral not to say religious words, as in the "song" appearing in your issue of the 21st March.

Yours fraternally,

Clapham, March 28th, 1889. Friar Tuck.

P.S.—Here's one which may be worthy of insertion. It has only one *ity* in it.

King Solomon, that wise projector,
In masonry took great delight;
And Hiram, that great architector,
Whose actions will ever shine bright;
From the heart of a true honest mason,
There's none can the secret remove,
Our actions are justice, morality,
Friendship, and brotherly love.

We meet, like true friends on the level,
And lovingly part on the square;
Alike we respect King and beggar,
Provided they're just and sincere.
We scorn an ungenerous action,
None can with Freemasons compare,
We love and we live within compass,
By rules that are honest and fair.

We exclude all talkative fellows,
That will babble and prate past their wit,
They ne'er shall come into our secret,
For they're neither worthy nor fit.
But the person that's well recommended,
And is found to be honest and true,
When our lodge is well tyled we'll prepare him,
And like masons our work we'll pursue.

There are some foolish folks who reject us,
For which they are highly to blame,
Though they cannot show any objection,
Or reason for doing the same.
The art's a divine inspiration,
As all honest men must declare,
So here's to all true hearted brothers,
That live within compass and square.

The task of converting Bacon's Hotel in London into the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been entrusted to Bro. C. H. Driver, G.M.O., who built the Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, and Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., P.G.D.C. Although the general scheme of decoration is to be Italian, the two beautiful Queen Anne rooms are to remain intact. One is to be reserved for the use of the Prince of Wales, and the other will be assigned to his deputy. The works are to commence immediately, and the inauguration of the building will take place towards the close of the year. Great Queen Street will wear quite a freshened appearance when this new facade is finished.

LODGE MEETINGS.

Lodge of Unity—No. 183.—The Lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Monday the 25th ult. Present: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M.; H. Hooper, R. Corsham, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S. Richardson, G. R. Eangley, G. W. Pinnach, F. W. Zimer, A. J. Hirsch, R. P. Angel, W. E. Watson, W. Newbold, G. Pragnell, W. J. Godwin, J. A. Goudge, J. D. E. Tarr, T. C. Tassell, A. Cook, E. Wareham, A. O. Side, W. F. B. Watts, F. W. McIlwraith, and Thos. Heath. Visitors: J. Dorton and C. R. Higgins of 1076; W. Hopekirk, G. Pt., and J. Kew of 179; F. P. Lister and H. Nilson, W.M., of 1293; A. Rolley, W.M., 1524; J. Godwin, 1343; F. A. Smith, W.M., J. H. Hastie and T. Edmonston, of 1669; H. Sprake, 2192; Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Mdx., N. F. Dalville, of 1607; W. B. Trick, 1366; L. Hirsch, 1818; G. J. Oxford, 1949; W. P. Brown, 90; J. Harling, 30; P. Sullard and H. G. Cubitt, of 2020; J. S. Tavener, 1044; W. A. Brown, 1567; A. Blenharn, 1558; C. Quilter, 51; and P. Phillips, 820. The report of the Permanent Committee was read and adopted. Bro. J. A. Goudge was raised to the third degree. Bro. H. Hooper, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the Lodge and invested and appointed his officers as follows:—R. Corsham, S.W.; J. W. Oliver, J.W.; G. P. Britten, treas.; G. W. Speth, sec.; G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S.D.; F. W. Zimer, J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; S. Richardson, D.C.; G. W. Pinnoch, W.S.; A. O. Side, A.W.S.; G. W. Speth, org.; L. G. Reinhardt, tyler. The presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Francis, of a P.M. Jewel by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, evoked great enthusiasm and after the ordinary routine work the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The toasts and speeches were of the usual kind and need no special comment, but the applause with which the W.M. was greeted was remarkable for its warmth and spontaneity, and was perhaps even excelled in both these qualities when the health of the I.P.M. was proposed. Harmonious as this lodge has ever been, it is evident that these two officers are special favourites. The vocal music provided by the members and visitors was above the average of amateur work, and the evening from beginning to end was one of the pleasantest and most successful we have ever spent. One little fact mentioned by the secretary struck us as curious, viz.: that although this old lodge has been uninterruptedly at work for 120 years, doing its duty staunchly and bravely in every respect, it has never had a Grand Lodge Collar conferred upon one of its members. As one of the visitors remarked, this is possibly owing to its great modesty.

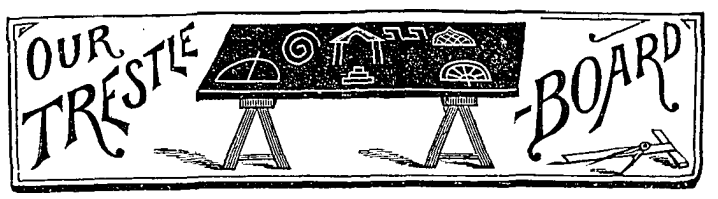
Corinthian Lodge—No. 1382.—The lodge met on Wednesday, 20th ult. There was a very full attendance, including 63 brothers of the lodge and 19 visitors. Bro. Cornelius McLeod was duly installed as W.M., succeeding Bro. Sidney C. Hill. The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. J. Deloes, P.M., in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his officers for the following year:—Bros. J. Perry, S.W.; E. Penniston, J.W.; A. H. Oakley, sec.; R. J. Pitt, S.D.; G. A. Saunders, J.D.; S. J. Limn, I.G.; A. J. Deloes and W. Blois, stewards; Wm. Millington, P.M., D.C.; G. Thornton, org.; and J. Williams, tyler. Bro. Carnaby was invested as treasurer. A summary of the receipts and expenses for the year was presented to the lodge. The sad and almost sudden death of Bro. Geo. Limn, P.M., was reported. Bro. Limn has been conspicuous in masonry, as one who has ever worked zealously and nobly on behalf of distressed brothers, their widows, and orphans. His loss will be deeply and widely felt. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Bro. G. Limn. After voting five guineas to a needy brother, and hearty thanks to Bro. Deloes for working the installation ceremony, the lodge was closed. A large number of brethren accompanied the W.M. to the installation banquet, which was served by Bro. Host Clark in his usual able style. On the removal of the cloth the loyal and masonic toasts were given. In many replies warm congratulations were given to Bro. Deloes upon his return to the lodge after a long and trying illness. During the evening a magnificent wreath, intended for the funeral of Bro. Limn on the morrow, was passed round the lodge for inspection. The brothers refrained from singing, &c.

The installation meeting of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, London, on the 19th ult., when, after Bros. Brown and Moody had been passed to the second degree, Bro. C. H. White was installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. His predecessor, Bro. Jenkins, performed the ceremony, and was ably assisted therein by Bro. P. M. Boulton, as director of ceremonies. There was a goodly muster of brethren, including nine past masters and numerous visitors. A banquet and musical entertainment followed labour.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting of this lodge was held at Mason's Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bros. J. H. Gaskin, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; H. Whitehouse, J.W.; J. K. Pitt, Preceptor. The working was the first and second degrees, Bro. J. L. Barrett candidate. A vote of sympathy was unanimously accorded Bro. W. Paddle, P.M., &c., who has sustained a severe domestic affliction in the death of his daughter. It was decided to promote a "smoking concert," to take place at the end of April. There will be two ballots for the Benevolent Fund on Thursday next, the 4th inst, at 8 p.m. Members of the lodge are earnestly asked to attend.

Star Chapter—No. 1275.—On Friday, 29th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Murché, M.E.Z.; Wingham, H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.Z.; Addington, A.S.; Eckersall, Latham, H. Martin, Patrick, and Comp. Allison, a visitor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall candidate. Comp. Wingham was elected M.E.Z. for the 12th inst., as the popular Preceptor. Comp. F. Hilton, will preside, on Friday, the 5th inst., at the annual supper.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

"O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as ithers see us!" sang our dear Bro. Robert Burns, in "days o' auld lang syne," before railways and telegraphs, to say nothing of tape writers and telephones. Now-a-days, the "giftie" can be ex-press-ly had without the prayer for it, and it is, philosophically speaking, good that it should be so. We have a mirror set before us in the pages of the *Canadian Craftsman* and the *South African Freemason* respectively, but for the moment fail to recognize our likeness on its surface. Says the *Craftsman*:—"The Masonic Star views canvassing for office from the human standpoint, and is evidently satisfied to allow humanity to grope along in the dark without offering a word of advice, and pointing out wherein it errs. This is its deliverance:—'Where two individuals are put in nomination for the same office, 'tis not in human nature to avoid solicitation for support from friends, and so far canvassing is not to be condemned. Indeed, the candidate would be extremely foolish if he did not ask for that which he would be glad to receive; and would deserve defeat.'"

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Eh? Surely this is not *our* face! "Evidently satisfied to allow humanity to grope along, &c." That line was never natural across *our* brow, and ought not, we fancy, to be pencilled in any "counterfeit presentment" of ourselves. But, you say, we wrote what has been quoted? Why, cert'nly! and, what is more, we stick to it. We do not thereby admit that contentions for a Masonic Office which establishes a public reputation or distinction, should exist. As a matter of fact there is but one such Masonic Office in England (always excepting that of our M.W.G.M.) the determination of the craft in regard to which extends beyond the four walls of a lodge. And we have made it plain what we should like to see adopted in relation to next year's disposition of that office and the avoidance of a canvass.

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Let us see what preceded our remark. Here it is—Dec. 20th. Quoting the *South African Freemason* on the subject of electing officers:—"Wherever the system of electing officers is carried on extensively, wrangling, touting, canvassing, and unmasonic recrimination follow. It is not pleasant to read of the election of a D.D.G.M. in a sister colony exciting much interest, or that canvassing is being actively carried on. We do hope that the English Grand Lodge is not going to introduce the thin end of the evil wedge." We agreed with that expression of our contemporary's opinion, and in the words which have been charged against us expressed our assurance that "wrangling, touting, and unmasonic recrimination" would not characterise the then forthcoming or any subsequent election in our Grand Lodge; continuing "but where two individuals, &c.," as above. There! Brother *Craftsman!* now wipe off that disfiguring line which spoils an otherwise passable portrait; it's not fair drawing.

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Another glance at the mirror—in this instance presented by the *South African Freemason*. Commencing a capital article on "Innovation in Ritual" (which we shall certainly borrow now or presently, for it is worthy of general perusal by all who care for uniformity in masonic work) our contemporary says:—"Our youthful contemporary The Masonic Star, has lately been devoting considerable space to breaking a lance with the constantly increasing tendency to introduce unauthorised alterations in the working of the Craft degrees. Now, we are at a loss to recognise the Star's zeal in defence of the time-honoured ritual, with its very *prononcé* radicalism in other matters masonic, &c."

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What! Oh, that carmine on the cheek is far too well *prononcé* (we can't do better than crib, in this instance, a really good term), to make the portrait a fair presentment. That is, of course, if we take the word "radical," according to one dictionary definition, as "in its *modern acceptation* one who would carry changes in government to their utmost limit." That is not our complexion, and we'll have none of it! But whatever may be the colour to represent a strong desire for reform and better management under existing and constitutional law, a change from apathy and indifference to energy and care for our ancient landmarks and customs, our primitive, original (these be other definitions of the same word) speculative Freemasonry, let our portrait painters lay in a large stock of it, if they have any wish to produce a faithful representation. Our banner's border's beautiful BRIGHT blue, and our radicalism about equal to that of our lost Tribune. We have not so much red in our composition as could cover our face with a blush.

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Is it worth while reminding our contemporary that though we, as a journal, are "youthful," as a personality we have largely engaged for more than twenty years in the advocacy of sundry reforms both in management and ritual for which the English Craft have loudly expressed a desire? It is the fact, nevertheless; and we entertain the belief that, though success has not in every respect attended our efforts, they will not be altogether lost, and that if not in our day, in those to come after us they will bear fruition.

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The new Masonic Monthly, which has been started in Madras, under the title of *The Madras Masonic Record*, thus remarks:—"A masonic paper may be compared to a Jack-in-the-box. It springs into existence suddenly. After a time the relentless force of circumstances forces it back into obscurity, where it remains until something again sends it forth." It then proceeds to discuss the question as to whether or not the repetition of the experiment is worth while, and to give reasons why a much greater support should now be given to journals which are devoted to the interests of masonry and masonry alone, than was accorded to them in days gone by. We agree with our new contemporary's remarks, and wish the new paper every success.

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It is certainly most gratifying to find ourselves so frequently and so flatteringly referred to by the foreign and colonial journals. The free use that many of them make of our pages proves their reliance on the nature of our judgment in regard to masonic literature, and evinces a spirit of fraternal kindness, good feeling, and fellowship, which we should like to see exhibited much nearer home. To show how highly we appreciate their style of action, we paraphrase the often quoted advertisement, and say "Foreign masonic journals, please copy."

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We have received from Bro. John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass., a copy of a newspaper criticism on certain proceedings connected with the installation of a Master in a Lodge of Perfection—the title given to an assemblage of brethren connected with Masonry in the higher degrees. It has been published by vote of De Witt-Clinton Council 16th degree, and we make bold to say it would have been better if that vote had not been made. The result is the unnecessarily increased publicity of a very scurrilous and personal attack on a probably much respected and successful citizen of Worcester, made in the pages of a non-masonic paper by a correspondent who evidently not only was entirely ignorant of his subject, but spoilt his attack by an over discharge of spleen. In such a case the masonic virtue of *Silence* should have been adopted, and that, in conjunction with contempt for the writer and the journal that encouraged him, would have been far preferable than the extensive advertisement this pamphlet has afforded.

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Bro. the Rev. H. J. Whymper has forwarded to us an interesting little pamphlet, privately printed for him in India, which forms a collection of some 140 "Triads in Masonry," the collection of which was suggested by a *MS.* in Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," library entitled "The Triad in connection with the Craft and Royal Arch," compiled by W. Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M., P.Z., 65. Bro. Ferry's *MS.* accounts for 78 of these 140 Triads, the exceedingly common use of which in Freemasonry has not been satisfactorily accounted for, although various Masonic writers have given the subject their attention.

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We wish it were not a matter personal to ourselves that we are about to refer to, but even that consideration, which at other times generally has great weight with us, shall not, in this instance, prevent our remarking, in the interests of the Craft, on the narrow-minded policy and absurd threatenings of a Past Master, as set forth in a letter from Punjabi in the correspondence columns of this issue. It is the ridiculous assumptions, of the character described, the result of crass ignorance and bigoted prejudice—of which we regret to say there is far too much to be found in the Freemasonry of a certain class of men of the present day—that make the moral teachings of the "level" so very difficult to practice, even within the four walls of our lodges. How much more may it be advanced as a justification for the increase of that class distinction amongst members of the Order which is surely growing, and that most rapidly, to the detriment of the Institution as a factor in "uniting men of every country, sect and opinion."

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Men who can spit venom in such paltry fashion, never could have had in their inmost nature the essential qualities of a Freemason. They ought never to have been "taken and accepted;" have never known what Freemasonry means, and never will. The honoured title of P.M. is a mockery unto them, and is made, in the minds of men who have held masonic principles in view throughout their career, almost of none account when one of their body can so far forget what is due to his position. For shame, Bro. P.M., for shame! You have well justified our late refusal to give publicity to a letter of yours on account of personality, and now—well, you may say *we* are a little personal! For once we may be; the offence to masonry is great, and deserves reproof. The littleness of the sting you sought to inflict, and the absolute unimportance to ourselves of its effect, make it pitiful that you should have arrived at the position you hold without a knowledge of masonry's purest lessons.

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"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." This applies to our craft in an accentuated manner, judging by the following, which appears in the columns of last Saturday's *City Press*:—"Freemasonry.—For the year ensuing Bro. Turner has been elected W.M. of the Ley Spring Lodge. At the last meeting of the members at Anderton's Hotel, the headquarters, the W.M. appointed as his officers the following gentlemen, viz., Bro. Allway, treasurer; Bros. Langdon, Plenderleith, and Hon. Audit Coe (*sic*). A jewel was voted to Bro. Walker, the immediate Past Master." What our contemporary intended to say was "Bro. Turner was elected W.M., and Bro. Allaway re-elected treasurer. Bros. Langdon, Plenderleith, and How were elected *the audit Committee*.—*Verb sap.*

The annual installation meeting of the "Hubert de Burgh" Chapter Rose Croix, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the 26th ult., when Bro. J. Bourdeaux was installed as M.W.S. The ceremony was ably performed by Ill. Bro. G. F. A. Smythe. During the proceedings a splendid album, suitably engraved, was presented to the chapter by Bro. Andrew James Crane, of Folkestone, a member of the chapter. The brethren partook of an excellent banquet after the chapter had been closed.

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BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have been interested in the recent correspondence in your journal relating to the installation ceremony, and the proper constitution of a Board of Installing Masters, which seems to me, in the due order of things, a necessary ceremony.

In "A Text Book of Freemasonry" in my possession, that reference to a "bleak mountain" to which you allude does not occur, and, in common with many others, I consider the beautiful address to the brethren at the conclusion of the installation ceremony is improved by its omission.

I have a copy of the formula for opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters, and should be pleased to send you same for your inspection, and which came into my hands from those of a distinguished Cambridge Freemason.

"The question raised as to irregularity in the use of this formula is an important one, and ought to be at once answered. If it really never was part of the authorized work of the United Grand Lodge its use should be firmly discountenanced, otherwise it is too beautiful and instructive to be lost." Yours fraternally,

March 30th, 1889. J. S. H.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The fiat has gone forth! The generous support which THE MASONIC STAR has given to the "common soldiers" is about to receive the usual reward. Empty your inkstand! burn your foolscap! and break your pen! The handwriting has appeared on the wall. The youngest and best-loved of all the Masonic journals must "face to the East, unclothe, and untyle." And why? Because "P.M. 1436" has said, "I will turn THE MASONIC STAR out of the Sandgate Lodge!" Mind, Bro. Editor, this means the loss of the magnificent sum of one penny per week. How can you exist, do you think after this, and the reward you were threatened with *in re* the management of the Charities? No; put up the shutters: sound a retreat; all's lost, save honour. I had hoped differently. I thought that the brave atttempt to right our wrongs "a better meed had well deserved." But it was not to be. So—

"Farewell, a long farewell, to all your greatness!
This is the state of the Masonic Editor: to-day he puts forth
The tender leaves of his prospectus; to-morrow publishes,
And bears his blushing honours thick upon him:
The third day comes a frost, a *fraternal* (!) frost;
And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely
His circulation is a ripening—nips his root,
And then he falls,—as you do." But, I hope, to rise again.

Yours fraternally,

PUNJABI.

"WORKING" IN LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Kindly inform me how many brethren are required to be present in a lodge—(1) at an Initiation; (2) Passing; (3) Raising; (4) at the proposal and ballot for new member, and (5) on an alteration of bye-laws. The constitutions are silent on the subject, and so are the bye-laws of my lodge. The 2nd Tracing Board is the only place where any light is thrown on it, and these are disputed readings of it. Again—(6) If a member of a lodge gives notice that he will propose that the bye-laws shall be altered on the next lodge night, and he states what those alterations are to be, due notice of which is given to every member of the lodge; but on the next lodge night he is not present, and the matter is adjourned. Can the proposed alteration be discussed and made at an "emergency" meeting or not, or must it be at the next regular lodge.

Yours fraternally,

"JURISPRUDENCE."

*** (1) *Seven, or more.* (2) *Five, or more.* (3) *Three, or more. As to the manner in which certain work is to be done in the respective lodges, that is not the present question. The numbers we state accord with the sectional instruction of our lectures.* (4 *and* 5) *Seven is the limit in each case.* (6) *Every proposer of a motion should be in his place to move at the proper moment, failing which the W.M. need not proceed; but after notice given by summons in ordinary course, we believe any member present can take up the proposition. If the lodge adjourns on the discussion for the purpose of debate at an emergency meeting, the decision of such meeting, after due notice of place, time, and business shall have been given in accordance with the book of constitutions, is binding, subject to the confirmation of the minutes at the ensuing regular meeting of the lodge. This opinion is given with all possible reserve, as the necessary portfolio constituting an authority on masonic jurisprudence is not in our keeping.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

Wm. W., Shortbridge.—Glad to hear you have the consent you wanted. Any suggestions you think we can give you ask for, and you shall have them.

OBITUARY.

We are extremely sorry to hear of the decease of the wife of V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, *J.P.*, P.G. treas., &c., which sad event occurred at Brixton, London, on the 24th ult. Not only in masonic circles, but in local matters of importance has the influence of our distinguished brother and his late wife been felt for many years in their generous donations and assistance; and the deceased lady herself was but second to her husband in the sacrifice of time and money in aid of all deserving institutions. In common, we feel assured, with all our fellow craftsmen, we sympathise with Bro. Marshall, his family and immediate connections, in the loss which they and many members of the communities they have patronised have sustained.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, the senior mason of the Province of Berks. and Bucks., and the oldest member of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was carried out at Slough, on the 28th ult., with full masonic honours. Our greatly esteemed brother had reached the ripe age of eighty years, during fifty-eight of which he had been married, celebrating his golden wedding eight years ago, and now leaving widow, son and two daughters to mourn their irreparable loss. We should have been glad, if space had permitted, to publish an interesting biography of this worthy brother, as supplied to us. It may be summed up in a few words such as we could desire to be applied to every member of our Order. A good citizen; a pleasant friend; a faithful husband; a loving sire; a thorough exemplar of square, level and plumb in all their moral significations; esteemed in all society, and an honour to the Craft. The local papers contain lengthy accounts of the interesting proceedings connected with the imposing masonic ceremony accompanying the last tribute of fraternal affection for a most worthy brother, which were admirably carried out under the direction of W. Bro. William C. Nottage, the W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge. The following oration was delivered over the grave of our deceased Master by W. Bro. Page, the Immediate Past Master :—

"Brethren,—The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living. From them we are to derive instruction and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various mementoes with which we daily meet, notwithstanding that death has established her empire over all the works of nature, yet, through some unaccountable infatuation we are apt to forget we are born to die. Some of us go on from one design to another, add hope to hope and lay out plans for the employment of many years till we are suddenly alarmed by the approach of death when we least expect it, and at an hour, which, amidst the gaieties of life, we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence. Others, as in the case of our departed and lamented brother, grow to a ripe and honoured old age and live to see their hopes and cherished ambitions realized. But, my brethren, what are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth or even the high estimation of the world, when nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on this last scene, view life stript of her ornaments and exposed in her natural meanness, you will then be convinced of the futility of those empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled and all distinctions for ever done away.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The new Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire is the R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., and late the Deputy Grand Master for that province, and who succeeds Bro. Col. Tudor in that high station. Bro. Col. Bindley, of Burton-on-Trent, has been appointed D.P.G.M. With such a number of colonels at the head of its masonic affairs, the province of Staffordshire should consist of a well drilled and disciplined body of craftsmen, and from all we can gather it does, for it has been, and doubtless will continue to be, well looked after by its Grand Officers.

Agricola Lodge—No. 1991.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate. There were present W. Bros. A. M. White, W.M., P.A.G.P.; Major A. H. H. McGachen, P.M., P.P.A.D. of C.; Captain F. Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D G.S.D., Malta; Bros. J. H. Taylor, S.W., P.G.Stewd.; J. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; J. Eccles, treas.; Captain J. Thomson, sec.; J. Wilson, chaplain; W. H. Wigham, S.D.; G. Manton, J.D.; T. Laverack, D. of C.; J. Sutcliffe, org.; T. N. Lathom, I.G.; D. Young and J. W. Dow, stewards; E. Osborne, tyler; and about 22 members and 5 visitors. Successful ballots having been taken for two joining members and for one candidate, the W.M. initiated the latter and another candidate who was successfully balloted for at the previous regular meeting, and passed two brethren to the second degree. The S.W. (Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.G.Stewd.), was then elected W.M.; Bro. J. Eccles was re-elected treasurer; Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; and G. Manton, J.D., were re-elected auditors; and Bro. E. Osborne was re-elected tyler for the ensuing year. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the remainder of the evening spent in social intercourse, the usual loyal and other toasts being given, interspersed with songs, &c., rendered by the brethren.

Bro. Major W. W. Turner, W.M. of Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, opened his lodge at the Freemason's Hall, Lewes, on the 29th ult., and raised Bro. Whitelock to the M.M. degree. He also initiated Mr. T. R. Hunt, both ceremonies being ably performed. Bro. W. Wright, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. R. White (Mayor of Lewes), was re-elected treasurer. A P.M. jewel was voted to Bro. Major Turner on his retiring from the chair, his year of office having been marked by a fair amount of excellent work in the ceremonies of the three degrees.

The officers of the South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, Lewes, Sussex, were elected on the 27th ult., Comp. A. Holman being for the second time chosen first principal. A P.Z. jewel was voted to Comp. G. E. Chapman, for his services during the past year as M.E.Z.

The masonic jubilee of Bro. M. B. Bircham, a Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, No. 1114, was an occasion of significance at the last regular meeting of the lodge at Fakenham, Norfolk, on the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. G. Curson, presided, and a large number of brethren were present. After the business of the lodge, which included the raising of Bro. Dr. Powell to the third degree, and the voting of a sum of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a special presentation P.M. jewel, towards the cost of which the members of the lodge had subscribed, was presented to Bro. Bircham by the W.M., accompanied by many complimentary expressions in relation to that worthy brother's masonic services. Bro. M. B. Bircham was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Athelstane Lodge, No. 19, on the 13th March, 1839.

The installation of Bro. Major-General Thomas Cumming as W.M. of the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the 28th ult., was attended by some fifty brethren, members and distinguished visitors. The proceedings were excellently carried out, the ceremonial of installation performed by W. Bro. Major Moore, I.P.M., being faultless, and receiving a cordial vote of approbation. This lodge is officered by "Soldier Masons," and those "told off for duty" this year are selected from the highest grades of "non.-coms." Sergeant F. Cassidy, of the Military Police, was initiated into the Order in the course of the evening, which terminated with a banquet and musical entertainment.

There was an imposing Masonic ceremonial at Bristol in the 27th inst., the occasion being the installation of the R.W. Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Prov. G.M. in succession to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who has recently resigned on account of his increased public duties occupying so much of his time as to render it difficult for him to devote the attention to his Masonic duties that he could have wished. Bro. Powell is a very old Mason, having been initiated so far back as 1843 in the Moria Lodge, now known as the Moria Lodge of Honour, No. 326, of which he is the oldest subscribing member. He attained the high rank of D.P.G.M. in 1853, acting under the late Bro. Shute, the then R.W.P.G.M., and subsequently the Earl of Limerick, who was installed as Grand Master of the province of Bristol in 1867. Bro. Powell also holds the high position of P.G.D. of England.

Royal Jubilee Chapter—No. 72.—The March meeting of this old chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, the 14th instant. The chapter was opened by the principals, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. There being no business before the chapter, the lecture of the first chair was given by ex-Comp. E. Waller, P.Z.; the second lecture by ex-Comp. Axford, H.; and the lecture of the third chair by ex-Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., Scribe E. The other members present were:—Ex-Comp. L. S. Fontaine, M.E.Z.; A. Darch, J.; Comps. C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, P.S.; E. Lewcock, first asst. soj.; and N. Turner. The only visitor was ex-Comp. F. W. Driver, P.Z. The members dined together at the close of the business.

Point—Left—Right.

A special waggon has been chartered to convey the P.O.O.'s from this office to the bankers, re the Wood Fund, and the whole proceeding has been a source of great delight to the printing boys of the neighbourhood. It is impossible to give the name of each subscriber and even the amount of his subscription, but we will summarise them in one which bears the name of "East Lancashire," whom I heartily thank for his donation of half-a-crown. Of all the thousands of masons who read my column weekly, there is but a solitary brother who can afford a trifle to so worthy an object. To keep everyone in countenance it was suggested that half-a-crown should be the maximum gift as far as this office was concerned. We have reduced our luxurious living to make this provision, and we had hoped hundreds of brethren would have made the sacrifice also. Oh! my brothers, my brothers, I am ashamed of you.

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But remember the fund is *not* closed for weeks.

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A very sensible suggestion has been made by Bro. W. G. Nottage, W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, as to the visiting of brethren to strange lodges in their own province. The suggestion is really so sensible and so good, that I would defer my comments until I have had the opportunity of visiting the Windsor Castle Lodge next week. The young master of this lodge is he who carried out so splendidly the funeral arrangements of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, who was, at the time of his death, the senior Freemason in the province of Berks. and Bucks.

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A prodigy in masonry has at last been discovered. He has been raised but a few months, is already a member of four craft lodges, has been advanced in Mark Masonry, will enter into the office of Junior Warden this month, has developed a scheme for founding a lodge of which I believe he wishes to hold all the offices in his own person. I would wish this prodigy all success in his furious zeal for the purples of Freemasonry. But—"there is betwixt the smile we do aspire to, the sweet aspect of princes and their ruin, more pangs and fears than war or women have, and when they fall they fall like Lucifer——."

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I would advise the brethren of a certain lodge in the province of Berks and Bucks to let the matters of their accounts and the officers lately connected therewith be treated in future as ancient history. It is bad form to revert to such subjects, when "massaging" the present officers of the lodge. These little things do more harm to masonry than open warfare, and the man who uses them to emphasize his remarks, sinks very low down indeed. *Delenda est Carthago.*

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A beautiful little story reaches me regarding the kindness of our Princess Christian. A certain kindly disposed old man was escorting an unfortunate young person to a home where it was thought her evil ways might, by better associations, be discarded. The pair were seen by the Princess at a London terminus, and she recognised in the "unfortunate" a previous servant of her employ. Enquiries were evidently made, for two days after, the well disposed old man received a letter from the Princess, who, with a few kindly remarks, enclosed the sum of three pounds to pay the expenses of the young girl. The Princess Christian has a heart that is big enough to hold the good opinions of the whole world. She is a Past Grand Mistress of all that is beautiful in the refinement of human nature.

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I have referred the query that was made to me by Bro. Robinson the other evening to my Editor who says that a brother *may* enter his lodge if it be regularly composed and *demand* to be raised whether the raising be down on the agenda or not, but subject, of course, to the will of the W.M.

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I am ever, dear readers, in very great haste,

Yours fraternally,

The Druid.

A very successful meeting of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge was held on the 20th ulto. Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., presided, and a P.M. jewel was voted to him. Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. H. J. Adams was re-elected treasurer.

Secretaries *v.* Masters.—How many bodies are governed from the Secretary's table instead of from the East! How many Masters fear the autocrat who records the proceedings, who has sat for years at his desk and dictated the proceedings and rulings! The Master is the responsible officer and should assume the responsibility. First preparing himself for the position, not filling it for the honor, he should resolutely assume its duties, and, if the members have elected a recording officer who assumes he is the body, it is an easy matter for the presiding officer of any body of Masons to relegate him to his proper place.—Albert P. Charles.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and the tailor the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed. —*Trestle Board.*

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I.B.—We have much pleasure in publishing the following official statement as a satisfactory evidence of careful tuition and training :—University Local Examination, Cambridge, December, 1888; Honours—2nd Class: A. Blunt, J. P. Seagrave, and J. P. Templeman; 3rd Class: F. F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, F. A. Herring; and the following satisfied the examiners: S. H. Bevis, J. Bloomfield, S. W. Gibson, F. W. Lewis, N. McCaskie, J. Shaw, L. Taylor, and J. E. Walters. There were nineteen candidates sent up, and fourteen passed, six with honours and eight to satisfaction of examiners. The report is signed by Bro. Morris, the head master, who with his staff is to be congratulated on the favourable result of the examination.

R.M.I.G.—W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, has undertaken the duties of Chairman at the forthcoming festival of this Institution, to be held on Wednesday, 2nd May, and we shall hope to find that not only by his province, but generally throughout the craft, he will be well supported. Notwithstanding the exceptionally large contribution at the Centenary Festival of this institution last year, there are abundant reasons, and some of even more importance than heretofore, why the stewards' lists on the 2nd prox. should total to nearly if not quite as much as in the years immediately preceding the centenerary celebration. For one thing, it is proposed to increase at next election the number of pupils and inmates by so many as twenty, and that in itself will add materially to the coming year's requirements. With all this on our mind we cannot, however, refrain from adding, *Brethren, don't forget the boys in June!*

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Madras Masonic Record for March; *Proceedings of Grand Commandery Knights Templars of the State of Louisiana*, 1889; *Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M.'s of the State of Louisiana*, 1889; *Proceedings of the District Grand Chapter of the Punjab; Triads in Masonry*, Whymper; *Latomia*.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his popular lecture on the ritual of the first degree, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," in the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, at the "Lord Stanley," Sandringham Road, Hackney, on Friday, the 12th inst., at 7 p.m.

——The General Committee of R.M.I. for Boys will meet at F.M. Hall, London, on Saturday next, at 4 p.m.

——The General Committee of the R.M. Benevolent Institution will meet at F.M. Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

——Bro. Augustus Harris will be installed Eminent Preceptor of the Bard of Avon and Drury Lane Preceptory of Knights' Templar, at 33, Golden Square, London, on the 6th inst.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The 20th of March last past was the appointed day for the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the installation of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., as the first M.W.G.M. of the new Grand Lodge. Our advices will doubtless bring us, in due course, particulars which will be of a very interesting nature, and, as far as space will permit, they shall be communicated to our readers.

The death of the Deputy G. Master of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, the R.W. Bro. J. Y. Lang, a P.M. of Lodge Caledonia, is a loss greatly to be deplored by our Indian brethren, and will be felt by many members of the craft nearer home. All the Scottish lodges in India have been placed in mourning, and a memorial service in honour of the deceased brother has been held at Bombay. We note that Bro. K. R. Cama, a member of the well-known Cama family, of which our brother D. P. Cama, Past G. Treasurer of England, is also a member, took part in this service, and paid a just tribute to the memory of the lamented deceased.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (1st) THURSDAY, APRIL 4th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H
1155	Excelsior	White Swan, Deptford.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1804	Coborn (? April 11th)	Vestry Hall, Bow
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's	F. M. H.
181	Universal	Ditto
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
1716	All Saints (? April 14th) ...	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, APRIL 5th.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1489	Marquis of Ripon...	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
Mark.		
8	Thistle	F. M. T.
	(1st) SATURDAY, APRIL 6th.	
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane
K.T.		
127	Bard of Avon and Drury Lane..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(2nd) MONDAY, APRIL 8th.	
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
957	Leigh	F. M. H.
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
2243	Argonauts	Cromwell Hall, Putney
R.A.C.		
22	Mount Sion	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
Mark.		
44	Florence Nightingale	M. H., Woolwich
	(2nd) TUESDAY, APRIL 9th.	
96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Air Street, Regent Street
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
548	Wellington...	White Swan Tav., Deptford
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.

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	(2nd) TUESDAY, APRIL 9th—*continued.*	
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2127	Drury Lane	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane
R.A.C.		
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
185	Jerusalem	F. M. T.
Mark.		
22	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th.	
3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
11	Enoch	Ditto
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William St., Woolwich
15	Kent	F. M. H.
147	Justice	White Swan, Deptford
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse, E
1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.C.
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Gt. Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street
1586	*Upper Norwood*	White Hart Hot., *Upper Norwood*
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
2272	Rye	Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane
R.A.C.		
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
Mark.	Old Kent	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity...	F. M. H.
206	Friendship...	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
879	Southwark...	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1216	*Macdonald*...	*Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles*, Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle Leadenhall Street
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1716	All Saints'	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
86	Sampson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
R.C.R.		
44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

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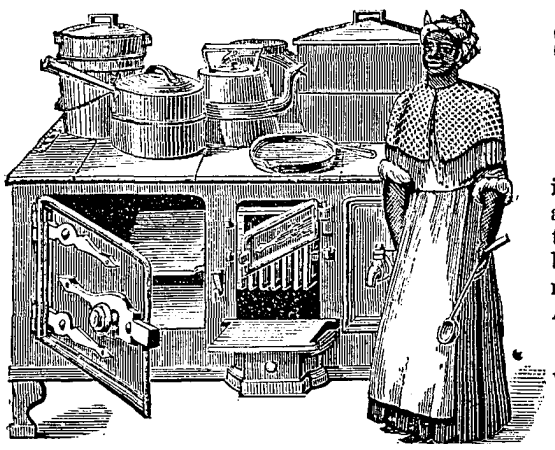
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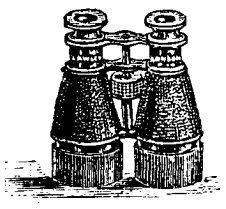


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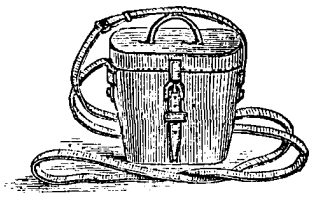


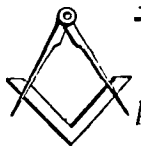
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The Masonic Schools' Elections.

IN view of the approaching Elections for children into the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively, and which are appointed to be held, that of the Boys', on Friday, the 26th inst., and that of the Girls', on Saturday, the 27th inst., the following items of information may be found acceptable to our readers. The Boys' list (we take the elections in order of date) comprises so many as 72 candidates, of whom 11 make their final application on the 26th, and the number of vacancies to be filled are but 17—not quite a fourth of the number of applicants. We presume that those members of the Craft who have any interest whatever in either of these school elections have also qualified themselves for the receipt of a proxy paper for the purpose of voting in one or the other, if not in both. We need not, therefore, particularise the cases to which we wish to draw attention otherwise than by numbers; by reference to which, brethren will be informed of the nature and necessities of each individual case. The final application cases are Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 24, 38, 47 and 62. No. 2 brings forward 988 votes; No. 3, 414; No. 4, 18; No. 9, 1677; No. 11, 1160; No. 16, 473; No. 18, 55; No. 24, 336; No. 38, 790; No. 47, none on first application, and No. 62 is a first (and last) application. As we have said, the merits of these respective last application cases are set forth in the list, and it is for the governors and subscribers to the Institution to determine the amount of support to be rendered to each. If it were at all probable that the eleven cases would be returned as successful, we may be sure that a general desire would be expressed for that result; but all former experience is against such expectation. The necessity for competition, where the demand for benefits exceeds the power of supply, is obvious, and however much we may feel grieved that hopes and expectations may have been raised only to suffer overthrow after much labour, and oft-times expense, there is no help for it. Our candidates must stand the "hazard of the die." But it is in the power of most of us to mitigate to a considerable extent the amount of resultant disappointment, by giving an earnest consideration to the particulars set before us in our proxy papers; and, being free from any pledge to be guided by the wishes of others, or the antecedent obligations of agreement as to disposal of votes in blank, polling for just those cases whose necessities appear to be most pressing, or are on the verge of annihilation for want of some small amount of further assistance. Of the eleven cases we have especially referred to, six at least should be further snpported by those who have as yet their proxies unpromised and at disposal. The competition at the ensuing election will doubtless be severe, as but one in four can be successful, and this makes the prospects of the eleven much more gloomy. The remaining 61 have yet other chances, but against such of the eleven as are not placed amongst the fortunate 17, the doors of the Institution will be closed for ever.

For the Girls' School, the election in respect of which is to take place on the 27th inst., there is issued a list of 74 approved candidates. In this instance, as in the Boys' school, there are but 17 vacancies declared; but there can be but little doubt that the proposal to declare at the Quarterly General Court twenty further vacancies will be carried, and the number will thereby be increased to 37, or exactly one-half of the number of candidates. The final applications are Nos. 1, 13, 14, 41, 49, 58 and 67. No. 1 brings forward 1520 votes; No. 13, 2564; No. 14, 788; No. 41, 558; No. 49, 14; and Nos. 58 and 67 are first (and last) applications. Considering that exactly half the number of candidates must prove successful, there appears to be strong hopes for all these seven cases, especially for the first four. No. 49 is a Northumberland case, and will doubtless have a generous support from that strong province; No. 58 should have interest from the districts of Bermuda and Malta, and the province of Hants and the Isle of Wight; and No. 67 is the only Herefordshire case on the list.

It is in the interest of these *last cases*, in both the school elections, that we have thought fit to make the foregoing remarks, and for the sake of the children themselves, and the credit of the craft, we trust they may have some weight in securing sufficient support to carry them fairly to that goal which their relatives and friends are desirous of reaching for them. We know that the heart of every Freemason goes out towards these poor children, and that their failure on this occasion would meet with much

sympathy. To all those brethren qualified to vote, and who have not yet quite pledged themselves to individual cases, we submit the propriety of considering these final applications in preference to any which may not be so extremely urgent.

May we take this opportunity to suggest to the voters at the ensuing elections that they should strictly follow out the directions given on each proxy paper for recording their votes. A large number of votes are lost at each election by the attempt to do more than is required; and, moreover, the labours of the scrutineers are increased by the difficulties to which a departure from the simple instructions give rise. The number of votes given to a candidate should be written in plain figures against the name of the applicant for whom they are intended, and no other mark beyond the signature of the voter, which is all important, should appear on the proxy paper when polled.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The insertion of my letter on the 28th ult. encourages me to send you another, together with what the ancient masonic joker who perpetrated it designates a "masonic lay."

When I wrote you before, I had not investigated the "lays," and my observations must be taken to have been strictly applicable to the "ditties." I observe that the lays as a rule avoided the "ities." I fear that some of your readers may think it is as well they did. (This conceals a subtle joke which some of your more acute readers may discover, but I don't like to italicise my jokes.)

If you have other means of filling up the corner next week you can let this lay by (another joke, though I don't like to call attention to it), *until there is a vacancy.*

This "corner" is one of the very few that masons ought to support. As a rule corners want sweeping out, but yours wants filling in.

Fraternally yours,
FRIAR TUCK.

Air—"By Jove I'll be free."

To the science that virtue and art do maintain
Let the muse pay her tribute in soft gliding strain;
Those mystic perfections so fond to display,
As far as allowed to poetical lay;
Each profession and class of mankind must agree,
That masons alone are the men who are free.

Their origin they with great honour can trace,
From the sons of religion and singular grace;
Great Hiram and Solomon, virtue to prove,
Made this the grand secret of friendship and love.
Each profession, &c.

The smart and the beau, the coquet and the prude,
The dull and the comic, the heavy and rude,
In vain may inquire, then fret, and despise,
An art that's still secret 'gainst all they devise.
Each profession, &c.

Commit it to thousands of different mind,
And this golden precept you'll certainly fi d,
Nor interest or terror can make them reveal,
Without just admittance, what they should conceal;
Each profession, &c.

Fair virtue and friendship, religion and love,
The motive of this noble science still prove;
'Tis the lock and the key of the godliest rules,
And not to be trusted to knaves or to fools.
Each profession, &c.

The Israelites knew their friends from their foes,
By signs and by characters; then why should those
Unbelievers profane, be permitted to pry
Into secrets that masons alone should descry?
Each profession, &c.

The dunce he imagines the science and art,
Depends on some compact or magical part!
Thus men are so stupid to think that the cause
Of our constitution's against divine laws;
Each profession, &c.

Push about the brisk bowl, let it circling pass;
Let each chosen brother lay hold of his glass,
And drink to the heart that will always conceal,
And the tongue that our secrets will never reveal;
Each profession and class of mankind must agree,
That the sons of old Hiram are certainly free.

The consecration of the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, West Lancashire, took place on the 25th ulto., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, when nearly 100 brethren attended the ceremony. W. Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.G.S.W. performed both the consecration and installation ceremonies, and was ably assisted by several distinguished members of the craft and officers of the province. The W.M. designate, now W.M. for the ensuing year, is Bro. Robert Foote, P.P.G. treas., West Lanc. The proceedings terminated with a banquet, and the inauguration of the lodge was in every way most successful.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

ALBANY.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The installation meeting of the Plantagenet Lodge, No. 1454, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Albany, on the 12th February, when Bro. Cuthbert McKenzie was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Arthur Thompson, P.M. There was a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the work in lodge and subsequent refreshment afforded general satisfaction.

SYDNEY.—The largest funeral ever seen in Sydney was that of the late Bro. Alexander Munro, whose decease took place in the early part of February. On the afternoon of the day of interment, the whole of the business places in Singleton were closed. The masonic service and oration at the grave, by the Rev. J. S. White, D.D., will, it is said, be long remembered by the brethren and others who were present. Freemasons and Odd Fellows attended in large numbers in craped regalia, and every possible evidence of respect was paid to the remains of the lamented deceased, whose many acts of charity had endeared him to all with whom in life he had been associated.

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A Masonic Hall, to cost £1,000, is about to be erected in Casino.

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The Freemasons of Jamaica have had it in contemplation for some time to set up a memorial of their late D.G. Master, Bro. Dr. Hamilton. It is not simply as the head of English Freemasonry in this island that the memory of the worthy gentleman is cherished; but as a great and good Mason generally, proved by the fact that brethren of the Scotch Constitution have, equally with their English brethren, been ready with their contributions to carry out the object in view. A sum of £100 has been collected, and a Committee has been appointed to consider and decide what form the memorial shall take. As most of the subscribers reside in Kingston, the desire is that the memorial shall be placed there.

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The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held on the 16th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, the M.W.G.M. His Honour S. J. Way, presiding over a very large attendance. Amongst a number of important matters discussed was the question of creating the office of Pro Grand Master in pursuance of the system adopted by the United Grand Lodge of England; this was agreed to, together with several other alterations in the constitution. During the evening a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was read, granting fraternal recognition to the S.A. Grand Lodge and appointing P.G.M. Bro. H. C. E. Muecke as their representative in this colony.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

NORTHUMBERLAND—NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE LODGE—No. 24.—This old and time honoured lodge (date 1755) held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, W., and was honoured by an official visit by the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. H. Holmes), and a very large number of Provincial Grand Officers and visitors from various lodges, on the auspicious occasion of presenting Bro. H. Hotham with the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge, voted to him at last Provincial Grand Meeting (and which had been handsomely illuminated and framed) for his past services as auditor of the Provincial Grand Lodge for 24 years. The presentation was made by Bro. R. H. Holmes, W.D.P.G.M., in a very suitable and efficient manner. Bro. Hotham in accepting the same feelingly responded. Bro. H. Hotham this day celebrated the 54th anniversary of his first connection with masonry. He is the oldest P.M. of Lodge 24, and was presented by that lodge, on the occasion of his jubilee, with an illuminated address. He was also (about the same time) the recipient of a large coloured photograph of himself (handsomely framed) by the "Knight's Templars" (Kent preceptory). Bros. J. M. W. F. C. Lawson and H. E. Dunn were passed to the 2nd Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. C. Forster. The S.W., Bro. T. Alderson, gave the charge, and after "hearty good wishes" from the representatives of the various lodges had been tendered, the memorable proceedings were brought to a close. There were nearly a hundred members and distinguished brethren present on this interesting occasion.

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RIDLEY LODGE—No. 2260—Held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Tuesday, 2nd inst. The ballot was successively taken for the two sons of the W.M. (Bro. G. E. Macarty, P.P.G.R.), and they were initiated into the order by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The charge was ably given by Bro. W. G. Reynolds, J.W. Bro. W. M. Johnson was passed to the 2nd degree by Bro. C. A. Bushell, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. B. J. Thompson, P.M., P.G.S. (treas.); J. D. Dixon, P.M., P.G.S.W., D. of C. Acting S.W.; A .F. Ball, sec.; J. B. Lazenby, S.D.; T. O. Robson, J.D.; J. R. Roberts, I.G.; H. W. Dixon, J.S. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Forster, W.M. 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne; J. S. Tait, P.M. 24, P.P.G., J.D.; C. Roope, P.M. 24, P.P.G.O.; W. Alderson, S.W. 24; W. E. Harker, J.W. 24; Edwin Turnbull, W.M. St. Peter's 481; T. Dimming, P.M. 481, P.P.G. D. of C.; W. Ross, P.M. 481; W. G. Gibson, W.M. St. John's 1712; Robt. Jackson, P.M. 1712, P.P.G.P.; W. C. Bell, S.W.; Hotspur, 1626, and others.

SHROPSHIRE.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire was held at Shrewsbury, at the Old Museum Building, Shrewsbury, on the 26th ult., under the presidency of the Prov. G.M. the R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeham, Bart. The attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers was numerous, and about sixty brethren represented the various lodges in the province. The report of the audit committee stated that the province was in a very flourishing condition. Bro. V. C. L. Crump was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

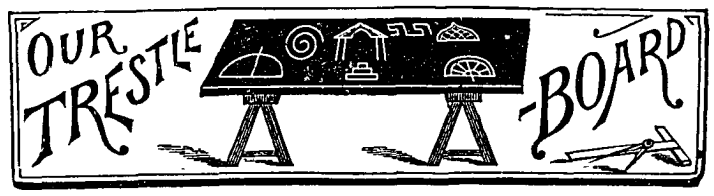
The annual meeting of the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, was held on the 1st inst., at Calstock, Cornwall, when Bro. W. Sowden was installed W.M. by W. Bro. Pearce, P.M. Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557. After the business of the lodge, the brethren dined at Bro. Dunbar's, Ashburton Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Isca Lodge, No. 683, at Newport, Monmouth, met on the 20th ulto., on which occasion a very elegant loving cup was presented to the W.M. Bro. Barrett, to commemorate the birth of his son on the day of his installation as W.M of the lodge. The young "Lewis" was named in appreciation of his father's connection with the lodge, Gerald Isca Barrett.

The companions of the Fidelity Chapter, R.A., No. 230, gave an "at home" at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on the 3rd inst. A presentation of a life governorship for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was made to ex-Comp. E. H. Littleton, P.Z., in appreciation of his zealous services as steward, representing both chapter and lodge. The presentation evoked considerable applause and was suitably acknowledged. Concert and dance enlivened the evening's proceedings, which were greatly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present.

The half-yearly report of the representatives of the Essex Masonic Charity Committee at the last elections has just been circulated in the province of Essex. From this it appears that in 1888 the brethren of that province subscribed £146 9s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £912 8s. to the Girls' School; and £258 6s. to the Boys' School; total, £1,317 3s. The report is signed by Bros. E. Shead, F. Wood, R. Clowes, and H. E. Dehane, who earnestly impress upon brethren the necessity of sending in proxies for the Girls' and Boys' Schools elections by April 22nd, and for the Benevolent Institution by May 13th.

The annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 2nd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when there was a large attendance of subscribers and donors to the fund. Bro. W. J. Brewer, P.P.G. Sec., presided, in the absence of the president, the Prov. Grand Master of Devon. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand from last year, £231; subscriptions and donations, £225; interest, £15; total receipts, £471. Expenditure on children, £174; working expenses, £11; total, £185. In bank deposit, £500; balance current account, £277; balance in treasurer's hands, £8. Total value of fund, £785. The report was received and adopted. W. Bros. J. R. Lord and J. B. Gover were re-elected the treasurer and secretary. W. Bros. J. W. Cornish and E. H. Littleton were elected the auditors for the ensuing year.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We notice that in several of our Masonic Journals attention has been lately directed to some records of masonic work in the last century, from which it would appear that members who were not in their places in Lodge when they had been summoned by the Master to attend, were fined for non-attendance. Of late years, to our knowledge, many Lodge summonses have been issued in which a portion of the Ancient Charges was quoted. This runs:—"That no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him." But we never found that it had much effect upon those to whom the hint was given.

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Now, the question is asked, "How would it be if we proceeded to fine and censure our members for non-attendance at Lodge?" and Worshipful Masters are urged to make a note of the enquiry, and try it on the next case of absence without leave; and, further, in order to impress the brother, to try both censure and fine at the same time and to mark the effect!

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We look around and try to think of any Lodge wherein there is a Master who would adopt the suggestion and "mark the effect!" but we can imagine none. In the present day the answer given to the enquiry "Why are we called Freemasons?" "Because we are free to and free from," is far too literally interpreted by members of the Order, and the slightest attempt at control is resented as an encroachment upon individually independent will. "Free to good fellowship" is construed by many to mean perfect freedom in all masonic working; and erroneous as that definition may be, we should not envy the Master who by "censure or fine" attempted now to determine the coming in or the going out of any of those over whom he may have been called to rule.

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But whilst enforcement in the manner suggested would assuredly be useless, and the Master who "tried it on" would soon have only unpleasant "effects" to "mark," there is a plan for always securing a ready and willing attendance and obedience to the Master's summons for the opening of his Lodge. Let the work of the Lodge be made attractive by the ability, courtesy and zeal of the Master himself, by the occasional introduction of other than the mere formulæ of ceremonial work, by the cultivation of the utmost harmony and good fellowship, and the inculcation of those thorough masonic principles which the presiding officer has it in his power, and should have it in his heart, to promulgate at all fitting opportunities, and it will be found that the brethren will need not the threatenings of censure and of fine, but will be drawn together by the "silken cord" of mutual affection and a strong desire for renewal of companionship at each ensuing meeting of their lodge.

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We understand that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor is likely to succeed the late General Studholme Brownrigg as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

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A touching incident is recorded in the N.S. Wales *Masonic Journal*, vividly portraying the almost angelic disposition of an important acquisition to that G. Lodge. "A brother had thoughtlessly left his apron in the care and custody of an avuncular relative, who inadvertently placed it with some other relics of needy relatives, for sale in his window. This 'good and worthy brother,' full of the spirit, saw the name upon the case, purchased that apron, and restored it with gentle words of reproof, tempered with good and wholesome advice, to ever refrain from the commission of such an unpardonable act again."

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We trust that this spirit of "good will" was carried further; and that enquiries were made into the circumstances of the temporary distress of the receiver of "gentle words of reproof," and, being found such as to merit relief, that the grand lesson of freemasonry was practically carried into full and permanent effect. We have no cause to doubt it would be so, except that there are sometimes exceptions to a general rule.

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We desire to call especial attention to the case of Percy Court, a candidate for admission at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The lad is the son of a worthy brother, William Court, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, who was suddenly stricken down whilst in the discharge of his duty in the employ of Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea. Percy Court is one of four children, now fatherless and motherless, and this is the only chance he can have for the benefits of the school. Brethren should now reflect on the magnitude of their masonic obligations, and take care that this case, of all others, should receive sufficient support. We shall be very pleased to forward any proxies marked for this very sad case, and which may be sent to us, to the brethren who are supporting it.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction.—The first annual supper of this flourishing chapter took place on Friday, 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. There was a good attendance, including Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; W. Cowley, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, P.S.; Lyon, P.Z.; Meierhoff, Wingham, North, H. Martin, Eckersall, A. C. Wood, G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169; Benedetti, Patrick, M.E.Z. 1623; V. T. Murché, R. C. Davis, Neeld, P.Z.; Watts, P.Z.; J. E. Latham, Terry, P.Z.; Oldfield, etc. After a substantial repast had been done justice to, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. Comp. Grummant, with many eulogiums on the able work of the Preceptor, proposed "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction," coupled with the name of Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor. Comp Hilton considered his a position that no one could lightly esteem. To be Preceptor where the beautiful R.A. ritual was inculcated was a grand thing. They began with many doubts, but their success was now certain, for there was probably only one working chapter in London with larger numbers. He looked forward to the time when it should be not only the largest in London, but also in the country. Comp. Watts, P.Z., responded as a visitor. Comp. Hilton, in proposing the health of the V.P., said that, as M.E.Z. of the mother chapter, he had stood aside to allow the Preceptor to occupy the chair at the first supper. They all respected Comp. Addington for his enthusiasm. Comp. Addington responded, as did Comp. Stone, to the toast of S.E. Other toasts followed. The evening was enlivened by songs and recitations from Comps. Hilton, Addington, Murché, Stone, Meierhoff, North, Benedetti, Moore, etc.

Rose Lodge—No. 1622.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Bros. D. Rose, R.M. Preceptor, W.M.; Hilton, P.M., P.Z., S.W.; Elgar, sec. 1329, J.W.; Stone, I.G. 507, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z., sec.; Pickett, I.G.; Voisey, P.M., P.Z.; Murché, P.M.; Capt. Vincent, P.M., Z. 1777, H. 1329; Bate, P.M.; Channon, P.M.; Loader, P.M.; Eckersall, W.M. 217; D. D. Mercer, P.M.; Addington, P.M., Z. 1275; Mole, P.M.; Towers, I.P.M. 15; Irwin, North, R. C. Davis, J.W. 2266; Gomm, Osterstock, Plant, Ayris, Shrubsole, Milliken, Whitehead, Halls, H. Martin, Edwards, Oathwaite, Say, Price, Meyer, Klyne, Stafford, Kemble, Dunn, Parr, Pellew, Snell, Bethell, etc. The fifteen sections were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Pickett; 2nd and 3rd, R. C. Davies; 4th, C. H. Stone; 5th, Channon; 6th, Hilton; 7th, R. J. Voisey; 8th, H. Martin; 9th, Grummant; 10th, Murché; 11th, Elgar; 12th, Bate; 13th, Sowton; 14th, Vincent, and 15th, Loader. Bros. Klyne and Shrubsole were elected members.

Southwark Lodge—No. 879.—On the 4th inst, at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road. Present; Bros. Bird, W.M.; Norden, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; Walter, S.D.; Barrett, J.D.; Faulkner, I.G.; Newell, Org.; Beavis, P.M. Precr.; Harper, Sec.; Wilkinson, Asst. Sec.; Leigh, Percival, Day, Taylor, Ray, Davis, Freyer, Goebel, Grosse, Wood, Silverthorne, Freter, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray personating the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Precr. Beavis for the masterly way in which he worked the installation ceremony. Bro. Norden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The musical ceremonies are conducted by the able organist, Bro. Newell. The Sir Garnet Wolseley is situated close to South Bermondsey (L.B.), and Deptford Road (E.L.) Stations, and Cars from Deptford Tooley Street and Kent Road pass the door.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I cannot but agree with the concluding remarks of your correspondent "J. S. H." on the above subject, but not so with your "Editorial." In a note to you (February 21st), which you honoured me by publishing, I therein stated my belief that in 1827 a Board of Installed Masters was appointed to arrange and communicate a form of ceremony for the installation of W.M. If I am correct, then, whatever might have been done in 1813 would have been superseded by the acts of 1827. But I doubt if anything relating to the installation was then adopted.

Let me call your attention to the Articles of Union then adopted, one of which reads : "*There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing and clothing brothers.*" You will notice the omission of all reference to installation ; which surely would not have been so had aught respecting it been determined on. The arrangement of the Union must have caused much trouble and anxiety to the brethren who carried it out, and probably might have proved a failure had it not been for the somewhat extraordinary circumstance of the two Royal brothers being respectively the M.W.G.M's of the Ancients and Moderns. I therefore imagine that worn out by long discussions between enthusiastic partisans on either side, every point being fought earnestly, when the ordinary ritual was finally agreed on the matter of the installation, its approach presented many difficulties; and neither party appearing willing to yield, the subject may, by mutual consent, have been "shelved" for the then present. If this be the case it would be probable that the installation would be worked in many and various ways, in a sort of "go as you please" manner, and according to the predilections of the installing master towards either of the old systems. It would be curious to ascertain, if it could possibly be ascertained, how many varying manners of working the ceremony there were between 1813 and 1827. This masonic irregularity must have been a source of regret to those who were interested in the well doing of the craft; and to the representations made by them to the M.W.G.M. the Lodge or Committee of 1827 may have been the result.

The records or minutes of this body not being forthcoming, that which its individual members taught becomes important. As to the practices of one, the late Bro. Cant, I have already written.

The qualifications given to a candidate by a "Board of Installed Masters," I take to be the obligation, &c., which obligation I think contains the reason why a Board of Installed Masters is necessary, while the opening of it in an extended form is not.

As to your remarks concerning Grand Lodge they are worth consideration, but that subject does not form the present question ; but this much is certain, that by our Book of Constitutions no other masonic power but that of Grand Lodge can alter masonic laws, and while the brethren are content with the form and manner in which it is now constituted, it is our obligated duty to "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's."

Fraternally yours,

April 6th, 1889. S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A Board of Installed Masters has been duly opened in my lodge for the last 25 years, and the practice has been generally followed in this district. The D.P.G.M. sent a circular out and a copy of letter from Bro. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec., about two months ago, prohibiting it ; and in future the Board of Installed Masters is to be declared opened with one knock. We don't like it ; but I suppose we must obey the D.P.G.M.'s instructions.

Yours fraternally,

Staffs. : April 6th, 1889. W. T.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issue of April 4th (page 100) under the head "The Royal Masonic Institutions," you say "Brethren, don't forget the boys in June." My humble opinion is that "Brethren" will not withhold their support from the Boys' school, especially if the Committee of Enquiry appointed last year could publish its report before June.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE THREE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issue of the 21st ult., you have some critical remarks on a manual which you generally recommend as "a capital guide for any brother desirous of installing his successor ;" but you take exception to "a little bit of bathos about a bleak mountain." It has been my privilege to be present at many installation meetings, and I have often been struck with the varied phraseology used in rendering the third or general charge to the assembled brethren. Most frequently no reference whatever has been made to "the isolated summit ;" but, on the other hand, I have often heard the simile used by Past Masters whose proved skill, masonic capacity and knowledge, entitle them to the respect and confidence of the Craft.

Being solely actuated by a desire for authentic information, may I venture to ask if the allusion to "the bleak mountain" is generally regarded as an integral part of Emulation working ?

Ely Cottage, Epsom, Fraternally yours,

April 9th, 1889. JOHN O'CONNELL, W.M. 2157.

Answers to Correspondents.

A DISGUSTED LATE MEMBER.—We entirely sympathise with you. It would however be most impolitic in us, and do your cause no good, to permit anything of a personal nature to be published in this paper.

H. M. WILLIAMS, SYDNEY.—Many thanks for your kind remembrance and information.

We are requested to Notify that :—

——The election meeting of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, 11th inst., at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell, at 7 p.m.

——The third annual dinner of "The Old Masonians" (ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), will take place on Saturday next, the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, London, E.C., at 5.30 for 6 p.m., when the president, Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, P.G.D., Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and Patron of the Institution, will preside, and a large number of influential brethren are expected to be present. Mr. Alfred Watkins, of 21, Belgrave Road, N.W., is hon. sec. to the society, and will supply particulars and tickets (5s. each) on application.

——The installation meeting of the Sinclair Lodge, No. 2074, W. Bro. C. Vaughan Birch, W.M., is appointed to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 15th inst., at 6 p.m. Bro. F. H. Woodrow will be presented for installation. The banquet will be served at 7 precisely. On the following evening an emergency meeting will be held at the same place at 6 p.m., for the purpose of initiating two candidates, and conferring the two subsequent degrees upon brethren qualified to receive the same.

——The Union Lodge of Instruction, held under the joint sanction of all the Leicester Lodges (Nos. 279, 523, 1391, 1560 and 2081) will hold its last meeting for the session at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on the 12th inst. (*to-morrow*) at 7.30 p.m. Installation ceremony by Bro. R. B. Starkey, P. Prov. G. Steward and W.M. 1391. Discussion of masonic usages, customs and symbolism. Supper at 8.30.

——The Board of General Purposes will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.

——The Board of Benevolence will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 6 p.m.

——The General Committee of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch, will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.

——The House Committee of the R.M.I. for Girls will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

——The Installation Meeting of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Thursday next, the 18th inst.

METROPOLITAN.

New Concord Lodge—No. 813.—The members of this Lodge of Instruction met on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, to discuss a proposition setting forth the desirability of changing the place of meeting to a more central position in the City. Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, W.M.; Bro. L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813, Preceptor. After considerable discussion the proposition was withdrawn, and a motion was put to the meeting, and carried, to the effect that no change is desirable. The lodge will, therefore, meet as usual every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Jolly Farmer's Tavern, Southgate Road, N. Bros. L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813, Preceptor; C. Weedon, P.M. 813, treas.; R. Heslop, 1695, sec.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on the 26th ult., Bro. F. J. Eedle, W.M., presiding. There being three candidates for raising, Bro. Eedle performed that ceremony, and then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. Brindley James. The newly-installed master having invested his officers, initiated four gentlemen who were candidates for admittance to the craft, and performed the ceremony in a style that gave great satisfaction to everyone present. The auditors' report showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, and that 25 guineas had been paid to the Benevolent Institution. The I.P.M., Bro. Eedle, having announced his intention of standing as steward at the forthcoming Girls' School Festival, a sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds for him to take up. The Ivy Lodge P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. Eedle, also a P.M. collar, with silver emblem of office, as a remembrance of the particularly successful term of office enjoyed by him. The banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, and the evening was enlivened by songs from Madame Thomas and Miss A. Gragg, and recitations by Bro. P. M. Reynolds and other brethren.

The fifteen sections were admirably worked in the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, Walthamstow, on the 3rd inst., when a large number of brethren from the Warner, Loyalty, Israel, and other lodges attended. W. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 1662, presided as Section Master, and was supported by W. Bros. Fred. Carr, P.M. 1607, S.W.; T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, J.W.; and W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, I.P.M. The arrangements made by Bro. Ffrench Bromhead, 1662, the hon. sec., for the reception and accommodation of members and visitors were perfect.

The fifteen sections were worked in the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, on the 2nd inst., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford Square, Woolwich, W. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, presiding as Section Master. Bro. W. Martin, P.M. 879, officiated as S.W., and Bro. E. C. Talbot, 1310, as J.W. A very instructive evening gave general satisfaction to a large number of brethren who attended.

The Egerton of Tatton Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 400, was consecrated in the Masonic Temple, at 8a, Red Lion Square, London, on the 29th ulto., by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bros. Col. Shadwell; H. Clerke, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*; Rev. Hayman Cummings, R. Berridge, W. A. Barrett and C. H. Driver. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, the W.M. designate was installed into the chair of A. The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant after the close of the lodge business.

The Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, at 6 p.m., the M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon in the chair. Full Masonic Craft Clothing is to be worn.

Bro. Benjamin Banks, a founder of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, claims a connection with Freemasonry extending to sixty years, he having been initiated in the Universal Lodge, now No. 181, in March, 1829. Our worthy brother has been associated with the Freemasons' Tavern, London, for nearly fifty years.

The Grand Treasurer Elect, W. Bro. Edwd. Terry, P.M., P.G.S., was entertained at a complimentary dinner given by the Savage Club Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 9th inst., to congratulate him on his election. Bro. Thomas Catling, the W.M., presided, and in proposing Bro. Terry's health, referred to the extraordinary amount of support that brother had received, and gave the statistics of the voting in each year since the gift of the office had been in the hands of the general body. In 1884 the Grand Treasurer was elected by a show of hands; in 1885 the number of votes recorded was 1,260; in 1886 it fell to 749; in 1887 there was a severe contest when Bro. Eve was elected, and the number of votes then reached 1,227; in 1888 the number fell again to 809; so that it would be seen in the present year, when Bro. Terry had been successful, the votes, 1,458, had exceeded those in any former year.

Brixton Lodge—No. 1949.—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at Brixton Hall. Bro. A. E. Albert, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. C. J. Axford and R. Poore, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. and sec.; W. Kirkland, treas.; and a number of members and visitors. The three ceremonies were worked in their entirety.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z. 30, has secured another appointment. He is one of six surveyors elected by the School Board for London to perform certain duties.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette; Freemason's Chronicle, Sydney; *Freemason's Calendar for Somersetshire*, Compiled by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, Chronicle Office, Bath; *Freemason's Calendar for Oxfordshire*, W. R. Bowden, High Street, Oxford; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati; *South African Freemason*; *Society*.

"POINT—LEFT—RIGHT"—*(Crowded out)*.

GLEANINGS.

By the way, why do Masons scramble in and out of lodge like school boys? How much better it looks to see them formed up in an orderly manner in the ante-room, and taking their places to the music of a well-played march.

Freemasonry has no use for "idlers by the wayside." Its hive of industry is replete with work for all its votaries, and none are to be exempt ere they are called to the Grand Lodge above.

Swarming.—Observing the operations of nature, we find that our tiny friends the bees, to us the symbol of industry, when by numbers they are pushed for room, "swarm off." This operation often takes place in a Masonic Lodge room, and when the swarm is a legitimate one, all is well; but when it is the result of a dissatisfied minority, and the operation is attended with some unpleasantness, then it is a misfortune, and it becomes a moot point whether the handful of dissentients should be allowed to set up shop for themselves on such very doubtful capital.—*New Zealand Masonic Journal.*

Want of Punctuality.—Want of punctuality in opening the lodge-room is a grave fault. Masters should open in time so as to be able to close the lodge at a seasonable hour. In this respect Masons should take a lesson from business men. Another cause of non-attendance is the incompetency of some masters—men not possessing sufficent love of Masonry, brains or application to get up the work or perfect themselves in the literature of the craft so as to make the meetings of the lodge more attractive and enjoyable. Some may say we expect too much; we will be satisfied if we get for a master one who can render the ritual correctly, who although not a strictly moral man in every sense of the word, is still a good fellow, and will be sure to attract jovial fellows to the lodge. Unfortunately for such arguments, your jovial fellow in the general acceptance of the term is not intended for Masonry, nor is Masonry intended for him. He never obtains a proper idea of the mission of Masonry. He joins for the good time he expects to have. His Masonic principles and aspirations are situated in his stomach, and if he cannot find sufficient attraction in this line in the lodge he will leave it and the lodge will be the better for his absence.

The Master.—The Master is the leader of his lodge. He is to direct its affairs. He is to preside over its meetings. He is to initiate and instruct the uninitiated and ignorant. From the East must emanate the light that will either flood the whole lodge with glory or becloud it with fog. A good Master will "let his light so shine that others, seeing his good works, may glorify his Father who is in heaven." A Master should be an example to his brethren. A wide-awake presiding officer, one really in love with his position because of the good he can do, will sure to have a wide-awake lodge, with an abundance of helpers in every good work. A Master can make or destroy his lodge. His duty is to use his best endeavours to build up his lodge, to make it a home where the family may gather in glad reunion, and where the needy member may feel that he has really a loving kindred who will see that he suffers not in the inclement blasts of life. The office of Master of a lodge is one of great importance, one of honour, one of dignity, one of responsibility. He only is honoured in it who honours the office, presiding with dignity, dispensing charity with a loving hand, visiting "the widow and fatherless in their affliction," and disseminating true Masonic light with a royal splendour. He who does this may retire from the office with the reflection that he has done what he could. No one should consent to assume the position without counting the cost. To properly fill the Master's chair, means work, much work; thought, much thought; time, much time; love, much love. Let him who thinks himself able to discharge the duties think well before he undertakes it. Better be a private, an humble, private member, unseen and unknown, than to be elevated to the highest station and fail to fill the office properly.—*Sunday Times, New York.*

It is well known that William I. was originally of most arbitrary and despotic spirit and temperament. His accession to the throne was received with trepidation and alarm. History knows how just and humane a monarch he became. It is my belief, easy to prove from his Masonic record, that the principles of Freemasonry and the fraternal intercourse with his brethren softened the rigor of his natural temper and made him generous, sympathetic, and humane. Frederick III. was every inch a Freemason. The tenets and philosophy of Freemasonry filled every part of his being. In his life and by his death he exhibited its grandest virtues and illustrated its most beautiful lessons. "In sorrow fidelity proves itself and fidelity is the core of honor", he said at a Masonic gathering responding to a toast in honor of the dead. Frederick received the symbolic degrees in presence of his royal father, then grand protector of the three Grand Lodges of Prussia, who addressed him in the following words: "Be and remain thou a protector of the order, then will not only your future welfare be assured, but you will carry with you the noble consciousness of having striven to develop around you the beneficent influences of goodness and truth," to which the prince responded: "So long as I live I shall be devoted to the order, provided that it remains faithful to its fundamental principles." In 1886 while in Strassburg, Alsace, he closed a lengthy Masonic address at a banquet tendered him by the brethren of Erwin Lodge of that city, with these, for the heir to the most powerful throne in Europe, certainly remarkable words: "Two principles, however, above all others, distinguish the field of Masonic work—freedom of conscience and toleration. To these let us cling with all our might. That in these we may become perfect let us strive forever. And let us not only praise these virtues, but practice them industriously. If we strive towards these ends, it will be well with us and well with Freemasonry. Herein may the Great Architect of the universe aid us."—*Grand Master Buck in G. Lodge of Louisiana.*

OBITUARY.

Bro. GENERAL J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B.

The announcement of the death at Colombo, on the 1st inst., of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., who was always a staunch supporter of our Order, has been received with general regret, and more particular by the brethren connected with the Masonic Province over which he has ruled since 1871. Our distinguished brother was a Past Grand Warden of England, a Past Master of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and also held elevated positions in several of the higher degrees of Freemasonry. His health had been for some time failing him, and a visit to Australia was taken by him in the hope that it might prove beneficial. It was on the return journey from Melbourne that his demise took place, at Colombo, where he was interred with full military honours.

Bro. the REV. CANON GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, *M.A.*

By the very sudden decease of Bro. the Rev. Canon Geo. Raymond Portal, *M.A.*, Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge, and M.W. Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, Freemasonry suffers a great loss, particularly that section of the Craft which is identified with Mark Masonry. Our deceased brother was more actively associated with the degree of Mark Masters, and devoted much time and labour to its interests. It is mainly to his efforts in conjunction with those of Past and Present Mark Grand Officers, and notably those of the Grand Secretary of the Order, Bro. F. Binckes, that such great progress has been made in so few years. Even so lately as the last half-yearly communication of Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. Portal's advice and guidance materially assisted to secure for the Order the premises in Great Queen Street, which will presently be devoted to the purposes of its Grand Lodge. He will be sadly missed when the occasion for the inauguration of the building shall have arrived. Bro. Portal was educated at Rugby and Christchurch, Oxford, and his death from syncope took place on the 5th inst. His honoured remains were interred on the 8th inst. in Burghclere churchyard, near Newbury, in the presence of a great concourse of persons of all classes, including the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., *M.P.*, Sir Frederick Carden, Bart., Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, *K.C.S.I.*, the Rev. the Hon. Horatio Nelson, the Mayors of Newbury and Basingstoke, Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, numerous Masonic deputations, and a large gathering of the clergy and gentry. The burial service was conducted by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Sumner), assisted by the Rev. A. Sladen and the Rev. F. C. Gosling.

REVIEWS.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the province of Somerset, which contains a calendar for the year 1889 and four months of 1890, and has for a frontispiece a capital portrait of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, has been admirably compiled by W. Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, a Past Grand Treasurer of Somerset, and P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon. The work is full of information relating to the officers of the Grand Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with lists of officers, number of members, and dates of festival and other meetings of each lodge in the province. It has similar information in respect of Royal Arch Masonry, and of the several other masonic degrees. A most useful epitome of the annual returns required to be made by each lodge forms a new feature in the compilation of this work. The total of votes held by this province, in which there are 1,111 members of the Craft, are—boys, 1,074; girls, 820; aged brethren, 511; and widows, 524—making a total of 2,929 votes amongst the three masonic institutions.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire, 1889-90, published by Bro. W. R. Bowden, High Street, Oxford, is also replete with the varied information so serviceable, not only to the brethren of that particular province but also to the general masonic reader. Lists of governors and subscribers to the respective Craft and Mark Charitable Institutions, with the number of votes to which they are entitled, appear in its pages, and by their aid the voting power of the province can be ascertained. It would be a very useful addition to the excellent features of this work if these lists could be summarised in future editions, as is done in other provincial directories.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (2nd) THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity...	F. M. H.
206	Friendship...	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
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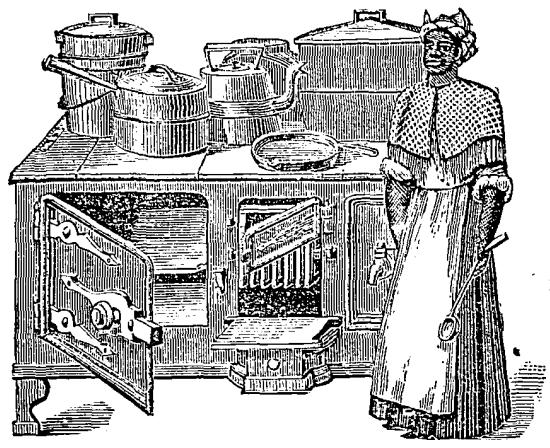
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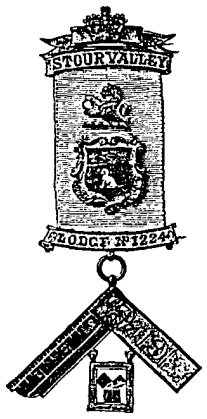
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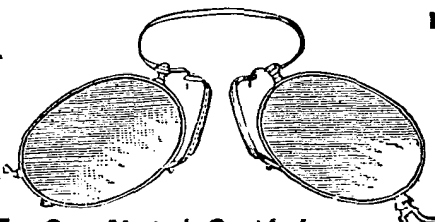
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The Old Masonians AND Our Boys' School.

COMPARATIVELY small social gathering was held in London on the 13th inst., in respect of which it may be said the best interests of English Freemasonry are concerned in a far greater degree than might attach to many more pretentious masonic assemblages. It was the third annual festival of a society entitled "The Old Masonians," which originated with, and is upheld by, young men who have started into business life from the portals of our Royal Institution at Wood Green, and who have, for the most part, attained their majority. These youths and young men are practically carrying out some of the tenets which form the foundation of our masonic system, and which their elders who have "seen the light" are never tired of inculcating. These are principally the cultivation of unity, brotherly love and affection, social enjoyment and mutual assistance. With the details of the operations by which they promote their beneficent designs we need not concern ourselves. It is sufficient to say that they are praiseworthy in the highest degree, and merit the earnest and cordial support of such of the members of our fraternity as desire to see a younger generation qualifying themselves for continuing in after years the good works of their predecessors. For assuredly, in due course of time and opportunities, these "Lewises" of our order will enlist under our banners, and fill up vacancies in rank and file to continue the battle for the good and welfare of mankind, for which the veterans in the masonic army have heretofore so stoutly contested.

In another column of this number of our journal we briefly report the proceedings on the occasion referred to. Our present purpose, in this article, is to connect those proceedings with the institution which was the *Alma Mater* of the young men who are more immediately concerned therewith. Their action is an indisputable testimony to the important benefits which education in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys confers on those who gain their elementary instruction and preparation for the battle of life within its precincts. And whatever may be the nature or anticipated outcome of criticism in the present day in relation to that institution, the fact cannot be gainsaid that its power for good has been very great, and has been attended by highly beneficial results. As was very justly enunciated by Bro. Godson, in submitting, as President, the toast of the evening, they are such as should deeply interest every member of our ancient craft, and assure them that, whatever may be the minor points of difference in respect of present management, the important objects of the institution, in properly training the youths committed to its charge, have never been forgotten, nor the trust its managers have from time to time undertaken been betrayed. So also most worthy of remark were the observations of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Barfield, and Bro. Augustus Harris, both of whom forcibly maintained, in the course of their able addresses, that the institution had done more good in Freemasonry than the outside world could possibly imagine. It was pleasant to hear Bro. Major Lambert, first acknowledging that in earlier days he was more antagonistic than friendly to the institution, but had, years ago, seen the error of his ways, endorsing with evident sincerity, those observations Truly, there *is* more joy over one sinner that repenteth! Subsequently, in response to a toast in his honour, Bro. Binckes—speaking as, when the interests of the institution are the subject matter, Bro. Binckes alone can speak—declared that the formation of the society of "Old Masonians," the earnestness of its members, and the meeting itself were an answer to all criticism as to the good which the school has done. And to a very considerable extent it is so. Nevertheless, we maintain our expressed opinion, and that of many of our correspondents, that the late criticism of some of the details of management during recent years, which criticism has been termed censorious, and most inappropriately so, inasmuch as its object has not been to blame, but to enquire and correct, is not altogether unwarranted. Further, we believe it will be of ultimate benefit to the Institution, and in its results prove advantageous rather than detrimental to its best interests. As to this, we shall not further remark. The enquiry is still *sub judice*, and the report thereon cannot be anticipated.

A word or two more in the way of encouragement to the young men who are so laudably persevering in the advance-

ment of their excellent Society, and in solicitation for further support from those Freemasons who can appreciate their efforts. As will be apparent from a perusal of our brief report and the foregoing observations, they are not wanting the friendship and assistance of some of our most distinguished brethren. But the scope of their operations is large, and yet capable of considerable extension. Further additions to their roll of Vice-Presidents would, it is almost needless to say, be heartily welcomed, and, whilst affording them increased means and opportunity for doing good, would greatly redound to the credit of those who might so connect themselves with the society. In any case, they have so far advanced by their action the cause of Masonic Education, and justified the claims which the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has upon the craft generally for unstinted support and liberal contributions, that what they have already accomplished must ever be a source of satisfaction to themselves, and ultimately will assuredly meet with the reward which invariably attends patient perseverance in well doing.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

IS CHIVALRY STILL POSSIBLE?

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Chivalry was still possible—at least amongst Masons—in the earlier part of the present century, as is evidenced by the enclosed, which I send you to fill up next week's "Corner."

Chivalry is not only still possible amongst Masons. It is one of the predominant features of the Craft, and our wives and sisters recognise it, and not only tolerate but encourage our attending Lodge, when I am sure they would "*comb our hair*" *pretty roughly* if we announced our intention of spending an evening elsewhere without a very full explanation of the why and the wherefore.

They know *instinctively* (they don't know as *a fact*, for if they did they would all *urge* their admirers—as the lady in the enclosed ballad did—to become Masons) that we are bound to protect them, and that there is "naught but what's good to be understood" in the Craft; and if any lady ever came across—and I fear many of them have been initiated thus far—our leading lyric, she would know that on "every occasion" we're "true and sincere in our love to the fair," and that "no mortal can more the ladies adore than a free and accepted Mason."

Yours fraternally,

199, Clapham Road, April 11th, 1889. FRIAR TUCK.

THE CHIVALROUS MASON.

A MASON'S daughter, fair and young,
The pride of all the virgin throng,
Thus to her lover said—
Though. Damon, I your flame approve,
Your *actions praise, your person love,*
Yet still I'll live a maid.

None shall untie my virgin zone,
But one to whom the secret's known
Of famed free masonry!
In which the great and good combine
To raise, with generous design,
Man to felicity.

The Lodge excludes the fop and fool,
The plodding knave and party tool,
That liberty would sell;
The noble, faithful, and the brave,
No gold or charms can e'er receive
In slavery to dwell.

This said, he bowed, and went away;
Applied, was made without delay,
Returned to her again;
The fair one granted his request,
Connubial joys their days have blest,
And may they e'er remain.

TEACHING IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

IN recent issues of *The South African Freemason* there are published three very instructive articles on the subject of Lodges of Instruction, which we feel assured will prove of considerable interest to the great majority of our readers. In nearly every particular they express sentiments not merely our own but those of others interested in the advancement of our younger members in Masonic ritual and ceremonial. Our contemporary has paid us the compliment of reproducing some portions of our writings on Masonic subjects, and we are certain will not take objection to our utilizing its pages in the reproduction of the articles we refer to.

"Lodges of Instruction ought to be far more frequently heard of than is the case. In the olden times the necessity for such *institutions was not particularly evident, inasmuch* as most of the work now relegated to them formed an integral part of ordinary lodge routine. With that elaboration of the ritual which came about by a natural process of evolution, and with the increase in the number of degrees conferred, it has been found in most lodges impossible to find time, even with a goodly number of emergency meetings, to do anything except confer degrees and transact business. It thus happens that Lodges of Instruction, primarily intended merely as schools wherein Masonic tyros might rehearse the ritual, have gradually become regarded not only as the proper arena for lecture work, but for extemporaneous lectures, original papers, and Masonic discussions. We do not say this is a good thing. On the contrary, we are decidedly of opinion that the more thoroughly the work of communicating knowledge is interwoven with the regular work of the private lodge, the more interesting Masonry will become, and the more efficiently its principles will be exemplified. But when we are told on all sides that it is literally impossible for an advancing lodge to do more at its business meetings than confer degrees with a proper attention to detail and a due avoidance of late hours, we are driven to the conclusion that it is far better that those portions of Masonic work which really constitute the 'soul' of the Craft should be performed in a subsidiary institution than neglected altogether. But unfortunately this is not recognised as it should be, and in many, if not most of the lodges of this 'Austral Africa' of ours, we have presented before us the very fatuous and entirely illogical spectacle of a body of men meeting together to repeat certain forms of words and gesture which seem to lead to nothing, and are to the great mass of the members almost devoid of meaning. That they are wonderfully beautiful goes without saying, but two thirds of their beauty is never discovered for want of the light requisite to the Masonic beginner who is desirous of unveiling them. Were instruction made a constant feature of lodge work, or were attendance at Lodges of Instruction regarded as absolutely obligatory on all young Masons—and old ones too for that matter—we should hear far less of that bane of the Craft, the brother who, full of enthusiasm at first, gradually ceases to attend, and finally drops off the subscription list, or if good luck hath it so, formally resigns altogether. We are afraid that a very large majority of the brethren in this country have never so much as heard a single section of the orthodox lectures gone through, and that a still larger number have never in their lives been present at the reading of a Masonic essay. This is not as it should be. It is morally wrong of us to be perpetually dinning into the ears of our recruits the necessity of making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, when we never give them the opportunity of doing anything of the kind. The State might almost as reasonably pass a compulsory Education Act without building a single school or providing a single teacher. Lodges of Instruction should be organised wherever a private lodge exists, and in fact, might be formed with advantage where there is no such lodge at all. Their work should be, of course, primarily that of providing instruction such as will qualify the junior members for properly doing the duties of the various offices of the lodge, but if the private lodge cannot find room for the authorised or extemporaneous lectures, and for discussions, these should be added to the programme also. Now, a great deal of confusion seems to exist between 'Lodges of Instruction' and 'meetings for instruction.' The former are separate bodies, certainly deriving their authority from, and being responsible to, some private lodge, but they are at the same time distinct entities with their own by-laws, books, and officers. But 'meetings for instruction' are merely meetings of a private lodge summoned for the purpose of instruction instead of for conferring a degree upon Bro. So-and-so. Both institutions have the same object in view, but the former seeks it, in our humble opinion, in a more systematic manner, and 'after a more excellent way.' A '*Lodge of* Instruction' has its definite work to do, has full possession of its own sphere of Masonic labour, acquiring more dignity thereby, and has probably at its head a Preceptor and a Secretary who have made that particular line their hobby, and can be trusted to work out its details pretty correctly. And, moreover, it enjoys the very great advantage of continuity of purpose and teaching. The responsible head, the Preceptor, is probably more or less a fixture. He is, presumably, selected from amongst his peers because of his special aptitude for digesting, assimilating, and imparting Masonic lore, and once placed in his position, is, in nine cases out of ten, kept there as long as he cares to remain. In the 'instruction meeting' of the private lodge, on the contrary, the W.M. for the time being must constitutionally bear sway, and although an excellent representative of King Solomon in certain respects, he may not inherit any very large share of that monarch's wisdom. Many points have to be taken into account in the selection of a Master, only one in that of a Preceptor. And, moreover, *it* is certain that Masonic teaching will remain pure and uncorrupted *almost exactly in an inverse ratio to the frequency of changes* in the occupancy of the teacher's chair. If we want to check innovation in ritual, Lodges of Instruction under more or less permanent Preceptors will compass the work more effectually than any other agency. And then, a *de facto* 'Lodge of Instruction' can still more narrow the field open to innovators by uniting several private lodges in one scheme of ritual and teaching, tending powerfully to promote that uniformity which we all profess to desire. And even if only one lodge exists in a place, the work of instruction is, for reasons just stated, carried on more continuously and with greater uniformity if the instructing institution possesses a separate entity. Unofficial Masonic teaching finds its best level when most diffused, official instruction is best concentrated to the utmost possible extent."

(*To be continued.*)

Under the title of "Masonic Orations," W. Bro. John Chapman, P.M., 1402, &c., P.Prov.G.D., Devon, publishes, by subscription only, at 5/- per copy, a series of 25 Orations, delivered by W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.D.Prov.G.M., Devon, on the occasions of the consecration of several lodges and chapters, &c. in Devon and Cornwall, with an introduction by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., England, &c., &c. The profits arising from this work, which will doubtless be of great interest, will be devoted to the funds of the "Royal British Female Orphan Asylum" at Devonport.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, under the banner of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304. There was a very large gathering, seventy of the seventy-three lodges in the province being represented, and visitors from other provinces being present.—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, congratulated the eight Leeds lodges, numbering 412 members, of whom 98 were Past Masters, on the philanthropy displayed by them towards the Masonic charitable institutions, and the local Masonic benevolent institution, which was in a state of usefulness and efficiency. This was the eighteenth time in 47 years that the Prov. Grand Lodge had met in Leeds, and he reminded them of the gathering in April, 1885, on the occasion of his installation as Prov. Grand Master. He referred to the fact that of the eight Leeds lodges six met in that building, and expressed a hope that as a consequence of the contemplated street improvements in the locality the committee of the Masonic Hall in Great George Street would be able by an extension of the premises to make them so convenient and attractive that the two other lodges would be induced to meet under the same roof. The continual assembly of lodges in one building would, he thought, be conducive to Masonic harmony and to the increase of Masonry in the town. Since the autumnal meeting the Armitage Lodge, Longwood and Milnsbridge, No. 2261, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, had been consecrated. The contributions to the charities so far this year amounted to £1,231, and the sum contributed since he became Prov. Grand Master in 1885 was £34,643. During the year 301 new members had been admitted, 102 members had been lost by resignation or retirement, and 64 by death. The total number of members had increased from 3,301, in 1887 to 3,440 in 1888. The Prov. Grand Master made a strong appeal on behalf of the three Masonic institutions, reminding the brethren that in West Yorkshire there were 70 recipients of those charities. He suggested that the eight Leeds lodges should combine to receive the brethren of the Liberal Arts and Sciences who would visit Leeds next year in connection with the meeting of the British Association. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Smith, having referred to various matters connected with the work of Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. T. Bateman Fox, Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, read the report, which showed that the contribution from the province to the Masonic Institutions last year was £1,215 6s., made up as follows:—Royal Benevolent Institution, £480 6s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £173 5s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £561 15s.; The labours of the committee had been very successful, having resulted in the election of ten candidates. There were fourteen West Yorkshire candidates for the coming elections in April and May, the largest number the committee had ever had to deal with, and unfortunately there were several additional cases for October. It was, therefore, more than ever necessary that the voting strength of the province should be maintained by new donations and subscriptions. On the motion of Bro. W. F. Smithson, chairman of the Charity Committee, seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox, the report was adopted. Bro. William Watson, hon. librarian, made a statement concerning the recently-established Masonic library and museum at Wakefield, the success of which, he said, had far exceeded his expectations. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Oxley, presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the finances were in a sound condition. The Prov. Grand Master afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—G. Wardens, William Harron, P.M., 290, Huddersfield; and John Henry Burrows, P.M., 139, Sheffield; G. Chaplains, the Rev. Chas. Dudley Lampen, J.W., 275, Huddersfield; and the Rev. Vaniah Odom, J.W., 139, Sheffield; G. Treasurer, John Leach (elected), P.M., 61, Halifax; G. Registrar, Charles Maurice Wilson, P.M., 974, Bradford; G. Secretary, Herbert G. E. Green, P.M., 1019, Wakefield; G. S. Deacons, Arthur F. McGill, *F.R.C.S.*, P.M., 1311, Leeds; and Alfred Williamson, P.M., 289, Leeds; G. J. Deacons Geo. Arthur Cubley, P.M., 296, Sheffield; and Frederick Cleeves, P.M., 904, Rotherham; G. Sup. of Works, Wm. Watson, P.M., W.M., 2069, Leeds; G. D. of Cer., John Robert Welsman, P.M., 600, Bradford; Deputy G. D. of C., John Dyson, P.M., 306, Leeds; Ass. G. D. of C., Wm. Fitton, P.M., 2035, Kirkburton; G. Swdbr., John James Rutherford, P.M., 1545, Baildon; G. Std. Bearers, John Hodgson Rayner, P.M., 380, Morley; and Alfred Stott, P.M., 1301, Brighouse; G. Organist, Joshua Paget Priestley, Orgt., 439, Bingley; Ass. G. Sec., Joseph Matthewman, P.M., 1019, Wakefield; G. Purst., Richard Cliffe, P.M., 1542, Castleford; Ass. G. Purst., Thomas Gaukroger, P.M., 307, Hebden Bridge; G. Stewards, Joseph Beckett Wostinholm, P.M., 1239, Sheffield; William Frederick Tomlinson, P.M., 304, Leeds; James Blackburn Knight, P.M., 302, Bradford; William Ridgard Massie, P.M., 1513, Barnsley; John Shoesmith, P.M., 1,783, Huddersfield; and Thomas Riley, P.M., 600, Bradford; G. Tyler, Samuel Barrand, Tyler, 304, Leeds; G. Asst.-Tyler, Thomas Leighton, Tyler, 139, Sheffield. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Masonic Hall.

The annual installation meeting of the brethren of the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 851, was held on the 10th inst. at the Steyne Hotel, Worthing. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. T. Cooksey, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighbouring lodges. The business of the meeting comprised two initiations, and the installation of Bro. E. T. Cooksey for the second year as W.M., and the presentation to him of a P.M. jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair of K.S. during the past year. At the banquet after labour, the usual masonic toasts were duly honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections given in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, and Bros. G. Cole and C. Paine; a recitation by Bro. Eric Williams also being appreciated. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.

The brethren of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, Liverpool, and other members of the craft assembled in exceptionally large numbers on the 10th inst., to pay the last sad tribute of respect to two highly esteemed members of the Lodge—namely, Bro. Quayle, late J.W., and Bro. Clayton, secretary. The circumstances were particularly sad from the fact that these two officers died on the same day. The remains of Bro. Clayton were taken to his family vault at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, a number of officers and members attending at the railway station to witness the departure. In the midst of a large concourse of brethren and friends the body of Bro. Quayle was interred at Anfield Cemetery.

The installation meeting of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, on the 10th inst., when Bro. James G. Carver was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Butler, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain. Subsequently a dinner was provided at the Sun Hotel by Bro. G. Bingham, to which over 40 sat down. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The annual festival of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277, of Mark Master Masons, was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Malton, Yorkshire, when the installation of W.M.-Elect, W. Bro. T. M. Goldie, S.W., P.G.A.D.C., and the investment of officers for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by V.W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O., P.P.G.Sec., and W. Bro. John Marshall, P.P.J.G.W; P.G. Treas. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Talbot Hotel. The lodge was visited during the day by several brethren from various lodges in the province.

The installation meeting of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull, took place on the 9th inst., and was largely attended by members and visiting brethren who highly appreciated the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Wm. Woodall was installed into the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. Wm. Gillett, P.P.G. St. Br., the retiring W.M., and the ceremony was most impressively performed. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. T. B. Redfearn, the past senior warden of the lodge, presented, on behalf of subscribing members, to Bro. Gillett, a large and very beautifully-framed portrait in oil of himself. Accompanying the painting was an illuminated address, also elegantly framed, and on which were inscribed the names of the subscribing members. Bro. Redfearn spoke of the retiring master's worth and the high character of the services he had rendered to the Wilberforce Lodge. The recipient, who was deeply affected by this handsome token of the good feeling of his brethren, suitably acknowledged the compliment. The installation banquet took place in the Central Hall, Pryme Street. Between 70 and 80 sat down; and subsequently a conversazione and ball took place, the gathering being in every respect most successful.

The installation meeting of the Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050, was held in the Council Chamber at Rochester on the 3rd inst., when W. Bro. W. Watson, Prov. G.J.D. installed Bro. George Parsons as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a large assemblage of brethren, members of the lodge, and visitors from the surrounding neighbourhoods. The ceremony was carried out in a most able and effective manner. The retiring W.M., W. Bro. E. Lemon was presented with an elegant Past-Master's Jewel. The annual banquet was provided at the King's Head Hotel. The newly installed master presided, and an agreeable evening was spent by all who had the privilege of being present.

The installation meeting of the Drifelt Mark Master Masons Lodge, No. 291, was held in the Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks., on the 5th inst., and was well attended. Bro. H. Onslow Piercy was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, P.G.D., Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire. The installation banquet was served at the Buck Hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent in a truly Masonic manner under the presidency of the newly installed Master.

The departure for South Africa of Bros. Wm. Jackson, Thos. Pickering and Joseph Rucastle, members of the Arlesdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington, Cumberland, was the occasion for a cheerful "send off" entertainment by their fellow members on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Frizington. Some eighty couples responded to the invitations issued, and music and dancing, from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., served to convey to the departing brethren "hearty good wishes" for their safety and prosperity in a distant land.

Province of Northumberland.—Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., *M.P.*, R.W.P.G.M. Priory Lodge, No. 1863.—Bro. John Coull, W.M. This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 11th inst. Bro. J. W. Carr was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in the presence of a large number of provincial officers and brethren from various lodges. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed by the Lodge to Bro. T. B. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., treas., at the loss he has sustained in the death of his eldest son.

St. Clair Lodge—No. 2071.—Portsmouth.—The fourth installation meeting of this lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Monday, the 15th inst., was attended by a large gathering of members and visitors. Beyond the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the balloting for proposed initiates and joining members, the business of the evening was confined solely to the purposes of the installation, the initiation of the candidates accepted being deferred to an emergency meeting appointed to be held on the following day. This excellent arrangement enabled the Installing Master to carry out the entire ceremony without undue haste, and in consequence the work in lodge was of the very best. W. Bro. C. Vaughan Birch, the retiring W.M., undertook the duty of installing his successor, Bro. F. H. Woodrow, and was ably assisted by Past Masters W. C. Webb and Wm. Gunnell, who occupied respectively the Wardens chairs in the Board of Installed Masters, W. Bro. W. Dart officiating as D.C. We were gratified to

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

At the close of last year, a movement was set on foot to recognise the highly meritorious services of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as the historian of the Craft.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, kindly consented to serve as chairman of the committee, and among the members are many Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and brethren.

A circular, inviting co-operation, has been sent to the W.M. of every English lodge, and inasmuch as the value of Bro. Gould's labours has not been confined to this country, it was thought that the brethren of foreign masonic jurisdiction should be invited to participate in the movement, which has accordingly been done through the medium, in each case, of their respective Grand Masters.

Many lodges and brethren, both at home and abroad, have already responded to this appeal, and some time must of course yet elapse before the spirit in which it will be received in foreign masonic jurisdictions can be fully ascertained.

In the meanwhile, however, the success of the testimonial will be placed beyond the possibility of a doubt, if the brethren who have, up to the present moment, signified their intention of subscribing to it, will exert their personal influence in recommending the scheme to the favourable notice of their friends, and of the various masonic bodies with which they are connected.

Besides his unequalled merits as a Craft historian, Bro. Gould has been a diligent worker in several of the leading degrees of Freemasonry. Initiated so far back as 1855, he has been thirty-two years a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and thirty-one years a member of the Mark Degree. The Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, was the fifth lodge, of which he became the W.M. He is a P.Z. of chapters Nos. 92 and 570, and was a founder of three preceptories (in one of which he filled the chair), in the far east. His masonic record, therefore, goes to show that he has been active alike in the ritual and ceremonial of masonry, as well as being the foremost worker in its literature and history.

It may be remarked that the sum of one guinea has been fixed as the *maximum*, and not as the *minimum* subscription, for individuals, and that the names of brethren will be cordially welcomed on the committee, who may be disposed to collect any smaller sums, and forward their lists for incorporation with the general fund. Also the smallest sums will be thankfully received from any individual brethren who are desirous of forwarding their contributions to me direct.

It will be evident that though the testimonial must necessarily be allowed to run until a sufficient time has elapsed for replies to come in from abroad, it cannot remain open for an indefinite period. Hence, the influence of brethren who are favourable to the movement, would be most usefully exercised by their impressing upon intending subscribers the absolute necessity of dispatch. By this means the committee would be greatly assisted in bringing their labours to a close, and with a result, which they confidently anticipate, would, under such circumstances, mark in the most satisfactory manner possible, the general esteem and regard entertained for our Bro. Gould by his masonic brethren.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, *M.D.*,

Heath Lodge, The Grove, P.G.D., P.M. and Treas. No. 1,
Blackheath, April 10th, 1889. Hon. Sec.

BORROWED VOTES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Having subscribed to your valuable paper ever since its birth, and having learnt a good deal in perusing its pages, I am impulsively led to apply to you for advice in my trouble. I say impulsively because time is now short.

I am and have been working hard for a final case in the forthcoming Election for Girls, and am most anxious that my case should be successful, No 41 on the list, "ROBERTS," particulars you can see for yourself.

My difficulty is this, that I lately lent eight votes for the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum in exchange for an I.O.U. for eight girls' votes. The girls' voting papers have been out some 14 or 16 days, perhaps more. The brother from whom I received the I.O.U. is I.P.M. of a City Lodge. I have written twice to him without any acknowledgment of my letters, telling him that I am anxious as to the possession of the proxies.

I want to know what course I can now pursue to ensure those votes. I feel quite disgusted with his conduct, more especially as he signs the I.O.U. as I.P.M., my own title, but, thank God, not my disposition.

Kindly inform me at once how to act.

Can I not sue him in default if votes are not forthcoming before the election ?

Yours fraternally,

W. BOYCE,

April 15th, 1889. I.P.M., 30, United Mariners.

*** *We hope that the brother to whom the above refers may see this letter, and take immediate care that our correspondent shall have no further cause of complaint. It is an offence against Masonry to treat applications for the return of borrowed votes with silence. As to any remedy our correspondent may have in the event of the I.O.U. not being duly honoured, we do not think there is any remedy outside his Lodge. We are charged "never to take a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided," and if any brother "do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge."—See "Book of Constitutions."*—Ed. M.S.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you kindly settle a difference of opinion between myself and officials of a lodge. The first toast at a banquet is, as you know, that of the Queen and the Craft, which of course is honoured in the usual manner, and by standing when the National Anthem is being sung ; the toast of the Grand Master is likewise honoured by the masonic fire ; and now arises the difference of opinion to which I refer. Whilst the anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales" is being sung, should the brethren stand or sit ?

An answer at your earliest will be esteemed by

Yours fraternally,

J. E. SPURRELL,

April 16th, 1889. J.W. "Domatic" 177.

*** *It is not expected that brethren should stand whilst any other composition than that of "The National Anthem" is being sung.*—ED. M. S.

"GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND."

A letter from Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., &c., the hon. sec. to the "Gould Testimonial Fund," appears in our correspondence columns this week, to which we desire to draw especial attention. The movement to which it refers is a most worthy one and should have the support of the members of the Craft generally. The following information in connection with the progress of the testimonial may be found interesting. Amongst the recent additions to the Committee are :—Bros. Capt. W. G. Philips, P.G.D. ; Walter Hopekirk, P.G.P. ; G. C. Andrew, J.W. 92 ; Edward Armitage, P.P.G.W., Cumb. and Westm. ; Gordon Brown, P.G.S. ; John H. Cox, P. Dist. G.R., Hongkong ; C. Purdon Clarke (C.I.E.), 2076 ; John Craine, W.M. 1075 ; Thomas Francis, P.P.G.W., Hants ; F. W Halliwell, 1611 ; Angus W. Hooper, W.M. 374 ; C. Kupfer Shmidt, J.W. 238 ; John Miller, W.M. 723 ; Capt. S. W. Perry, W.M. 434 (I.R.) ; Walter Rowley, 289 ; G. H. B. Reed, P.P.G.S.B., Cornwall ; and Major-Gen. Vizard, W.M., 761.

DONATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES :—Grand Master's, 1 ; Moira, 92 ; Unity, 183 ; Invicta, 709 ; Friends-in-Council, 1383 ; Canterbury, 1635 ; Quatuor Coronati, 2076 ; Empire, 2108 ; and Hiram, 1 (Newhaven, Connecticut) ; and amongst the CONTINENTAL SUBSCRIBERS are Bros. A. M. Maas Geesteranus, Dep. G.M. : and J. P. Vaillant, Grand Sec., G. Lodge of the Netherlands ; Dr. L. Van Doesburgh, Amsterdam ; Dr. W. Begemann, Prov. G. M., Mecklenberg ; and Pierre Tempels, of the Supreme Council 33° of Belgium. Additional AMERICAN CONTRIBUTORS are Bros. Albert Pike, Sov. Gr. Com. S.C., for the U.S.A. Southern Jurisdiction ; Clifford P. MacCalla, G.M. ; and T. R. Patton, Grand Treas., G. Lodge of Pennsylvania ; Dr. S. J. Dickey, of the same Jurisdiction ; J. D. Dewell, J.W., Hiram Lodge, 1, Connecticut ; and Jacob Norton, of Boston, Mass.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

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learn that the beautiful and necessary ritual of constituting an assemblage of Rulers in the Craft into a Board for the purpose of inducting, amongst their body, with due solemnity and fitting propriety, a new occupant of the chair of K.S., is not treated in the province in which this lodge is situated as of none account; and from the sample of the work with which Bro. Birch delighted his hearers on this occasion, we can quite understand the tenacity with which it is retained by the several lodges as an important portion of Masonic ceremonial. Bro. Woodrow's installation was perfect in every respect, and the applause which followed the conclusion of Bro. Birch's labours was well deserved. The officers invested were :—Bros. J. S. Wickens, S.W.; E. Boorman, J.W.; W. C. Webb, P.M., treas.; Herbert Bundy, sec.; W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; C. R. J. Gibbs, org.; E. Hopkins, S D.; H. R. E. Woodthorpe, J.D.; T. H. Nancarrow, I.G.; G. R. Sherman and E. Stapleford, stwds.; and T. Bryan, tyler. A handsome P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Birch, and the business of the lodge, after propositions for initiation and joining respectively had been received, terminated in the usual manner. The installation banquet was served in the large dining hall, and after the cloth had been cleared, a long list of toasts were effectively disposed of by the W.M., and some excellent songs and recitations added to the pleasures of the evening. Nearly one hundred brethren attended this meeting, and amongst the visitors, who were most hospitably, and indeed, enthusiastically received, were :—Bros. J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Sanders, P.M.; W. H. Speering, W.M. 342; J. G. Livesay, W.M. 1903; R. Stokes, W.M. 1958; Capt. Warren; J. F. Morton, 257, Prov. G. Chap.; D. W. Lewis; J. Lind, P.M. 248; W. Gunnell, P.M.; W. Bates, 487, W.M.; D. T. Rule, 1834, W.M.; J. Hamilton; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 209; Rev. Anderson; G. Darby, P.M. 1705; J. Senior, P.M. 1705; J. Jackson, P.M. 1428; A. H. Wood, W.M. 804; T. Stretton, W.M. 2153; T. D. Askew, P.M. 804; E. Naylor, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and James Stevens, P.M. 1216, 1426, &c.

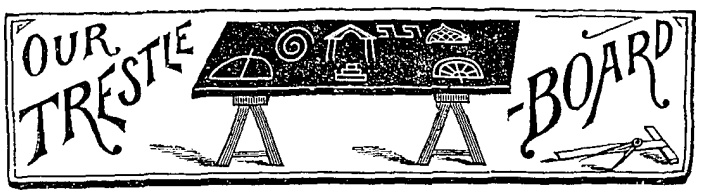
The ordinary meeting of the Spencer Walpole Lodge, 2197, was held on 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Bro. R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C. acting W.M. There was a good attendance. Regret was expressed that Bro. R. E. Cain, W.M., was absent from the Island on account of ill-health, and a cordial wish for his speedy recovery was expressed. The main business of the evening was the election of W.M., treasurer, and tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. Philip T. Screech, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the Master's chair, and the selection was endorsed by the hearty applause of the brethren. Bro. Screech suitably acknowledged the honour, and said it would be his endeavour, with the aid of his officers, to leave the reputation of the lodge unsullied, and its prosperity enhanced at the conclusion of his year of office. Bro. Frank J. Johnson, P.M., P.G. assist. sec., was re-elected treasurer, and Bro. J. Lanaghan was re-appointed tyler. An audit and valuation committee was appointed, and another committee was entrusted with the arrangements for the installation banquet on May 13th, and for a pic-nic, which it is suggested should be held on some later day. Subsequently the brethren had supper at the Granville Hotel, and spent an enjoyable two hours with the aid of oratory and music.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The China Mail of the 26th February, gives a lengthy and interesting account of one of the largest and most successful functions that have ever been seen in Hong Kong for many years past, and which took place in the City Hall on the 25th of that month. The various masonic bodies in the Colonies united in carrying out on a large scale a grand ball which for some time excited very great interest, and for which preparations of the most lavish and elaborate description were made. About a thousand of the principal residents in the Colony were present. His Excellency the Governor being received on his arrival by the brethren connected with the several Masonic degrees, and together with other distinguished guests passing from the main entrance to the grand staircase under an arch of steel formed by the Knights Templars. The labours of the several committees to whom were entrusted the preparations and management of this magnificent entertainment appear to have met with the fullest reward in the expressions of satisfation with which their efforts were crowned. The whole affair reflects the greatest credit on Masonic organisation.

The annual district meeting of the first masonic district was held at Windsor in the lodge rooms of Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Vermont, U.S., last month. Rising Sun Lodge conferred the first degree, and United Brethren Lodge the second degree, and Vermont Lodge, No. 18, the third degree. The work on all the degrees was done in a superior manner. There were present: Hon. Marsh; O. Perkins, past grand master of Windsor; D. N. Nicholson, grand lecturer of Burlington, and a large number of brethren from the several lodges in the district. The meeting was held under the direction of D.D.G.M., J. S. Fairman, who made pleasing remarks. He then called upon Past Grand Master Perkins, who addressed the assembly in pleasant and yet forcible manner. He paid glowing tributes to M.W.A.A. Hall, grand master of the State, and to Park Davis and Henry H. Smith, past grand masters. He spoke of their zeal in masonry, and their untiring efforts in revising the ritual, thus bringing about the present uniformity of the work.

Star Chapter of Instruction.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Voisey, P.Z., Treas., H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. Woods, acting S.E.; Fleck, S.N.; Schadler, P.S.; and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in first-rate style, Comp. Wood as candidate. Comp. Schadler was admitted a member. Comp. Voisey was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 26th inst., as the 19th is Good Friday.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

This is what the *South African Freemason* says in reference to the non-closing of Lodges opened in the second and third degrees, by the absurd use of the phrase "By the power in me vested," and against all ancient custom. "The Masonic Star declaims strongly and with perfect justice, against the evil practice, partly based on Scottish working, of closing the second and third degrees by 'prerogative.' . . . . We cannot refrain from concurring thoroughly with our contemporary in utterly condemning this unjustifiable and slovenly innovation. Such things strike at the very root of masonry. From the Star's remarks we gather that the practice is becoming common in England. We are truly sorry to hear it, but we can assure our contemporary, for his comfort, that it is altogether exceptional in South Africa. In the Cape Colony we have never seen it at all."

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In our impression of the 6th September last, we called attention to the case of Bro. H. C. Knill, of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201 (late hall porter for 19 years at Freemasons' Tavern), soliciting on his behalf the support of the brethren at the ensuing election in May of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The proxy papers for that election are now issued, and we repeat our appeal in Bro. Knill's interest, again reminding the life governors and subscribers that through a severe accident the candidate is rendered permanently unable to earn a living, and reminding them of the courtesy and civility with which he at all times, during his service at Freemasons' Tavern, discharged his duty towards them as well as towards his employers. Proxies filled up for this deserving case and forwarded to us, shall be sent on to him direct from our office.

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The 24th inst. is the date on which the Grand Festival of 1889 will be held, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed by the Grand Master, and invested. It is rumoured that with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Edward O'C. Terry, who is the elect of the craft, the following brethren are likely to receive appointments, viz. :—Bro. Lord George Hamilton, *M.P.*, First Lord of the Admiralty, W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, Grand Senior Warden; Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, *Q.C., M.P.*, I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, Grand Junior Warden; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. Byng, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Rev. T. B. Spencer, Grand Chaplains; Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., Alderman Sir P. de Keyser, Colonel Addison Potter, and Chester Cheston, Grand Deacons; Bro. Charles Belton, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Monteuuis, a P.M. of La France Lodge, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., Worcestershire, Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. W. Maybrick, Grand Organist; Bro. Mercer, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

THE "OLD MASONIANS."

The third annual festival of the "Old Masonians" was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on the 13th inst., W. Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, President of the Association, presiding. There was a good attendance of the members, and numerous visitors, amongst whom and supporting the chairman were Bros. Augustus Harris, Fredk. Binckes, — Cama (nephew of and representing W. Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer), Asher Barfield, Grand Treasurer; Major Lambert, W. W. Morgan, T. J. Rolling, P.G. Sec. Essex; James Stevens, H. Massey, &c., &c. Messrs. Watkins (secretary) and Nevins (treasurer) respectively occupied the position of vice-presidents. The date selected for the festival unfortunately clashed with the engagements of several distinguished brethren, who nevertheless sent their apologies together with a solatium for enforced absence, in the shape of qualifications for vice-presidentship of the association. Amongst the many who in this solid manner evinced their interest in the association we heard mentioned the names of Bros. D. P. Cama, Major Lambert, A. Notion and Imbert Terry. A number of letters were also read from members of the association in several parts of the world, and telegrams received during the evening from distant places proved the heartiness of the bond of union which has been established amongst these young men. The dinner having been disposed of, the company, under the genial sway of Bro. Godson, settled down to speeches and harmony. The former were laudably brief, but to the purpose; the latter a good exhibition of amateur talent of no mean order. The loyal toasts having been honoured with enthusiasm, those relating to the especial business of the evening were admirably introduced by the President, and received able responses from Bros. Binckes, Augustus Harris, Barfield, Major Lambert, Cama, and Morgan respectively. We cannot find space for an extended report, but in another column will be found some allusion to a few of the most important remarks made by the speakers. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the young men and their guests, and it is satisfactory to know that the entertainment has been productive of material results, in respect of which the Association's Treasurer has the fullest knowledge, and which results we hope may be further supplemented by increased interest in the society amongst the members of our Order generally.

Bro. Terry's theatre has been closed since Monday last, and is to re-open for the morning performance on Saturday, the 20th inst., when *Sweet Lavender* will continue its successful career.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I.B.—The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 6th inst., W. Bro. A. Scurrah presiding, and the following brethren being present:—Bros. S. Richardson; the Rev. Richard Morris, *M.A., LL.D.*; S. H. Parkhouse; H. Carman; John French; J. S. Cumberland; A. E. Gladwell; T. Griffiths; W. H. Saunders; G. P. Gillard; H. Webb; A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; George Mickley, *M.A.*, M.B.; S. Hastings Miller; W. Paas; W. Maple; F. Ravner; James Moon; F. W. Ramsay; J. L. Anderson; C. H. Webb; J. Glass; and Frederick Binckes, sec. Six petitions were submitted and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election. Four applications for grants towards outfit were considered, one being rejected and the other three being favourably entertained. Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly Court were handed in, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

R.M.B.I.—The Committee of Management met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 10th inst., W. Bro. Chas. J. Perceval presiding, and the following brethren being present:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune; C. H. Webb; A. H. Tattershall; Chas. Lacey; Wm. Smith; Wm. Pierpoint; Charles Kempton; Alex. Forsyth; John Bulmer; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; A. Dixon; Wm. Masters; B. E. Blasby; G. Bolton; Hugh Cotter; A. Durrant; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., sec. The secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants, one widow receiving half her late husband's annuity, and one approved male candidate for the next election. A resolution appointing a committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, treas.; Newton, and J. J. Berry, to draw up the annual report was agreed to, and it was also resolved that the stewards at the recent festival be invited, as usual, to visit the institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

A lecture was delivered by W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., in the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Hackney, on Friday evening last. Its subject, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences," related to the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree in Craft Masonry. In an extempore address of nearly two-and-a-half hours' duration the lecturer held the earnest attention of his numerous audience in explanation of the meanings of the language and symbols of that portion of our mysteries. At its conclusion a general opinion was expressed as to the interesting and instructive character of the meeting, and thanks were unanimously accorded to the lecturer, with honorary membership.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Voice of Masonry, for April; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis; *Liberal Freemason*, Boston; *Latomia*; *Australian Keystone*; *South Australian Freemason*; *South African Freemason*; *Society*; *Freemason's Chronicle*, Sydney.

The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 4 p.m., to-morrow (19th inst.).

The General Committeee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 4 p.m., on Thursday, the 25th inst.

DRONES.—In all masonic as well as other bodies there will always be found a class of members, and a numerous class of them at that, that may justly be entitled the "no goods" of the order. It is true they pay their annual dues whenever called upon, and, as a rule, ask no benefit in the way of charity; so that, as far as that portion of their duties are concerned, they assist in the support of the Lodge; but having done this—to them important duty—their interest in the welfare of the fraternity ceases. To their own minds they are the philanthropists of the Order. Outside of the Lodge, if masonic matters are spoken of, they shake their heads and look wise, tell what ought to be done and what they would do, but when meeting night arrives are generally conspicuous by their absence; or, if present, their voices are never heard in debate, their silence being often misleading, as indicating they favour the proposition under discussion, until, should its adoption lead to embarrassment, their "I told you so" will then loudly be heard. We allude to the different members who, by their acts, are governed by the "don't care whether school keeps or not" principle. It is immaterial to them whether the Order progresses or not. Wanting nothing personally, they care nothing for the interests of others, or the welfare of the body. It is sufficient for them that they are members in good standing of the ancient fraternity, and have the right, as they generally do, to wear a masonic charm somewhere about their clothing. Why, even the "chronic growler" is preferable as a member; for the growler, while he does some little harm and wastes time, shows even by his growling that he takes an interest in passing events, and watches what is going on, and it is much more conducive to the welfare of the many that all speak out at the time, rather than wait until after the damage is done. Brother, if you are an indifferent member, think this over, and become at once an active one; for the more active members your lodge has, the better it will be for masonry.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, APRIL 18th.	
25	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan Tav., Deptford
179	Manchester	*Anderton's Hot.*, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Leyspring	*Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.*
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square
	(3rd) FRIDAY, APRIL 19th.	
	This being GOOD FRIDAY, the meetings appointed for this date may not be held.	
6	Friendship...	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
975	*Rose of Denmark*	Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.		
92	*Moira*	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
Mark.		
226	Excelsior	M. H., Woolwich
R.C.		
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, APRIL 20th.	
1611	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C.		
142	St. Thomas's	*Cannon Street Hot.*, E.C.
Mark.		
251	Tenterden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(4th) MONDAY, APRIL 22nd.	
	BANK HOLIDAY.	
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony ...	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
222	St. Andrew	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
Red × 2		
	(4th) TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd.	
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
186	Industry	Ditto
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1348	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C. 7		
890	Royal York of Perseverance ...	F. M. H.
1269	*Stanhope*	*Surrey M. H., Camberwell*
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1365	Clapton	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte St.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
3	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
R.C.		
42	St. George	33, Golden Square, W.
67	Studholme...	Ditto
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th.	
	GRAND FESTIVAL.	
201	Jordan	F. M. H.
212	Euphates	Holborn Rest.
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's *Hot., Tottenham*, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., *Victoria*, S.W.
R.C.		
107	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(4th) THURSDAY, APRIL 25th.	
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	*United Pilgrims*	*Bridge House Hotel, S.E.*
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1974	St. Mary Abbotts...	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C. 534	*Polish National*	F. M. H.
R.C. 97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

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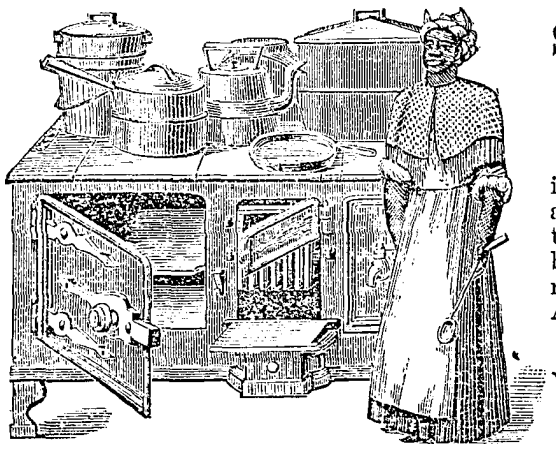
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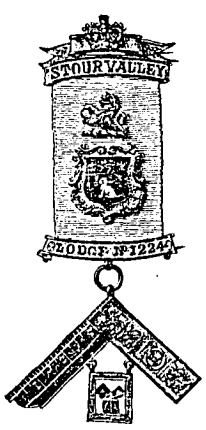
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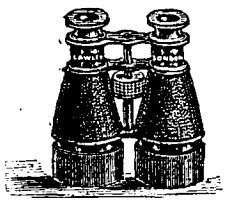
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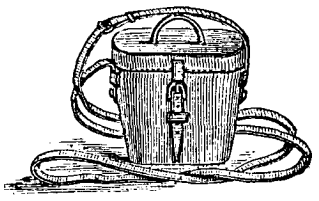


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General Masonic Instructions.

THE PERUSAL of a work entitled *Allgemeine Freimaurerische Instrutionen*, by B. Cramer, Leipzig, 1889, has afforded us much pleasure and food for deep thought. We are sure that its translation into English would produce a revolution in the minds of most English masons. It is in the first place, of course, the opinion and result of the author's study of the craft, but it doubtless represents the views of a large section of the fraternity in the fatherland; and it is the fundamental difference between their ideas and ours which strikes us as so curious and interesting. We in England are a practical people, providing for each case as it arises, and not much given to analysis or determination of the eternal fitness of things. In this spirit we have grasped Freemasonry. It has grown and developed amongst us—it is not now, in its essence and nature, what it was 150 years ago—but we have never deliberately or consciously given it a tendency this way or the other; we do not much occupy our thoughts with abstruse questions as to what it is, what it might be, what it should be. At all times we have found it answer certain needs of our inner nature; these needs have changed with the times, and it has assumed different complexions to suit the altered requirements, whilst ever remaining true to its grand principles of love, relief and truth. In Germany the case is different. There, Freemasonry is an exotic, an importation, not to the manner born, and the Germans, being a reflective, introspective and somewhat visionary race, have from the very first enquired into its use, purpose and methods. For them it is not sufficient that Freemasonry is, that it suits them, that they enjoy it, that on the whole its tendency is elevating and good, that without definite plans of a comprehensive sort it tends to the amelioration of humanity. They want to know where they are going, why they are going there, and to follow this path in perfect consciousness of their object and modes of procedure. We are far from blaming them; their plan would not suit us, but it may have its advantages, nevertheless, and in any case no harm can arise from setting a high ideal, even if its attainment be impossible.

Bro. Cramer's idea is that Freemasonry should be a great world and manners reforming society, a band of missionaries carrying into execution the highest conceptions of a social science reform. This view is insisted on throughout the book—we select one passage at random—"Freemasonry occupies an important place in the education of the human race, inasmuch as it aims at gathering together and uniting in one purpose men gifted with a capacity for idealism, to complete their humanitarian education and concentrate it in a focus. By these means those powers of idealism are to be strengthened which must precede the education of civil life," &c., &c. Our author would exclude from the lodge the present purely academical orations in praise of this or that cardinal virtue, and devote all efforts to a more practical amelioration of the members. But first he would only admit such members as were likely to be of service to the cause; men gifted with time, money and, above all, inclination to work, aye, sacrifice themselves for the good of humanity at large; men with large bumps of benevolence and ideality. The mason who is merely attracted by the antiquity of the institution; who chiefly desires to console himself after the heat of the day, so full of strife and pain, in the genial society of his fellows; whose idea of doing good largely consist in putting his hands in his breeches pockets; such a man is useless as a mason, and will only prove a drag on the progress of the craft. But they are not to be dreamy philosophers only; men of business, men of experience, practical men they must be also, in order to put their benevolent projects into execution. He gives instructions for testing the candidates, perfect instructions in their way, but which would have the effect of excluding 99 out of every 100 English masons. What the proportion would be in Germany we are unable to say. Having acquired these members, not perfect in themselves, but capable of perfection, the lodge must first form them to its purpose. The discipline includes the practice of severe self-examination daily, and, worst of all, the submission of one's actions to the criticism of the brotherhood. Faults of thought, word and deed are to be firmly and judiciously pointed out, erroneous views of duty to be corrected, lines of conduct, moral and civil, enjoined by the more experienced elders; and thus the fraternity will ultimately consist of fit weapons for the reformation of all the abuses in the state—whether of a moral, civil or governmental character. The members of the lodge will

sally forth as near perfection as human nature can attain and practice outside the lodge and force on a profane world those duties they have been taught within its holy walls.

Thus baldly put, the impracticability of the whole scheme becomes apparent; but argued out as our Bro. Cramer so ably does, we are almost tempted to side with him. Our brother's obvious earnestness, the intensity of his feeling, the cogency of his reasoning as he leads us from point to point, carry us away. The idea is magnificent, his ideal lodge, multiplied a thousand fold throughout Europe, is grand in conception, and would prove a blessing to humanity. Let us by all means strive to make some slight approach to its perfection: but its complete realization is hopeless. We recognize in the book the outpourings of a large, deep, philosophic and benevolent mind, and knowing to what a great extent it is representative of German freemasons in general, our respect for our brothers in the fatherland is greatly increased.

One chapter is devoted to the exposition of the state of religious thought in England in the century preceding, and contemporaneous with the formation of our Grand Lodge, and from this description revealing a protracted study of English History, are drawn conclusions as to the motives of the formation and constitution of modern Freemasonry, which we are sorry to be unable to agree to. That the state of feeling depicted may have influenced the progress and development of the craft, is possible; it could have had small part in its actual origin. It is, however, the view now prevalent in Germany, and merits attention; but the chapter is too long for translation in our pages. We are informed that it will probably appear in the July number of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, when it will meet the eyes and challenge the criticism of competent judges and students.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I find amongst my Masonic archives another "lay" which has been laying by ever since the air to which it was written was a popular one. I don't know what the air was. I should not think a very lively one. It is not an air that is "apparent," but it is one that is "presumptive" of having been once whistled in the streets, and which was probably ground on the organs of the period in which the verses were written. At any rate, I think it may be worthy of being put—as I used to be when a naughty boy—in the "Corner."

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Great Solomon, the king,
Great architect of fame,
Of whom all coasts did ring,
Revered a Mason's name;
Like him, accepted, free, and bold,
True wisdom we prefer to gold.

Since him, the great and wise
Of every age and clime,
With fame that never dies.
Pursued the art sublime;
Inspired by heaven, just and free,
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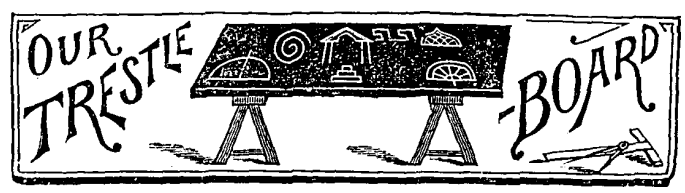
TEACHING IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

(Concluded Extracts from the *South African Freemason.*)

A WORD or two on the organization of Lodges of Instruction may not be out of place, as a sequel to our article of last week. Brethren have very often the most shady ideas as to the way of carrying on these institutions, and the English Constitutions do not help them much. With the commendable desire for brevity which distinguishes that collection of laws, all the regulations are compressed into four rules, and these say as little as possible. Rule 158 tells us that no Lodge of Instruction shall be held without the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special license of the G.M., and that both the brethren receiving it and the lodge giving it are responsible that the mode of working has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge. Rule 159 orders that notices of the time and place of meeting shall be sent to the District Grand Secretary. Rule 160 directs that minutes shall be kept, and produced when called for by the authorities. Rule 161 gives power to the Regular Lodge to withdraw its sanction from the Lodge of Instruction if it sees fit. Now none of these are very definite. Rule 158 does not fix very closely the responsibility of correct working upon anyone, and again it is very doubtful what is meant by "a mode of working which has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge." Unless the original commission forming the Board which eventually became the Unions Emulation Lodge of Instruction is to be considered as fixing the fiat of Grand Lodge upon the Emulation working, we do not know quite what is meant. We ourselves think that Emulation can fairly lay claim to the official sanction, but the Constitutions do not say so. In fact no machinery whatever is provided to ensure the preservation of a correct exemplification of ritual, according to authorised form. The 158th Rule is altogether too loose in its wording to be of any effect whatever. And as regards the constitution of Lodges of Instruction, the powers of their officers, the requisites for membership and the like, the Constitutions are entirely silent. The rules governing lodges have, in fact, grown out of a supposed consensus of opinion, but as this consensus has not always expressed itself in identical forms, the practices of different lodges vary somewhat widely. But as a general rule it is understood that no one below the rank of M.M. can be present; that no brother can be admitted without a ballot, either when proposed or at the subsequent meeting; that only subscribing members of a Private Lodge are eligible to join a Lodge of Instruction, that a small subscription shall be paid, and that a Preceptor and a Secretary shall be appointed annually, and other officers at each regular meeting. It is unfortunate that the Constitutions in no sense recognise such an officer as a "Preceptor," and yet the need of such a permanent official has been everywhere felt. The Lodges of Instruction have therefore had to legislate for him after their own way. He is generally elected annually by open proposition and show of hands, sometimes by ballot, and it is generally understood that he is re-elected *ad vitam* or as long as he may desire, unless he proves incompetent or obnoxious. It has been ruled officially that any M.M. can be appointed Preceptor, but we have not heard of any lodge appointing anyone below the rank of an Installed Master, and we trust we never shall. The Secretary is another more or less permanent official. In some lodges he is elected, in others appointed by the Preceptor. The latter we hold to be the more correct plan, as following the analogy of the Private Lodge, to the W.M. of which, as chief executive officer, the Preceptor undoubtedly corresponds. This matter is, however, of very little import. The W.M. and other officers are merely appointed for ritual purposes. They have nothing to do with the business management of the lodge. The W.M. opens and closes, of course, but outside lodge he is a cypher. He signs no cheques, convenes no meetings, issues no summonses. It is even doubtful whether he ought to sign the minutes, although in this case the usual rule that whoever is in the chair should perform this function, is a wise one. The W.M. is in most lodges elected at each meeting for the next. In some, however, both the W.M. and the junior officers are appointed by the Preceptor. Where the W.M. is elected, the junior officers are appointed by him. In any case, however, a regular rotation is observed, each officer taking his turn at promotion meeting by meeting. Regular minutes should always be carefully kept, and a small subscription should be charged, sufficient to cover the expense of stationery and the Tyler's fees. Some Lodges exact this as an annual payment; others levy a small sum on the members present at each meeting. The former plan is simpler and more exact. It should be clearly understood that in arranging work the authority of the Preceptor is absolutely despotic. Unless everyone admits this nothing whatever can be done. With perfect obedience, and with a genial, erudite, and exact Preceptor a Lodge of Instruction may be, not only a means of steadily advancing in Masonic knowledge, but an opportunity for very pleasant Masonic intercourse, more especially if the ritual and the lectures are illustrated by such running comments as may serve to render them interesting and intelligible.

Supposing our typical Lodge of Instruction formed after the methods detailed in previous articles or after any other methods, so long as they be sufficiently satisfactory, we will just say a word or two as to manner of utilising the time at our disposal so as to procure the best results in the communication of Masonic knowledge. A certain amount of system is requisite in this as well as in every other department of mundane activity. First and foremost, we may premise by saying that, so far as the acquirement of the ritual is concerned, instruction work should be carried on in the same manner as we are told to feed invalids, "a little and often." Instruction meetings should not be long, and they should be held at frequent intervals. Of course it is difficult to get brethren to attend, but if the meetings are strictly kept within the limits of brevity, the difficulty will to some extent diminish, and what remains of it must be resolutely faced if there is any desire for

satisfactory progress. Meetings should be held weekly, and if it is thought necessary, intermitted during the hotter months of the year. In acquiring the ritual it is very necessary that the rehearsals should take place at frequent intervals. Otherwise much of the work has to be gone through over and over again. But if only half-an-hour's work is done, and that repeated in a week's time, the impression has not had time to die out of the memory, and is week by week intensified until it is thoroughly worked into the mind. Four hours work done at intervals of a month will not have one quarter of the effect. After the vessel has come entirely to anchor, it loses an immense amount of time in getting under weigh. And in town lodges at least, it cannot be difficult to get earnest men together once a week, if they are assured that they will not be detained long. Of course, in country lodges, the time occupied in journeying may prove an insuperable difficulty. And as a matter of principle, ritual rehearsals should be brief. Under no circumstances should more than one degree be gone through at a time. Long sittings not only exhaust the attention but confuse the ideas. And one particular degree should be stuck to for weeks until all present have thoroughly learnt their parts in rotation. It is a great and fatal error to take the First Degree one meeting, the Second at the next, and so on. Lodges of Instruction are for masonic students, not for veteran Craftsmen, and the students should "peg away" at one thing until they know it. Continuity of ideas is the great secret of success. Better to learn a little and forget nothing than to learn much and forget much. Time is economised more perfectly under the former plan. And a further economy of time and labour may be effected by classifying the ritual work to some extent. We mean that the part of W.M. in the Lodge of Instruction should only be given to those to whom it is of some utility, the Past or Present Wardens of private lodges. To those who have not yet passed the Warden's chair, the benefit desirable from rehearsing the Master's part is altogether *in nubibus* and in fact, a waste of energy. But, on the other hand, this part is infinitely more difficult to acquire than all the other work put together, and for that reason it is desirable that each Master in prospective should have every possible opportunity of rehearsing it. But if you allow every member of the lodge to occupy in his turn the Master's place, you are diminishing the individual opportunities of improvement till they reach vanishing point. If you have, say 25 members in a Lodge of Instruction, of whom, say 4, are Wardens, and every member fills the W.M.'s place in rotation, it follows that, in the case of a lodge meeting monthly, none of those Wardens would have an opportunity of going over the work more than once in a year; hardly often enough to prove of much benefit, we trow. But if restricted to Wardens, each would get three rehearsals in a year. And if we want to arrive at the practical result of having men ready to enter the Master's chair with a fair knowledge of its duties, we must not be afraid to push youthful enthusiasm a little on one side. At the same time it might be understood that Wardens should not take any other office in the Lodge of Instruction save that of W.M. This would, so far as it goes, leave the way open for junior aspirants. We are sure that those of our experienced brethren who look carefully into our suggestions will approve them. Instruction work, other than ritual *rehearsal*, we do not deal with now, as we hold that it should, with the possible exception of the lectures, be done as part of private lodge routine. The lectures themselves are most beautiful, but they should certainly be given concurrently with a running commentary, which may be made most interesting, and will serve to elucidate many points otherwise *incomprehensible* or meaningless. In conclusion, we commend instruction work in general to our readers, feeling certain that no true Mason can ever neglect it.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

No apology can be required from us for occupying a portion of our space with the views of others in their own words on subjects in which interest has been shown by direct enquiry from our readers; but if such should be expected, we can only say that we are very glad in this holiday season, when Masonic meetings are but few, and matters of Masonic interest scarce, that we can select from our "gleanings" remarks which are pertinent to those enquiries and are worthy of general consideration. What's that we hear, "Paste and scissors!" Well, whenever we can find the "great thoughts" of others better expressed and more interesting than our imperfect gossip, that exclamation won't prevent our use of both! There are those who use and do not acknowledge; but our readers shall know the sources from which we derive inspiration.

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In our impression of the 4th inst. we inserted a letter from "Jurisprudence" headed "Working" in Lodges, enquiring as to the number of brethren required to be present in the respective Lodges of the three degrees, and to which we made answer in a foot-note. Relating to this subject we quote from the *Voice of Masonry*, that "The Grand Master (of Minnesota) remarks in reporting some irregularity in a lodge, that it requires seven Master Masons to open the lodge. We take note of it because it is another of those inconsistencies which continually rise before one as he investigates the "mysteries of our Institution." In every opening and closing we hear that three constitute a lodge of Master Masons. Why impose upon us a phrase wholly disregarded in fact! If it requires seven to open a lodge of Master Masons, then it cannot be composed of three only. It is as easy to say seven as three and it conforms to the fact." We agree with our contemporary as to the inconsistency in this particular instance. What is meant by the statement in our lectures that a lodge of Master Masons "consists of three," and a lodge of Fellow Crafts "of five," if it be the fact that a larger number *must* be present in each case for "working" purposes! What individual can decide this question for us, once and for all?

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In reference to the same question we find in our same contemporary the following in the report on Kentucky proceedings:— "We have never regarded the Masonic ritual as the law of Masonry, but we have supposed it to be founded upon that law, and justly to be taken as evidence of what the law is: and hence that three Master Masons, one being Master or Warden, compose a lawful Master's Lodge. The reason why the constitutions require seven to petition for a new lodge is because a lodge as a constituted body must be able to work in all the degrees. By the ritual, an Entered Apprentice Lodge requires seven, therefore a charter or dispensation cannot issue to less than that number, but it by no means follows that when working in the different branches, a lodge is not for all purposes duly and legally opened with the number required by the ritual. We do not forget that originally all business was transacted in the Entered Apprentice Lodge: and that may be a very good reason why on conferring the business powers exclusively on the Master's Lodge the law should be so made as to require the presence of seven in order to transact buisness. But if the constitution is so framed as merely to confer the business power upon the Master's Lodge with no provision as to the number required, it is clear to our minds that it can only be taken to be the Master's Lodge as known to the law before the change was made—that is to say, the Master's Lodge of the ritual."

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The *Toronto Freemason* of February refers to our Correspondent's enquiry in our Number 24 (January 31st) "Why was the 47th Problem of the First Book of Euclid selected for the P.M.'s Jewel? and when? and who by?" and translates our footnote, "*Information from Brethren solicited*," into "The Editor gives it up." To be candid, we do; for amidst all our researches we have not yet discovered to whom the selection of that beautiful problem, as a distinctive jewel in Freemasonry, is to be attributed, nor the date of its acceptance as such. But one reply to "T. B.'s" enquiry was received by us, and that from Bro. C. Longman, P.P.G.A.D.C., North Wales (see No. 25). This was of interest so far as it related to the proposition itself, but did not answer either of the questions propounded as above.

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Mackey tells us that "The jewel of a Past Master in the United States is a pair of compasses, extended to sixty degrees on the fourth part of a circle, with a sun in the centre. In England it was formerly the square on a quadrant, but is at present the square with the forty-seventh problem of Euclid engraved on a silver plate suspended within it." If any of our readers can inform us when the "square on a quadrant" was set aside for the form of P.M. Jewel now in use we should be assisted in our desire to ascertain what correct answers should be given to our Correspondent, "T. B.," and others interested. Perhaps the Editor of the *Toronto Freemason* knows. If so let him shine forth and illuminate.

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The *World* says: "The death of Canon Portal will be deeply lamented in Hampshire, and his loss will be deplored by the whole body of English Freemasons. In the old days, when Lords Leigh and Carnarvon were shocking the orthodoxy of Lord Zetland by raising the standard of the Mark Grand Lodge, the popular Rector of Burghclere was their right-hand man, and he lived long enough not only to become Grand Master himself of that body, but to see the Prince of Wales numbered amongst his successors. A few days ago he came to London, apparently in the best possible health, to move the transfer of Mark Grand Lodge to Bacon's Hotel."

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We trust that the motion of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., and Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the election of three additional boys to the number already announced for election, will be adopted at the Quarterly Court, to be held to-morrow, the 26th inst., at Freemason's Tavern. It will greatly help the last application cases.

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Bro. Wm. Morley will propose at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Saturday next, "That from the General Committee, Five or Seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner, and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such enquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition."

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We cannot see any objection to this proposal if brethren can be found willing to devote sufficient time and attention to the investigations suggested. We have known in our time many abuses in connection with candidature for the privileges of our Masonic Schools; and the *protegés* of those who could attend our elections clothed in silks and satins elected, whilst the poor widow in homespun has sat by with her child whose need was far greater than that of the favoured candidate, unfriended and unnoticed. A report from a "Petitions Committee" would ensure that every application accepted by the General Committee was submitted to the ballot on its own merits, and not on those of partial friends.

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MASONIC CLUB IN LONDON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The want of a Masonic Club in London where masons may meet upon the broad foundation principles of the order, and where their social needs may be understood and fostered, is being spoken of in certain circles. There are, of course, arguments for and against the establishment of such an institution, and doubts to be expressed whether the levelling principle of the craft would not interfere somewhat with its success. With your knowledge of the brotherhood and its foibles—if it has any—a detailed suggestion from your pen would probably start the scheme with some *éclat*. I send you herewith, not perhaps for publication, a few of the leading ideas of the scheme, which may be useful.

Yours very fraternally,

London, April 22nd, 1889. PARKHURST, P.M.

*** *We will give our correspondent's wishes as early attention as possible after perusal of the suggestions made.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

W.W. So., Croydon.—Thanks for your communication. We have forwarded it to the correspondent you mention, and doubtless it will have his attention.

W. J. N. 73.—Your favour received. We have noted for future announcements as requested.

OUR TRESTLE BOARD.

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The Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, and the Chapter connected therewith, are greatly interested in the case of Bro. Edwin Dodson, a P.M. of the Lodge since 1870, and P.Z. of the Chapter, and now an applicant for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, at the election which is to take place on the 17th May. Bro. Dodson is a life governor of the Institution, and has been for more than twenty-two years a subscribing member in the craft. From a long personal knowledge we can strongly recommend Bro. Dodson to the consideration of governors and subscribers who may not at present be pledged to assist elsewhere. His case is No. 25 on the list.

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We remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court and election of seventeen boys into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in the Great Hall, Freemason's Tavern, London, to-morrow, Friday, the 26th inst., at 12 noon. The ballot for the election will close at 3 p.m. precisely.

The Quarterly General Court and election of seventeen candidates (or thirty-seven in the event of a proposal to that effect being adopted) into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at the same place on the following day, Saturday, the 27th inst., at noon, and the ballot will close at 3 p.m. The 101st Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place in May.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows will be held at the same place on the 17th May, at 12 noon. Further notice of this meeting will be given in our columns.

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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st proximo, at 6 p.m.

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The following will, we know, interest very many of our readers who agree with us on the subject of publication of masonic information and instruction, with due reservation of whatever affects our secrets and hidden mysteries. They are extracts from the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab at its last regular communication in January. They will explain themselves without comment from us at present. "Appendix, No. III.—Extract from the minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of lodge 'Stewart,' No. 1,960, E.C., held at Freemason's Hall, Rawul Pindi, on Saturday, the 1st December, 1888." The District Grand Secretary's memo, dated 2nd October, 1888, concerning a masonic news column in the *Civil and Military Gazette* having been read, it was proposed and seconded by (*we leave out names of brethren*) "That lodge Stewart takes this, its first opportunity, to respectfully protest against the procedure referred to in the District Grand Secretary's Memo. of 2nd October, 1888, as a dangerous innovation to the traditions of masonry," and this was carried unanimously."

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The foregoing resolution was read at the District Grand Lodge above referred to, and very properly, "The District Grand Secretary was directed to request an explanation from Lodge 'Stewart,' as to how it came to the conclusion that the publication of such matters of interest as might properly be disclosed, was a 'dangerous innovation to the traditions of masonry.' In the memorandum referred to, the District Grand Master gave his permission to the publication, only of such information of interest as *may be properly divulged*, and none other; and as such information was already published in a large number of journals both in England and India, and the editor was himself a mason, the grounds upon which Lodge 'Stewart' had adopted the present unusual and altogether uncalled for action demanded further explanation." We heartily concur with this expression of the feeling of the District Grand Lodge, and await with some amount of curiosity the explanation which Lodge "Stewart," if it be not contumacious, will afford the District Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

At the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire there will, in all probability, be a grant of 50 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, is advocating an exceptional effort this year in aid of much-needed funds for maintaining the school in a state of efficiency. At his lordship's request, Bro. Newhouse, P.G. Sec., will represent the Cheshire province as steward, and he will attend to the interests of the various Cheshire lodges on the occasion of the annual meeting.

A special emergency meeting of Masonic Lodge, Brunswick, No. 159, was held on the 16th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, Devon, to bid farewell to Bro. C. C. Wingate, D.C. of the lodge, previous to his departure for America. The W.M., W. Bro. C. Marshall, presided, and there was a goodly attendance of brethren. The W.M. in proposing "Health and Success to Bro. Wingate," said he was held in high esteem by the brethren for his gentlemanly conduct, excellent demeanour, and his good work in the Lodge of Instruction. W. Bros. S. Jew, E. Ellery, and R. Selmon, Bros. F. J. Price, T. Stoner, J. E. Davis, and H. Warren having added a few words, W. Bro. H. J. Trethewy, as the oldest P.M. of the lodge, presented Bro. Wingate with a handsome eighteen-carat gold Masonic trinket (supplied by W. Bro. J. Griffin, of Stonehouse), bearing the following inscription :—"Presented to Bro. C. E. Wingate by the brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, as a mark of their esteem on his leaving England, April 6th, 1889." W. Bro. Trethewy wished Bro. Wingate success and prosperity in his new career. The toast having been heartily drunk, Bro. Wingate suitably returned thanks, and expressed his gratitude to the W.M. and other P.M.'s for services rendered.

The Portsmouth Lodge of Freemasons, No. 487, met at the Masonic Hall, Highbury street, Portsmouth, on the 11th inst. to celebrate the installation of W. Bates as Worshipful Master. Bro. J. Jenkins, the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bro. Bates, S.W., who subsequently invested his officers in the following order, viz. :—Outridge, S.W.; J. L. Snell, J.W.; J. T. Thackara, treas.; A. M. Rae, sec.; W. H. Biggs, S. D.; J. Haggett, J.D.; H. C. Loader, D.C.; J. Pearman, organist; D. Barnard, I.G.; J. Guest, steward; also Bros. J. Woodhouse, P.M.; T. P. Palsgrave, P.M.; C. Groom, F. Benham, W. Maybour, J. Biggs, J. Bier, H. Simes, W. Wande, A. Lewis, G. Reading, J. Twicher, and G. E. Curtiss. Among the visitors were: From Lodge No. 1776, Bros. W. R. Fowler, W. Gill, W. White, A. Taylor, J. Taylor, E. Palmer, W. J. Townshend, E. Goodwin, G. W. Burbidge, and J. Biden, 2153, Bro. Stretton; 804, Bros. F. Bascombe, J. Godfrey, G. Parnell, Parsons, J. J. Bascombe, and Wood; No. 2068, Bros. G. S. Woodthorpe, G. W. Peel, and J. Scorpe; 309; Bros. A. R. Holbrook, P.P.G.R.C., and J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; 2,074, Bros. C. B. Birch, S. P. Fleet and E. Stapleford; 1296, Bro. H. Hammond; 1,069, Bro. L. L. Bernstein; 1,834, Bro. W. D.

Parkhouse; 928, Bro. E. Nayler, P.G.S.B.; 342, Bros. W. H. Sperring and G. R. Strick, P.P.A.G.P.: 1428, Bro. J. Ruddy; 1648, Bros. J. C. Harrison, Terry, L. A. Adams, and J. Scorpe; 1903, Bro. J. G. Livesay; and from 331, Bro. H. Page. At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Bro. J. Jenkins was presented with a Past Master's jewel to mark the appreciation of the brethren of his services during his term of office as Worshipful Master.

On the 17th inst. on the invitation of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent of the North and East Yorkshire (the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland) held a Provincial Grand Chapter and General Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province at the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull. There was a large attendance of Principals and Past-Principals, together with members of the various Chapters. The attention of the companions was drawn to the first festival on behalf of the Educational Fund of the province, which is being established for the purpose of educating the children of deceased or necessitous Freemasons who were unable to obtain admission to the other masonic institutions. After the transaction of the usual business, the Earl of Zetland appointed the officers for the ensuing year, amongst those receiving provincial grand honours being Comp. Wm. Tesseyman, of Hull, who was appointed first principal: and Comp. J. R. Stringer, of Hull, appointed Provincial Grand Chapter Organist.

Heaton Norris, Egerton Lodge, 1030.—There was a large gathering of this Lodge on Monday to welcome the R.W.P. Grand Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie). After the raising of a candidate, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. R. Bassnett Preston, S.W. Bro. A. Pemberton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Dawson, P.M., was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M., moved that £20 be contributed from the charity funds of the Lodge towards the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which motion was duly seconded and carried. The R.W.P. Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the exertions which had been been made towards the support of the local Masonic Institution. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. Lord Egerton, of Tatton, R.W.P.G.M. (Cheshire), who is an honorary member of the Egerton Lodge. Bros. George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M., Horatio Lloyd, V.W.D.P.G.M. (Cheshire) and James Heelis, P.S.G.W. At the dinner, subsequently, the W.M. Bro. J. Cookson presided, and he was supported by the following visitors:—The R.W.P.G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), Bros. James Maclaren, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sword Bearer, P.G. Secretary; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D. (Cheshire); W. Goldthorpe, P.P.G.D.; C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.D.; James Needham, P.P.G.D. (Cheshire); Thomas Woodcock, P.G.A.D.C.; Thomas Moore, P.P.S.B. (Cheshire); Ben Brierley, W. O. Pettitt and others. The usual loyal, masonic and complimentary toasts were given. Musical assistance was very well rendered by many brethren, including Bros. Pettitt, Maclean and Bickerton; and admirable recitations were given by Bros. Ben Brierley, McKim and H. Smith. The total amount subscribed or voted to the masonic charity on this occasion exceeded the sum of £60.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Sussex, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 13th inst., Comp. Gerard Ford, M.E., Grand Superintendent, presiding. Amongst those present were:—Comps. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Earl Euston, F. A. Philbrick, *B.A.*, *Q.C.*, &c., &c. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, and the roll of the chapters in the province was called, nearly every one being represented. The report of the audit committee being received, feeling allusion was made to the death of Comp. Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer. The usual address was read by the Grand Superintendent, and the Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed as follows:—Comps. Davies, H.: Farncombe, J.; W. H. Hallett, treas.; V. P. Freeman, S.E.; and Cardwell, P.S. A banquet followed, at which a large party were present, the duty of stewards devolving on Comps. Briscoe and Reed.

A new order in connection with the masonic art was inaugurated in Brighton on the 15th inst., when the consecration of the Royal Sussex Conclave, Order of the Secret Monitor, took place at the Royal Pavilion, the brethren officiating being R.W. Bros. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke; F. A. Philbrick, *B.A.*; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; Earl Euston, G.G.; and W. J. Spratling, G.R. The programme of consecration was of an unusually interesting description, and the degree was conferred on several brethren of Sussex lodges, after which Bro. Alex. Stewart Brown was installed as Supreme Ruler, the officers appointed being Bro. A. F. Lamette, C.; and Bro. J. C. Buckwell, G. A treasurer and tyler were also elected. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, to a banquet presided over by Bro. A. S. Brown, the newly-installed S.R., who was supported by the consecrating officers and brethren of the conclave. The customary loyal and masonic toasts followed, and it was admitted that a strong working conclave of this Order had been established under favourable auspices.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction—No. 13.—On Thursday, 18th inst., at the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich. Present: Bros. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Keeble, W.M.; Cox, S.W.; Dennison, J.W.; Ferguson, S.D.; Massey, J.D.; Stead, I.G.; Charlie Woods, 1869, A. Soj. 1275; and Akers, P.M. The lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Bro. Woods answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed, Bro. Woods candidate. Bro. Akers, P.M., ably delivered the traditional history. Lodge was called off and on, resumed and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Cox was elected for the first Thursday in May. The W.M. rose for the third time, Bro. Akers, P.M., announced that he would work the three degrees, and the lodge was closed.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

NEW ZEALAND.

A scheme for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand is afoot, but for the present does not appear to excite very considerable interest amongst the several lodges in the colony. Of these, there are, under the English jurisdiction, some forty-six in the South Island, and forty-two in the North Island: the towns having more than one lodge being respectively Ashburton, Christchurch and Dunedin, two each; Featherstone, three; Wellington, five; and Auckland, seven. As out of all this number of lodges, in addition to others working under the Scotch and Irish constitutions, not a score of brethren attended the meeting held on the 1st February last, at Wellington, and but six lodges altogether were represented, viz.: three English, two Scotch, and one Irish, we cannot think the resolution "that, in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable, in the interests of masonry, that a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand should be formed," will meet with immediate acceptance by the general body of New Zealand Freemasons.

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Invercargill, March 1st.—A second meeting of Past Masters of the Southland Lodges now engaged in preliminary steps with a view to a general meeting of masons to consider the advisableness of forming a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held last evening. There were twelve present, representing all the constitutions. A resolution approving the desirableness of a United Grand Lodge led to debate. Several of those taking part stated that before committing themselves to the proposal absolutely they should like to be informed as to the nature of the Constitution likely to be offered in lieu of the present one. The general feeling seemed to be that it should be on a "liberal" basis, and that as far as possible all the officers, both of the Grand and subordinate Lodges should be elective.

The following amendment was then proposed:—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that a United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons be formed in New Zealand, provided that the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions be represented equally in the said Grand Lodge; that the re-election of officers be on the elective principle; and that the present system of government in the lodges of the various constitutions be not interfered with, except with the sanction of at least two-thirds of the members good on the books of the said lodge."

After debate this amendment was carried, and its proposers appointed to move it at the general meeting of masons to be held a fortnight hence. It was resolved that the proceedings of the general meeting should be opened by reading the address recently delivered by P.M. Bro. Gillon, at the meeting recently held in Wellington, for the formation of a Masonic Union in that city, and that at the meeting in question, contingent on the first resolution being carried, another should be submitted providing for the formation of a branch of the Masonic Union in Southland.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—The masonic lodge, Taree, has received a fine organ direct from Jersey, United States of America. It is a beautifully constructed instrument, of full compass, with all the latest additions and improvements, and has a sweet and powerful tone, filling the hall where the lodge is held with full power of melody. This will be a fitting accessory to the ceremonies at the meetings of the masonic body, who have generally a large number present at their assemblies.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1572, will entertain their members and friends at a Supper at the *Salutation* Tavern, Newgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, the 29th inst. Meet at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Bro. Whitaker, P.M., and Sec. of the Mother Lodge, will preside. Bro. W. Kingwell, of 39, Cuthill Road, Denmark Hill, S.E., will afford other particulars.

——The Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, Bro. William Simpson, *R.I., M.R.A.S.*, &c., W.M., will meet on Friday, 3rd May, at 5 p.m., at Freemasons' Hall, London, when Bro. G. W. Speth will read a Paper, entitled "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry." The Brethren will dine at Freemasons' Tavern at 7 p.m.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Proceedings of the District Lodge of the Punjab, 14th January, 1889; *Notes on the Ceremony of Installation*, by Bro. Henry Sadler, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler, &c., Kenning, London, 2/6; *Society*.

Bro. Alf. A. Itter, Cyclist Lodge 2246, sailed on Wednesday last for New York by the Inman Liner, *City of Berlin*. There were present at Euston, to wish him "God Speed," Bros. Chas. Sheppard, P.M., and Sec., 2246; John Itter, Stability, 217; Chas. A. Itter, J.W., 2246; Mr. and Miss Thornton; Mr. Clements, and several other friends.

The regular meeting of the Board of Benevolence of the United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons for the month of April was held on the 17th inst., at the Freemason's Hall, London. The list of petitioners for assistance contained 42 names, whose qualifications were through lodges in the London district, at Sunderland, Durham Willington Quay, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Liverpool, Whitworth, Douglas (Isle of Man), Dudley, Birmingham, Derby, Sleaford, King's Lynn, Reading, Devonport, Exmouth, Poole, Hastings, Jersey, Ireland, and Cannanore (East Indies). The total sum granted was £802 to 34 cases, the average amount per head being less than usual. Four cases were dismissed, the Board exhibiting a strong desire to discourage all but cases of absolute distress while dealing liberally with helpless petitioners.

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

ONE night, as the Worshipful Master was about to commence "work," an announcement came that Bro. Brown, from Lodge No. 999, England, wished to be examined. The W.M. cast an enquiring look upon me, and I retired to examine the stranger. I found in the ante-room a very handsome young man, dressed genteely, but clothes rather worse for wear, who began by apologising that he was rusty, and that this was the first Lodge he had attempted to visit in America. He had never made himself known as a Mason, although living more than six months in New York. He spoke a good grammatical English, with a decided English accent—that is, the accent of the better class—and I soon found him by his conversation to be a man of very good education. He produced the certificate in use by the Grand Lodge of England, by which I found that he had been a Mason about two years. I proceeded with the examination, until I found that he was legally entitled to visit my Lodge, and brought him inside. When he found that I was the Secretary, he came up near my desk, and remained near me until the Lodge closed. There was something so sad, so suppressed and subdued in the man's manner and speech, that I could not make it out. He looked poor enough, yet the stamp of the gentleman was unmistakably upon him. Before closing I mustered up courage to ask him if the Lodge could do *anything for him*. He looked startled, blushed, thanked me very kindly, and said no, not now. After Lodge closed I gave him one of our visiting cards, and cordially invited him to call again. This he did several times, looking paler, sadder, and poorer each time.

One day a letter was brought to my house requesting me to call that day upon Bro. Brown, my pale English friend; but as I only got the letter late in the evening, and it being Lodge night, I resolved to call before going to the Lodge, even at the risk of letting the brethren wait for me. I found the address given me to be in the most crowded east side tenement district, and as I mounted stair after stair, I felt indeed that I was in the home of that great monster of our present civilization—Poverty.

I knocked at the door of a room, and it was opened by a beautiful young woman of scarce eighteen years who, much confused, bade me enter. Upon a miserably fitted up bed, lay dressed, my friend the English brother Mason. He asked to be forgiven if he had troubled me, but he now wanted my aid. He would be dispossessed on the morrow if he did not pay the rent by 10 oclock in the morning. It was an enormous sum, the whole of six dollars. I promised to bring his case before the Lodge that evening, and also that I would surely call before 10 o'clock the next morning, and that he might rest easy, he being able to keep his rooms. I hastened to the Lodge, where I reported his case, and was appointed a committee of one with power. Early next morning I again went to see my man, this time determined to find out more about him—as I had now the funds of the Lodge to dispose of. I felt in duty bound to see that these funds were well and worthily bestowed.

I first satisfied the clamouring landlord, so as to make the young people easier in their mind: and when I entered their room with a receipt for their rent, their thanks were profuse and hearty. I then broached the subject of his history; told him it was not idle curiosity that prompted my inquiry; but that I might intelligently aid him. I would like to know something of his former home and life. It was then that he revealed to me, under Masonic seal, his true name.

Bro. Brown had held an important position in a commercial house in England, where he had the *entree* to his employer's house and home, where he met and loved the merchant's daughter, which love was not only returned, but fostered and encouraged by the young girl. It never entered the minds of the young people that they could not obtain the sanction of the rich and proud father to their union, but they kept right on, holding secret meetings and pledging eternal love and fidelity to each other, when their dream was suddenly ended by the young man receiving his sudden dismissal from the house, and preparations being made to send Miss M—— to London.

The ardent lovers frustrated this plan by a hasty marriage, and flight to America, there to strike out for themselves. In youth everything looks rosy, especially to those who have never been brought face to face with that powerful fiend, Poverty; and so with these people. The funds hastily gathered before leaving home soon melted, and he found every avenue of life overcrowded, and he had to acknowledge to himself that he had not the push to crowd in and on and onward. They soon became poorer and poorer, until they brought up in this miserable abode, a room seven feet by nine feet and even here he could not stay, as there was no hope for him.

There was something very sad in his voice that struck me as particularly strange in one so young, but I saw it was remorse—deep, sincere remorse—for having induced his wife to come with him to America, to leave a home of plenty, and luxury, and refinement, to share his abject poverty with him. He further stated that he knew he was going to die, and asked me would we give him a decent Masonic burial, and made me promise as a brother Mason to notify the British Consul, tell the true name of his wife, and see that she was sent home to her kinsfolk in old England, there to forget the foolish youth who had cast so deep a shadow across her young life.

He seemed exhausted by his long talking, and I tried to encourage him—spoke of his youth and of better things in store for him—but he faded fast away, and grasping my hand he whispered faintly:—

"I shall be dead within the hour. Keep your promise, send Julia back to her father. The British Consul will pay you back the money, and God will pay you in kind."

He then began to whisper the Lord's prayer, faintly but distinctly, word by word, the young wife, striken, dazed, and mechanically joining with him and myself, and when the last words were reached, "for ever and ever," we listened, with our heads bowed low, for the "Amen." It did not come. The brother had passed to the realms beyond. May the Amen come to him from the throne of glory, "for ever and ever."

After the brother had been buried by the Lodge, I found that the widowed girl could not then be sent home Through the goodness of old Dr. Muhlenburg, late of St. Luke's Hospital, she was placed in that excellent institution, where she gave birth to a little girl, and gave her young life with it. Again the grave opened, and the child-wife, widow and mother, was laid beside her lover husband.

I now had to take care of the tiny little orphan, which a brother of a sister Lodge, who knew some of the circumstances, consented to adopt; but death had also put his relentless stamp upon the little one. The trials and vicissitudes through which the mother had passed, and the inadequate food before being admitted to the Hospital along with her suffering, could not fail to have its effect upon her offspring. The child was born suffering with marasmus, and could not be cured. It lingered, however, through good and careful nursing, for three months, when it also died, and for the third time the yawning grave opened and received the last of this unfortunate family, united in death as they had been on earth.

I never notified the British Consul, never wrote to the harsh old father, and the secret of those lives and secret of their names, lies buried in the triple grave at Greenwood Cemetry, there to remain until all secrets are revealed, all hearts laid bare, and the final judgments will be passed on all—rich and poor, weak and strong, alike—all measured by the standard of the great Jehovah, by the scale of the ever-righteous Judge.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (4th) THURSDAY, APRIL 25th.	
65	Prosperity	*Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.*
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1974	St. Mary Abbotts...	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C. 534	Polish National	F. M. H.
R.C. 97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, APRIL 26th.	
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
R.A.C. 1602	Sir Hugh Middleton	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
	(4th) SATURDAY, APRIL 27th.	
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Rest., W.C.
R.A.C. 1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
	(Last) MONDAY, APRIL 29th.	
R.A.C. 1745	Farringdon Without	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(Last) TUESDAY, APRIL 30th.	
141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st.	
1293	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1491	Athenæum	Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1585	Royal Commemoration	White Lion Hot., Putney, S.W.
1827	Alliance	*Guildhall Tav., E.C.*
	(1st) THURSDAY, MAY 2nd.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
1155	Excelsior	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1283	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1361	United Service	*Café Royal, Regent Street, W.*
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, Craven Road, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.C.
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
R.A.C. 9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.

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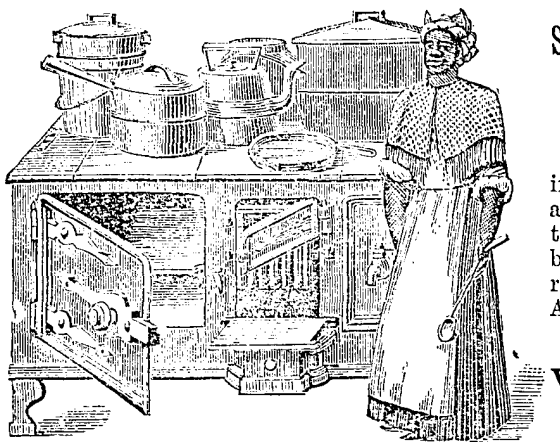
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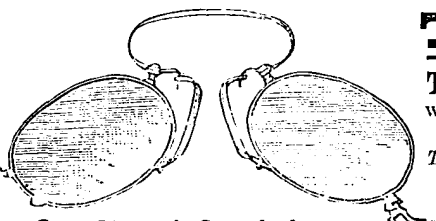
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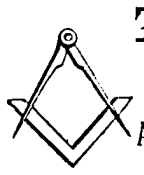
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The Quarterly General Courts
OF THE
Royal Masonic Institutions.

THE Quarterly General Courts of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, held respectively at Freemasons' Tavern on the 26th and 27th ulto., were of more than usual interest. That of the Institution for Boys was presided over by the W. Bro. Henry Smith, D. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, and was attended by a large number of metropolitan and provincial brethren, many of the latter having travelled long distances in expectation of hearing the report of the Committee which has been for several months inquiring into the management, discipline and expenditure of the school. After the reading of minutes relating to the previous Quarterly Court, and of the several meetings of the General Committee, the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett as treasurer was unanimously resolved. Bro. Roebuck (who we were sorry to notice was suffering from a recent accident resulting in a broken limb) in the absence of W. Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, proposed the addition of three candidates to the number named for election, and this being seconded by W. Bro. Venn, was carried, thereby raising the number to twenty. Subsequently the poll was declared in favour of the following:—Roberts, Frank, 2,793 votes; Kennedy, A. E., 2,784; Woodman, J., 2,775; Fry, J. B., 2,745; Kemp, A. H., 2,695; Coulthurst, R. S., 2,627; Gravenor, R. H., 2,611; Blanin, C. H., 2,606; Lister, P. O., 2,593; Laurence, H., 2,540; Michael, C., 2,539; Mundle, S. A., 2,510; Ibbotson, S., 2,447; Burgess, E. H., 2,436; Carr, H. L., 2,421; Court, W. P., 2,351; Podmore, A. E., 2,327; Bosco, W. P. C., 2,286; De Caen, J. H., 2,189; and Nicholl, L. M., 2,162.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Grand Registrar, as Chairman of the Committee appointed in July last, then handed to the Chairman of the day the unanimous report of that Committee, enclosed in an envelope and under seal, and the same was formally received. It was found to occupy some fifty pages of printed matter in book form, and was evidently a record of a most exhaustive inquiry. It was at once seen that the important business of the election would be greatly interfered with if the report was to be read, and a possible debate on its merits to be there and then opened. It was, therefore, after some discussion of a resolution by Bro. Storey, resolved that "the report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Quarterly Court," which practically means that every Patron, Vice-Patron, Life Governor and Life Subscriber, shall forthwith receive a copy. The question of the expense attending the proposed circulation in the form resolved, had an earnest consideration on the score of providing therefor in the most economical manner; and it was an unanimous opinion of the Court that under its sanction Bro. Philbrick could facilitate matters by employing the same printers—a firm in a distant part of the country pledged to secresy during preparation of the proofs submitted—to use the standing type for the production of the large number of copies required. This was agreed to on the part of Bro. Philbrick, and a cordial vote of thanks to him and to the members of the Committee who had given their services in the preparation of what is evidently an exhaustive and doubtless a thoroughly impartial report was carried by acclamation. Bro. Philbrick acknowledged the compliment, and desired to speak personally of the support afforded him by Bros. Derby Allcroft (treasurer of Christ's Hospital), Sir Reginald Hanson, S. Pope, *Q.C.*, Col. Thrale Perkins, J. Malcolm (of Leeds), and A. C. Wylie (of Liverpool), who, after occupying fifteen days in taking evidence, brought their labours to a conclusion which he trusted will ultimately benefit the Institution. Bro. Philbrick added, "I will say this only of the Report, that we have endeavoured without fear, favour, or affection, to tell the whole truth as we believed it to be. What the result of that will be we leave to those in whose hands lies the dealing with the matter." With these ominous words the business relating to the reception of the report concluded; and as far as we could ascertain a Special Court will be called, by requisition, for its consideration.

Meanwhile, and probably within a few hours after this account of the meeting will be in the hands of our readers, the printed copies of this most important report will have reached all or mostly all who may be entitled to receive the same. We know that in many respects it will be condemnatory of the "management, discipline and expenditure" of the past few years; and that, consequently, the attention which has been called thereto has been fully

justified. More than this we will refrain from saying, not considering it fair to express the opinions of our correspondents and ourselves upon a conclusion without doubt properly arrived at upon particulars, the details of which we are not in possession of any more than other members of the Quarterly Court of the Institution. We can only hope, and we do sincerely hope, that there may be much, very much, in those details to mitigate whatever censure may be contained in the summary (if censure there be, as we have reason to suppose there is) upon the respective Committees, Staff, and Officials of the Institution; and that in any case no rash or injudicious action on the part of its supporters may be permitted to affect those who have given zealous service in former years. If there is now much to condemn there is also much to remember and be grateful for, and the past should be permitted to have its influence upon the present and the future, so long as rehabilitation of the best interests of the school can be secured.

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, on the 27th, was presided over by V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution. Information was conveyed to the meeting that, acting on the success of the centenary festival of the Institution, on June 8th, 1888, when the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, presided, in the Royal Albert Hall, and secured subscriptions considerably over £50,000, the House Committee had resolved to enlarge the School at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, at a cost of £31,000, in order to extend the benefits of the Institution to a larger number of the daughters of necessitous or deceased Freemasons. V.W. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton stated that Bros. Hunt and Clutton, the architects under whose advice the House Committee were acting, in recommending this resolution to the Quarterly Court, found that the arrangements of the establishment were of such a character that the whole of the new work could be conducted without removing a single pupil from the larger to the smaller building. Bro. H. B. Marshall was again chosen treasurer, and it was then resolved to elect at this meeting twenty girls in addition to the seventeen for whom there were now vacancies in the course of the ordinary conditions of the Institution. The motion of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P. Prov. G. Warden, N. & E. Yorks, "That all motions or particular business to be brought before the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall be printed and distributed in the room at the meetings of such courts for the information of the brethren present" was carried; as was also the important motions by Bro. Wm. Morley, "for altering law 35 by the addition after the word 'admission' in the 9th line, of the words 'after having a report of the Petitions Committee,' and after the word 'audit' the words 'and petitions,'" and that "from the General Committee, Five or Seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner, and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such enquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition. The first Committee be elected at the Meeting of the General Committee next after the above propositions become Laws of the Institution." Before the proceedings closed a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., the stockbroker who so arranged the conversion of the funds of the institution invested in Consols that the institution had saved as much as £1,000. The General Committee, who acted on Bro. Fenn's advice, and directed that the matter should be carried through, were also included in the vote. Scrutineers having been appointed, the business of the election was proceeded with, and at shortly before 6 p.m. the poll was declared as follows:—Webster, 3,434 votes; Harling, 3,009; Thaw, 2,732; Codling, 2,731; Liverd, 2,467; Hemmings, 2,223; Venables, 2,319; Lee, 2,298; Staff, 2,289; Gorton, 2,195; Pether, 2,112; Balch, 2,099; Cookes, 2,035; Schofield, 2,028; Winterbottom, 2,009; Collard, 2,008; Towse, 1,934; Campbell, 1,910; Astington, 1,867; Greenwood, 1,859; Williams, 1,849; Roberts, 1,838; Tettenborn, 1,822; Taverner, 1,819; Gould, 1,771; Cooper, 1,767; Turner, 1,722; Sumner, 1,689; Swaebe, 1,679; Bruce, 1,678; Smith, 1,666; Jones, 1,622; Kassall, 1,615; Hall, 1,606; Michael, 1,592; Thorne, 1,579; and Young, 1,557—being a total of thirty-seven successful candidates from an approved list of seventy-three girls.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL REPORT.

IT would be well, before considering the Report of the Commission on the Boys' School about to be issued, if the subscribers and supporters would first recall to mind certain commonplace truths, and broad general facts, in order that they may be saved from the hasty action which so commonly follows the exposure of flaws and faults hitherto unsuspected. The normal subscriber to any charitable institution begins by being a warm partisan, and often indignantly repudiates the suggestion of a fault, even when it is supported by good evidence, and refuses to assist in applying a remedy, even when the case admits of one both simple and effectual. Later on, when by the accumulation of evidence the fact becomes too obvious to be denied, he becomes unreasonably angry: forgets the real, broad grounds on which he supported the institution, and is inclined to withdraw his support because of abuses which might have been remedied.

Now with regard to the Boys' School: it has received year by year the most generous and ungrudging support. The purses of members of the Craft have been ever open to its claims, and it must be said also their ears have for the most part been closed to anything but its praises. Nor has this either been the blind ignorance of partisanship. Scarce a single Mason has befriended the School without some direct knowledge of its work; and to deny that on the whole that work has been a great and good one, is to libel the general intelligence of the Craft, by whom and for whom it has been supported. A great pile of buildings has been erected, and many hundreds of the orphans of Freemasons have been fed, clothed, and educated therein, and afterwards materially helped on in life. "Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against," we ought not to do anything rashly. If there is found to be just cause for blame, let it be meted out with *fairness*; but let no feeling of indignation against individuals blind our eyes to the real worth or work of the Institution. For it is too much to expect any school—least of all one like ours—can be carried on year after year without fault. Still less is it to be expected that it can escape the imputation of a fault. Parsimony or extravagance in the management, severity or laxity in the discipline, over-pressure or under-education in one direction or the other, its critics are sure to say it errs, and if it has kept the *via media*—the safe middle path—it will probably be said to have erred in *both* extremes.

Bearing all this in mind, its best friends (and surely there are no Masons who are not really friends to the Institution), its best friends we say must feel that the time has at length come for a full, judicious and authoritative answer to certain adverse comments, some of old standing, on the management of the School. The education, "discipline, management and expenditure" have been in turn exhaustively examined by a thoroughly strong, able and impartial Committee of Enquiry, and it would be well if every subscriber would clearly formulate for himself the questions which the forthcoming Report may be expected satisfactorily to solve before committing himself to any course of action.

It seems to us that these questions admit of very explicit statement, and partial answers at any rate have been, year by year, furnished to Subscribers in the Annual Reports. We wish to know, first of all, whether the education given at the School is good; is it such as the average boy admitted to the Institution requires; is it supplied by competent men, and under proper educational conditions! And granting it to be in these respects all that Masons could wish, we still have to ask—Is it economical, and does the outlay bear a fair proportion to the result!

The same questions have to be asked as to the clothing, feeding, and what may be called "home-life" at Wood Green. First, are the results satisfactory in themselves; and second, are they obtained at reasonable cost! People generally overlook the fact that these two questions must be taken together. If we pay £20 a year for feeding and clothing a boy we may justly praise the place where he is fed and clothed for that sum, and yet bitterly blame the same food and clothing if supplied at a place where we pay £40; and the contrary is equally true. We expect from the Committee of Inquiry an opinion on these points, based on an enormously greater experience than is possible for the individual subscriber.

There is a third side to the questioning which has arisen in connection with the Institution where these same interrogatories have to be put—a side almost unique. We have an office which absolutely costs more than the expenses of Education, and this on the face of it challenges enquiry. What are the duties and responsibilities of a secretary of a school, and what should be the cost of the executive! In the same manner it may be fairly asked what are the duties of the principal of the educational department, and the cost of his office and staff! If there is any relation between the important and arduous nature of a position and its remuneration, let it be clearly stated in black and white what those duties are, and how are they performed.

But, beyond all this, there are duties of another class—voluntary duties undertaken as labours of love by members of the Craft. In a very different spirit and with a very different right, in all kindness and courtesy and yet most firmly, the general body of subscribers have, we think, a duty to ascertain how the House Committee and the Finance Committee have fulfilled their trust. In

great measure it is in reliance on the effectual nature of their oversight and control, and in perfect confidence in the care and devotion they have brought to their onerous duties, that Masons have year by year contributed their money. It is through no want of confidence in them, but by their own motion that this Commission has been appointed; and we trust that the forthcoming report will be full confirmation of the wisdom of their management.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Whether *nature* abhors a vacuum or does not, it is quite certain that *every Mason does*, and that after labour we all want refreshment, and it is with the view of filling up a possible vacuum in the "corner" this week, that I have made diligent search and discovered what is certainly not a "ditty," nor, according to the ordinary acceptation of the term, a "lay." I think it might be catalogued as an "invocation." At any rate, whatever its genus or species may be, I enclose a copy of it. Like Wilkie Collins' novel, it has "no name," but I think it might well be christened "A Masonic Invocation to Fame." It is Masonic from top to bottom, more especially at bottom, and although I think it might be recited with effect by an able elocutionist, it would sound better set to a solemn air, composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan, to whose attention I respectfully call it—or to be more grammatical, whose attention I respectfully call to it—in case he is seeking a subject.

I trust my research will shortly be rewarded by a singable "ditty," which you can "lay" before your admirers, who don't seem to be backing you up lately with poetical contributions.

Yours fraternally.

194, Clapham Road, April 29th, 1889. FRIAR TUCK.

Arise! and blow the trumpet, Fame!
Freemasonry aloud proclaim
To realms and worlds unknown:
Tell them 'twas this great David's son,
The wise, the matchless, Solomon,
Prized far above his throne.

The solemn temple's cloud-capt towers,
Th' aspiring domes are works of ours,
By us those piles were raised:
Then bid mankind with song advance,
And through th' ethereal vast expanse
Let Masonry be praised!

We help the poor in time of need,
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,
'Tis our foundation stone:
While justice and benevolence,
With fortitude and temperance,
Adorn and grace the throne!

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England was held on the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not able to be present, and his place was taken by the R.W. Bro. Major Goldie Taubman, Speaker of the House of Keys, Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man. The Prince of Wales, who was unanimously re-elected Grand Master at the March meeting, was proclaimed by Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Master for the year ensuing, and the presiding officer then announced that the Grand Master had appointed the M.W. Bro. Earl of Carnarvon as Pro.-Grand Master, and the R.W. Bro. Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master. The other Grand Officers appointed were Bros. Lord George Hamilton, *M.P.*, and Sir J. E. Gorst, *M.P.*, Grand Wardens; the Hon. and Rev. Francis Byng (Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons), and the Rev. T. B. Spencer Preston, Grand Chaplains; Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Grand Registrar; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary; Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Sir Lionel Darrell and Sir Polydore de Keyser, Senior Grand Deacons; Colonel Addison Potter, *C.B.*, and Charles Chester Cheston, Junior Grand Deacons; Colonel R. W. Edis, Grand Superintendent of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), *C.B.*, Grand Director of Ceremonies; C. Belton and G. H. Haydon, Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies; Eugene Monteuuis, Grand Sword Bearer; T. G. Buller and G. Taylor, Grand Standard Bearers; M. Maybrick, Grand Organist; A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary; T. W. Whitmarsh and D. D. Mercer, Pursuivants; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler. Grand Lodge was duly closed after the new Grand Officers had been invested, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at Freemason's Tavern.

Major Goldie Taubman presided, and the company at dinner numbered about 300. The toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges," received with great enthusiasm, was acknowledged by Dr. Tarrant, Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, who bore testimony to the services rendered by Lord Carrington and the Earl of Carnarvon in making Freemasonry as successful as it was at present in the Colonies.

The R.W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, who was cordially received, responded for the Grand Officers, and said that, though he and Sir John Gorst, who, by favour of the Grand Master, had been appointed Wardens in Grand Lodge, might, by prior and more imperative duties, be called to another sphere when they ought otherwise to be devoting attention to masonic work, the time might come, to use the words of a distinguished statesman, when they would be in a position which gave greater freedom and less responsibility (cries of "Never"). Whenever that period arrived he trusted that he and Sir John Gorst would be able to make up for any lapse of duty during the present year, for, if there was one feeling which animated past and present Grand Officers, it was to improve the organisation and administration of Grand Lodge, and to promote the growth and development of that great brotherhood whose spread in every part of the globe was synonymous with the instincts of charity, hospitality and benevolence.

Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren attended the "feast" provided by the Grand Stewards of the year, the president of whom was the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Polydore de Keyser; the treasurer, Bro. John Pullman; and the secretary, Bro. Charles Herbert Shoppee. The company included Bro. Cama, P.G. treas., Sir R. N. Fowler, *M.P.*, S. Pope, *Q.C.*, Sir John Monckton, Alderman Savory, Alderman and Sheriff Gray, Dr. Tarrant (Pro.-Grand Master of New South Wales), Dr. Lennox Browne, J. C. Parkinson, James Ferry (Dep.-Grand Master of Aberdeenshire), Richard Eve, R. Grey, and other distinguished brethren. The feast was not "tyled" as ladies sat in the gallery for a part of the time, and for them the stewards provided a banquet in another part of the building. The loyal toasts of "The Queen" and "The Royal Family" and the toast of "Loyalty to the Craft" were given and responded to. Lord George Hamilton returned thanks for the Grand Officers, and Bro. F. Binckes, secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Boys, responded for the charitable institutions. The brethren then joined the ladies in the throne room, where a concert was given under the direction of Bro. W. A. Barrett, M.B. Oxon, Past Grand Organist.

ROYAL ARCH—SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.—A Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was appointed to be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, last evening, the 1st inst. The business of the Agenda comprised the Installation of Principals and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year; the reception of the report of the Committee of General Purposes, and the receipt of petitions for new Chapters as follows:—1st.—From Comps. William Johnson, as Z.; Joseph Witham, as H.; John Hatch, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Starkie Lodge, No. 1070, Southport, to be called the Southport Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Buildings, Lord Street, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.). 2nd.—From Comps. William James Runting, as Z.; George Gordon Ross, as H.; John Brain, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clarke Lodge, No. 2080, Melbourne, Victoria, to be called the Clarke Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, in the District of Victoria. 3rd.—From Comps. Henry Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., as Z.; William Clifford, as H.; John Knowles Hodges, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, Camberwell, to be called the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. 4th.—From Comps. James Eadington, as Z.; Edward Forster, as H.; James Carmichael, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth, to be called the Blagdon Chapter, and to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, Blyth, in the county of Northumberland. 5th.—From Comps. John Read, as Z.; Charles Bennett Cooper, as H.; Horatio Henry Shirley, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, to be called the Cecil Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. 6th.—From Comps. the Rev. Richard Peek, as Z.; Samuel Green Carley, as H.; William Minter, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, to be called the Henniker Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, in the county of Suffolk. 7th.—From Comps. Eugene Monteuuis, as Z.; George Henri Bué, as H.; Ernest St. Clair, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the La France Lodge, No. 2060, to be called the La France Chapter, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street, London. 8th.—From Comps. Samuel Victor Abraham, as Z.; Sigismund Pollitzer, as H.; Joseph Grünebaum, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to be called the Montefiore Chapter, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street, London. The Committee having recommended these petitions the warrants will doubtless issue in due course. The removal of the following chapters will have most probably been been sanctioned, viz.:—The Chapter of Fortitude, No. 105, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple, to the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, 1, Princes Square, Plymouth; the Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, Woolwich, from the Freemasons' Hall, Woolwich, to the new Masonic Hall, Plumstead, Kent; the Grove Chapter, No. 410, from the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, to the Spring Hotel, Ewell, in the Province of Surrey; and the Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, from the Freemasons' Tavern, to the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. In consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that colony to which the Chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations, and the Charters of the Chapters, Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, and 1943, will be withdrawn and cancelled, and the chapters erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution, for general business and the Election of Candidates, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 12 noon precisely. The poll will close at 3 p.m.

The General Committee of the R.M. Benevolent Institution will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday next, the 8th inst.

The General Committee of the R.M.I. Boys will meet at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 4th inst.

The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 8th inst.

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"WORKING" IN LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

It was with some surprise that I read your answer to "Jurisprudence" in your number of 4th April, as to his questions 2 and 3, and I have spent many hours endeavouring to satisfy my own mind upon the point; and the conclusion I have come to is that "Jurisprudence" would act *wisely* in doing no business in a Lodge unless seven were present, as I cannot but think the question is not free from doubt.

The statement of your contemporary the *Voice of Masonry* quoted in your last issue as to "every opening and closing," must allude to some working unknown to me.

I cannot find much in the books on jurisprudence; but the following extracts may interest your correspondent.

Mackenzie (*Royal Mas. Cyclo.*) says: "Quorum. The old law used to be, *three* rule a Lodge, *five* form a Lodge, and *seven* are necessary to be present at any initiation, not including the candidate . . . . . but it is not contrary to Masonic law to appoint special committees of any uneven number, not less than three, for the settlement of special business."

And he defines a Lodge to be perfect when it contains "the constitutional number of members," without further explanation. Bro. Woodford (*Kenning's Cyclo.*) says, "Lodge, Just and Perfect.—Oliver tells us that the first symbolic definition of a Lodge which he has found is 'just and perfect by the numbers, three, five, and seven.' Gädicke declares that 'three well-informed form a legal Lodge, five improve it, and seven make it perfect.'" Bro. Robertson (*Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence*) says: "Quorum. Seven is the number necessary to form a quorum of a Lodge for the transaction of business." Dr. Mackey, in his *Encyclopædia*, states that authorities differ, and the constitutions, and old regulations being silent, he seems to consider that the ritual gives the answer, and says, "For whatever number compose a Lodge will supply us with the rule by which we are to establish the quorum in that degree."

But in his *Masonic Parliamentary Law*, Dr. Mackey, after very fully discussing the whole question, arrived at a rather different conclusion. He says that in 1857, the editor of the *Freemason's Magazine*, in reply to an inquiry, "affirmed that *five* Masons are sufficient to open a lodge, and carry on business other than initiation, for which latter purpose *seven* are necessary. This opinion, he says, appears to be the general English one, and is acquiesced in by Dr. Oliver; but there is no authority of law for it. And when in the year 1818, the suggestion was made that some regulation was necessary relative to the number of brethren requisite to constitute a legal lodge, with competent powers to perform the rite of initiation, and transact all other business, the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, to whom the suggestion had been referred, replied, with an over abundance of cautious timidity 'that it is a matter of so much delicacy and difficulty, that it is thought advisable not to depart from the silence on the subject, which had been observed in all the Books of Constitutions.' At a first glance the authorized ritual would appear to promise us a solution of the problem. There the answer to the question in each degree, 'How many compose a Lodge?' ought to supply us with the rule by which we are to establish the quorum in that degree; for whatever number composes a Lodge, that is the number which apparently should authorize the Lodge to proceed to business. The ritual has thus established the number which constitutes a 'perfect Lodge,' and without which number a Lodge cannot be legally opened. According to this rule seven constitute a 'perfect' E.A.P.'s Lodge, five a F.C.'s, and three a M.M.'s. Without this requisite number, no Lodge can be opened in either of these degrees. . . But in the provision of the ritual we meet with certain practical difficulties, so far as symbolic Masonry is concerned. Thus, although it has been prescribed that three are sufficient to open a Master's Lodge, it is evident to every one acquainted with the ritual, that it would be utterly impossible to confer the Master's degree with that number; and therefore, in this country '(America)' the authority of the ritual has not been generally recognized except for the mere act of opening.

"Looking to the facts that the petition for a dispensation or charter must be signed by at least seven M.M.'s; that a Lodge of E.A.P.'s must consist of not less than seven; and that originally all working or subordinate lodges were composed principally of E.A.P.'s, and were, therefore, Apprentices' Lodges, the Grand Lodges of America which have adopted any explicit rule on the subject, have generally agreed to consider seven as the proper number to constitute a quorum for business in a Master's Lodge. Chase seems, I think, to have adopted the proper view of the subject, when he says that, 'the minimum number to whom a dispensation can be granted may be considered as the minimum number to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If seven be the number necessary to form a lodge, then seven is the number necessary to continue a lodge and to transact its business' (*Masonic Digest*).

"In the absence of any landmark or specific ancient law, written or unwritten, on the subject, I am, therefore, inclined to think that seven should constitute the proper quorum for work or business in any of the symbolic degrees. A master would be correct in opening his lodge with two assistants on the third degree, because the ritual declares that three M.M.'s constitute a 'perfect lodge.'" (!) "But he would hardly be justified. . . . . And as to work, although a candidate who had been elected at a previous communication might be present, the nature of the ceremonies would preclude the possibility of the master conferring the degree with only two assistants. It would be better, after the lodge had been opened with only three members, that the master, finding no accession to the number by new arrivals, should close it without proceeding to business or work."

I have referred back to the *Freemason's Magazine* for 1857, and find the exact questions and answers were—

"Is it absolutely necessary to have seven Masons present to open the Lodge and carry on business other than initiation, &c.?—It is not. Five are sufficient.

"Can less than seven open and close Lodge?—Yes, as shown by previous answer."

It will be seen that in these answers there is no distinction drawn as to various degrees.

A month or two afterwards the answer was discussed very ably by a correspondent of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, who says he has always been taught to believe it correct "that five can open, transact business and close an E.A. or F.C. Lodge, but cannot furnish reasons to satisfy my own mind why it should be so," and he asks, "can the Lodge thus organized, or held by five only, open, transact business and close? Can five members, should the others all die off or retire from the Lodge, hold the warrant and increase their numbers by balloting for, and admitting, joining members? (I suppose it is not claimed that a Mason can be made or advanced when only five are present). Then why, if five can hold a warrant, keep it alive and work under it, must there be seven to receive that warrant originally?"

The Editor's answer is a little remarkable. "Five legally hold a charter and may ballot for members who they cannot initiate unless seven be present." There the matter seems, as far as this point is concerned, to have rested. I cannot understand where the authority for the five was found.

But my letter has run to a great length already, and I would merely say I should be grateful for any further comments or authorities you can give; but I should like to ask whether you have ever known a case in practice, or found a case in any old Minutes where the 2nd or 3rd degree has been conferred with a less number than seven Brethren present? Yours fraternally

29th April, 1889. LEX SCRIPTA.

Answers to Correspondents.

*** Several important communications and reports from esteemed correspondents have reached us, but pressure on our space this week prevents their publication. We will do our best to comply with all requests in next issue.

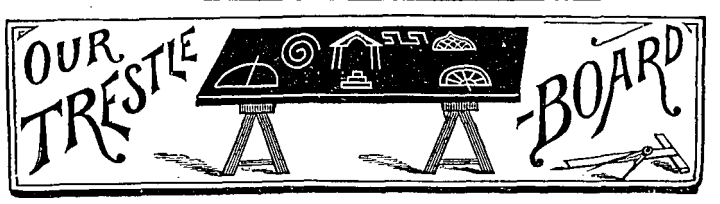
SUBSCRIBER.—Your letter in reference to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is in type, but there are circumstances in connection therewith which disincline us to publish it at the present moment. If you will call on us we will explain them.

M.M.—We should think not at present, but in certain possible events the "chance" might arise.

C. TAYLER, Dalston.—We will endeavour to comply with your request relating to Order of Masonic Degrees next week.

A SUBSCRIBER.—Kindly refer to our remarks under "Our Trestle Board" in this issue.

C.E.M., Philadelphia.—Thanks for your communication, shall be pleased to hear from you at any time.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

There is a curious case before the Superior Court at Montreal, North America, in reference to a claim for a sum of about £125 as the value of certain Masonic furniture purchased from a former W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E.C. The particulars of the case promise to be of considerable importance to the brethren in Montreal, and generally to the fraternity at large. They are certainly peculiar, and, briefly stated, are as follows:—In July, 1887, the W.M. in question was suspended by the District Grand Master from Masonic privileges, for refusing, during his term of office, to produce the books of the lodge. It is assumed that thereupon the then S.W. became the person legally entitled to take control of the lodge room and its effects, and he thereupon called upon the tyler of the lodge and janitor of the Victoria Chapter, R.A.M., connected with the lodge, to hand over the keys to him, and his request was complied with. In January, 1888, the lodge room in the Odd Fellows' Hall in St. James' Street was destroyed by fire, together with the furniture in question, and here, we should have thought, would have been at that time an end to all questions of proprietorship, particularly if any insurance had been effected thereon.

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But it would seem that the plaintiff sets up a purchase from the suspended W.M., on the 14th February, 1888, one month after the effects had been destroyed, and alleges illegal detention by the present W.M., the Senior Warden of the previous year, and by the Janitor of the Chapter, who are jointly made defendants in the action. They, of course, say that the suspended W.M. never had any property in the furniture and regalia in question; that the lodge rooms were leased to the lodge itself and not to him: that his only right at any time to the rooms and Masonic effects of the lodge, was in a representative capacity while a member and officer of the lodge; that his suspension took from him whatever Masonic privileges he had theretofore enjoyed: and that in any case the destruction by fire renders restoration impossible. The case has been put over until the 1st May (yesterday) and we shall be curious to learn in what manner this probably unique appeal to a legal tribunal outside Masonry will be settled.

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We desire to again call the attention of such of our readers as are Life Governors or subscribers to any or all of our three Charitable Institutions, to the manner in which their proxy papers for voting should be prepared to prevent the loss of their interest on behalf of candidates, and to save the time and lessen the labour of the scrutineers at our several elections. On each occasion, for many years past, the Chairman of Scrutineers, after presentation of the report as to result of the polling, has had to remark on the large number of papers which on account of informality in preparation have been compellably rejected. At the Boys' School Election last week, there were no less than 73 proxy papers, representing 163 votes, not filled in for any case: 32 papers, representing 111 votes, not signed; 31 papers, representing 78 votes, filled in for 177, and of course could not be polled; 3 papers, representing 17 votes, filled in for only 3 votes; a bundle of 100 votes not filled in for any case; and so on. No. 62 case, although successful on a last application, was very badly managed in this respect, and lost a total of 50 votes.

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There is such a simple way of avoiding the losses we have above described, that it makes the result all the more deplorable. On receipt of the proxy paper, the signature of the voter should be at once affixed to it, even if the case be not named, and the proxy has to be transferred to another for polling. Before the proxies are polled, the number of votes should be plainly written in figures against the name of the candidate or candidates selected, *and no other mark whatever* should appear on the face of the proxy. The erasure of all or any of the names of candidates by lines over or across them is most objectionable, creates confusion, and frequently delays the declaration of the poll beyond the time usually appointed for the return of the scrutiny. Brethren, please note, and carry on the hint to others.

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Here are silly ways of marking proxy papers:—Proxy worth 1 vote marked X|—Proxy worth 2 votes marked ||X—Proxy worth 20 votes marked to read 21 &c., &c. Comment on such carelessness is needless. The pity is that innocent candidates suffer for the neglect to observe simple instructions.

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We hail the resolution of the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last with much satisfaction. The Petitions Committee will surely be very useful in preventing the acceptance of candidates for election the circumstances connected with whom may not merit some amount of support from others than immediate friends and relatives. There will not be so many "last application" cases as we have lately had, and the scandal attached to a total poll of many less than fifty votes will be avoided. Of the "last application" cases on Saturday, four out of seven were elected, the lowest total being 1679, but of the three unsuccessful, the votes received were respectively only 31, 29 and 17. These latter were all first as well as last applications, each born in 1878, and therefore very nearly of the age which precludes election, and neither of the fathers had subscribed to either Masonic Institutions during their lodge memberships of respectively 13, 10 and 8 years. The chances of success under these circumstances were so very small, that we doubt the propriety of the placing of their names on the list at all.

A similar resolution should be adopted in the case of the Boys' School. In this Institution there were on Friday last ten "final application" candidates, of whom four only were elected. Of these the lowest polled 2,162. But of those rejected the votes recorded were severally 1,636, 1,003, 527, 439, 55, and 19: the first having applied on four occasions: the second, third, and fifth on three: the fourth and sixth on five. In only the first and second of these six cases were the fathers subscribers to the institutions during their lodge membership, and the numbers polled at once show the consideration given by the Craft to the practice of benevolence by our brethren whilst opportunity is afforded them. The lads representing these six cases were all born in 1878, and therefore age had to be considered in connection with their cases and the number of applications: nevertheless, we think that totals of only 55 and 19, after three and five applications respectively, prove a necessity for closer examination of circumstances before including applicants in the list of candidates.

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We have at times received several enquiries, and have published one or more, as to the disposal of the votes which are recorded against the names of brethren and others whose *addresses are unknown*, in the lists of governors and subscribers issued by the respective masonic institutions. It seems to have been thought by many that the proxies were utilized and recorded in favour of some candidate or candidates at each election: a somewhat absurd conclusion, but, nevertheless, entertained in certain quarters. In order to afford assurance to those who doubt, we have personally satisfied ourselves that proxy papers are never prepared for voters whose addresses are not known, and an official authority is given for this statement.

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V. W. Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, England, has now entirely recovered from his recent indisposition, and is again appearing with his usual success as Dick Phenyl in *Sweet Lavender*, at Terry's Theatre, London.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——A new lodge in connection with the Volunteers is to be consecrated this afternoon (May 2nd), under the title of the "London Scottish Rifles" Lodge, No. 2310, at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C. W. Bro. Capt. James Hepburn-Hastie, P.M. 1216, &c., is the W.M. designate. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bros. R. Berridge, C. F. Matier, Rev. G. W. Weldon and Frank Richardson.

——The Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, Bro. Edward Dare, W.M., will hold its installation meeting (Bro. Henry Sapsworth, W.M. elect) on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey. Lodge will be opened at 3.15 p.m., and work in three degrees and installation ceremonies. Banquet at 6.30 p.m.

——The West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will meet at the Freemasons' Rooms, Station House Inn, Eastwood, on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., under the banner of the Prince Edward Lodge M.M.M., No. 14, at 3.15 p.m. The R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Past G.Std. and Prov. Grand Mark Master, West Yorks, will attend with his Grand Officers. Particulars of Bro. Wm. Cook, P.G.S.O., and Prov. G. Secretary M.M.M., 3, Bull Green, Halifax.

——The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339, and the Stockwell Chapter of Improvement are removed to the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., London: the former meeting on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m., and the latter on alternate Fridays at 6 p.m.

——The installation meeting of the "Ubique" Lodge, No. 1789, Bro. Capt. W. Lewis White, *R.A.*, W.M., will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, on the 13th inst., at 4 p.m. There is a full evening's work in the three degrees, including the initiation, if approved, of Capt. W. B. Faber, of the Royal Artillery, Aide-de-camp to Major-Gen. Williams, commanding the Woolwich district. Bro. Major J. Ritchie, *R.A.*, will instal Bro. W. R. Arnold, *R.A.*, the W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. This Lodge is composed chiefly of officers, warrant officers, and staff sergeants of the Royal Artillery, and a large attendance of members and visitors is expected on this occasion.

——The Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, Bro. William Hosken, W.M., will meet at the Masonic Rooms, East Grinstead, on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Initiation and election of W.M., and treasurer for ensuing year.

——The installation meeting of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, Bro. Wm. Sparrowhawk, W.M., will take place at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, Kent, on Saturday, the 4th inst., at 3 p.m. Bro. Alfred Herbert Lee, W.M. elect, will be duly installed by his predecessor. Banquet will be served at 5 p.m. Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Gatlands, Westerham, is Hon. Sec. of the Lodge.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1889; *Madras Record* (April): *Masonic Record of Western India* (Allahabad); *South African Freemason*; *Canadian Craftsman* (Toronto).

We have to thank several of our foreign "Exchanges" for very kindly notices of our journal, and for attention called to sundry articles therein, more particularly at the present writing, *The Canadian Craftsman* (Toronto): *The Madras Masonic Record*; the *Masonic Record of Western India* (Allahabad); and the *South African Freemason* (East London, Cape Colony). Interchanges of courtesies are at all times agreeable, and are still more so when offered with such evident sincerity and friendship.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

METROPOLITAN.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Board of Works' Offices, Catford, S.E., on the 26th inst., Bro. Geo. W. Murnane, W.M., presiding. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors, and with the exception of ordinary routine business, the installation ceremony alone occupied the attention of the brethren. Bro. Jno. A. P. Ingoldby, Past S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and his officers were invested in the following order, viz.: Bros. Grazebrook, S.W. and Wright, J.W.; W. Bros. Wm. Geo. Lemon, P.M., treas., and Magnus Ohren, P.M., sec.; Bros. H. T. Bonner and Van Putten, Deacons; Hernall, I.G., and H. Shaw, tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. G. W. Mornane, as a mark of esteem and regard from the members on the termination of his year of office. The installation banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., where the remainder of a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the new master. The musical arrangements were directed by Bro. J. A. Brown, amongst the vocalists being Bros. Albert James and Fred Bevan, and gave general satisfaction.

On Wednesday, the 24th ulto., a return visit was paid by the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction to the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction. Present—Bros. Walter Martin, Bird, Morley Humphreys, Newell, Waterman, Wilkinson, Beat, Lazarus and Talbot, of the Star; and Noyes, Visger, Scott, Blanchard, Pickering, McCarthy, Shelton, Drew, Hardy-Smith, Clark, Norris, Skudder and Atkins, of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Walter Martin vacated the chair in favor of Bro. Waterman, who opened in the third degree, and worked the ceremony of Raising. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Talbot worked the ceremony of Initiation. The following brethren were elected members—Bros. Waterman, of the Justice Lodge 147; W. J. Newell, of the Mount Lebanon Lodge 73, and Lazarus, Wilkinson and Best, of the Southwark Lodge 879. At the conclusion of the meeting it was unanimously resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the visiting brethren for the able way they had worked the ceremonies. Bro. W. J. Newell acted as organist, and the musical portion was well rendered.

STAR CHAPTER.—No. 1275.—The usual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at The Ship, Greenwich. Present:—Comps. J. Addington, M.E.Z.; Hilton, P.Z., Acting H.; Crook, J.; Capt. C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Carl Fleck, P.S.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; Charlie Woods, 2nd A.S.; Elliott, P.Z.; Grummant, P.Z.; Towers; C. H. Stone; Dr. Makeham; North; and Patrick, janitor. Comp. Elliott was presented with a P.Z. jewel. The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of Comp. Addington, and a very happy evening was spent.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Neeld, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Grummant, P.Z., H.; F. Hilton, P.Z., J. and Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; C. Woods, P.S.; and J. Addington, M.E.Z., 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Addington, candidate. Comp. Grunmant was elected M.E.Z. for the meeting on Friday next (to-morrow).

The Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, worked the Fifteen Sections in good style, on the 25th ult., at the Wellington Arms, Bow Road, London, Bro. J. Moloney, S.W. of 1625, presiding as Section Master. Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, and B. Da Costa, J.W. 1349, occupied the respective Warden's chairs. Bro. B. Stewart, P.M. 1278, assisted as I.P.M., and Bro. Charles Nash Fox, S.D. 1349, officiated as Hon. Sec. The evening's work was of a highly instructive character.

PROVINCIAL.

MIDDLESEX.—SUNBURY LODGE.—No. 1733.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Wednesday, the 24th inst. Bro. F. C. Austin Well opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Forty, S.W., W.M. elect; Covell, J.W.; Clark, treas.; Phillips, P.M. 975, 2032, sec.; Fisk, S.D.; Jobbett, J.D.; Webster, I.G.; Tucker, I.P.M.; Blackburn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Middx.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. P.G.M.; and about 30 other brethren and visitors, amongst whom were:—Bros. Axford, W.M. Hornsey 809; L. Conbro, P.M. Clapton 1365; Blasby, P.M., 780, 2032; Hopkins, 1512, &c. Ballots were taken for Bros. Col. Harfield, P.M., 143, and A. Stearns, P.M., 1637, as joining members, which was unanimous in their favour. Mr. A. Aubert was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which the W.M. proceeded to instal Bro. Forty into the chair of K.S. The officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order:—Bros. Covill, S.W.; Fisk, J.W.; Clark, treas.; Phillips, sec.; Jebbitt, S.D.; Webster, J.D.; W. Clifford, I.G.; Wilkins, D.C.; Cathrow, S.; and Sapsworth, A.S. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Austin, with an elegant P.M. jewel, voted to him by the lodge at the previous meeting, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of his services for the past year. The banquet was served in the usual admirable style for which the host, Bro. Freeman, is celebrated, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

DURHAM.—On Easter Monday night a grand full dress Masonic ball was given by the Rose of Raby Lodge, No. 1650, in the Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, in aid of the Masonic Charities. The large room was decorated with Masonic devices, surmounted by flags of all nations, the placing and arranging of which reflected the highest credit on Bro. T. Wood, of Darlington, under whose superintendence the decorations were carried out. The orchestra was tastefully arranged with palms, ferns, and other plants, kindly lent for the occasion by W. T. Scarth, Esq., *J.P., D.L.* and *C.C.* Dancing commenced punctually at 8.30 p.m., the ball being opened by Bro. J. P. Daley, W.M. 1650, and Mrs. Swales, to the beautiful strains of Bro. Boynes' band, and was spiritedly kept up till 4 a.m. Appended is a list of those present:—M.C.'s Bros. J. K. Wilkes,

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (1st) THURSDAY, MAY 2nd.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
1155	Excelsior	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, Craven Road, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.C.
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
R.A.C.		
9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
	(1st) FRIDAY, MAY 3rd.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
2076	*Quatuor Coronati*	F. M. H.
2233	Old Westminsters'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
3	Fidelity	F. M. T.
8	British	F. M. H.
	(1st) SATURDAY, MAY 4th.	
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
2182	Sterndale Bennett	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2202	Regent's Park	York & Albany Hot., Gloster. Gate, N.W.
	(1st) MONDAY, MAY 6th.	
16	Royal Alpha	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
256	Unions	F. M. H.
1319	Asaph	Ditto
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Pk., Brockley
1996	Priory of Acton	Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton
2098	Harlesden	National School, Harlesden

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, MAY 7th.	
18	Royal York of Perseverance ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
171	Amity	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1257	Grosvenor	F. M. H.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	Cape of Good Hope Tav., Conrel. Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond, Surrey
2128	United Northern Counties ...	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.
Mark.		
1	St. Mark's	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th.	
3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
13	Union Waterloo	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent	F. M. H.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse, E.
820	Lily of Richmond	*Greyhound Hotel*, Richmond
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1629	United	F. M. H.
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1986	Honor Oak	White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood
R.A.C.		
857	St. Marks	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1305	St. Marylebone	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
Mark.		
284	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, MAY 9th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
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NORTHUMBERLAND.—PROPOSED MASONIC HALL AT BLYTH.—An influential committee was some time ago appointed for the purpose of carrying out arrangements for the building of a Masonic Hall at Blyth, for the use of the members of the Blagdon Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master (Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., *M.P.*) who is Lord of the Manor for Blyth, has promised a site for such erection, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. H. Holmes, G.D.) has the matter in hand. There is no doubt but at an early date the foundation stone of a commodious building—which is much needed in that town—will be laid. Bro. Ed. Forster, I.P.M. of the Blagdon Lodge, is chairman of the building committee, and one of the chief promulgators of the scheme.

In the event of a Charter for a new Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Blagdon Lodge, Blyth, being granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter, the ceremony of consecration will in all probability take place at the annual Provincial Convocation, to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the month of May, to be conducted by the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Col. Addison Potter, *C.B.*

SUSSEX.—The annual meeting of the Pelham Lodge (No. 1303) of Freemasons, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Friday. Bro. W. Wright, of Shortbridge, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. W. W. Turner, was presented with a charity jewel in recognition of his past services to the Lodge. Subsequently about 30 brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the newly-elected W.M. presided. The usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening Miss Annie Freeman and Mr. A. J. Read contributed some excellent songs.

MARK MASONRY.—On Monday last, the 29th ulto., the Berks and Oxon Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons presented a handsome testimonial to Brother Thomas J. Pulley, Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Mark Lodge, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent development of the province, and also of his able and lengthened services as Provincial Grand Secretary.

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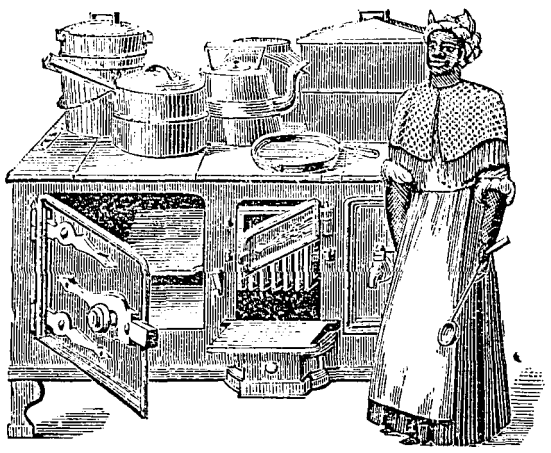
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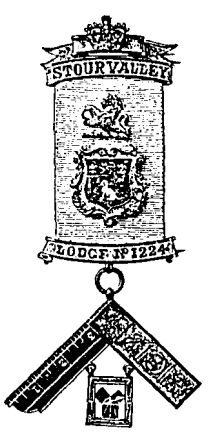
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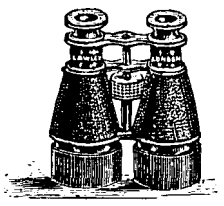
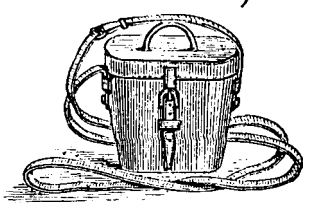
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Delays are Dangerous.

WE are writing on the eve of the thirteenth day since the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys resolved that a copy of the Report of the late Committee of Enquiry into the "Management, discipline, and expenditure" of the Institution should be printed and circulated, and we have not as yet received, in our capacity of Life Governor, a copy. Yet we hear of others who have had opportunity for reading this Report, which, it was stated, had been printed at a distance from London with a view to absolute secrecy until its details might be made known simultaneously to all interested. This is not as it should be, and it has already given rise to severe comment, not only on the continuance of a very lengthened and unnecessary delay, but on the presumed contents of the Report itself. It would appear as though everything that could be has been purposely done to excite the disposition to place the subscribers to the Institution at variance with its committee and officials; though why this should be we are at a loss to imagine. Meanwhile, from the want of that full information which it was not only the desire of the Members of the General Court, but their direct instruction, should be promptly afforded, we have all sorts of expressions of opinion, contradictory one of another, and none in any respect reliable. Brethren who have heard selected extracts from the signed Report, others who place faith in second-hand communications, and yet others who are disposed to promote their own especial views as to the future management of the School, argue and re-argue upon false premises and in the dark, agreeing only on this one point—that the delay which prevents their obtaining full cognisance of the particulars reported by the late Committee of Enquiry is a source of great provocation to themselves and of danger to the Institution.

We stated in our last number that we had reason to believe that the report is in many respects condemnatory of the "management, discipline and expenditure" of the past few years, and hesitated to say more without having first perused this long delayed document itself. As we have been unable to do this, through no neglect of our own but rather through the indifference of others to very forcibly expressed directions, we consider ourselves absolved from any implied promise not to discuss the matter forthwith. We have gathered from the remarks of those who appear to have been amongst a favoured few, that the subscribers to the institution will learn that the management of the school is altogether unsatisfactory, and that the control of the institution has passed away from the hands of the House Committee. If this be so, what have the members of that Committee to say for themselves? To them has been generously entrusted, year after year, a charge of the utmost importance, and a positive control over all internal arrangements at the school. If they have neglected that charge and permitted themselves to be ruled, instead of ruling as they were required to do, they will indeed have greatly deceived their friends and supporters. Let us hope that this is one second-hand rumour which will be capable of refutation when the delayed copies of the report are forthcoming. In their case, and for their reputation, the delay is dangerous.

"The expenditure is very extravagant and not under any proper supervision, the feeding not by any means such as it ought to be, and there is no proper system in looking after the comfort of pupils at meals." Does the report really read thus, or is this also a second-hand rumour? Can it be wondered at, if these charges are really made in the document, which should be all the more speedily produced because of the gravity of its contents, that year by year, and almost day by day, complaints have been made, as well publicly as privately, against a management which has been defended by "through-thick-and-thin" supporters, against complainants all too feeble for more than a passive and objectless resistance? We think not!

"The domestic servants have not looked after the health of the boys as they ought to have done," is another statement in circulation, but whether really contained in the report—which it requires so much time to circulate—or not, we cannot say for reasons given. But presuming it is there, what answer can be made to the charge;—not by the domestics who have neglected the pupils, but by the Committee who have neglected the domestics? The former, if questioned, might show cause abundantly for their lapse from duty; but if this charge be true we doubt if the Committee could do as much. Let us hope that the report so tardy in its coming does not contain it, for where health has to be taken into account delays are dangerous.

Let us leave the school and visit the office. What does second-hand rumour declare the report says of this? "The accounts have been kept on a very loose system, and are altogether misleading; so much so, that it is almost impossible to understand them. There is really no proper check on the expenditure, and all has been done in a haphazard fashion." These are not our words; they are to be attributed, for the present, to rumour alone, consequent on the slowness of production of a few thousand copies of a forty-eight page pamphlet, which if our publishers, or for that matter, any other large firm of printers in the metropolis had had the "job," would have been in the hands of every Governor and Subscriber on the books of the Institution within forty-eight hours of the receipt of order. But if we find these words when the procrastinating report reaches us, what a heavy indictment will have to be answered at the Special Court when it meets; and from whom will the answer be required? We shall stand between individuals and a collective authority, and to use our Bro. Philbrick's words in his address to the late Quarterly Court, "without fear, favour or affection," seek to fix the blame where the blame really rests. From those to whom much power has been given should the exercise of much power be expected; and it is absurd in the extreme to talk of any one person "having so managed matters as to have got the entire control of the Institution into his hands"—another of rumour's random remarks—if the powers with which the respective committees have been invested had been properly exercised.

We could add to the above "hearsays" many others of a similar nature. We have even heard, in the very words we shall quote, who is to be the future "boss of the show"; but we have taken sufficient on trust in this article, and not being thoroughly certified as to statements *supposed* to be contained in the report which appears to have gone astray, will content ourselves by suggesting to those who will ultimately be the arbiters in this matter, that a body of men is required to govern the Institution who will not be afraid to exercise the powers which the subscribers will give them; that we want no scapegoat in the present for others' sins of omission or commission, nor, in the future, any individual "boss," but each official an expert in his especial department only; and that the sooner the "entire reform," which, it is said, the report, now slowly making its way from the west, will recommend is carried out the better, for in this instance, as in most others where reforms are necessary, delays are dangerous.

STAFFORDSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., the occasion being one of special interest, owing to the installation of Col. Foster Gough to the position of Grand Master of the Province. The R.W. Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, P.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by a full attendance of officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, by Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, Bro. F. James, P.P.D.G.M., Bro. James Terry, Past G. Standard-bearer and Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. F. Collins, D.P.G.M., Warwickshire, and by past and present Provincial Officers to the number of 260.

After the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, Col. Tudor and the Grand Secretary and the other officers of the Grand Lodge of England were saluted according to ancient form, and the usual preliminary business, including the calling of the roll of lodges in the Province, was transacted.—Col. Tudor then said when he last presided over the Lodge two years ago at Westbromwich, he little thought that the next occasion on which he should preside would be the installation of his then deputy as Provincial Grand Master. By this selection of Col. Gough, the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, had honoured the Province as well as Col. Gough himself. No one could have been chosen who would have been more likely to render loyal service to Freemasonry, and it was especially pleasurable to find a Staffordshire brother, and one who had worked for many years as D.P.G.M., thus promoted to the highest honour in the Province. He had known Col. Gough intimately for 30 years, and had always found that he did well whatever he untertook. In conclusion, Col. Tudor acknowledged the support which he had always received from his officers in the Province, and expressed a hope that they would do the same by his successor.—The arrival of the P.G.M. designate was then announced, and his patent presented. Seven P.M.'s then retired with the P.G. director of ceremonies, and introduced Col. Gough, who was thereupon, in all due form, invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, and installed in the Chair. His subsequent address was very brief, time being limited. He intimated that while accepting the office of P.G.M. with all humility he did so with a full determination to prove that what had been so gratefully received had not been altogether unworthily bestowed. Most of them had heard him enunciate and enlarge upon the doctrine that Masonic appointments, whether in private or provincial lodges, were not intended to encourage idleness. They were not intended as a sort of receipt in full of all demands as P.M.'s occasionally considered them; they were not even intended as the reward of merit. The real aim and purpose of their bestowal was to strengthen the powers, to increase the opportunities, and to stimulate the zeal of their recipients for the advancement of the best interests of Masonry. In that spirit he had undertaken the work, and as he should never spare himself, so every brother who served under him, no matter in what capacity, would by the fact of his acceptance of an office be considered as having thereby given a pledge for the performance of every duty appertaining thereto. After having heartily thanked Col. Tudor, Col. Clerke, and other distinguished visitors, he added that there would be no material change of established customs under his rule, and invited his officers and other brethren to attend him on the 16th May at Tunstall, at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Jubilee Buildings, and on the 20th May at Westbromwich on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Rooms.—The P.G.M. then appointed Col. Bindley as his deputy and the gallant colonel took his place on the right of the P.G.M.—The treasurer's accounts were submitted by Bro. Bodenham and approved. It appeared that all the Lodge dues in the Province had been paid.—The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—The Rev. W. Randall, 624, S.W.; F. Walton (1,838), J.W.; the Rev. H. Abud, 456 sen. chaplain; the Rev. A. H. Talbot, 726, jun. chaplain; J. Bodenham, 726, treas.; W. T. Copeland, 637, registrar; E. H. Thorne, 1,838, sec.; F. Mountford, 460, S. D.; H. J. Clarson, 1,060, J. D.; J. Powell, 347, Supt. Wks.; G. H. Stanger, 419, D.C.; J. T. Eayrs, 662, A.D.C.; J. Stevenson, 1,942, sw. b.; C. Gee, 1,941, and W. E. Marsh, 526, St. Brs., Dr. Taylor, 726, Organist; F. E. F. Bailey, 539, assistant-secretary; S. Watson, 2,064, pursuivant; T. Jones, 696, ass. pursuivant; W. D. Batkin, 726; Thomas Evans, 1,520; G. Vaughan, 419; E. J. Mousley, 726; and R. Longden, 1,838, J. Godwin, W.M., 98, stewards; W. Twist, 526, tyler.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, the brethren proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, were a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Abud, *B.D.*, and in the evening a banquet was held at the Swan Hotel, at which covers were laid for 100 brethren, and over which the Provincial Grand Master presided. A full report of the day's very interesting proceedings is beyond the limits of our journal at present; it will be sufficient to say that they were in every respect worthy of the occasion, and to most of the Provincial brethren must have been as instructive as they were entertaining.

SCOTLAND.—St. John's Kilwinning—No. 6—Inverness.—A meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Saturday, 27th inst., at the Caledonian Hotel. Lodge was opened by W. Bro. James Ross, R.W.M., who was ably supported by his officers. Bros. D. Murray, of Inches House, and F. T. C. Keeble, a P.M. of an English lodge ("The Great City"—1426—London), and a past member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, were unanimously elected joining members. Captain W. de Batha Hatton and G. C. Fielder, of the Seaforth Highlanders of Fort George; Lieuts. Evan Sinclair Wemyss and A. Bingham Stewart, of the 3rd Seaforth Highlanders; and Mr. John Fraser, Inverness, were initiated into the Order, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the R.W.M. The brethren subsequently adjourned from labour to refreshment, which was provided and superintended by Bro. Alex. McFarlane in his usual excellent manner. The visitors were both numerous and representative, and the toast of their health was responded to by Bro. Captain Allenby, Seaforth Highlanders, Lodge Appollo, University Oxford, Bro. Fowler, Isaac Newton, University Cambridge, and Bro. Capt. Jameson, Seaforth Highlanders, Dublin Lodge; Bro. Capt. Allenby expressed his great pleasure in witnessing the initiation in this distinguished lodge, so many warriers bearing the Egyptian and Afghan medals. In the course of a very pleasant evening some expressions of opinion were given that application should be made for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Invernessshire, in which province there is evidently a revival of Masonry.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Freemason's Calendar for Derbyshire; South African Freemason: The Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass.

Star Chapter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, 3rd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z., H. and Preceptor; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S., and Addington, M.E.Z. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a remarkably able and energetic style. Comp. Hilton was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting (to-morrow).

Justice Lodge of Instruction—No. 147.—Thursday, the 2nd May, 1889, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Dealer, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Jones, I.G.; Leng, J.D.; Hutchings (Preceptor), W. T. Hunt and Davis, P.M.'s; Borrett, Prior, Catt, Timms, Campbell, Cook, Leaphard, Drynan, Kemp and Hick, members. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Borrett personating the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on" and was then opened in the second degree. Proficiency was proved by Bro. Timms, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

In FAITH the Architect designs,
The Temple that he fain would raise,
Help'd by the Mason's mystic rites;
Though Cowans stand aloof and gaze,
Admiring brethren all approve,
As one by one the columns rise,
'Till the grand structure stands complete,
High towering upward to the skies.

In HOPE the Craftsman takes in hand,
The work requiring ornate skill:
He decks the Temple with high art,
Adorning all with right good will.
And even as the work proceeds,
Dictated by the Master mind,
The BIBLE, COMPASSES, and SQUARE,
In love and truth are all combined.

In CHARITY the brethren join,
And lend a willing, helping hand
To every upright, perfect work
The Worthy Master doth command.
Thus, by united strength and skill,
The true proportions raised on high,
We see the Temple wherein dwells,
Bright FAITH, find HOPE, and CHARITY.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.R. (Kent.)

THE COMPASS, LEVEL, AND THE SQUARE.

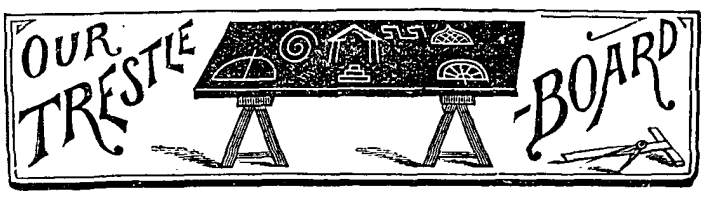
BY CHARLES DIBDIN.

In all our dealings take good care,
Instructed by the friendly Square,
To be true, upright, just and fair.
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.
The Level so must poise the mind,
That satisfaction thou shalt find
When to another Fortune's kind:
And that's the drift of Masonry.

The Compass t'other two compounds,
And says thou augur'd on just grounds;
Keep all your passions within bounds,
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.
Thus symbols of our Order are
The Compass, Level, and the Square,
Which teach us to be just and fair:
And that's the drift of Masonry.

FRIAR TUCK.—Many thanks for your valued contributions. We must ask you to take a rest for a week or two. There are others desirous of being put into the corner.

J. F. SKELTON, Bolton.—We are indebted to you for your original contributions. The two songs respectively entitled "Hail Freemasonry!" and "This is the life to pursue," shall appear next week, and we hope our singing brethren will soon make them familiar in our Lodges. The hymns we hold in reserve.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from the Chairman of the Scrutineers at the late School elections, on the subject of "spoilt votes." It would be a great help to the Scrutineers of votes at the Benevolent Institution election on the 17th inst., if the "greater care" he asks for should result from his and our appeals. As for the Scrutineers themselves, it would put them in a "paddy" if they found *no* mistakes! And it would be a laudable object on the part of all voters to strive for such a result.

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"Hearty good wishes." It may seem to some persons a matter of very trifling import, and to others altogether unworthy of consideration, whether or not the courtesy which, if not of ancient usage has for many years past been observed between the visitors to our several Lodges and their entertainers, should be abandoned. But there are a large number, if not a majority of brethren, who are not at all disposed to forego the practice of offering an expression of good-will to the lodges they visit, and of making the members thereof acquainted with the names of the respective Lodges from which they hail. At the present time the minds of these good brethren are greatly exercised between the injunction contained in the antient charges to "behave themselves courteously within the Lodge," and the very recent and still unauthorised endeavours to set aside a pleasant, and, as we are prepared to argue, profitable custom. For what does the practice in its use (of course not in its abuse) mean, but that the visitor briefly but sincerely thanks the visited for the reception which has been accorded to him, and assures his hearers of his right to do this by informing them whence he comes?

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We are told that the practice of offering "hearty good wishes" is of modern introduction, and that a quarter of a century ago the practice was not known. It may be so, but having ourselves had over thirty years' experience, and an inclination (perhaps too strong) to "mark down" innovations, we can hardly admit the statement, not being able to charge our memory with any abstinence from the general use of the compliment, and feeling assured that its addition to the ordinary practices in Lodges would not have escaped our attention. However that may be, the questions arise, by what authority did it find place and become custom within the period named, and by what and whose authority is it now sought to disturb such custom? Our brethren as a rule are sticklers for "lawfully constituted authority," and we are sure would not disobey an injunction emanating from an authority "lawfully constituted." Let it be at once determined by those who have power to determine, that the custom referred to is not in accordance with any Grand Lodge edict, and it cannot be supposed that the Craft will fail in obedience; but it is simply intolerable that at present visitors to Lodges are in some instances encouraged, in others frowned upon, if in pursuance of what they have observed and been taught, they rise in their places to offer a courteous acknowledgment to the Lodge which has received them.

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An argument of some of the brethren who have somewhat suddenly, and after many years' adoption of the custom, found out its impropriety, is that the individual visitor has no right to pledge his lodge to the act of courtesy, he not being accredited by the W.M. of his lodge for that purpose. But does he pledge his lodge? We think not; and further that if he did it would be no more than masonic that he should do so. What he practically does is to render his individual thanks, and, as we have already said, inform his hearers whence he comes. The word "from" introduced into the stereotyped phrase gives colour to the argument above stated, and we would counsel those who still uphold the good old custom to refrain from the use of that one word. Mention the lodge to which you subscribe, by all means, for by so doing most frequently an increase of good fellowship results through the interest taken by others in connection therewith. There are abundant reasons which we could give for the continuance of the practice now sought to be condemned, but they must abide a future opportunity should such arise.

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It is suggested to us, and in no measured terms, that we are forgetting certain declarations of our own as to the "impartiality, justice, and fearlessness" with which our journal should be conducted. This, because we have seen fit to delay the publication of a letter from a well-known brother who writes over the *nom de plume* of SUBSCRIBER, and in respect of which delay there was, to our thinking, good and sufficient reason. Our correspondent may be assured that we did not intend to withold it altogether. As circumstances which held us back are now somewhat changed, his letter, minus a column and a reference thereto which we have thought proper to delete, will be found in our present number.

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We regret to hear of the somewhat serious illness of W. Bro. John Mason, the Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that, under medical advice, he will be compelled to absent himself for awhile from his duties. If our correspondent SUBSCRIBER will take this fact in connection with the above paragraph he will quite understand why we have delayed and deleted.

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We are supporting the cases of Bros. E. Dodson (No. 25) and H. C. Knill (No. 38) at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to take place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 17th inst., and should be glad to receive proxies for either of those brethren, both of whom have been well-known to us for many years. The former is a Life Governor of both R.M.B.I. and R.M.I.G.; the latter a highly respected servant of the Craft for many years as hall porter at Freemasons' Tavern until incapacitated by accident. For the latter we have to acknowledge receipt of proxies from W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; and on behalf of both shall be glad to receive further assistance. It will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—The Centenary Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Monday last, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The event was made more interesting by the visit of ladies to the banquet and subsequent musical entertainment, at which some 130 brethren and ladies were present. A number of distinguished Craftsmen were unable to attend, in consequence of the Meeting of the Prince of Wales's Lodge on the same evening, and several letters of regret were received. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The Centenary of the Lodge," Bro. Abrahams, the oldest effective Past Master of the Lodge, said it had been determined by the members to mark the occasion by making a presentation to their Hon. Sec. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, who had acted in that capacity for the last six years without fee or reward. An illuminated testimonial was couched in the following terms: "Presented, with a silver tea and coffee service, by the Lodge of Joppa to Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Hon. Sec., at the Festival of the Centenary, as a mark of esteem for services rendered." In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Lazarus gave one or two facts in connection with the Lodge, not the least interesting of which was a statement that the Joppa was the first to establish a Lodge Benevolent Fund. After giving many a sum of £100 in time of need to set a member upon his legs again, and donations of £50 and £100 to widows and orphans, the fund was still in the healthy condition of having £800 in hand.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—Manchester Hotel, on the 7th inst. Present:—Bros. Garrard, W.M.; Goodinge, S.W.; Liscombe, J.W.; Ansell, S.D.; Poppmacher, J.D.; J. Davis, jun., I.G.; S. Danziger, asst. preceptor; H. Saqui, sec.; R. J. Chillingworth, treas.; Marcus, A. Botibol, C. H. Cohen, H. Waud, J. Botibol, A. Cohen, Jenkins, J. Danziger, A. Quadratstein, J. Davis, sen., Peye, White, and Marks. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Quadratstein personating candidate. The officers elected for ensuing year were Bros. S. Danziger, preceptor; Goodinge, treas.; and H. Saqui, sec.

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THE ORDER OF THE MASONIC DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of the MASONIC STAR, in which order the 33 degrees of Masonry come? By so doing you will be conferring a favour on me, and also, I believe, many other young brethren. Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Dalston, London, April 25th, 1889. C. TAYLOR.

*** *The following are the Designations of the several Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite :—*

1. Entered Apprentice.	Not worked by Supreme Council for England and Wales.
2. Fellow Craft.	
3. Master Mason.	
4. Secret Master.	Composing a Lodge of Perfection.
5. Perfect Master.	
6. Intimate Secretary.	
7. Provost & Judge.	
8. Intendant of the Buildings.	
9. Elect of Nine.	
10. Elect of Fifteen.	
11. Sublime Elect.	
12. Grand Master Architect.	
13. Royal Arch (of Enoch).	
14. Scotch Knight of Perfection.	
15. Knight of the Sword or of the East.	Composing a Council of Princes of Jerusalem.
16. Prince of Jerusalem.	
17. Knight of the East and West.	
18. Knight of the Eagle and Pelican, and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.	
19. Grand Pontiff.	
20. Venerable Grand Master.	
21. Patriarch Noachite.	
22, Prince of Libanus.	
23. Chief of the Tabernacle.	
24. Prince of the Tabernacle.	
25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent.	
26. Prince of Mercy.	
27. Commander of the Temple.	
28. Knight of the Sun.	
29. Knight of St. Andrew.	
30. Grand Elected Knight K.H. Knight of the Black and White Eagle.	
31. Grand Inspector, Inquisitor, Commander.	
32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.	
33rd and last Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General.	

Of these only the 18th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd are worked in extenso *in this country. There are also Mark, Templar, Cryptic, and other degrees, which have distinct organizations of their own, the foundations of each being "pure and simple Masonry," which consists of the three Craft degrees* and *the Royal Arch only. We are greatly indebted to our W. Bro. the Grand Secretary of England for this information.*—ED. M.S.

SPOILT VOTES AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As Chairman of Scrutineers at the election both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, permit me to say that I am very pleased to see that you have given public notice in your valuable paper to the remarks I was again compelled to make respecting the large number of spoilt votes, and to the manner in which many subscribers fill in their proxy papers.

At the election of the Benevolent Institution next week, I trust that greater care will be exercised, and that subscribers will content themselves with simply carrying out the printed instructions on the proxy papers, and that is to put the figure representing the value of the proxy in the proper space against the name of the candidate they wish to vote for, *and nothing more*. This will prevent many mistakes, and considerably lessen the work of the scrutineers.

Yours fraternally,

6th May, 1889. G. WARD VERRY.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

On the 7th ult. you published a letter of mine on the above subject. As I expected, no information has been vouchsafed touching the questions I then propounded. It may interest some of your readers if you will reproduce in your columns the following :—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FUND.

DATE.	Subscriptions and Donations, exclusive of Grants from Grand Lodge.	Subscriptions and Donations at per LIST AT FESTIVAL.	Office Salaries.	W Warden and Matron M.	Provincial Expenses.	Repairs and Enlarging the Hall.
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You will perceive that the subscription list for 1885 amounted to £17,636 6s. 8d., whereas £15,544 is the amount returned as subscriptions and donations, &c. I have not seen any report as to how the balance of £2,000 odd was disposed of, neither do I think it was noticed at the May meeting.

The blanks in above statement I am at the moment unable to fill in, but enough is shown to warrant enquiries.

The office salaries are stated to have been in 1878, £620 17s.; in 1888, £861, an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

In 1878 the warden is allowed £20 and matron £30. In 1888, same servants figure for £20 and £62 respectively. Now, sir, I am informed that during the last 3 or 4 years there has been *no* warden. Perhaps the secretary will state if this is correct or not.

I have to-day had an interview with a friend who has on several occasions served the office of steward, who by his own and friend's exertions has collected some £1,500, and he tells me that "it is customary for the various secretaries to write to stewards requesting them to pay the money represented by their several lists into the *Office*." Is commission for "collection" paid on such amounts? If not, is it the difference between "subscriptions and donations," and amount of stewards' lists, which is chargeable. This difference last year appears to be about £3,000, the rate to yield £639 thus being over 20 per cent. on that sum.

I have several other points in connection with this Charity which

I will draw your attention to, but will relegate them to another week. Meanwhile perhaps the writer who criticised me on a former occasion will take the matter I have herein alluded to in hand, and for the good of the R.M.B.I. get us some information.

Fraternally yours,

SUBSCRIBER.

*** *See Note in "Our Trestle Board"; and also note that we are informed officially that "the figures in the last column are wrong, no sum of £2,000 having been spent in enlarging the Hall"; and "that the Institution has never been without a Warden, there is one now who is paid £20 per annum."*—ED. M.S.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

One of the most important "functions" of last week was the Consecration of the London Scottish Rifles Lodge No. 2,310, which was most successfully accomplished on Thursday last by the energetic Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell Clerke, assisted by several well-known grand officers.

The dinner at the Holborn Restaurant was fairly well served, and the speeches were commendably short, but there was far too much music.

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I am as fond of music as anyone can be, especially when accompanied by the fragrant weed, but a song between *every* speech renders it difficult to catch one's train without running away in the middle of the proceedings.

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The sun was rising when the last of the brethren (and I had almost said sisters) of the Joppa Lodge left the hospitable roof of Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday. A centenary does not often occur, and the W.M. and brethren evidently determined to make the most of it, and succeeded.

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There were great doings in Canterbury on Monday. The Invicta Council of Royal and Select Masters held their first Installation, and the meeting was largely attended.

The Earl of Euston, whom a little bird tells me will succeed the lamented Canon Portal, paid them an official visit, and the Grand Recorder installed Rev. Hayman Cummings in succession to the well known and popular Bro. Horatio Ward.

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I was much amused by an article in a contemporary on Saturday, touching the composition of the far-famed "Philbrick" Committee. To my mind it was the old tale over again—no case, abuse the plaintiff's attorney.

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From Ludlow (Shropshire) we have pleasant news of the success of the masonic ball, given by the Lodge of the Marshes, No. 611, at the Assembly Rooms there in aid of the funds of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. The party was a numerous one, and general enjoyment was afforded. Terpsichore assisting Charity would not be a bad title for an allegorical painting.

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A brother informs us that the smoking concert given by the W.M. and officers of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, Boston (Lincolnshire), on the 28th ult., was attended by a large number of masonic friends, and that a thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed, out of lodge, certainly, but still *in* "harmony," under the presidency of W. Bro. C. Lucas, the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. H. Padley, as director of ceremonies, and several able stewards. The programme appears to have been an exceptionally good one.

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The men of Kent, or the Kentish men—which is it?—attached to the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, had a brilliant success in connection with their May-day ball, which was given in the Town Hall, Maidstone, in aid of the funds of the Boys' School. The guests were numerous; by dispensation from the R.W.G.M., Earl Amherst, masonic clothing was worn, and the band of the Royal Engineers gave great satisfaction. I expect that the financial result will be as good for the "Boys" as the evening's entertainment, at which the Mayor and Mayoress of Maidstone and the M.P. for the borough put in an appearance, was agreeable to the brethren and their guests.

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From Bolton I hear of an attractive social gathering given by the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, at the charming residence of Bro. Downs, the S.W. of that lodge. The W.M., Bro. Barrett, *J.P.* and present Mayor, together with the Past Masters and Officers, exerted themselves to make the gathering successful, and it is to be hoped it will be the precursor of many similar assemblies.

THE DINER OUT.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The installation meeting of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, the 9th inst., at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, at 4 p.m. There will be initiation ceremonies both before and after installation of Bro. T. V. Turner, the W.M. elect, which will commence at 6 o'clock precisely. Brethren of the regular or auxiliary forces are requested to appear in uniform.

——The Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, Ex. Comp. H. C. Jefferys, M.E.Z., will meet in convocation on Monday next, the 13th inst., at 6 p.m., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, London, for the purpose of installation of principals for the ensuing year. These are Ex. Comps. G. Treves, H. and Z. elect; W. H. Tilling, J. and H. elect; and Comp. S. Richardson, J. elect. Ex. Comp. Thomas Poore, P.Z., 151, Wirtemberg Street, Clapham, S.W., is Scribe E. of this Chapter.

——The Ebury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1348, hold their annual festival and supper at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, this (Thursday) evening, at 7.30 p.m. The W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. W. Fowles, will preside.

——Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec. of the Allied Masonic Degrees, has convened a Special Grand Council, at 8a, Red Lion Square, this evening, 9th inst., for election of a Grand Master in succession to the late lamented Rev. Canon Portal.

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147, at the "Brown Bear," High Street, Deptford, on Thursday next, the 16th inst., commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. Section Master, W. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; Assistant Officers, W. Bros. W. Martin, P.M. 879; E. C. Talbot, 1310; J. J. Hutchins, P.M. 147, Preceptor; and S. R. Speight, P.M. 147, Hon. Sec.

——Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, Organist of Lodges Nos. 22, 194, 212, 1365, and 2168, the members of each of which have promised their support, will give an evening concert at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Thursday next, the 16th inst., under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and Countess of Lathom, and other distinguished personages. Our worthy brother's programme is an extremely good one, and we wish him the success his energy and ability merit.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

METROPOLITAN.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE—No. 2076.—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m. Present:—Bros. W. Simpson (R.I.M., R.A.S.), W.M., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Col. S. C. Pratt, *R.A.*; W. M. Bywater, P.G.Swd.Bearer; G. W Speth; Rev. O. J. Ball; E. Macbean; W. H. Rylands, P.G.St.; Prof. W. Mattieu Williams; and C. Kupferschmidt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. Col. J. Mead, W. M. Graham, Rev. O. C. Cochran, Prof. F. W. Driver, James Stevens, G. J. Dunckley, W. Lake, Rob. A. Gowan, J. B. Mackey, Max Mendellsohn, F. A. Powell, G. A. Nock, C. F. Hogard, P.G.St.B.; and G. Greiner. Also the following visitors:—Bros. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, S. Scott Young, G. R. Langley, and Fras. Pegler. The minutes having been confirmed, the secretary called attention to the gift of Bro. W. M. Graham of several photographs of a lodge jewel belonging at one time to Bro. Robert Burns, exhibited at the former meeting, and which he had prepared and brought with him for the acceptance of the brethren. The following 11 lodges and 31 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle, bringing the total of intrants to 629, viz., the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire; Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, Southampton; Mackerfield Lodge, No. 2155, Newton-le-Willows; Humber Lodge, No. 571, Hull; Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, Rawal Pindee; Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, Louth; Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, Chelsea; Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Stafford; Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth; and Lurgan Lodge, No. 134, Lurgan, Ireland. And Bros. Gen. J. C. Smith, G.M. Illinois; H. S. Pike, Colchester; F. C. Robinson, Bradford; J. R. Ansdell, Hull; A. Hart, Crewkerne; W. V. S. Cockson, Hartebeestfontein, Transvaal; G. C. Cooper, Graaff-Reinet, Cape Colony; L. Lipinski, A. Levy, H. Levy, C. E. G. Cumings, B. Danyiger, D. C. Stevens, and Mudge, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; Captain J. J. Vaughan, *R.A.*, Quetta; J. A. Gurner, P.G.Reg.; J. E. Thomas, P.A.G.Sec., both of Adelaide, South Australia; A. Kemp, Glenelg, South Australia; G. L. Young, Port Adelaide; R. S. Brown, Grand Sec. E. of Scotland; J. T. S. Elliot, S.G.W. of Scotland; J. Webster, Edinburgh; H. Manfield, Northampton; Major C. M. Howell, P.Dis.Dep.G.M. Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; S. D. Setna, Hong Kong; W. Sheppard, Louth; W. L. Southwell, Bridgnorth; J. G. Koch, Penang; G. R. MacGregor, Bingley, Yorks; and Geo. Kelly, P.Gr.Swd.B., London. The routine business having been concluded, Bro. G. W. Speth read a paper entitled "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry." In very concise language, perhaps too much so, he recounted the proceedings of the four old lodges in London and Westminster in 1716 and 1717, which resulted in the formation of the Parent Grand Lodge of the World. The subsequent fortunes of those lodges were then glanced at, the growth of the organization described, reference made to the two schisms of last century, and a short account given of the fees, clothing, officers, &c., as they varied from time to time. The history was brought down to the beginning of this century, and notice taken of the Institution of the Girls' School and the various Committees of Grand Lodge. The paper was listened to with much attention, and some additions to the general knowledge were contributed by Bros. Rylands and Gould. A vote of thanks concluded the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE LONDON SCOTTISH RIFLES LODGE—No. 2310—took place at 8A, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and was a most interesting event. The new lodge is a welcome addition to those which have been constituted of late years in connection with the popular volunteer regiments of the metropolis formed since 1859, and of which the "Victoria Rifles" Lodge, No. 822, and the "Macdonald" (First Surrey Rifles), No. 1216, are the premier notable exemplars. The selection of the first Master of the new lodge has been made from amongst the Past Masters of the "Macdonald" in the person of Bro. Capt. James Hepburn-Hastie, and as he will doubtless carry the traditions of the "Macdonald" into the "London Scottish," we may look for as excellent work and as great success in the latest

addition to our Grand Lodge register as has ever characterised No. 1216 during the past 20 years. The consecration ceremony of "The London Scottish" was admirably performed by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., &c., who was assisted by W. Bro. Berridge, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.Std.Bearer, as J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.Chap., as Chap.; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.Swd.Bearer, as I.G. It is needless to say that under the direction of such proficient officers the ceremonial was of a most impressive character. The musical portions of the ceremony (as well as the music after banquet), was under the direction of Bro. Arthur Cranch, P.M., assisted by Bros. Arthur Weston, Wakefield Reed, and F. H. Laughlin, and gave general satisfaction. On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the W.M. Designate, W. Bro. Capt. James Hepburn-Hastie, was duly installed by the Grand Secretary into the chair of K.S. as First Master of the London Scottish Lodge, and received the hearty congratulations of all present. In acknowledging these Bro. Hastie, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks, and at the same time his regret that, owing to a technical difficulty, the position of First Master could not be held by the esteemed Colonel of the London Scottish Rifles Regiment, Past Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, the R.W. Bro. Col. Henry Lumsden, who would, however, be their first S.W., and, he trusted, in due course, preside over the lodge. He had much pleasure in investing Bros. Colonel Lumsden and Captain W. H. Glynn Smith with their respective collars of office as Wardens designate. The remaining officers were invested, viz:—Bros. Ernest J. Husey, treas.; J. T. Norman Callaway, secretary; Alexander Jardine, S.D.; S. A. Hardiman, J.D.; H. G. Baker, I.G.; Chas. Robinson, D.C.; J. J. Mackay, A.D.C.; M. Grieve, W.S.; and J. J. Mackay, C.S., the appointment of Bro. Wm. Robertson as tyler being left over until first business meeting. Subsequent to the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren by Bro. Clerke in his customary effective manner, thanks were given to, and honorary membership was conferred on the Consecrating Officers for their valuable services. In connection with these we should not fail to note the very appropriate oration of the acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. Brownrigg, who, in a most felicitous manner, coupled the masonic and military virtues of discipline and obedience in the course of his address. The visitors to the lodge, evidently much gratified with the proceedings in which they had shared, were more than ordinarily in earnest in offering "Hearty good wishes" to the master and brethren, although here and there a certain amount of hesitation was observable, the reason for which was not far to seek. However, in perfect order, peace and harmony, the London Scottish Rifles Lodge, No. 2310, was closed for the first time, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the Consecration Banquet was prepared for them. This was an entertainment worthy of the hosts, and we regret very much that space, or rather the want of it, precludes our reporting to the fullest extent its interesting particulars. We can however summarise them in the words "absolutely perfect;" and for the present leave our comrades and brothers of the "London Scottish" to make their lodge, like their Regiment, second to none. Amongst the numerous brethren present in addition to those already named were:—Bros. Dr. W. H. Pardoe, M.D., J. John Mackey, C. Robinson, Craster Humble, J. J. Mackay, R. B. Fowler, Stanley J. Attenborough, William Robertson, Sydney F. Mackway, R. S. Darling, A. S. Hardiman, and Visitors:—W.Bros. G. H. Newington Bridges, P.M. 772, 1216, and 1669, P.G.D., Somerset; B. R. Bryant, P.M., P.Z., &c.; James Stevens, P.M. 1216, P.Z., &c.; Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534; Chas. E. Smith, P.M. 58, Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1731; W. H. Boys, P.M. 1658; Louis Beck, P.P.G.O., Middx.; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; W. Davidson, Frank Loughlin, Heney, R. Sillico, &c., &c.

PROVINCIAL.

KENT.—THE AMHERST LODGE—No. 1223—Held its Installation Meeting at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday last, the 4th inst. Bro. William Sparrowhawk, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and was fully supported by his officers. After usual routine business, the installation of Bro Alfred Herbert Lee as W.M. was carried out in perfect form and with great ability by Bro. A. W. Duret, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Bro. Edwin S. Strange, P.M. acting as D.C. The newly-installed Master invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. Jno. Hamlin, S.W.; Fredk. P. Lee, J.W.; R. Durtnell, P.M., P.P.G., Sup. Works, treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., sec.; D. J. Kent, S.D.; C. Hooker, J.D.; W. H. Pascoe, I.G.; H. S. Strange, D.C.; W. Burfort, Asst. D.C.; Geo. Dixon, steward; Jno. Fyfe, asst. steward; W. South, tyler. Bro. Chas. Edward Birch, P.M., was re-elected to serve on the Charity Committee. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation at ensuing meeting. Bro. C. E. Birch, P.M. presented the lodge with a photo, framed, the photo taken from a very rare Masonic Picture; and apologies for non-attendance, with regret, and hearty good wishes were received from the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes; the Prov. Grand Treasurer; the Prov. Grand Secretary, and over fifty other members of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Presiding Masters in the Province; and the visitors present also paid the usual courtesy to the W.M. and brethren of the entertaining lodge. The Installa-

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (2nd) THURSDAY, MAY 9th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1216	Macdonald	1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
Mark.		
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, MAY 10th.	
33	Britannic	F. M. H.
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle Leadenhall Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
1602	Sir Hugh Middleton	Agricultural Hall, N.
1997	John Carpenter	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
K.T.		
26	Faith and Fidelity	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, MAY 11th.	
173	Phœnix	F. M. H.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1328	Granite	F. M. H.
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane
2029	King Solomon	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
R.A.C.		
1297	West Kent	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1397	Anerley	Ditto
Mark.		
1234	Brixton	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
	(2nd) MONDAY, MAY 13th.	
5	St. George's & Corner Stone	F. M. H.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
957	Leigh	F. M. H.
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1789	Ubique	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
2030	The Abbey (Installation) ...	Town Hall, Westminster
2243	Argonauts	Cromwell Hall, Putney

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	(2nd) MONDAY, MAY 13th—*continued.*	
R.A.C.		
720	Panmure	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
862	Whittington	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1118	University	F. M. H.
R.C.		
53	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, MAY 14th.	
167	St. John's	Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1668	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.		
315	Henniker	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
332	Borough of Greenwich	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Grnwch.
	Supreme Counsel 33°	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th.	
619	Beadon	Greyhound Tav., Dulwich
700	Nelson	Masonic Hall, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
1278	Burdett Coutts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1369	Royal Arthur	Prince of Wales' Hot., Wimbledon
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., S.E
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
2140	Huguenot	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
199	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch
R.C.		
79	Orpheus	33, Golden Square, W.
	Supreme Counsel 33°	Ditto
	(3rd) THURSDAY, MAY 16th.	
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1365	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.

tion Banquet was a most successful affair, the newly-installed master presiding with much ability, and the harmony of the evening being considerably enhanced by the vocal and elocutionary efforts of Bros. Pascoe, Grover, Stevens, Gabb, Drewett, Greenwell and Lloyd. The following brethren, in addition to the officers of the lodge already named, were present, viz :—Bros. R. Stevenson, N. Strange, C. H. Whitcombe, John Fyfe, L. G. Smith, T. Houldsworth, Josiah Willmott, Thomas Baker, Edwin M. H. Staite, N. Grunwell, T. H. Knight, S. Newman, George Dixon, A. Wallace Lloyd. Amongst the visitors from other lodges were Bros. W. H. Perryman (Fidelity, No. 3), P.G.P., Eng.; Thomas D. Hayes (Pattison, 913), P.S.D., Kent; John Burton (Holmesdale, 874), P.G.R., Kent; George Kennedy (United Military, 1536), P.G.S.D., Kent; S. W. Shaw (Eastes, 1965), P.G.J.W., Kent; J. G. Calway (Sackville, 1619), P.P.G.R., Sussex; F. D. Vine (Phœnix, 173), P.M.; James Stevens (Macdonald, 1216), P.M.; W. H. Cronk (Knole, 1414), P.M.; W. Drewett (Dobie, 889), P.M.; Geo. Gabb (Burgoyne, 902), P.M.; Thomas Clibbon (Antiquity, 20), W.M.; W. D. Keeble (Pattison, 913), W.M.; Fred. Gordon (Malling Abbey, 1063), W.M.; H. Pawment (Nelson, 700), W.M.; Regan Martin (Holmesdale, 874), W.M.; J. B. Groom (Robinson, 2046), W.M.; J. W. Jull (Knole, 1414), W.M.; H. Harris (Holmesdale, 874), J.W.; J. M. Broad (Philbrick, 2255), I.G.; F. Dangerfield (John Hervey, 1260), S.W.; B. C. Colls (Holmesdale, 874); Geo. Guva, J. I. Emberry, F. Soman (Pantiles, 2250); R. C. Clark (Holmesdale, 874); G. S. Hunt, J. F. Miles (Commemoration, 1585); Samuel Scovell (New Forest, 319).

The Rev. Edward Heastie, B.A., formerly chaplain of the Wolverhampton Union, died on the 26th ult., at Thirlmere Road, Liverpool, at the age of 77 years. He was a great linguist, and, although not a Freemason himself, his son is Senior Warden of the Holme Valley Lodge, Holmfirth, Yorkshire, No. 652.

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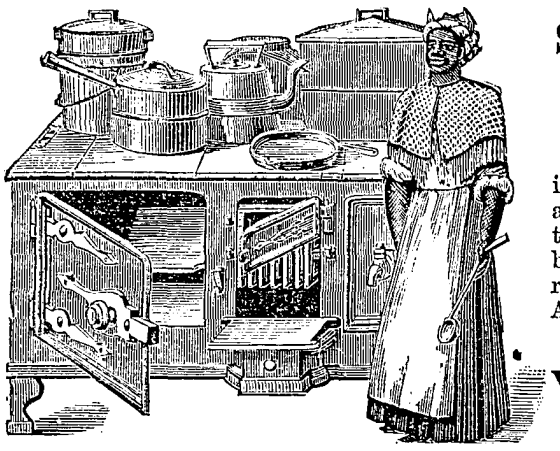
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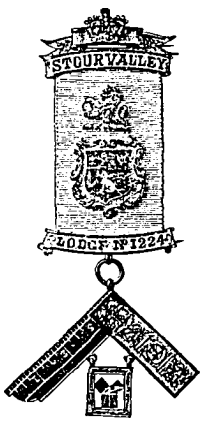
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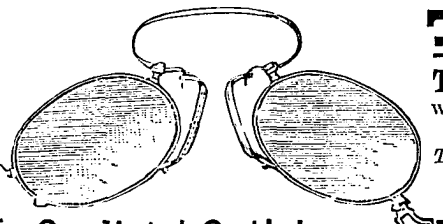
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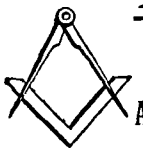
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Investigation.

ON the 27th July, 1888, at a Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it was unanimously Resolved:—

> That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that, in the interests of the Institution, it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline, expenditure, and administration, be forthwith undertaken; and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Vice-Patron, Deputy Grand Master of Essex), be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being at least Life Governors of the Institutions, as he may think proper for the purposes of such enquiry. The result to be submitted as a Report to a subsequent General Court.

In conformity with the terms of the foregoing Resolution, the Committee was constituted as follows:—Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron, *Chairman*. London:—Bros. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. treas., Patron; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., Vice-President; and Samuel Pope, *Q.C.*, P.G.D., Vice-Patron. Provinces:—Bros. John C. Malcolm, of Leeds, P.Pro.G.R., Life Governor; Lieut. Col. A. Thrale Perkins, of Wells, Somersetshire, P.G.D., Life Governor; and Robert Wylie, of Liverpool, P.G.D., P.Pro.G.S.W., Life Governor. Resolutions were also passed empowering the Committee to take all necessary measures to make the proposed investigation exhaustive.

It has been a long and anxious period for many interested in the welfare of the Institution from the date of the passing of the above Resolution to that of the presentation of the Report, and its general circulation amongst Governors and subscribers, but *at last* it is placed before them. And no dispassionate reader can rise from its perusal with even the shadow of a doubt that the enquiry has been abundantly justified. The exposure, for it is surely nothing else, of the mal-administration of many past years, discloses the most astounding neglect of details of management which should have even more than ordinary attention in Institutions supported by voluntary contributions as are those connected with our Order. There are very many, probably a large majority, of the supporters of our Charitable Institutions, and amongst them ourselves, who could not have believed, until this Report was issued, that such a thorough "setting in order," as is recommended by the Committee of Investigation, is absolutely necessary. Last week we spoke of certain charges as being merely rumours, and were cautious to base our opinions on the possibility that such might not be correct; but we find not only that they are true, but that they are supplemented by others quite as grave. We reiterate, therefore, all our comments then made, and for the sake of the future of the Boys' School, hope that the Special Court which will have the Report of the Committee of Investigation before it for consideration will adopt such of the recommendations therein made, and such other measures as may be deemed advisable, to take the Institution out of the "road to ruin" it has been of late pursuing, and place it on the highway to better management and fortune.

We refrain from selecting for reproduction in the pages of a public journal a number of most extraordinary statements beyond those contained in the summary of the Committee's report, which we shall append hereto. Most of our readers have doubtless had the opportunity to note them as we have done (indeed our copy is more fully scored than was ever any report yet perused by us), and will assuredly seek explanations, which we hope, for the sake of those most nearly interested, will be forthcoming and satisfactory. It would seem that already members of the respective Committees of the Institution desire to repudiate some of the suggestions made in the report, and challenge the propriety of the inferences drawn from the evidence taken. As will be seen by reference to our Correspondence columns, they require the publication of the shorthand writer's notes, to which they state they fearlessly appeal. So absolutely necessary will it be for the good of the School that the scales of justice should be held with equal poise in this particular instance, having in view the certainty that where neglect or mal-administration shall be proved the penalty will be severe, that we hope unrestricted access to the stenographic notes will be accorded to the appellants. The paragraph in the report to which they take exception reads thus:—"We comprehend fully the difficulty of the present members of the House Committee, on which are brethren whose independence and character are beyond question. But they have followed in the course of their predecessors, and, except on some few occasions when they have asserted their views in opposition to the

Secretary, they have practically acquiesced in leaving the whole control in his hands. Thus for some time the Secretary has virtually managed the School, and the House Committee has been content, except in rare instances, to register and endorse his proceedings." This is strong enough to warrant any amount of exception if the short-hand writer's notes do not prove it up to the hilt. If it be found they do so there can be but one course open to the Committee, and which, possessing the "independence and character" attributed to them, they will, we presume, unhesitatingly take. On the other hand, if so much be not really proved, considerable condonation of other less important shortcomings would be admissible, and a reinstatement into the confidence of the subscribers most probably ensue. As matters now stand, and on the assumption that cause cannot be shewn in the manner indicated, the "starting with a strong Committee on an entirely fresh basis" is an absolute necessity. We personally regret to say this for many reasons which can be readily understood by our brethren, but nevertheless it must be said.

The concluding portion of the report, we are surprised to notice, has been already published in a non-masonic North of England paper, which, three or four days before the subscribers to the institution were permitted to know anything about it, must have been supplied with the *verbatim et literatim* extract. We are curious to know who supplied that information. It must have been some one outside the circle of those in the West of England who were to "keep the contents of the report entirely unknown to everyone," &c. We wonder who it was? However, no harm can come of re-production in this instance, so here it is:—"In any view, the alternative that there is and has been mismanagement and extravagance to a serious extent cannot be resisted, and we do not see how these evils can be adequately dealt with unless an entire change in the way the Institution is conducted takes place. We are unanimously of opinion that: (1) The School is in an unsatisfactory state as regards its management; (2) The Educational Staff is satisfactory, the teaching good, and the School discipline well maintained; (3) There is an antagonism between the Educational and Domestic Staff, which seriously impairs the usefulness of the Institution; (4) The effective control has fallen away from the House Committee; (5) The expenditure is extravagant, and not properly regulated; (6) The feeding and clothing of the boys are not such as are represented by the expenditure, and their health and comfort are not satisfactorily attended to by the Domestic Staff; (7) The Finance Committee exercises no real check on the expenditure; (8) The Accounts are not kept on a proper system, and those published are misleading; and (9) The Secretary has engrossed the control of the Institution into his own hands, and to this and the friction between him and the Domestic Staff on the one side, and the Head Master and his adherents on the other, the great part of the present evils is to be attributed. We therefore are of opinion that:—(1) An entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution will be satisfactory; (2) There should be but one head authority (viz., the Head Master), at Wood Green, and the entire establishment there be subject to him; (3) The House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands, must be in touch with the daily life of the School, and give more personal attention and exercise an intelligent authority in the Institution; (4) The questions of sufficient playgrounds and proper appliances for health and cleanliness of the pupils require immediate attention; (5) The Finance Committee should regulate the expenditure under the House Committee, and not rest its efforts after merely checking vouchers and books put before it; (6) The accounts should be kept as recommended by a qualified public accountant and annually published as audited and approved by the Finance Committee; and (7) The Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green save as the mere official channel of communication with the Head Master."

Upon these recommendations, and doubtless upon other subjects named in the Report, a Special General Court will shortly deliberate. In our opinion such deliberation cannot take place too soon, for the longer the present agitation in respect of the School is permitted to continue, the greater will be the amount of injury done to its best interests. The business is not settled by the presentation of the Report, as some may think, but awaits a further stage of progress. The sooner that is reached the better.

MASONIC MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The following is a detailed description of the Memorial Window recently erected in St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, and which was unveiled on the 12th inst. by the R.W. Grand Master of the Province of Norfolk, the Lord Suffield, K.C.B. The work has been carried out under the superintendence of Messrs. Cox and Buckley, of London:—

The window, which is in three long lancet lights, consists of two stages of subjects, which are thus disposed:—The three larger pictures in the upper stage show the "Preparation," the "Dedication" of the Temple by Solomon, and the "Restoration" of the Walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah.

The left hand light shows King Solomon consulting with Hiram and his workmen, the plan of the Temple being spread out before them.—1 *Kings* v., 18.

The centre light represents Solomon with outstretched arms, dedicating his labour to the Almighty and blessing his subjects, behind him are the Singers and Priests blowing the festal trumpets; while on either hand are Harpers and Incense Bearers.—2 *Chron.*, vi., 3.

In the right hand light Nehemiah and his Companions are pictured "building the walls in troublous times," each man with his sword ready girded to repel the enemies of the good work.—*Neh.* iv., 16, 17.

Below the larger subjects are three symbolical pictures with texts, applicable *not* directly to the historical events portrayed, but to the three "foundations" of all work "well and truly" done—Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The left hand panel (beneath the preparation of the Temple) shows the "storming of Jericho" by the Priests who bore the ark round the walls of the rebellious stronghold, blowing the while on their trumpets. The text reads, "If ye have *Faith* it shall be done."

The right hand panel (below the restoration of the walls) depicts the death bed of Jacob, the patriarch is shown resting on his staff and encouraging his sons by the vision of their future success. The text is, "I have a good *Hope* because of thy word."

The centre light (beneath the picture of the Dedication Festival) shows the charity of Job in reference to his own description of his life, *Job* xxix.—"I was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, a father to the poor. I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy, when the ear heard me then it blessed me, when the eye saw me it gave witness to me." The text beneath this central panel is "The end of the Commandment is *Charity*." In the upper portion of this window, in the various spandrils and foils, are armorial bearings, and the Emblems of the Craft.

The Freemasons of Great Britain may be well congratulated on this evidence of their desire to beautify the sanctuary, and leave to their successors in the ancient and honourable Craft a memorial worthy of themselves and not unworthy of the building in which it stands.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I. Boys.—The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th inst. Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., treas., presided, and there were present thirty-eight members and the secretary. Two petitions were considered and accepted. The resignations of Bros. Charles Belton and Dudley Rolls as members of the House Committee, and Bro. Henry Young as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, were submitted and accepted. The following brethren were nominated for election next month as members of the House Committee, viz.:—Bros. A. Brookman, J. S. Cumberland, Richard Eve, W. Masters, and Edward Terry, proposed by Bro. C. E. Soppet; Bros. George Corble and John Glass, by Bro. Andrew R. Motion; and Bros. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. Joyce Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, *M.D.*, H. Venn, and John Wordsworth, by Bro. Charles Daniel—12 to be elected. The following were nominated for election as an Audit and Finance Committee, viz.:—Bros. Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, Thomas Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, and C. E. Soppet, by Bro. George Mickley—9 to be elected. It was resolved that the customary mark of distinction should be retained in the voting papers, those who are "old members" being distinguished by an * against their names, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

R.M.B.I.—The Committee of Management held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present 31 members and the Secretary. The deaths of one widow annuitant, and one widow candidate were reported. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also that of Mr. Griggs on the purchase of land at Croydon. The draft report of the Sub-Committee, appointed to draw up the report of the proceedings during the past year, was read and approved, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Maryland has presented Captain Murrell, of the Missouri, with a gold medal for rescuing the crew and passengers of the Danmark.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

HAIL, FREEMASONRY!

By Bro. John Fawcett Skelton, P.M., P.Z.

Tune—"Hey, John Barleycorn!" (by the late Bro. J. B. Geoghegan, St. John's Lodge, No. 221).

Freemasonry, of all the arts, is fairest, first, and best;
Old as the hills, its glory fills North, South, and East and West.
Whoe'er obtain its honours, with its privileges, find
Its sterling worth o'er all the earth for men of ev'ry kind.
Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry!
Grand old Masonry!
In thy "charge" is the world at large,
Freemasonry!

All scientific is its base—all learning it invites—
All beautiful its ritual—all solemn are its rites.
Truth lies within its crystal well; its charity all bless'd,
In streams o'erflows to succour those whom fortune hath distress'd.
Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

For mortal man whose vessel frail is toss'd on life's rough main,
Our glorious Craft will aid to waft it safe in port again.
She leads the Brethren safely on through life to death's dark door,
Nor turns her head until they tread the Mason's golden shore.
Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

The Craft, all hail! in glowing strains as ever poet sung,
Honour and fame to Masons came while yet the world was young.
Ye rising Brethren, full of zeal, bestir yourselves to raise
Our standard high, 'neath ev'ry sky, as in the ancient days.
Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

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OURS IS THE LIFE TO PURSUE.

By Bro. John Fawcett Skelton, P.M., P.Z.

Tune—"Il Segreto" (Donizetti).

Come, let us be happy together,
Affectionate Masons all round;
Assisting and cheering each other,
Where in lodge or in life we are found.
Let us look to our glorious symbols,
And practice what they but suggest;
Our jewels keep bright on our bosoms till death,
For the life of a Mason's the best;
His life is the best,
His life is the best.
Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!
May ev'ry Freemason be true;
The world, then, were forc'd to confess it,
That ours is the life to pursue.
Chorus—Then here's to the Craft, &c.

How ancient the Craft that we treasure!
Our service, how beautiful through!
Our music, how grand in its measure!
Our precepts, how noble and true!
Then let us be proud of our Order,
The oldest, the fairest, the best;
The grandest of all ever founded on earth;
By Heaven supported and blest;
Supported and blest,
Supported and blest.
Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!
May ev'ry Freemason be true;
The world, then, were forc'd to confess it,
That ours is the life to pursue.
Chorus—Then here's to the Craft, &c.

May "the Architect Great" that's above us,
Guard us and Freemasonry, too;
Enlighten, encourage, and love us,
And strengthen our Order anew!
It bids us adore Him—our Maker—
The Light of the Lodge-Room above!
And, here, to our Brethren, and neighbours, and all
To act with truth, friendship, and love!
Truth, friendship, and love,
Truth, friendship, and love.
Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!
May ev'ry Freemason be true;
The world, then, were forc'd to confess it,
That ours is the life to pursue.
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The Hornsey Chapter of Improvement—No. 890.—A Convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W., on Friday, 10th April, A.L. 5889. E. Child, P.Z. 538, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, N. 975, J.; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.S. 733, N.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z., 834, Treas., P.S.; J. R. Allman, 890; J. Cruttenden, 779; J. Smith, P.S. 890. The Chapter was declared open for the purpose of improvement. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Allman being candidate. After good wishes, the Chapter was closed. An interesting discussion took place as to whether it should be a Chapter of Improvement or of Instruction. The S.E. was requested to endeavour to obtain an opinion from companions, authorities in such matters, if possible.



We heard at a Lodge of Instruction, an evening or two ago, a congratulation offered by one of the brethren to a W.M. elect on his approaching Installation, in a somewhat neat paraphrase. The chair of K.S. was described as a place "where *Preceptors* cease from troubling, and the *Master* takes his rest." Not so bad! but we are not quite sure that in every instance the paraphrase would hold good in connection with Paradise.

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The *Voice of Masonry* very fairly complains of the insertion in our columns (March 7th and 14th) of two selections from its pages without credit, and on enquiry we find that the inadvertence of one of our staff has justified the complaint, although in one instance the name of the author was stated, and it was thought to have appeared elsewhere. We are entirely against re-production unaccompanied by acknowledgment, and have directed greater care to be taken in future in this respect. Our contemporary asks for an *amende honorable*. Will this suffice? And will other journals kindly note that we share the feelings which our contemporary has expressed! We find much of our own in other papers "without credit."

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Our attention has been called to an error in our report of the consecration of the London Scottish Rifles, Lodge No. 2310, on the 2nd inst., and we gladly take the first opportunity to correct it. It appears that the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, takes precedence of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, in the roll of lodges connected with, or attached to, the Volunteer Corps of the Metropolis. The South Middlesex was consecrated in 1861, the first W.M. being the late Bro. Lord Ranelagh, K.C.B., the chief of the battalion, and on its roll are many notable men both in masonic and volunteering circles. The Macdonald was not constituted until 1868.

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We are obliged to the W.M. of No. 858 for correcting us in this matter, there being personal reasons why the mistake might be misunderstood. We know upon what excellent terms the South Middlesex and First Surrey Corps have ever been, and the same may be said as to the respective Lodges; indeed, if we do not make another mistake, the Lodges have represented their respective regiments in more than one shooting competition. We saw lately at the Macdonald Lodge a massive and magnificent Setting Maul, elaborately mounted in silver, and bearing the devices of four regiments, of which we know the South Middlesex and the Macdonald were two, and we believe the London Rifle Brigade and the Queen's Westminster were the others. This Maul was the handsome gift of W. Bro. Major Lambert, is of great value, and was given as a challenge prize to be shot for annually by members of the four Lodges, the winning Lodge holding the trophy, but allowing it to form part of the table decorations on the occasions of the several Installation Meetings of the non-winners.

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The *Era* is responsible for the following:—"It may not be generally known to professional Freemasons that Herr Unthan, the marvellous performer who was born without arms, is one of the Craft. At the Paragon, last Saturday week, Bros. Barwick and Eaton put him to the test, and not only did he prove himself a proficient Craftsman, but he also gave all the grips accurately with his right foot. It would interest and surprise a Masonic brother to see Bro. Unthan give the signs, which he does satisfactorily and clearly, in a manner that is, of course, entirely his own."

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The foregoing is in direct disagreement with the practice in America of refusing admission to the Order to such as are unfortunately defective by want or loss of limb. From the *Voice of Masonry* (March, 1889) we learn that only recently an order was issued by the Grand Master of the State of Illinois calling attention of the Lodges to "an unquestioned landmark in Masonry—that is, one which prohibits the making of any man a Mason whose 'maim or defect in his body renders him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him,' and surely no one will claim that the loss of a leg or arm (hand or foot), though replaced with one of wood or any other material, permits such persons 'conforming literally to what the several degrees require of him!'"

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The late W. Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, must have have had this "Landmark" in mind when he wrote in his beautiful poem, *Masons' Views*, "and build the mystic walls of those *in body perfect*," &c. But since when has this Landmark, if it be such, been neglected under the English Constitution? There may be very much to be said against as well as for the principle laid down; and it would be interesting to learn the views of some of our intelligent readers on this subject.

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Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are again reminded that the election of candidates will take place on Friday next, the 17th inst. A careful observance of the instructions for voting, and early polling, will greatly lighten the labours of the Scrutineers, in whose interests we have shown the necessity for such attention.

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Brethren who may not have disposed of their proxies for R.M.B.I. election on Friday, and are in doubt how to use them, will probably bear in mind the cases we have referred to—Bro. Dodson, case No. 25, and Bro. Knill, case No. 38, and fill up their voting papers accordingly. We have to acknowledge the receipt of several proxies on their behalf, and thank the donors for the same.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

We shall be obliged by the insertion of the enclosed copy of letter as delivered this day, to the Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry.—Yours fraternally,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. Sir and Brother,

The members of the House, and Finance and Audit Committees have had under consideration the Report of the Committee, presented by you as Chairman to the Quarterly General Court of this Institution on Friday, 26th ult.

They desire to avoid any want of courtesy to yourself, or any member of that Committee, yet they cannot—in justice to themselves—refrain from an expression of astonishment at the conclusions as set forth in the Report. With the knowledge previously possessed by some, and now acquired by other, members of the two Committees of the shorthand writer's notes of the evidence, this feeling is greatly intensified. They challenge the publication of those notes, as to them they would fearlessly appeal. Without unrestricted access to those notes it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply to your Report, but the members of both administrative Committees unanimously concur in entering a protest against decisions which were arrived at in their opinion contrary to the weight of evidence. They indignantly repudiate the suggestion that they have on any important point subordinated their views to any official influence whatever, and that they have failed to maintain the most steady allegiance to the important interests entrusted to their care. They deeply regret to mark the tone that pervades the whole Report, which is best exemplified by paragraph 1, p. 29. In answer to that they can only say that they are all equally bound by the acts of the Committee, and every individual member rejects for himself the invidious distinction sought to be drawn by this unmasonic paragraph.

We are obliged to send a copy of this letter to the Masonic press, as it is the only ready means available for an appeal to the large constituency affected by the issue of the Report.—Faithfully yours,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D., Rota Chairman,
On behalf of the House Committee.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD, Rota Chairman,
On behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee.

9th May, 1889.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As an officer of one of the oldest lodges in the province of East Lancashire, it comes as a surprise to me on reading the lines on your "Trestle Board," that an objection is raised to the courteous expression, "Hearty good wishes," when given on behalf of his lodge by a visiting brother. I cordially agree with your remarks, and am certain that in this district the brethren would be grieved to see the custom, which is general here, discontinued. The utmost amity and fraternal feeling exists among the brethren of all the lodges, and any visitor who omitted to give expression to that friendliness on the part of the other brethren composing his lodge, would be considered guilty of an act of discourtesy, to say the least of it. Granted that a brother visits of his own motion, he is warmly welcomed, and is made at home, and surely nothing can be lost and much may be gained by a kindly expression of the good wishes which the other members of his lodge entertain towards those brethren. Such expressions are properly appreciated, are received with pleasure, and are duly acknowledged. They do much to maintain the kindly feeling which should, and, I am pleased to know, do prevail between the different lodges. There is far too little courtesy prevailing now-a-days in every walk of life, and I have sadly misused the time I have devoted to studying the principles of Freemasonry if I am to understand that those little courtesies, which help so much to make our intercourse with our fellows pleasant and agreeable, are not to be especially extended to our brethren of the craft. If they are not to be met with in lodge, where may we expect to find them? I am aware there are among Masons, some brethren, who demand chapter and verse for everything that is done, and are crotchety enough to object to whatever has not been laid down in so many words by constituted authority. Such, while adhering to the letter, which often kills, forget the spirit of Masonry, which should keep alive the fact that (to quote from one of the lectures) we "are united by a strict and endearing relation, as creatures of the same God, children of the same first parents, and brethren of the same solid tie."

Yours fraternally,
J. R. BARTON.

FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR,

Will you kindly favour me with the following information as to what amount it would cost any "ex pupils" of the R. M. I. B. to become Freemasons, out of London—say Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham for instance, in order to settle a difference of opinion? I allege that any "old boy" can become a Freemason at a *much reduced sum*, whatever the amount is in the provinces. Kindly say if that is so, and what would be the amount to join a lodge of ordinary standing, and if the "old boys" could obtain their regalia, &c., from any of the large manufacturers *cheaper* than any other person who is not an ex-pupil of the R. M. I. B., and thus allow them some little advantage in order to promote the interests which they have at heart for the good old Masonic School; bearing in mind that in some instances the boys of our school are left without father and mother, and have to fight the battle of life single-handed, and make some provision for their younger members of the family.

Your esteemed reply will be appreciated by

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.

April 25th, 1889.

*** *Answer next week.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. F. H.—S.W. 463.—Your report was wrongly addressed, and reached us at the moment of going to Press. Will do our best next week.

G. C.—S.W. 1068.—Shall be always pleased to hear from you. Let us know if what you will find in this number fairly represents the details you forwarded.

PLUMB RULE.—We will answer your letter, as to appointment of officers, in "Our Trestle Board" next week.

J. WILLIAMS.—Will consider your communication, and probably write.

IGNORANS.—See "Our Trestle Board" next week; we will answer your enquiry fully there.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Voice of Masonry. Chicago; *Society; Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana; Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution; The South African Freemason; Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney; *Latomia; Masonic Advocate.*

The George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, was consecrated at Datchet on the 13th inst., when W. Bro. George Gardner, a Past Master of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was installed as first W.M.

"GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND."—Contributions have recently been received from the following :—Sir Robert W. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Col. James Peters, P.G.Swd.B.; H.H. the Maharaja of Kuch Behar, G.C.I.E., P.G.W.; H. W. Partridge, P.M. 79; H. F. Auldjs, P.M. 92; F. W. Halliwell, 1611; G. Greiner, J.W. 92; J. Coleman Hughes, P.Dist.G.R., Hong Kong; Sydney Shorter, P.M. 92; John Taylor, J.D. 328; Joseph Whiteheart, 1536; E. W. Carus Wilson, 331; A. J. P. Wise, 92; J. Lambert Sim, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Josiah Houle, P.M. 92; Bertram Noakes, P.M. 92; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Supt. R.A. Cambridgeshire; J. C. Smith, Grand Master, Illinois; General Charles Roome, Past Grand Master, New York; Martin Collins, Grand Chamberlain, S.C. 33° Washington; and Robert McCoskey Graham, 33°, of New York.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

A very "swagger" meeting indeed was that of the Euston Council of Royal and Select Masters, held at Red Lion Square on Wednesday last. Among those present were the popular Earl of Euston, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Major A. B. Cook, and Sir Lionel Darell, while the list of candidates included such deservedly well known names in they craft as Bros. Robert Grey, Sir Regidald Hanson, Bart., General Coysgarul Sim, Frederick Mead, &c., &c.

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The very interesting ceremony was carefully performed by Bro. R. B. Bryant, who was assisted by Bros. Matier and Frank Richardson.

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I marvel much there is no sumptuary law as to the clothing of Grand Officers. I was at a meeting not long ago, in daylight by the by, at which nine present or past Grand Officers were present, and there were *nine* different shades of what the Masonic clothier calls—Purple, and the Book of Constitutions—Garter Blue. Perhaps the greatest authority in the world on "ribbons," Garter King at Arms, will lay down the law.

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The meeting of Great Priory was largely attended, and really was a very pretty sight. I was sorry to see that the Great Sub-Prior was suffering from a sharp attack of his old enemy, gout. The new grand officers were all well received, especially the ubiquitous Bro. Augustus Harris, who, what with theatrical enterprise, County Council and Freemasonry, must find the twenty-four hours of the day quite insufficient for labour, to say nothing about refreshment.

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By the alteration of the qualification of a candidate, one year as a master mason, instead of two, I think the Great Priory have scored heavily. The order ought now to increase both in members and preceptories.

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The performance of "Sweet Lavender" (all sweet here and no bitter) at Bro. Terry's Theatre on Saturday evening last, was witnessed by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by T.R.H. the young Princesses and Prince George of Wales.

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It will be a "bitter" reflection to me if it be true as stated in "the largest circulation" that a "fish famine" in London is imminent. I am one of those who believe in the excellent qualities of a fish diet, and shall not take kindly to the Paris Exhibition if it becomes the cause of a diminished supply during the ensuing season.

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Asparagus, plovers' eggs, strawberries and other fruits are likewise threatened with scanty supply, and these being delicacies I am much inclined to, their absence at "refreshment after labour" will be anything but consolatory. I say with Bishop Still, "I cannot eat but little meat, my stomach is not good," and therefore the more shall I feel the diminished supply of those lighter viands with which my inner man is in full agreement.

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"Little Dinners by a Live Lord," a series of very readable articles in *Society* interest me greatly. In the eleven chapters already published there are some grand hints in relation to the "art of dining"; and the opinions given of the respective vintages of high class wines are especially valued by THE DINER OUT.

We Notify that:—

——It is anticipated that the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at Eastern Lodge, the county seat of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, under the banner of Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at Dunmow.

——The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, W. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M., will meet at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m. Work in the first degree, and refreshment after labour.

——The Board of General Purposes will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 21st inst., at 4 p.m.

——The Board of Benevolence will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 22nd inst., at 6 p.m.

——Brethren in South Africa, as well as at home, may be interested in learning that Messrs. Henochsberg & Pool. South African merchants, late of Australian Avenue, London, E.C., have removed into new premises, "33, Jewin Crescent, E.C."

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Frederic Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday next, at 3 p.m. Installation of Bro. Dr. Lewis Jones, three initiations and one raising, and banquet.

——The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction No. 463, completed its winter session on the 7th inst., and has adjourned until further notice.

—— Bro. Frederick Topham, P.M. 551, will give his first Dramatic Recital in London, at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W., on Monday afternoon next, 20th inst., at 3 p.m., under distinguished patronage.

——The Kintore Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 333, W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, W.M., will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday next, 20th inst., at 6.15 p.m., for the advancement of an approved candidate, and the installation of Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. H. Nevill as W.M. for the ensuing year. Mourning to be worn for the late M.W. Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal.

——A Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, Kintore, No. 333, W. Bro. Capt. James Hepburn Hastie, W.C.N., will be held previous to the above meeting, and opened at 5.45 p.m.

——The annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and election of male and female annuitants will take place at Freemason's Hall, London, on Friday, 17th inst., at high twelve.

——The 101st anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in London, on the 22nd inst. The Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, presiding.

——A special general court of Governors and Subscribers to the R.M.I. Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, to-day (16th), at 3 p.m., to empower the Centenary Committee to accept a tender for the new buildings in a sum not exceeding £31,000.

——The House Committee R.M.I.G. will meet on the 23rd inst., at 4.30 p.m.

COLONIAL, DISTRICT AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

MONTREAL.—"The Post-Diluvian Period and the Great Pyramid of Ghizeh" was the subject of a very interesting lecture, given by W. Bro. Greig in the Masonic chambers, before a large audience of Masons and their friends. The origin, history and discovery of the great pyramid were explained in an interesting and graphic manner. W. Bro. W. Cooper acted as chairman.

MELBOURNE.—On the 23rd March, after the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, a special convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, for the purpose of forming a Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons. His Excellency Chief Justice Way, the Grand Z. of South Australia attended, and performed the duties of Installing Principal, and the first Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria were then appointed.

CAIRO.—An esteemed correspondent at Cairo sends us some interesting particulars in relation to Freemasonry at that place from which we extract the following:—"The Order is flourishing here, and we have now got a Masonic Hall in which are working the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068; the Bulwer Chapter attached thereto, the Mark Masters Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, with the R.A. Mariners Lodge attached. The hall is in the most fashionable quarter, and is considered one of the finest fitted-up and prettiest Masonic Halls out of England. It accommodates also the Bulwer Masonic Club which draws a number of brethren together nightly, and is a great boon to the members. In connection with the club a series of monthly smoking concerts have been arranged, the latest of which took place on the 2nd inst., and was a great success." We congratulate our Cairo brethren on their possession of so many advantages, and hope that the progress of the Bulwer Lodge in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry in its district may never be impeded. We note that the Bulwer Lodge was constituted in 1865, but had ceased working for some years prior to 1882, when the present members, chiefly military brethren, set to work as soldiers know how to work, resuscitated its fallen fortunes, and once more set it "doing well." All honour to them: and so much the more dishonour if their successors should fail to maintain its present prestige and usefulness.

PROVINCIAL.

NORFOLK.—YARMOUTH.—A handsome New Masonic Memorial Window has been erected by the Freemasons of the borough in St. Nicholas Church, Yarmouth, and was unveiled by the R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, *K.C.B.*, the Provincial Grand Master, on Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren, who attended in full Masonic regalia. As it will doubtless interest many of our readers, we reprint from the *Yarmouth Gazette*, in another column, a detailed description of this fine work of art.

SUFFOLK.—STOUR VALLEY LODGE—No. 1224.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on the 10th inst., W. Bro. C. Joslin, W.M. The Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was present, as also were W. Bros. W. J. Mason, I.P.M., and Pratt, Emmerson, Ardley, Alston, and Grimwood, Past Masters; Bros. Reid, J.W.; Bailey, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Harris-Hills, I.G.; J. F. Hills, treas.; F. Wheeler, sec.; Hurst, org.; George Grant, Sheehan, Garrett, and other members and visitors numbering between 40 and 50. Bro. Henry Flower Martyn, a son of the Deputy Grand Master and a resident of Florida, U.S.A., who had been initiated and passed in this lodge in 1886, was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in a very able manner, and the ceremony was completed by the delivery of the traditional history by the Dep. G.M. The beautiful ceremony of the degree was made most effective by the accompanying appropriate music, rendered on the large organ by the talented organist, Bro. Hurst. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to that most comfortable of hotels, the Rose and Crown, where Bro. George, the host, had prepared one of his characteristic feasts, "the very best and plenty of it," and where a most harmonious evening was spent in thoroughly Masonic good fellowship.

YORKSHIRE.—WEST RIDING.—The Lodge of St. George, No. 242, held its Installation meeting on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, when the retiring W.M. Bro. G. C. Wilkie, gave place to Bro. A. W. Fretwell, who was ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. D. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., the ceremony being accompanied by full musical service. A large number of brethren attended from surrounding Lodges, and a banquet was given at the Reindeer Hotel.

YORKSHIRE.—N. & E. RIDINGS.—The sixty-second anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, was celebrated on the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Hull. After presentations had been made to W. Bros. John Clark and A. King, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and the closing of the Lodge, a banquet was given in the banqueting hall. There was a large attendance of members and of visiting brethren present on this occasion.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

THE MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216—Head Quarters, First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell, S.E.—This popular Lodge, in connection with the Volunteer service, attained its majority on the 9th inst., having been established in association with the First Surrey Rifle Corps, in 1868. It has justified the expectations which were then formed as to its progress, and the possibilities which might be the outcome of military discipline conjoined to the practice of Masonic ceremonial, and has always held a deserved reputation for the excellent character of its work. Although young in years, the annals of the Lodge contain many interesting episodes, which at some future date will doubtless have a bearing on Masonic history, whilst on its register of members will be found the names of many who have assisted in making the history of the nation, amongst the first of whom, and within a few months of Consecration, were initiated Bros. Hormuzd Rassam and Henry Blanc, who had but just previously been prisoners in the hands of the King of Abyssinia. On the occasion of the late meeting, many of these episodes were remembered with much satisfaction. The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, and business was at once proceeded with. This comprised the initiation of Mr. Frank Roberts, who was introduced into Masonry by the W.M.; the installation of Bro. T. V. Turner as W.M. for the ensuing year; and the subsequent initiation of Messrs. W. W. Payne and H. J. Pearn. The respective ceremonies were effectively performed, Bro. Cranch carrying out the duties of installation most creditably, and the newly installed Master "fleshing his maiden sword" in perfect accordance with the traditions of the Lodge. The P.M. jewel, a combination of masonic and military emblems specially designed for the "Macdonald," was presented to Bro. Cranch in open lodge, and was suitably acknowledged. A very excellent banquet was served in the spacious "canteen," and subsequently the toast list was supplemented by a musical entertainment, under the direction of the I.P.M., Bro. Cranch, who was assisted by Bros. W. H. Symons, Edward Dalzell, F. P. Baxter, and Sydney Hill (Organist of the Lodge). A most enjoyable evening was the result and the Visitors were most earnest in their expressions of satisfaction with "labour *and* refreshment," and the hearty character of their reception. Amongst those who had the satisfaction of sharing in the festivity connected with the Lodge's majority, and in addition to those already named, were the officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. W. S. Harvey, S.W.; A. G. White, J.W.; Capt. A. Styan, Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., Sec.; F. P. Baxter, S.D.; R. A. Marshall, J.D.; Major Easterbrook, I.G.; Capt. G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; — Medcalf, Assist. D.C.; Sydney Hill, Org.; — Pitcher and F. Chapman, Stewards; Past Masters James Stevens, G. Waterall, W. C. Hale, Lieut.-Col. Nevill, A. C. Bradley, A. J. Style, T. A. Fitzer, and C. W. Davis; Bros. C. J. Henton, E. W. Dubois, J. F. Sims, S. F. Cornish, H. F. Mawby, H. Keeley, &c., &c., and Visitors, Bros. G. R. Steel, P.M., and Percy Leftwich, of No. 1; J. P. Probert, P.M.8, P.G.S.; J. G. Milner, 26; J. N. Bate, P.M., 72; J. H. Ellis, 177; J. G. Dunn, 192; W. S. Payne, P.M., 1669; J. H. Cureton, 2182; J. N. Callaway, Sec. London Scottish Rifles, 2310, &c.

THE JOHN CARPENTER LODGE—No. 1997.—This young and prospering lodge, emanating from the companionship and intercourse of former pupils of the City of London Schools, and consequently carrying into its working one of the very first principles of Masonry, held its installation festival on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, the following officers and members being present during the evening, viz.:—Bros. H. Wilson, S.W.; A. Norris, J.W.; Jas. Pender, sec.; J. Inskipp, S.D.; Mount Brown, J.D.; C. Lamb, I.G.; Lewis Ferguson, D.C.; J. P. W. Goodwin, W.S.; Frank Taylor, I.P.M.; J. M. May, P.M.; Sir Henry Knight, P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; T. Noton, P.M.; E. Solomon, D. King, J. G. Maydon, P. E. Clann, P. J. Bellingham, F. J. Archer, John Chisman, G. Inskipp, and M. Goddard, P.M., tyler. The visitors were Bros. G. Scammell, 353; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; H. P. R. Robinson, 27; C. Stevens, P.M. 1793; H. Shaw, P.M. 834; G. A. Pickering, J.W. 890; J. C. Higgs, 1694; R. Dyson, P.M. 65; F. Read, 1987; W. Crawford, P.M. 129; E. Holsworth, 1607; G. Austin, 1457; M. Woolf, 766; J. Sacby, 1297; C. D. Singer, 12; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; R. D. Armstrong, 1563; and J. W. Haden, J.D. 766. Bro. John Chisman, of Lodge Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield, having been elected a joining member, W.Bro. Wilkinson-Pimbury at once proceeded with the installation of Bro. Alfred Norris, the W.M. Elect, who was presented by W.Bro. Frank Taylor for that purpose. In faultless style the beautiful ceremony was performed by the Installing Master to the general satisfaction of all present; and when, at the termination of his labours, Bro. Pimbury received from the hands of his successor the reward of merit in the form of a handsome P.M. jewel, the acclamation of the brethren proved how well it was deserved. The new Master was also cordially greeted, and when it became known at a later period of the evening that his father had been some fifty years ago a Grand Deacon of England, wishes were freely expressed that in course of time a somewhat similar dignity might await him. We took occasion to notice especially the cordiality which prevailed throughout this meeting; the remembrance of its several honorary members and their apologies for necessitated absence; the receipt of numerous telegrams from others unable to be present at the banquet (notably one from Bro. W. Crawford, P.M. 129, who, having witnessed the "labour" in lodge was compelled to forego "refreshment," and conveyed his "hearty good wishes" by wire in a lengthy message and "regardless of expense"), and the general desire evinced for the happiness and comfort of each and all associated in the evening's proceedings, which were to the fullest extent enjoyable. The after dinner toasts alternated with some excellent songs and recitations, by, amongst others, Bros. J. P. W. Goodwin, org.; L. Ferguson, James Stevens (*Masons' Vows*), Jules Bellingham, F. J. Archer, and F. Inskipp. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Hugh Wilson, S.W.; F. Inskipp, J.W.; C. W. C. Hatton, P.M., P.G.D., treas.; Jas. Pinder, P.M., sec.; Mount Brown, S.D.; C. Lamb, J.D.; L. Ferguson, I.G.; J. P. W. Goodwin, D.C. and org.; S. H. Simon, W.S.; G. Inskipp, asst. W.S., and Goddard, tyler.

THE PANMURE CHAPTER—No. 720. The installation convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday last, the 13th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. There was a goodly attendance of

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) THURSDAY, MAY 16th.	
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1365	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, MAY 17th.	
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1118	University	F. M. H.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, MAY 18th.	
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1584	Loyalty and Charity	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
1767	Kensington	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A.C.		
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
	(3rd) MONDAY, MAY 20th.	
1	Grand Masters	F. M. T.
8	British	F. M. H.
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
2060	La France	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
1593	Trafalgar	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
Mark.		
333	Kintore	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
K.T.		
154	Shadwell Clerke	M. H., 33, Golden Square, W.

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	(3rd) TUESDAY, MAY 21st.	
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
26	Castle Chap. of Harmony ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
46	Old Union	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
	(4th) THURSDAY, MAY 23rd.	
34	Mount Moria	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
211	St. Michael's	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
861	Finsbury	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1421	Langthorne	*Angel Hotel, Ilford*
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., S.E
1974	St. Mary Abbotts...	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Mason's Arms, Basinghall Street
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
13	Hiram	Greyhound Hot., Richmond

Past Principals of the Chapter itself as well as of other companions, the M.E.Z. for the past year retiring with much credit to himself, and the new First Principal being expected to do much to enhance the prosperity of the Chapter during his year of office. The proceedings of the evening were interesting and agreeable. The M.E.Z. Comp., H. C. Jefferys, having with Ex. Comps., G. Treves, H.: W. H. Tilling, J.; and Past Principals, John Read, James Stevens, M.; S. Larlham, Thos. Poore, W. Watts, J. S. Terry, and R. Field, opened the Chapter, and, other companions having been admitted, Ex. Comp., Thomas Poore, P.Z. and Scribe E., installed, in his usual perfect and effective style, Comps. Treves, Tilling and Stephen Richardson as Z.H. and J. respectively. Comp. T. Poore was then re-invested as S.E.; Comp. Terry as Treas.; Comp. Thomas Owens as P.S. A handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. Jefferys on the completion of his year of office, and after some routine business, the Chapter was closed. At the subsequent banquet the usual loyal toasts were honoured and harmony prevailed. Comp. A. C. Wood, of the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, returning thanks for the visitors.

The seventh annual festival of the Vestis Lodge of Instruction, held under the warrant of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on the 8th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. Francis Newman, P.P.S.G.W., who, as Section Master, worked the whole of the fifteen sections, assisted by Bros. Ernest Groves, S.W.; O. B. Gabell, J.W.; W. H. Long, S.D.; T. W. Fair, J.D.; H. A. Matthews, I.G.; Watts, Keet, Smith, Ansle, G. Mullins, Stroud, J. Ellery, Andrews, Sweetman, and H. Durrant, sec. The whole of the work was performed in a most creditable manner and gave general satisfaction.

Star Chapter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, 10th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z.; H. Stone, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. N. M. North, S.N.; C. Woods, P.S.; H. Martin, A.S.; Towers and Whitby, P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Notice of motion was given that the Chapter do adjourn at the end of the present month for the summer.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction—No. 1601.—May 8th, at the George Tavern, Lewisham, Bros. George Pickering, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Alfred Morris, J.W.; Walter Smith, Treasurer; Chas. Atkins, Secretary; Dr. Visger, S.D.; J. Joyce, J.D.; Walker, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; Shelton, Drew, P.M.; W. Martin, James Stevens, P.M.; Newbould, Clark, and others. The ceremony in the second degree was ably worked by the W.M., Bro. Shelton as candidate. Bro. Morris, who is W.M. elect of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The festival of this Lodge of Instruction is to be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 7 p.m.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction—No. 188—On Tuesday, the 14th May, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Present: Bros. J. Goodridge, W.M.; E. Ansell, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; S. Dancyger, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Sec.; M. Cohen, S.D.; A. Cohen, J.D.; Garrard, I.G.; A. J. Marks, J. Davis, Jun., A. Botibol, A. Quadratstein. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Quadratstein as candidate. The 1st section of the 2nd and the 1st and 2nd sections of the 1st lectures were rehearsed. Bro. Ansell was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Notice of motion given that the W.M. takes the chair at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Secretary notified that a ballot for a Life Governorship would take place next Tuesday, and proceedings terminated.

Langton Lodge of Instruction—No. 1673—Held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., Thursday, the 9th May, 1889. Present—Bros. Brewer, W.M.; Marshall, S.W.; C. W. C. Webb, J.W.; Hall, S.D.; De Paiva, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Hobbs, Precr.; Mapleton, sec.; Burne and Leaver, and Wood (visitor). The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leaver acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Burne acting as candidate. Bro. Marshall was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony to be rehearsed would be that of passing, and the explanation of the tracing board would also be given. Bro. Wood was elected a member of the lodge.

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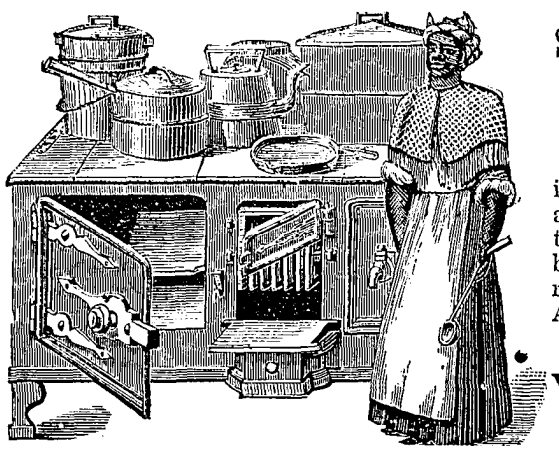
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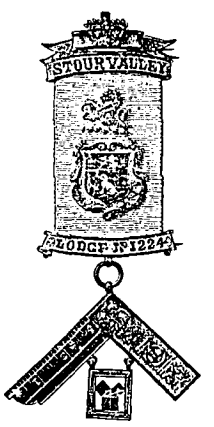
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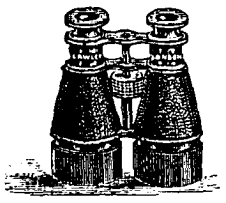
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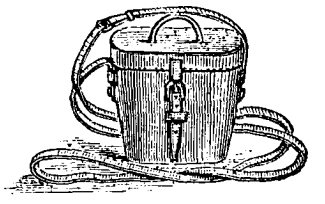


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Contradiction.

THE Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly Court of 27th July, 1888, is, we are informed, to be held on Friday, the 31st inst. The manner of calling Special Courts of our Institutions, under ordinary circumstances, is by requisition of qualified brethren stating time of meeting, and the advertisement thereof in three at least of the daily papers six days prior to the appointed date. Under ordinary circumstances this is far from sufficient for the required purpose, and we know of brethren who, until the recent Special Court of the Girls' School for authorising the outlay of a large sum of money on buildings had terminated its business, were in ignorance of the particulars of time and place of the meeting, and did not, in consequence, give the attendance they had contemplated. Some better means for necessary publicity should be adopted even under ordinary conditions. In view of the extraordinary conditions affecting the forthcoming Special Court of the Boys' School, a far more universal notification of time and place of meeting than can possibly be given "by advertisement in three at least of the daily papers," is absolutely necessary, or we shall have a hole and corner affair which may not fairly represent the feelings and wishes of the large majority of those who look upon the disclosures of the lately-issued report with regret and indignation. Every Governor and Subscriber to the Institution has a right to expect direct information on this point, and if it is not given we may expect to hear of much disappointment and many doubts as to the open character of the approaching enquiry. Already is the caution whispered, "Look out for a packed meeting!" We hope there will really be no opportunity given for the justification of such caution.

Meanwhile, contradiction appears to be the order of the day, and even the Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry who, we feel assured, is, on behalf of himself and colleagues, fully prepared to await the consideration of the Special Court on what he and they have reported, is drawn into a controversy upon a point which we think ought never to have arisen. Before—many days before—the published report was issued to the general body of subscribers,—and it should be observed that for the sake of what was considered an advantageous secrecy the copies thereof were to have been circulated simultaneously, which they were not,—the impugned Committees had it "under consideration" and could not "refrain from an expression of astonishment at its conclusions." They protested against decisions "arrived at, in their opinion, contrary to the weight of evidence," and repudiated suggestions made by the Committee of Investigation. They challenged the production of the stenographic notes made at the enquiry, and this alone appears to have concerned Bro. Philbrick, who, by a letter which he sent to our contemporary, and which we reproduce in another column, informs them and the Masonic public that such notes were in possession of the complaining Committees seven days after the Quarterly Court of the 27th April, and three days before the challenge was made for their production. Like Bro. Philbrick, we "forbear comment on that which speaks for itself." Their reply to his letter, which we also reproduce from the same columns, begs the question altogether, and is much more likely to strengthen that desire for "a clean sweep" in respect of management of the Institution, which is daily increasing amongst the brethren, than to lessen it.

We read elsewhere of appeals for a consideration of the past in connection with this and the other Charitable Institutions. Unfortunately, these are made at an inopportune moment. It is with the present state of things that the Governors and Subscribers of the Boys' School have to do, and no question of personal feeling or gratitude for the most earnest services should be permitted to interfere with the course of whatever reform may be determined in the interests of the School itself. If ever occasion has arisen for strict adherence to one of those cardinal virtues we theorize upon—Justice—it has arisen now; and whether it be members of the Committees or of the Official staff who have to account for the mal-administration and mal-practices which the report has made public to the world, there should be no hesitation in attaching the blame to whomsoever it may be due, and adopting such measures as may prevent recurrence of the objectionable features which may make our Institution a bye-word for many a day. That done, and not till then, if it be possible "let the dead past bury its dead." Remembrance of all that has

been most praiseworthy in efforts to promote the welfare of our Schools, and forgetfulness of any defects which, small at first, have now led to such momentous issues, may be permitted then; and then we may be sure the natural impulses of the true Freemason will protect individual brethren from vindictiveness.

One word more; we hear, *en passant*, that the Matron and Steward have received notice of dismissal, and are amongst the first victims (deservedly or undeservedly), of the late enquiry. We may be very wrong in our judgment, but we think, always presuming we have been correctly informed, that it would have been better taste on the part of those who have given such notice, if they had waited until they had ascertained the wishes of the Special Court, which may possibly have very enlarged views on the subject of dismissal. If delinquents are to be made examples of, those who have the meting out of punishment should begin at the head, and let men and women whose duty it may be "not to reason why" be the latest to feel the effects of the bad management now under consideration. A week or two more of the same managers and servants cannot add much, if anything, to the intolerable injury already done to this and the kindred Masonic Institutions.

CHARITY.

(COMMUNICATED.)

PLEASANT reading indeed is the report of the Philbrick Committee on the administration of the Boys' School, for those who practice the cardinal virtue "charity" in educating and supporting sons of those brethren unable to do so themselves! Those responsible for a state of affairs which has caused so sweeping a condemnation of the administration in its various branches and almost all connected therewith, must feel anything but happy in their minds in digesting it.

A resolution was recently passed ordering a copy of the report to be sent to all the Governors of the Institution; how this has been complied with is best known to those entrusted with the task, but it is certain that even to-day, 22nd May, *all* Life Governors have *not* received one! We would ask is this part and parcel of the system of neglect, &c., which appears to have characterised the whole official machinery connected with the Charity?

We are informed that a Special General Court to consider the report is to be convened for Friday, the 31st inst. In respect to the Boys' School, nowhere can we find any printed laws, but believe them to be identical with those of the Girls' School—No. 31 of which reads thus:—

"A special General Court shall be called by the Secretary at any time being not less than ten days from the delivery to him of a requisition in writing of the President, Treasurer, a Trustee, three Vice-Patrons or Vice-Presidents, or nine Subscribers, or by a resolution of the General Committee, and the time at which such Court is to be held, and the business to be transacted, shall be specified in such requisition or resolution, six days' notice of such Court being given by advertisement in three at least of the daily papers, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. Such Special Court has the power to adjourn, but no new matter can be introduced."

This seems vague, as it only states "daily papers"; is it meant to be read "London daily papers?" if so, they might be specified, as it would be absolutely impossible to plough through the mass of daily literature which appears, in search of such information, and many worthy brethren willing and wishful to attend without such specification would be deprived of their privilege. Such a meeting ought to be thoroughly advertised so as to afford all interested the opportunity of attending. As evidence of the interest evinced by other than Masonic Journals in this matter of crying moment, we reproduce the following from the *Globe* of the 16th inst.:—

"The report of the committee of investigation into the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has already been published, in synoptic form, in these columns. But it is desirable that some further attention should be drawn to this subject, which affects several institutions of kindred foundation, and other large public charities administered by corporate bodies. The report to which we allude is, to use the mildest term, unsatisfactory. It speaks of friction and antagonism in the administrative departments. It speaks of deficiencies in the important matters of health and cleanliness; of too small playgrounds; of too long hours of study; of a deadness and want of activity among the boys; of want of proper access to the school library; of an unsuitable style of clothing; of an insufficient supply of green vegetables in the diet; of an excessive expenditure upon meat, in consequence of waste in cooking; of an inadequate system of book-keeping, and so on. We have rarely seen any report upon an important educational establishment which was more condemnatory of the general system of management. The names of the commissioners signing the report are sufficient evidence of their capability and impartiality, and we have no choice but to accept their verdict. Now what we would ask, in the interest of the large and influential body of people subscribing to these Masonic charities, is—*What may we not expect, if similar enquiries were made into other Masonic institutions, such as the Institution for Girls, and that for Old Men and Women? There is a general tendency in large public charities to waste the ample funds at their disposal, and the sooner these matters are inquired into, and the institutions placed under a practical and economical system of administration, the better for the credit of the benevolent Society.*"

The italics being ours, we would draw particular attention to the query in the concluding lines. Another paper (the *City Press*) thus alludes to the matter:—"The revelations respecting the Masonic Boys' School made by the Committee of Investigation are simply startling. Lavish subscriptions are made, but neither in buildings, in food, clothing, or management, is reasonable value attained. The class-rooms are so small and dark, and the gas fittings so high, that short-sightedness is double the average, and the boys are spiritless and listless, without energy even in their games. One of the rooms available for class-rooms is occupied by dogs, the property of the house steward. The bread is sour, the food generally served in hap-hazard fashion. The accounts are irregularly kept, 'and those published are misleading.' The cost of maintenance is £50 16s. per head as against £29 14s. 6d. at the Commercial Travellers' School. Altogether there seems great need of reform if not revolution, and as the report is signed by such well known men as Mr. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Mr. J. D. Allcroft, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, and Mr. S. Pope, *Q.C.*, there can be no doubt that its statements are without exaggeration." Whilst still another *(The Topical Times)* asks very tersely "What the Life Governors of the Boys' Masonic School think of the report of the Special Committee? If the Girls' School will not bear a little looking into?"

At the moment of writing, a newspaper devoted to Finance (*The Financial Times*) prints a long leader with the *apropos* heading, "A Muddled Charity," dealing with the matter at length, and promising to "deal with the items in these curiously audited accounts *seriatim* in the course of a few days."

It is, therefore, very palpaple if the mal-administration of the Boys' School causes such strictures as the above to be passed in "popular" journals, that the days of suppression and hole-and-corner dealings are at an end. It may be urged that matters relating to the Craft and its Charities are of such a nature as to be above outside criticism, and that comment thereon is intrusive; but we maintain that a scandal (we can call it nothing else) such as is shown by the Committee's report, is a matter of grave general public interest, especially as it may be the means of unearthing abuses which exist in other charities.

For the moment we refrain from criticising and enlarging on much of the terse and straightforward statements in the Report, contenting ourselves with remarking that those who are responsible for the necessary notice convening the forthcoming meeting will do well to give such publicity to its announcement as to avoid any reflection (and we hear even now grumblings in this direction) that might be made as to its being, in everyday parlance, a delusion and a snare. We will resume this subject next week, and, meanwhile, impress the above on "those whom it may concern," as no matter how the wires may be pulled, the report will have to be met, and the way it is met will be certainly fully dwelt upon in journals having a far greater circulation than all the masonic papers put together.

DEATH OF R.W. BRO. BRIGADIER-GENERAL ALEXANDER W. ADAIR, P.PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR SOMERSETSHIRE.—Profound regret was felt throughout Somerset on Friday last, 17th inst., when the meloncholy news was received from Bath that Brigadier-General Adair had succumbed to the illness from which he had been suffering during the past week. The deceased gentleman was greatly beloved by all classes in the county. In the service he was known as a brave soldier, a faithful comrade, and an honourable gentleman; in his own immediate district as a kind and genial neighbour, ready at any time to lend a helping hand in any good cause; and among his brethren in Freemasonry he was beloved for his true Masonic virtues, for his devotion to the cause and for the undeviating earnestness with which he endeavoured to give effect in his daily life to the principles of the Craft. In every relation of life Brigadier-General Adair was respected and esteemed. He was a firm disciplinarian as a soldier, but his comrades liked him the better for it. He was always consistent, and his consistency was understood. He served his county in the distinguished office of High Sheriff, and in Masonry we believe he had held every office, from the humble position of Steward in the Craft Degree to the honoured position of an Officer of Grand Lodge. As Ruler of the Craft in Somerset he is remembered as one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters the county has ever known, and it must have been a very pressing engagement indeed which would prevent him from being present at any local Masonic function. So recently as Wednesday last a letter was read from him in lodge expressing regret that he was unable to attend to his duties as Immediate Past Master of 261, and hopes that he might soon be able to resume his Masonic duties. It was not, however, to be. He has passed the veil. His work is done, and he has built up in the hearts of all who knew him "a monument more lasting than brass, and more sublime than the regal elevation of pyramids, which neither the wasting shower, the unavailing north wind, or an immeasurable succession of years and the flight of seasons shall be able to demolish." This is indeed true Masonry and true life.—*Somerset County Gazette.*

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station. Present: Bros. W. W. Westley, Preceptor; Folkard, W.M.; Mitchell, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Andrews, sec.; Beavan, S.D.; Ellson, J.D.; Donaldson, I.G.; Livitt, Russell, Steele, F. Hill, Cochrane, Smith, Colman, W. Hill, J. P. Wright, C. Woods, Poole, Windsor, Spencer, &c. The lodge was opened in the first, second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the first degree and the first and third sections were worked by Bro. Andrews, and the second section by Bro. Donaldson, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mitchell, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday next, and appointed his officers in rotation.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

AN OPENING HYMN.

By BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M., P.Z.

Tunes—"St. George," "Easter Hymn," &c.

Come, ye Brethren, stand and sing,
Opening welcome, let it ring,
Till this honoured place resound
From the dormer to the ground.
Here our sorrows we forget—
Here the sun doth never set—
Here all vexing cares we fly,
Where the mystic Brethren hie.

Now for duty at the shrine,
With Masonic rule and line;
Now for worship, wrapt in awe,
Round the Book of Sacred Law;
Now for prayer and solemn rite—
Now for glorious work this night!
Then may we expect reward,
At the well-earn'd festive board.

Guide us, O Thou Mighty Power,
From this solemn opening hour;
Give us grace that we may see
All we owe the Craft and Thee.
All our ritual be Thine,
Great Masonic source divine!
Let us love our Lodges here,
Till in Thine we all appear.

A CLOSING HYMN.

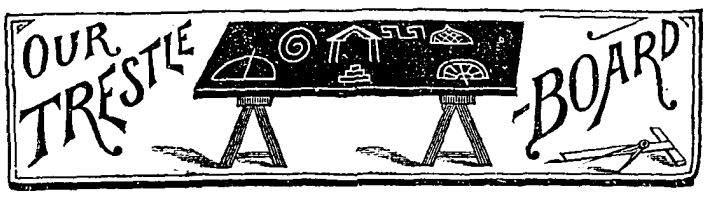
By BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M., P.Z.

Tune—"Abide with me."

Now all in harmony prepare to close,
Like the sweet leaves within the evening rose;
Safely lock up our working-tools again,
With all our secrets from the world profane.

Let ev'ry Brother join with voice and heart,
These closing strains before in love we part;
And in the treach'rous world as on we move,
Keep well within the safe Masonic groove.

Meeting and parting! such is life all through,
Till lov'd ones catch our whisper'd last adieu:
Till then, O Thou Great Architect Divine,
Keep us "close-tyled" in that dear heart of Thine!



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

IGNORANS wrote to us last week on a point of difference with his preceptor as to the proper time for bringing forward matters not provided for in the Lodge Agenda, and requested information through our columns. We find that we cannot do better than quote "Chips from a Rough Ashlar," page 130, on this subject:—"As all things should be begun in order so should they conclude, and especially amongst a body of men who have supplicated for that quality in conjunction with peace and harmony. In brief, I submit the following arrangement for your consideration, Bro. Secretary, and would assure you that your business arrangements would be facilitated by its adoption. Of course you know that whatever is named in the summons as part of the lodge work must be disposed of before the first enquiry by the W.M. for the good of the order in general and his lodge in particular. Then on 'first rising' let only propositions for initiation and joinings, and any payments to yourself or treasurer, occupy the interval between 'first' and 'second.' The 'second' should call you up for the reading of communications, the reception of applications, and notices of motion, if there be any. This will leave the 'third rising' clear for the greetings of visitors, who *alone* are expected to offer 'hearty good wishes' on behalf of their respective lodges."

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The *Sydney Mail*, in its illustrated supplement of 6th ult., details the proceedings connected with the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and gives its readers a page engraving of the fine concert hall as it appeared during the ceremony. We are accustomed to think that the assemblage of Craftsmen at a Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England is as superb a spectacle of its kind as any can be; but it would seem as though our Victorian brethren can improve upon it. The concert hall itself appears to be much more spacious than our Grand Hall, the magnificent organ occupying nearly the entire width at the eastern end, and producing a fine effect. The lodges are really "ranged under their respective banners," and these latter are displayed to advantage. There were 3,000 Masons present at the time chosen for taking the photograph (by C. Rudd, of Melbourne), from which the engraving was prepared, and so well has the work been done that individual portraits are distinguishable, which is not always the case in our illustrated home journals.

The *Cheltenham Chronicle*, referring to the richness of illumination and harmony of design in the stained glass windows, for which the Parish Church of Cheltenham is becoming famous, and to which an addition of a "lesser western light" is proposed, remarks:—Though the Masonic Brotherhood of Gloucestershire have so recently contributed a very fine window, I see that in the subscription list for the lesser western window a goodly number of the brethren are represented. The Freemasons of Gloucestershire, in their zeal for the beauty of the temples of the Great Architect, seem to be worthy followers of those "wise master-builders" who have left their marks, and left them well, upon our ecclesiastical edifices at home and abroad.

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We had hoped that the attention which has of late been directed by the respective chairmen of scrutineers at the elections of candidates for our several institutions would have borne better fruit than appears to have been the case on Friday last, when the selection of twenty men and thirteen widows for the privileges of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place. Of the proxies polled for the men there were as many as 80, representing 432 votes, lost, and of those for widows 69, representing 285 lost votes. The effect in the former instance was a demand for a scrutiny, involving a further attendance of brethren who had already devoted considerable time and labour to the business of counting up with earnest care the large number of votes issued and returned. It will doubtless be found that the disappointment of those on whose behalf the scrutiny was required, has been occasioned through such neglect on the part of their friends as sending in 27 unsigned proxies representing 78 votes, 40 proxies signed and not filled in representing 273 votes, 10 proxies for 42 votes filled in for 83, and therefore enforcedly lost, and 3 proxies representing 45 votes filled in for only 8, which lesser number were polled, the remaining 37 being lost.

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As every paper sent in for polling undergoes the inspection of at least four of the appointed scrutineers, it will be seen how extremely necessary it is for the utmost care of the supporters of the several candidates in polling clean sheets if they desire to be successful, and at the same time willing to avoid trouble to those who voluntarily assist in the count. We shall hope that that care will in future be accorded in a larger measure than at the recent elections.

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How could the friends of Sarah Wills (case No. 80) expect success when they sent out her circulars requesting favour of vote and interest "closed contrary to regulations," thereby involving the recipients in the payment of extra postage? We have had several of these circulars, on which the pence have been paid, placed in our hands as evidence of this careless mode of canvassing.

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The many kind friends who forwarded to us proxies for Bros. Knill and Dodson and thereby assisted materially in securing their election to the privileges of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will please receive our best thanks. They will doubtless be gratified to learn that Bro. Knill stood highest on the poll with 3,175 votes on first application, and Bro. Dodson second with 2,918 votes on second application.

SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL A. AND A. RITE.

A meeting of the Supreme Grand Council was held at 33, Golden Square, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, 33 deg., Prov. Grand Master for East Lancashire, took his seat as a member of the Council, in succession to V. Ill. Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., deceased. The following candidates were advanced: To the 32 deg.—Ill. Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1; Baron de Ferrieres, 49; and Captain Charles Henry Garnett, 52. To the 31 deg.—Ill. Bros. George Mickley, M.B., 10, and Dep. Insp. Gen. T. B. Purchas, R.N., 72. To the 32 deg.—Bros. George Beech, 5; Lennox Browne, M.R.C.S., 10; William Robert Palmer, 10; Col. Edward Stock Hill, 34; Henry Daily Marshall, 42; W. Silver Hall, 63; Alfred Eugene Craven, 67; Wm. Henry Bull, F.R.C.S., 67; Captain Robert Roach, 68; Captain Robert Watson, 68; Frederick West, 79; Edward Lukey, 82; Wm. Alfred Scurrah, 97; Jabez Church, C.E., 97; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, 101. Also—in extenso—Ill. Bros. J. C. Macglashan, 18, and Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, 108. The brethren dined together at the Café Royal, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Sov. G.C., when the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given.

At the meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School in June, held on the 20th inst., after the difficulty of obtaining a Chairman of the Board under existing circumstances had been explained by the Secretary, it was arranged that the Festival should be held at the Alexandra Palace, other places having been first suggested but not receiving sufficient support.

The Knight Templars of Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, are arranging a special excursion to Europe, and for visiting the Paris Exposition. They are to leave New York by the steamship "City of New York" on the 26th June, and will be due to reach Liverpool on the 3rd July. Thence they proceed to Glasgow and Edinboro', and on the 8th will leave the latter city for London, where they will have their headquarters at the Inns of Court Hotel until the 12th. After a Continental visit extending over eight days they will return to London on the 21st, and finally leave for New York on the 24th July. We wish our brethren *bon voyage* and much entertainment during this trip, and are certain that they will be received amongst the masonic brotherhood in the "old country" with the utmost cordiality. Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of 1717, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., will furnish further information if desired.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your foot-note to the letter of SUBSCRIBER in your paper of the 9th inst., you state that you are informed officially that no sum of £2,000 has been spent in enlarging the Hall of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. I doubt this "official statement," for I know that the original Hall has been enlarged, though in what year the addition was made I cannot say with certainty, nor do I remember the exact cost. It may have been £1,999 or £2,001, and therefore not the exact figures you have stated ; so far justifying the official information you appear to have been supplied with, but nevertheless misleading you and others, for I am sure the amount was something like that stated.

As to your other statement, that there is now a Warden at the Institution receiving £20 per annum, I should like to know *his* name. I doubt this statement also, for, if what I have heard is true, Matron and Warden are one and the same person.

Yours fraternally,
W.M.

*** *We cannot do more than ask for information at headquarters, and communicate what we learn.* W.M. *has as much as we can give, and can only now be referred by us to the same source, whence our statements are derived.*—ED. M.S.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES," &c.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

If there be one feature about our usages more ancient than any other, it is our usual pleasant greeting as above. In some form or other, closely resembling it, it was customary with every mediæval Craft or Guild throughout Europe. In the 18th century the Masonic form was "The Worshipful Master and Fellows of the Holy Lodge of St. John's, whence I come, greet you, greet you, greet you heartily," and the Master's reply was, "God's greeting to you, good Fellow." I can produce German equivalents of very early date, in all trades, before our *present* Freemasonry was thought of. That any brother should object to the present curtailed form, not even requiring a reply except a bend of the head, is astounding, and implies ignorance of ancient custom. On the other hand, for a brother to rise five or six times and greet for five or six different lodges of which he may be a member, as I have seen done, is an abuse of a good thing and should be laughed down. Also, in my opinion, no brother, a member of the lodge addressed, should thus rise ; the custom should be confined to visitors, pure and simple.

G. W. SPETH, P.M.,
Sec. Quatuor Coronati.

Margate, May 16th, 1889.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following letters are reproduced from *The Freemason* of 18th inst. :—

[COPY]

"To the W. Brethren F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Rota Chairman of the House Committee, and Chas. Fred. Hogard, Rota Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Lamb Building, Temple,
"13 May, 1889.

"Sirs and Brothers,

"I have to acknowledge your letter of May 9th, received by me *after* it had appeared in the columns of the *Freemason* of 11th inst.

"In that letter it is stated that—

"'Without unrestricted access to those notes (i.e. the shorthand writer's notes of evidence before the Committee of Inquiry), it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply' to the report of that Committee.

"You thus plainly suggest that 'unrestricted' access to these notes had not been afforded to you.

"I now call your attention to the following facts : On 29th April, the Secretary (Bro. Binckes) by your instructions, 'applied' to me for these notes.

"I replied, *full access could always be had here*, and, instructions, if more convenient, I offered to lend them you, to be returned to me when required.

"Accepting the offer I thus made, his clerk called and took all 15 vols. of the notes, on 3rd May, and signed the receipt for them, which I now hold.

"They have since remained in your possession. It is difficult to conceive how you could have allowed yourselves to sign a letter, thus directly suggesting an inference the reverse of the truth, had the Secretary informed you of these facts.

"I observe, however, that the letter of May 9th, down to the actual signatures, is *entirely in the Secretary's handwriting*.

"Brother Binckes well knew when he penned that letter that he then held these notes on your behalf, and that he had so held them for six days, at the moment he put that letter before you to affix your signatures thereto.

"I forbear comment on that which speaks for itself.

"Nor shall I enter into correspondence on the report which my colleagues and myself have presented to the Quarterly Court.

"If that body thinks right to publish these notes, the Committee of Inquiry cannot entertain the slightest objection—at least, so far as I am concerned, or may speak beforehand for the other members.

"Only the evidence must, in that case, appear in its entirety as given, and no part be suppressed. It will then be seen that it fully justifies every conclusion to which the Committee of Inquiry came.

"As, desiring 'to avoid any want of courtesy' to any member of the Committee or to myself, you sent your letter to the *Freemason* for publication before I received it, you will not complain that I am sending a copy of this letter for insertion in that newspaper.—Yours faithfully,

"FREDERICK A. PHILBRICK,
"Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry.'

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly give insertion to the accompanying letter.—Yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. Sir and Brother,

Your letter of the 13th has been considered by a Special Meeting of the Committees of this Institution held this day. We regret that our expression "unrestricted access" to the shorthand writer's notes of evidence was misapprehended by you. We—the House and Audit Committees—were given the fullest access to them for our own information, but as they were to remain for the present with the papers of the Committee of Inquiry (see your letter of 30th April, 1889), and as the inquiry was private and confidential, we felt that we could not, without the sanction of your Committee, have "unrestricted access" to them for publication. From your letter of 13th May, 1889, we gather that we must wait authority from the Special or Quarterly Court before we can have what we intended to convey by the term "unrestricted access" to the notes. The letter sent to you in the handwriting of the Secretary of the Institution was drafted at a Special joint meeting of the Committees by members of those Committees on behalf of the whole.—We are, V.W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY,
On behalf of the House Committee.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD,
On behalf of the Audit Committee.

16th May, 1889.

Answers to Correspondents.

G. H. B. R., 75, FALMOUTH.—Have sent your letter to "Friar Tuck," who will doubtless communicate with you.

R. D. P., ISLINGTON.—Your friend will "appear again" ; probably next week.

P.M. AND PRECEPTOR.—Yours is but the last of many requests of a similar nature. We insert a trial "Questions and Answers" *in this number*, and if it is approved of as useful, will continue it.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Canadian Craftsman ; South Australian Freemason.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—A special general court of the governors and subscribers of this Institution was held on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, W. Bro. Charles Hammerton presiding, for the consideration of a recommendation of the Centenary Committee that authority should be given to expend a sum not exceeding £31,000 on enlarging the school at Clapham Junction. The centenary festival of the institution last year, when the Prince of Wales, supported by the King of Sweden, presided, having produced more than £50,000, it was resolved to increase the buildings so as to provide accommodation for more girls, and plans having been prepared and tenders for the erection of the buildings accepted, the necessary money for the purpose was asked for. The recommendation was unanimously agreed to. A special court was summoned for the 30th inst. for the purpose of confirming the vote.

In connection with the 101st anniversary festival of this Institution, held last evening, the prizes gained by the pupils during the past year were distributed at the School on Tuesday last, by the Deputy Grand Master for Suffolk, the V.W. the Rev. Bro. C. J. Martyn. Lady Henniker had undertaken the distribution, but owing to a domestic bereavement was unfortunately unable to attend. There was a large number of visitors present, who were greatly pleased with the interesting proceedings, which terminated in the evening with a display of calisthenic exercises, and a concert in the large hall.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The annual meeting of the subscribers to this institution was held on the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, W. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.Master for Monmouth, presided. The report of the Committee of Management was laid before the brethren, and it showed, among other things, that the funds of the institution had been managed with scrupulous care and economy. At the last annual festival in February, £13,538 was collected, a smaller sum than usual of late years. The committee recommended the election of 20 men and 13 widows. When this had taken place, there would be 180 men and 229 widows on the funds of the institution. As the men have £40 a year each and the widows £32, the annuities paid by the institution amounted to £14,528. £400 is also paid to widows of deceased annuitants, in the shape of half their late husband's annuities. The list of candidates for the annuity was very large, and the committee hoped endeavours would be made to reduce it to more manageable proportions. The report was adopted, and W. Bro. J. A. Farnfield was re-elected treasurer. After the election of different committees, 20 men and 13 widows were elected as recipients of the annuity. The following were the successful candidates :—

	Votes.
Bro. Henry Chas. Knill ...	3175
„ Edwin Dodson	2918
„ Robert Henry Fry ...	2803
„ Henry John Ward.....	2553
„ Thomas Moss	2551
„ Ralph Anderson	2474
„ William G. Oliver.....	2431
„ Charles Warren.....	2415
„ John Daniel Taylor ...	2193
„ Francis Wilkinson ...	2187
„ Graham Holmes	2187
„ Joseph Pigot	2175
„ Henry Briggs	2031
„ Frederick K. Stevens	2029
„ James M. Jennings* .	2015
„ John Johnson*	1993
„ John J. Freeman*.....	1982
„ James Thos. Rogers (defd.).....	1907
„ Joseph Stevens (defd.)	1861
„ Roberts Mills (defd.)	1857

	Votes.
Mrs. Mary A. Holland	3683
„ Elizabeth R. Jackson .	3594
„ Lucy A. Adkins.....	3557
„ Clara Godtschalk	3382
„ Mary B. Manson	3028
„ Jemima P. Truslow ...	3025
„ Amelia M. Mahomed .	3007
„ Mary E. Franklyn* ...	2905
„ Julia Weston*	2885
„ Sarah Horsefield*.....	2677
„ Eliza Whitehead(defd.)	2634
„ Eliza Munro (defd.)...	2485
„ Caroline J. Shemmonds (defd.)	2446

Those marked (*) are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued. The three lowest on the poll (both male and female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

PROVINCIAL.

DOUGLAS—ISLE OF MAN.—THE SPENCER WALPOLE TEMPERANCE LODGE—No. 2197—Held its installation meeting on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade. The Prov. G. Master, Major J. S. Goldie-Traubman, had intended being present, but was unfortunately, through a family bereavement, prevented attending. The D. Prov. G. M., Bro. J. A. Brown, and a number of Prov. Grand Officers, however, visited the lodge, and witnessed the ceremony of installing Bro. P. T. Screech, the proceedings being conducted by Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and Prov. G. Secretary. In the course of the evening presentations were made to Bro. John Taylor for his services as the first secretary of the lodge. A similar presentation will be made to Bro. Dr. Black for his services in that capacity last year, and a P.M's gold jewel will be presented to Bro. R. E. Cain for his services as W.M. The customary banquet was held at the Granville Hotel, at which the several loyal and masonic toasts were honoured, and harmony prevailed.

LINCOLNSHIRE.—The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire has offered the Provincial Grand Chaplaincy of the Order to Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, *M.A.*, of Crowle. Bro. Le Gassick has accepted the office, and will be invested at Grimsby on June 6th. This is the first time in the history of the province that this honour has been conferred upon a Nonconformist.

SOMERSETSHIRE.—The R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, has accepted the invitation of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, to hold the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset under its banner. We believe the meeting will be held in the month of September.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the province of Staffordshire was opened on the 16th inst. at the Lecture Hall, Tunstall, in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the Tunstall Jubilee Building. The account we have received of the day's proceedings is as interesting as it is voluminous, and a brief record of the event cannot possibly do justice to all parties concerned. We must be content to state that the R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, *L.L.D.*, P. G. St. Br., and Prov. G. M. Staffs., assisted by his officers and a numerous assemblage of brethren took a conspicuous part in the several ceremonies in which the Freemasons were called upon by their fellow townsmen to share.

MARK MASONRY.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE KINTORE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS—No. 333.

The above meeting took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, London, on the 20th inst., and was certainly one of the best we have attended in this degree for some years past. The ceremonies were admirably worked, and with that dramatic effect which, accompanied by well-performed and appropriate music, makes the "work" of the Mark Master's degree so impressive and attractive. The lodge was opened by W.Bro. B. R. Bryant, 18 Deg. P.G.Std.Bearer, the W.M., supported by his officers and a number of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the following interesting correspondence :—

To the Right Honourable 2nd February, 1889.
The EARL OF KINTORE, M.W., P.G.M. of M. M.

MY LORD,—At a meeting of the "Kintore" Lodge of M. M. No. 333, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 21st ultimo, it was unanimously resolved, upon the proposal of the Worshipful Master in the chair, to offer to your lordship, on behalf of our Lodge, the respectful expression of our sincere congratulations upon your lordship's appointment as Governor of South Australia.

As your lordship was good enough to permit our Lodge to assume the name and arms of "Kintore," and further, to allow yourself to be enrolled as an honorary member of our Lodge, we trust that your lordship will not consider us presumptuous in thus addressing you. We pray that the G.O.O.T.U. may give you health and prosperity in a distant land, and that He will bring you again in safety and happiness to your native country.—I have the honour to be, my Lord, your lordship's humble and obedient servant,

J. T. NORMAN CALLAWAY,
Secretary, "Kintore" Lodge, M. M. M. 333.

Carlton Club, 4th Feb., 1889.

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you accept yourself and will you be good enough to convey to the W.M. and brethren of the Kintore Lodge of Mark Master Masons my sincere and grateful thanks for their kind congratulations on my appointment as Governor of South Australia.

I have received very many expressions of goodwill, but none has been more appreciated than that under reply.

Believe me, Yours very faithfully,
J. T. N. Callaway, Esq. KINTORE.

The audit report and balance sheet, of a very satisfactory character, were received and approved. Bro. Sydney Frederick Mackway of the Shelmersdale Craft Lodge, 1658, was approved of on ballot, and advanced by Bro. Bryant and his officers in a faultless manner. The installation of W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. Nevill, P.P.G. Std., then followed, the duties of Installing Master being divided between W. Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M., A.G.I.G., &c., and W. Bro. P. Dakers, P.M., P.G.M.O., P.D.G. treas., South Australia, &c., both of whom very ably discharged the same. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are : Bros. Rev. G. W. Weldon, S.W. ; R. A. Marshall, J.W. ; J. H. Cureton, M.O. ; T. Ford Easterbrook, S.O. ; James Hill, J.O. ; W. Bro. P. Dakers, P.M., P.G.M.O., P.D.G. treas. South Australia, &c., treas. ; Bros. W. Briant, R.M. ; J. T. Norman Callaway, sec. ; E. A. Whitby, S.D. ; C. W. J. Bird, J.D. ; Ernest von Bibra, I.G. ; Dr. S. G. Milner, D.C. ; Sydney Hill, org. ; C. W. Davis, W.S. ; Reid Taylor, C.S. ; and J. Whiteman, Tyler.

The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the steward representing the lodge at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and a handsome P.M. jewel having been presented to Bro. Bryant, amidst the acclamation of the brethren, in recognition of his most zealous services during the past year, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet and spent a most agreeable evening. Songs by Bros. Cureton, Mackway, &c., and a recitation by W. Bro. J. Hepburn Hastie, "Killiecrankie," were magnificently rendered, a violin solo by Bro. Dr. S. G. Milner, who is thorough master of his instrument with touch and finish far beyond that of an amateur, and piano accompaniments by Bro. Sydney Hill, who contributed several choice morceaux, were noteworthy incidents of the evening. The visitors' toast was responded to by W. Bro. V. T. Murché. The officers' toast was responded to by Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, S.W., who replied in most appropriate and felicitous terms. The following brethren were amongst those present, in addition to those already named :—W. Bros. G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., P.G.S., &c. ; J. Hepburn Hastie, P.M., &c. ; James Stevens, 18 Deg. P.M., P.G.J.O., &c. ; and Bros. Temple ; Mackway ; V. T. Murché, P.M. 22, &c. ; and Davis, 22, &c., &c.

MARRIAGE.—On 18th inst., at Plaistow Parish Church, Kent, W. Bro. Staff-Commander I. R. W. Quinn, *R.N.*, P.M. St. Aubyn, No. 954 P.Z., and Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903 ; to Edith, widow of Capt. A. W. Turner, late 99th and 19th Regiments, and elder sister of Bros. L. V. D. Auley, Eclectic Lodge and Chapter, No. 1201 ; and Cator Lodge, No. 2266 ; and H. P. Auley, Eclectic Lodge and Chapter No. 1201.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

I am not argumentative and I never indulge in controversy, neither am I given to anger; but I am vexed to find that last week somebody, compo. or p.d., made me say "Garter King *at* Arms," when I had taken pains to write "Garter King *of* Arms." A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

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"What is going to be done about the report of the Boys' School?" said I, to a witty and reverend brother the other day. "Why," was the reply, "the General Committee will offer a humble apology to the Secretary and give him another £200 a-year."

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Talking about this, I am told the Special General Court is fixed for 31st May, and it is to be most earnestly desired that the discussion will be as calm and dispassionate as the report itself, which, to my mind, is a model of judicial language.

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If the Committees and the Secretary will only mend their ways, and give the whole of their time and attention to the correction of irregularities and the softening of asperities, there is no reason, I can see, for any row, which certainly, if it takes place, will damage the cause we all have at heart.

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I have little "sweet" this week except to note that the Italian opera on Saturday night presented such a sight as no other country in the world could show but good old England.

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At a "send off" dinner at the Catford Conservative Club on the 14th inst., Bro. Harry G. Walker said "Good-bye" to a few friends on the eve of his departure for America. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. J. T. Axford (W.M. Hornsey Lodge), Ackroyd, Blott, Daniel Earnshaw, Morgan, G. A. Pickering, Jas. Stevens and Thompson, and Messrs. Bush, Pakeman, Topham, Knevett, Selby, Dr. Saunders, Pratt, Trant, &c. After the usual loyal toasts the health of Bro. Walker was proposed by Bro. Thompson in glowing terms, and accompanied with hearty good wishes for his welfare. To this Bro. Walker feelingly responded. Adjournment to a more commodious apartment having been made, numerous friends who were unable to be present at the dinner joined the company and "the mirth and fun grew fast and furious" until towards the witching hour of night, when, with the strains of Auld Lang Syne in his ears, Bro. Walker was "sent off" amidst expressions of best wishes for prosperity in his new vocation amongst our cousins. There was a mingling of bitter-sweet in the parting, for Bro. Walker had much endeared himself to those with whom he has of late sojourned.

THE DINER OUT.

Questions and Answers.

Q.—*How much of the ritual may a W.M. delegate to Master Masons?*—G. EPWORTH, York.

A.—It is competent in the W.M. to divide the work in the respective degrees amongst his Officers, or to call up any qualified brother to the E. for the purpose of assisting him. The O.B. should not be given by any Craftsman below the chair.

COLONIAL, DISTRICT AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for the Maintenance and Education of the Children of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons for the year 1888, affords very interesting reading, particularly at the present time, when the management of Masonic Benevolent Institutions in England has become a burning question. We wish we could do more than briefly notice this satisfactory Report; for there are several particulars of management referred to which merit attention. It will be sufficient, perhaps, as a proof that the affairs of the Punjab Masonic Institution, established in 1871, have been and still are in good hands, to state that between £4,000 and £5,000 are invested to the credit of the Endowment Fund, and that notwithstanding increased claims, "the expenditure during the past year was below the amount admissible under the rules, while the income largely exceeded the estimate." There is no "establishment" to keep up, and the children are placed in suitable schools, under personal supervision of responsible members of the craft. Altogether our brethren at Lahore have good reason to be pleased with the success which is attending their charitable efforts, and we wish them a long continuance of the present prosperity of the Institution over which the R.W. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, the District Grand Master for the Punjab Lodges, 23 in number, presides in person.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.—Seventy-seventh annual grand communication.—It is the custom in the several States of America which have Grand Lodges, for the respective Grand Masters, once in every year, to read, or through some qualified officer have read, an address to the brethren over whom they rule, in which address they give an account of their stewardship during the previous twelve months. This is subsequently embodied in a voluminous printed report, exhaustive of every subject of interest which may have arisen during that period in connection with the Craft, as well in a particular jurisdiction as in those of others. The detailed proceedings of the sittings, often occupying some hours on each of two or three days, are also recorded in the same volume. It may well be supposed that to such of our Order as care to know something beyond the mere working and ceremonial of our lodges these reports are of exceeding value, and frequently may be accepted as guides and mentors in the practice of the excellent principles we profess. Such a work is that now before us, affording us both profit and pleasure, the latter, unfortunately, mixed with regret that English masonry has not the advantage of similar instruction. The communication of which we are now writing was held at Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of February last, the W.M. Grand Master Bro. Charles F. Buck, presiding. There are some portions of his admirable address which, if space permitted, we should quote now *in extenso*. Some extracts we reserve for future reference as occasion may offer. So, in respect of the "Report on Foreign Correspondence," which is full of valuable information, such subjects as the "Ballot," the "Universality of Masonry," "Physical Qualifications," the "Ritualism of the Order," "Prerogative," the "Landmarks," and "Masonic History," being learnedly discussed by well known and intelligent men who have dignified the Craft by association with it, and by great ability in Masonic discussion. We thank our Bro. Dr. James C. Batchelor, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana for the opportunity afforded us to note the manner in which Freemasonry is conducted in his particular district.

NEW ZEALAND.—At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Westland (South Island), at Hokitika, on the 20th March,

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (4th) THURSDAY, MAY 23rd.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
211	St. Michael's	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
861	Finsbury	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hotel, Ilford
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., S.E.
1974	St. Mary Abbotts...	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Mason's Arms, Basinghall Street
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
13	Hiram	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
	(4th) FRIDAY, MAY 24th.	
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1044	Mid Surrey	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
	(4th) SATURDAY, MAY 25th.	
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541	Alexandra Palace	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
176	Caviac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) MONDAY, MAY 27th.	
4	Royal Som. Ho. & Inverness ...	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony ...	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
183	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
905	De Grey and Ripon	F. M. H.
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.
Mark.		
4	Prince of Wales	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(4th) TUESDAY, MAY 28th.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
165	Honour and Generosity... ...	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
21	Cyrus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
180	St. James' Union	F. M. H.
255	Iris	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
29	Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
	(5th and last) WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th.	
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
1768	Progress	F. M. H.
Mark.		
176	Era	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(5th and last) THURSDAY, MAY 30th.	
	ASCENSION DAY—NO MEETINGS.	

the Report of the Board of General Purposes was read condemning the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, New Zealand, as unnecessary and inopportune, and it was unanimously adopted. The meeting was very largely attended. At a meeting of the Pacific Lodge, No. 1229, held the previous evening, it was unanimously resolved not to sever the connection with the Grand Lodge of England, whether a Grand Lodge of New Zealand was established or not.

TASMANIA.—The Southern Tasmanian Masons, after discussing the proposals for the establishment of a United District Lodge for Tasmania, decided by 27 to 25 votes that the time was not ripe for the formation of the lodge.

RAVENSBOURNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1601.—May 15th, at the George Tavern, Lewisham.—Bro. Thomas, W.M.—Bros. Alf. Norris, S.W.; Dr, Visger, J.W.; H. Shaw, preceptor; Walter Smith, treas.; C. Atkins, sec.; Joyce, S.D.; Shelton, J.D.; Peters, I.G.; J. Stevens, P.M.; J. T. Axford, G. Pickering, Scott, Robin, &c. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Scott as candidate, and the charge was admirably delivered by the preceptor. Bro. Alfred Norris was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting, when work will be in the first degree. The secretary announced that W. Bro. J. A. P. Ingleby, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, had consented to preside at the festival dinner on Thursday, the 30th inst. It was resolved that such members of the Charitable Association of this lodge as are in arrear with their payments, should be reminded that the rules in such case provided will be put in force at the meeting on the 29th inst.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 17th inst., at Camberwell. Present: Comps. Lyon, P.Z. 1329, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169, H.; Neeld, P.Z. 169, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; T. Grummant, P.Z., P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; C. Woods, A.S. 1275; and V. T. Murché, A.S. 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was resolved that the chapter should adjourn at the end of the present month until the first Friday in September. On the motion of the S.E., seconded by Comp. Moore, a vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Woods for having had the first volume of the MASONIC STAR bound in order to preserve it for the chapter.

DEATH.—On the 13th inst., at Blakelow House, near Nantwich, Bro. Edward Hornison Griffiths, aged 79 years. For 49 years Provincial Grand Secretary for Cheshire.

A correspondent of the *Voice of Freemasonry* (Chicago) referring to the use of the capital letters "OB" facetiously writes: "We do not clearly understand what is meant by the capital letters "OB." We can only illustrate our understanding of it by reciting an occurrence during the "late unpleasantness." We were sent by the Confederate Government to the distant South on business. Our passport had endorsed on it "OB." We had successfully accomplished our mission, and were homeward bound on wings of anxiety, when we were stopped by a Provost Marshal, after accomplishing about one-half our journey, with the information, "You can't go, sir, orders have been given to that effect," etc. No plea of ours did any good. Finally, the astute Marshal discovered those mystical letters, and enquired, "I say, mister, what was they put thar for?" We promptly answered, "Why, *ordered back*; didn't you know that?" He replied, "I was only joking," and our passport was promptly *visè* and we hied homeward. Whenever we see those letters we look upon their frequent use with some apprehension, and on two or three occasions when asked by profanes what they meant, we have answered, "Ordered back "and sloped from their enquiring minds as quickly as courtesy would allow. Let the letters "slope."

Grand Master Lawrence, of New York, is a wonder as a debt reducer. A Masonic Ladies' Fair was recently held under the presidency of Mrs. Lawrence in aid of an asylum for aged Masons and their widows, when £15,000 was netted. What a thrilling example for us!

There are in our Fraternity some short-sighted and penny-wise members, who think printers' ink superfluous and the Masonic press of no value. Such ideas come only from those who are narrow-minded, selfish or slow going enough to wish the world would turn back half a century to the days when railroads, telegraphs, and steam printing presses were unknown.

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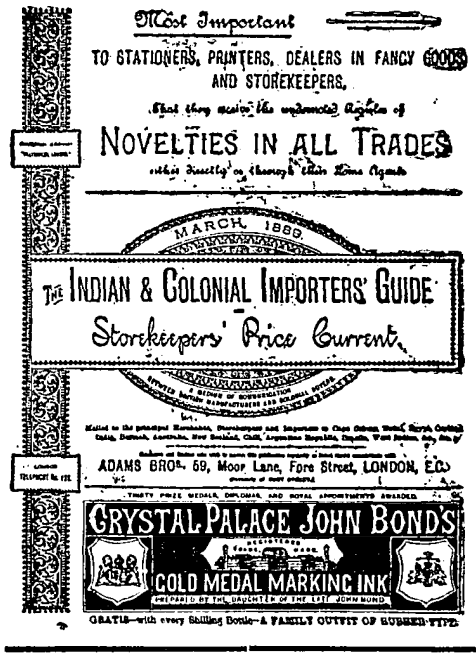
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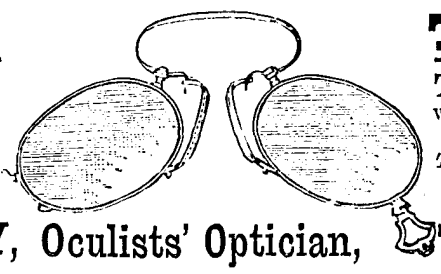
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Procrastination.

AFTER credence has been given to what were presumed to be official statements,—firstly, that the Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the consideration of the lately-issued report was to have been held on the 24th inst., and secondly on the 31st,—we now learn that the date appointed is the 6th June, and, with many of our readers, await confirmation thereof by some sort of direct announcement, such as should be conveyed, without probability of being overlooked, to every subscriber interested in the future well-being of the Institution. In connection with the importance of the forthcoming General Court the customary method of notifying place and time for the ordinary Courts is not by any means sufficient.

Presuming that the Special Court will be held on the 6th proximo, we would ask why forty days should intervene between the determination to hold the meeting and the meeting itself? The particulars which have been placed before the subscribers and the general public are such as should have had much earlier consideration, in order to avert the serious consequences attaching to prolonged delay. We pointed out in our article of the 9th inst., that "delays are dangerous," and we have only to refer to other columns of this number of our journal for evidence in justification of our then expressed fears. If so long a period as nine months had not been taken up in the preparation of a report based upon an enquiry which appears to have demanded but fifteen days' hearing, much of the present unfortunate state of things might have been avoided, particularly on the eve of the approaching Festival of the Institution. Assuming, however, that the Committee of Investigation could not have lessened the period of time between the commencement and conclusion of their greatly-appreciated labours, there certainly should have been no reason for an expenditure of nearly six weeks before the Special Court was called for consideration of their report. These few weeks have really proved disastrous, for not only have the affairs of our Institutions been freely and most unfavourably discussed by the public press, but our own lodges, and, as we learn, individual members, are resenting the delay, and seem to fear that there is a want of straightforwardness in some one or other quarter having control of the arrangements for the Special Court. It is pointed out that during such period of six weeks, the two meetings at which nomination and election of the House and Audit Committees are respectively made by the General Committee are appointed to be held. As a matter of fact, the former was held, for nominations, on the 4th inst., seven days *after* the report was presented to the *Quarterly Court*, and the latter will be held, for election, on the 1st June, five days *before* the Special Court. The effect of this is, that the same House Committee, with only two other brethren, have been nominated, and must all, or, at least, all but two, be re-elected for the ensuing year. On the other hand, it is pointed out that inasmuch as the Mark Grand Lodge is to meet on the 4th June, and United Grand Lodge on the 5th, there may be many provincial brethren in London who could conveniently stay over the 6th, and so be able to attend the Special Court. However it may be, we think it would have been better to have ascertained the feelings and wishes of the aggregate body of subscribers to the Institution before making any arrangements whatever in relation to either Committee or officials for the next year. The Special Court will be all-powerful, and we hope will declare in the strongest possible manner what shall be done as regards both the past and the future of the Institution; and take care that the procrastination, which has done it so much damage during the last ten months, shall not be continued. As to the supposed injury which will be done to the School by this report and its consideration, in connection with the anticipated returns at the approaching festival, we have too much faith in our brethren to believe that when they see a determination to put matters straight they will withhold similar generous support to that they have hitherto given.

It is of greater importance at this moment to establish faith in the purity of the management and working of our respective institutions in the future, than to consider any temporary effect on present expectations as to contributions. We may be sure that they are all too near our hearts to suffer, if only the charitable instincts of the Craft in general meet with responsive efforts to keep the estab-

lishments on which they pride themselves "pure and unpolluted."

It is more than probable that the agitation of the present will prove to be most beneficial in the near future, and it is, therefore, greatly to be desired that no half-measures should be taken in setting our house in order. If at any time the physical health of the inmates of our institution were seriously affected, and nothing could be done by way of prevention or remedy, we should not hesitate to turn the entire place "inside out," to sweep away all deleterious matter, to cleanse, and perhaps replace whatever might be known to be of use. In like manner should the moral disorder which now affects the school be treated. Every portion of the report which will be under consideration should have earnest attention, and a decision thereon quite irrespective of personal interests. The sweeping and garnishing should be complete and thorough, and if it be found that a restoration to confidence would be justified, there need be no occasion to withold such restoration in probably the majority of instances.

It has been suggested to us that there are a large number of brethren who would desire to have an opportunity for agreement on some concerted plan of action before the formal opening of the Special Court; in other words, to chat over the matter before committing themselves to any particular view or opinion. We can see no objection to such a course, and rather believe it would facilitate the deliberations of the larger meeting. We presume that the place of assembly of the members of the Court would be available for an hour or so before the Court is opened, in which case there could be no difficulty in obtaining the preliminary and informal meeting. If that should be arranged by any of our readers our columns will be open for announcement of time and place.

Since the foregoing was written we have been favoured with an advertisement determining date and place of meeting of the Special Court. As we premised, it is fixed for 12 o'clock on Thursday, 6th June, at Freemason's Tavern, London. We have also received an intimation that at the ensuing General Committee meeting to be held on Saturday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, a resolution to the following effect will be proposed:—"That as the nominations for the House and Audit Committees were made and received prior to the circulation of the Report of the Investigating Committee, such nominations, &c., be annulled."

CHARITY.

(Communicated).

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Continuing our remarks of last week on above subject, we are now informed that the Special Court is convened for the 6th June. This may or may not be the case, but if it be true we repeat that the utmost publicity should be given in announcing it. Ever since the report of the Committee has been delivered there has been a kind of guerilla warfare carried on in the columns of the Masonic press, of a certainly ill-timed and obtrusive character, blame being debited in various directions according to the various writers' opinions. Surely those who have read what Bro. Philbrick and his colleagues have reported are one and all able to understand its terms, which are as plain as the proverbial pikestaff. Take for instance under the heading "Accounts and Reports" what we are told:—

"On enquiring for the books we found that no cash-book, in the ordinary sense of the term, nor any book showing the daily current receipts and payments, has ever been kept in the office.

"The receipt of moneys is recorded solely by the amounts being entered on the counterfoils of the receipts given for subscriptions and donations. There is no entry made showing how a particular amount is received, whether in cash or by cheque, or identifying the payment with the letter or advice covering the remittance; the latter are not preserved, so that, if accidentally or otherwise a receipt is omitted to be given, all trace of the transaction would be lost.

"The amounts shown on the counterfoil receipts are paid into the Bank at frequent intervals, and a note is made on the counterfoil of the paying-in slip that the gross total is composed of certain amounts, being those of the cash, cheques, and notes, but not specifically identifying the latter two as coming from any particular individual, or as being on any particular Banker. All payments out are by cheque. The Bankers are thus virtually made to keep the cash account of the Institution, so far as one may be said to be kept.

"No book is kept in the office of the transactions with the Bankers, nor is there any check on them, except by comparing the counterfoils of the paying-in slip, and of the cheque-book with the pass-book.

"We have no hesitation in advising that it is essential that a daily record be kept of all current receipts and payments in a cash-book, with particulars identifying the items, and that all covering letters and advices should be carefully preserved for reference.

"This is not, as was urged to us, a mere question of book-keeping. A daily account, however rough, showing consecutive transactions is as vital to the Institution as in other business establishments, and ought to be insisted upon. The state of the cash account at any moment should plainly appear on referring to the book, whereas under the present practice it is difficult to be ascertained by any one except the Secretary or his Clerk. The facility thus given for irregularity and mistake is obvious. The books kept are not arranged on any systematic plan, nor are they such as would be permitted in any business establishment."

Followed up by the statement that when questioned about the books, the Secretary said, "I do not defend the system of our books; I have never been satisfied with it."

To our way of thinking, nothing is more condemnatory than such a statement—"the *system of book-keeping*" forsooth! Would an accountant allow the term! We opine not. To describe as "book-keeping" any "system" which operates without a cash book is absolutely insulting to that art. Now surely between the Secretary and the Audit Committee, this "washing book" sort of figuring ought never to have been allowed to go on. Enough surely is debited for clerks' salaries for first class service. This point we consider should be *at once* put straight by the introduction of a complete set of office books—to be opened by a high class firm of accountants. This latter should also audit the accounts periodically. Governors would then be certain that published figures were neither "incorrect nor misleading." The expense of an annual professional audit is a trifle, payment of which would be infinitely preferable to the amateur efforts of those who allow their "signatures to be added beneath accounts as they appear, without their authority, no account showing these figures having been produced to or signed by them." On the subject of the Committee, it would seem that, despite an almost universal (so far as we are aware) desire to substitute other brethren there were only two named for contesting positions when the nominations were lately made, so that most probably the same committees will practically continue managers (!) of the Institution.

In this connection, we would point out that these nominations, &c., were effected anterior to the publication of the committee's report—comment unnecessary.—Well may the R.M.I.B. be, in the daily press, described as a "muddled charity." Again, in reference to the Farming Account, Bro. Philbrick and his co-adjutors state (p. 37 of report) "the accounts are *so published as not to show the facts*"; and "the statement made to us by the Secretary, that the Farm Account contains only the receipts and expenditure at Wood Green, and *disregards* all payments on the same account made from the London office, shows that an account thus framed is *utterly valueless*. It is moreover *mischievous, as it suggests error*." Is not this statement unanswerable! and have those directly responsible for it, any excuse for such a state of things! We say emphatically *no*. The veriest tyro must condemn so clumsy and palpable an attempt to make things seem what they are not. One more instance in reference to the expenditure of £146 15s. for "Visit of Stewards and Distribution of Prizes," the Investigators state:—

"One of the complaints made to us was, that these entries were made in this form so that the expenditure on refreshments should be kept from observation and remark, and we are of opinion this charge is substantiated, and that while to the Secretary and his Accountant must be attributed the responsibility in the first instance, the House and Audit Committees have failed to prevent the publication of these items in a form which is certainly incorrect or misleading. A vigilant watch ought to be kept over expenditure of this nature, and whatever is so spent should appear openly in the published accounts. The expenditure for these matters is limited only by the discretion of the Secretary; for the House Committee, though undoubtedly responsible, has practically surrendered his functions into the Secretary's hands, and exercise no real or efficient control."

What possibly can be said to palliate this! The side issues which certain people appear to raise and dwell upon, have really no bearing practically on the main question; and the succinct statements and logical deductions in the report will have to be considered, without any fear, favour, or affection towards those who are implicated in the matter.

What we all desire, and should show, is the welfare of those for whom subscriptions are paid; this must be the primary consideration of all who have real charity at heart. There are wrongs to be redressed, abuses to be reformed. This being so, we will not allow ourselves for one moment to suppose that any member of our Order would so far stultify himself as to allow personal feeling, for no matter who it may be, to militate there-against: but on the contrary, believe that all will honestly consider the initial object of the Charity, and give honour, credit and support to the laudable endeavours of the Investigating Committee.

We would say with Shakespere "Where the wrong is, there let the great axe fall." As we said last week, so now we repeat: the report and its disclosures must be met. How this will be done we have yet to learn, but one thing is certain, and that is, that the way the forthcoming Special Court deals with the matter, will be the immediate cause of ruin or prosperity so far as the R.M.I.B. is concerned. Our brethren who attend this Special Court will do well to bear this assertion in mind, remembering those helpless orphans, who, through no fault of their own, are recipients of the charity of their "uncles" upon whom has shone the sun of prosperity.

Star Chapter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 24th inst. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Jackson, J.; Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Powell, P.Z., &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell, candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for to-morrow (Friday), the last meeting until September.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

The Mason who wrote the following was evidently a little mixed before he crossed the Rubicon, which may be taken to be the first verse. The inference is that he was outside his lodge at the time, and had probably just partaken of his second sherry and bitters, but when he gained admission he seems to have become more consequent, and to have knocked off the rest of the verses in a fairly masterly manner for a Masonic poet, to whom the proverb, "Poëta nascitur, non fit," does not in general apply. He apparently thought, in the first instance, that the assistance of the muses was insufficient, without invoking the auxiliary aid of poor Thalia's sister, though he, seemingly, got entirely prompted by Euterpé after all.

I thought, at first, that he was under the impression that Euphrosyne was one of the "sisters nine" to whom he originally appealed, but the "trine" in the third line rather militates against this supposition. I do not know why he should have requested Euphrosyne to "preside o'er his numbers," as I take it that posing was more in that young lady's line than poesy, and he seems to have entirely misled her in promising to sing the honours of herself and her sister graces, and to have basely deserted her and them by omitting to do anything of the kind.

I rather like that word "trine," although I don't suppose it was intended to apply to the dimensions—the "length, breadth, and thickness," as I think an architect would define it—of the three lovely maidens, and it rhymes beautifully to "nine," and when I write a Masonic ditty (which I seriously contemplate doing) I shall endeavour to work it in. There is a touch of Mark—not to say Arch—Masonry about it, which should endear it to the brethren, with a strong dash of the astrological, but I never came across it before in poetry, except in one instance, in which a very eminent member of the craft (I mean the poetic craft), one, John Dryden, once attempted to make use of it, and signally failed, in a couplet which runs:

"By fortune he was now to Venus trined,
And with stern Mars in Capricorn was joined."

I think he might just have well have said "had dined."

Yours fraternally,

194, Clapham Road, May 12th, 1889. Friar Tuck.

Assist me, ye fair tuneful nine,
Euphrosyne, grant me thine aid;
Whilst the honours I sing of the trine,
Preside o'er my numbers, blithe maid.
Cease, Clamour and Faction! oh, cease!
Fly hence, all ye cynical train!
Disturb not, disturb not the Lodge's sweet peace,
Where Silence and Secrecy reign.

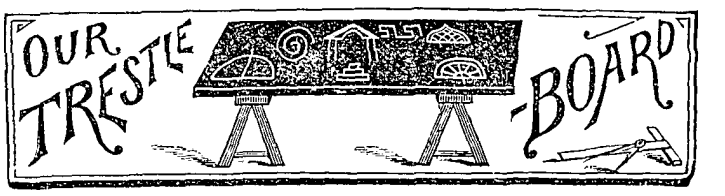
Religion, untainted, here dwells;
Here, the morals of Athens are taught;
Great Hiram's tradition here tells
How the world out of chaos was brought.
With fervency, freedom, and zeal,
Our Master's commands we obey;
No cowan, no cowan our secrets can steal,
No babbler our myst'ries betray.

Here Wisdom her standard displays;
Here nobly the sciences shine;
Here the temple's vast column we raise,
And finish a work that's divine.
Illumed from the East, with pure light,
Here the arts do their blessings bestow.
And, all perfect, all perfect, unfold to the sight
What none but a Mason can know.

If on earth any praise can be found,
Any virtue unnamed in my song,
Any grace in the universe round,
May these to a Mason belong;
May each Brother his passions subdue,
Practise charity, concord, and love,
And be hailed, and be hailed by the thrice happy few
Who preside in the Grand Lodge above.

The Installation Meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 4, was held on Monday last. Bro. W. Woodford was advanced by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Axford, P.R.G.J.S., who subsequently installed Bro. W. A. Screech, Prov. G. Reg. of M., as W.M. Bros. Nash and Bates were appointed Wardens; Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G. Inspector of Works, Treasurer; and Bro. Chas. Palmer, P.G.J.G., Secretary. Bro. Read, the Organist, was reappointed, and presided at the organ. The brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Fourth City Masonic Benevolent Association.—A meeting of this association (which is connected with the Sincerity—No. 174—Lodge of Instruction) took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Monday, the 27th inst. Present: Bros. J. Newton, president; J. Ward Verry, treasurer; J. S. Fraser, L. C. Haslip, C. Lacey, H. Mayer, and C. H. Webb, members of the Committee; H. M. Hobbs, secretary; and other brethren. The balance sheet for the first year of the Society's operations was duly audited, showing that £267 10s. 6d. had been collected, and twenty-five ballots for Life Governorships of 10 guineas each had been obtained. The treasurer, having intimated that he had sufficient in hand for six ballots, the following members drew ballots of 10 guineas each, viz., Bros. A. Toulmin, H. J. Tippett, Arthur Adams, W. T. Abnett, C. E. Ferry, and T. Huntley.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We must ask several contributors to accept our regrets that we are unable to find space for their kindly-offered communications. "Crowded out" is the only reason we can give for the absence of their valued contributions, and we ask their indulgence on that account. We shall hope to be enabled, at no very distant date, to have more space at our disposal.

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An advertisement relating to the provision of excellent accommodation for intending visitors to the Paris Exhibition will be found in our advertising columns, and cannot fail to be of interest to many of our Masonic friends who purpose a brief sojourn in the gay city. Our London brethren may easily satisfy themselves as to this, by a call on Bro. E. Clark, at 432, Strand.

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Pressure on our columns has prevented our earlier notice of the 1889 Calendar and Directory for the Province of Derbyshire, compiled by Bro. Wm. Naylor, P.G.S.W. England, and Grand Secretary, &c., for that province. The Calendar extends to the end of March, 1890, and affords immediate reference to the meetings of each lodge in Derbyshire by name, the dates of installation and election being also given. The Directory is full and explicit in respect of numbers, dates of warrants, and officers of the respective Craft and Mark Lodges, and Royal Arch and Rose Croix Chapters. Lists of subscribers to the several Masonic Charitable Institutions, with voting powers, have been carefully revised, and should interest the Craft generally throughout the province. The work is a very creditable production, and is well printed and "got up" by Bros. H. H. & W. Bemrose, of Derby and London.

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We read with much satisfaction the recently-issued report of the Directors of the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited, in which many of our brethren, as well at home as abroad, are interested. Our Colonial readers will be gratified to hear of its continued favourable progress, the new business of the past year having exceeded by more than a quarter of a million sterling that of the previous year, which had also been characterised by success. The society now stands, in regard to new business, third amongst all the Life Assurance offices founded in the British Empire. The report is dated from Melbourne, 20th February last, its London branch being at 33, Poultry, E.C.

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Some time previous to the last election for boys into the R. M. I. B., a correspondent called attention to the difficulty he had in obtaining a return of proxies lent by him to assist a case at a former election. From letters which have been sent to us, it would appear that the debtor has treated the application for the discharge of his obligation very cavalierly, and in anything but a Masonic manner, and we are informed, has not yet relieved himself from his indebtedness. This is bad form to begin with. We can *understand* a *disappointment*, and consequent inability to perform what, when given, was most probably a serious promise, and as "a soft answer turneth away wrath," so would a courteous explanation almost certainly have been received by the complainant in this instance. There are two bits of advice we would venture to offer in connection with this incident,—to those who lend proxies, "Be sure you know your intended debtor is good for the honourable discharge of his obligations," and to those who borrow, "If you cannot pay up when you should, at least be civil."

We Notify that:—

——The London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, W. Bro. James Curtler Tilt, W.M., will meet in Emergency at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th June, at 6 p.m. In consequence of the lamented decease of W. Bro. Walter McDougall, P.M., the brethren will appear in Masonic mourning.

——The annual supper of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601, will take place at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., this (Thursday) evening, at 7 p.m. W. Bro. J. A. P. Ingoldby, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, will preside.

——V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; W. Bros. J. Sampson Pierce, P.G.D., and Edwin Bowley, P.M., of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, with many other well-known brethren, are supporting the case of William Augustine Spain, of Southend, as a candidate, on second application, for election in October into the R.M.I. for Boys. The lad carries forward 811 votes, and the case is one deserving every consideration.

——The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will meet on Friday next, 31st inst., at 3 p.m.

——The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday next, 1st June, at 4 p.m.

——The annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on the 24th July, W. Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darrell presiding.

——The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 3rd July. R.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Prov. G.S.W., Hants and the Isle of Wight, and a patron of the Institution, will preside.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

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BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I hear that the meeting for consideration of the report (Boys' School) has been fixed for *the 6th June*. The election of the House and Audit Committee takes place *on the 1st*. Surely this should be looked into. Under the circumstances is it not absurd? How is it possible to vote *for* the old members or to vote *against* them until the whole question has been considered? or has the arrangement of the date been fixed so as to drive off matters for a further time?

Yours very truly,

May 25th, 1889. B. R. B.

*** *There is some amount of uncertainty on the part of several of our readers as to where and when the General Committee of the R.M.I. Boys meet, and who are eligible to attend. Freemasons' Hall is the place, the First Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., the time, and Life Subscribers and Annual Subscribers are eligible for election on the Committee. Life Governors are members thereof in virtue of their Qualification, and are, of course, eligible to attend.*—ED. M.S.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I cannot state my opinions in public, or I should offend many eminent Masons, but I feel that the contract about to be undertaken at Wandsworth is one of the greatest mistakes ever made by the Craft.

1. It is folly to add to the existing buildings at all, as in a few years they will be so hemmed in by bricks and mortar that a move must be made to some distance from London.

2. For £31,000 a complete school for 300 children, including a handsome chapel or hall, could be erected on a new site, and I could name two architects of great experience in the erection of such buildings, who would undertake the work. Therefore, it seems absurd to spend such an enormous sum in adding to the present buildings, which have already been patched. The sum of £5,000 for the hall is ridiculous; a good church to seat 600 people could be built for the money.

3. During several years past a reserve fund should have been formed, as the subscriptions during the next ten years will not equal the ten years just gone, while the candidates must increase fourfold.

It is, I fear, too late to abandon the scheme. I have been steward several times, but I shall not assist such extravagance with my money.

Yours, &c.,

PROVINCIAL.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

How perverse fate is sometimes! Here we have the authorities of R.M.I.B., and those who elect them, *most anxious* to consider the valuable report resulting from the serious position of the Boys' School, yet *somebody* calls the meeting for 6th June, at *twelve noon!* an hour when the majority of L.G.'s are of necessity earning their bread and cheese, *and the means for carrying* on the magnificent Masonic charities.

Pray try to have this serious blunder corrected at once, by naming a later hour—5 or 6 o'clock—that a fair and proper opinion may be obtained from the whole body of Life Governors.

Yours fraternally,

SAMEJ.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. H. S.—We will refer to the Institution in which you are interested next week.

J. R., CROYDON.—Should have been pleased to have given the notice you wish it you had forwarded the particulars a little sooner.

C. W., SANDMERE, CLAPHAM.—Held in reserve; no room this week.

A. H. S., CONSTANTINOPLE.—Thanks for Masonic song; it shall appear.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.—Report shall appear next week.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The South African Freemason; Society; Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, Vol. 2, Part 2.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular has been addressed to the members of th Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572 :—

"*May 21st*, 1889.

"At a Meeting of Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School from the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, held on May 20th, 1889.

"*It was resolved* :—

"(1.) That the action of the W.M., appointed as Steward for the Boys' School, in withdrawing from his Stewardship be confirmed.

"(2.) That under present circumstances of the School no Subscriptions should be paid to it.

"(3.) That this Meeting tenders its most grateful thanks to the Committee of Investigation for its report, and hopes all the reforms named by it may be carried into effect.

"(4.) This Meeting considers that the confidence of Subscribers in the Institution can only be secured by the resignation of the House and Audit Committee, and the removal of all the officials implicated in the report.

"(5.) That the Subscriptions received shall be paid into The Benevolent Fund of Carnarvon Lodge, 1572, and there remain at the disposal of the Subscribers.

"(6.) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, and to each Subscribing Member of the Carnarvon Lodge, 1572.

"JOHN PAIGE, W.M., 1572,
"SEC. SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, 2190."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

AGENDA OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, 4th JUNE, 1889.

1. Read, and if approved, confirm Minutes of Grand Lodge held on 6th December, 1888, and Special Grand Lodge held on 5th March, 1889.

2. Report of the General Board.

3. A Motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

4. Recommendations arising out of the Report :—

(*a*) That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of "Provincial Grand Lodge" should be changed to "District Grand Lodge," and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodges to regulate the Fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board.

(*b*) That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect.

(*c*) Fund of Benevolence relief—£20 to M. A. G., widow of Bro. I. G.

5. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

6. Installation of M.W.G.M.

7. Election of Grand Treasurer. Candidate proposed—W. Bro. Henry Faija, P.G. Std., P.M. 144, 331. (W. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355, has withdrawn.)

8. Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.

9. Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of six Members to serve on the General Board.

10. Election, by Grand Lodge, of five Members to serve on the General Board.

List of Brethren Nominated for the General Board (five only are Nominated).

Masters and Past Masters: Dr. George Mickley, P.M. 97, P.G.D.; John E. Dawson, Dep. P.G.M. Herts.; R. Loveland Loveland, Dep. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. Kent.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IN GRAND LODGE,

WEDNESDAY, 5th JUNE, 1889.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
3. Communications from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the body styled "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria," for recognition.
4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1332, Crediton	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50	0	0
A Brother of Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0

10. Report of the Board of General Purposes.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 17th May, 1889, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. Notice of Motion—

By W. Brother Raynham Stewart, P.G. Deacon :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

Bros. Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4; William Masters, P.M. 2128; Frederick Ernest Pocock, *M.D.*, P.M. 1891; Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584; Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, W.M. 179; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2054; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; Thomas Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192; George Gardner, W.M. 2309; George Read, P.M. 511; William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 167; Gordon Smith, W.M. 14; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Thomas William Richardson, P.M. 2029; Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256; William Harry Rylands, W.M. 2; Arthur C. Tanqueray, W.M. 33; Arthur Giraud Browning, W.M. 2140; John Lionel Alexander Monckton, *M.A.*, W.M. 197; William Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768; Joseph David Langton, P.M. 2096; Henry Bishop, P.M. 66; William George Lemon, P.M. 165; Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415; John Russell Clipperton, P.M. 66; Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Colonial Board:

Bros. Col. Frederick Gadsden (Madras) P.M. 434; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; James Brett, P.M. 177; Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Albert Escott, P.M. 1539; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bros. Charles Alexr. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; John E. Dawson, P.M. 404; Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155; Major Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567: Robert Griggs, P.M. 228; William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2303—The Trentham Lodge, Trentham, Victoria.
2304—The Mooroopua Lodge, Mooroopua, Victoria.
2305—The Stour Lodge, Ashford, Kent.
2306—Toowong Lodge, Toowong, Queensland.
2307—The Friendship Lodge, Ajmere, Bombay.
2308—The Viator Lodge, Fleet Street.
2309—The George Gardner Lodge, Datchett, Buckinghamshire.
2310—The London Scottish Rifles Lodge, Golden Square.
2311—The Saint Alkmund Lodge, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, given in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., the sum of £5,354 was announced as the result of the subscription list for the year. This is a comparatively small amount masonically, but it must be remembered that last May the centenary of the institution was celebrated, when a special effort was made, and about £51,000 obtained. For the moment, therefore, the institution has to a large extent waived its claims upon the brotherhood, and has fraternally joined in advocating the necessities of other masonic charities. Nevertheless, over £5,000 is a very creditable amount. Of the total amount subscribed no less than £2,979 13s.—more than one-half—was collected within the Metropolitan area.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

Heavenly weather, well dressed women, happy and healthy little girls, and everybody who is anybody in London Freemasonry, were *the* features of the distribution of prizes at our "Girls' School" on Tuesday last.

There was no lack of animation, or low *physique*, visible among the pupils; the arrangements of the House Committee were excellent, and they certainly seemed to me thoroughly in touch both with teacher and taught.

Bro. J. H. Matthews, as the Chairman of the month, was Adjutant-in-Chief. The Rev. C. J. Martyn duly complimented the prize winners, who positively beamed with delight, while forty-two little hands on seven big pianos played like one pair, and made most excellent music.

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The heat was very great, and I felt rather glad to get into the fresh air. I, however, returned in time to see the calisthenics, which were marvellously well done. The hundred and sixty-eight children kept time and distance like old soldiers, and marched and wheeled like a stone wall.

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I was not disappointed on Wednesday at the amount announced by Bro. Hedges. It speaks well for all parties that after such an enormous sum as £51,500 in 1888, so fair a collection as £5,345 should be made in 1889. Little fish are very sweet.

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I was very glad to see our good friend Colonel Shadwell Clerke looking so much better after his recent severe attack of gout, and feel sure every one will congratulate him on his recovery.

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Why do not brethren avoid partizanship and cultivate moderation? While one section will never be satisfied until they have the head of Binckes on a charger, the other side claim him as the representative of the four crowned martyrs—four single gentlemen rolled into one.

THE DINER OUT.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 118.—On Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Present: Bros. Saqui, W.M.; Garrard, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; Goodinge, treas.; H. Saqui, sec.; C. Cohen, S.D.; Marcus, J.D.; P. Cohen, I.G.; Lescombes, Poppmacher, H. Lazarus, Marks, A. Botebol and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and the ceremony of raising rehearsed with the Traditional History, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Garrard was elected W.M. for next week. It was proposed that in future the W.M. take the chair at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. A ballot took place and Bro. A. J. Marks won it and desired that the money be sent to the Boys' Charity.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 890.—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W., on Friday, 24th May. Present: E. Comp. G. March, Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; M. Speigel, J.; W. H. Chalfont, S.E., pro tem.; J. Cruttenden, P.S.; H. Dehane, P.M. 890; J. Smith. The chapter was opened in ancient form by Comps. March, Williams, and Dehane, and the companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane, candidate. The companions were pleased to hear that Ex. Comp. Dean, one of the preceptors, was improving in health, and that there was a probability of his being amongst them again at an early date. After hearty good wishes, the chapter was closed.

STUART LODGE—No. 1632.—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 27th inst. Present: Bros. Edward Pettit, W.M.; Charles Linsey, S.W.; Charles Fruen, J.W.; Henry E. Dickers, J.P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. H. Morgan, S.D.; A. J. Crofts, J.D.; J. Bolding, I.G.; C. Stuart Barker, P.M.; Henry Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Surrey; Alfred Bannister, P.M.; Richard Barham, P.M.; John Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Surrey; G. W. Evans, P.M.; H. Mascall, T. Westwood, Thomas Bowler, Tyler, and others. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Baigent was then most impressively initiated into freemasonry according to ancient custom, also Bro. Caleb Morrish passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Frederick Guard as joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Further masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a capital repast, presided over by the W.M., after which a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent in toasts, songs and recitations.

Questions and Answers.

Q.—*In calling off a Lodge from labour, is the proper expression "High Twelve," or "High Time"?*—J. T. A.

A.—Refer to MACKEY, the best authority, who is confirmed by other Masonic students. He says, "High twelve, or noon, was the hour at the Temple when our ancient brethren were regularly called from labour to refreshment. The tradition is that they worked twelve hours a day and six days in the week." Masonic symbolism and allegory should be carefully preserved in our Lodge work. "High *Time*" may mean anything, and no Masonic symbolism whatever attaches to those words.

Q.—*In the address to a newly-initiated brother on the subject of Charity he his counselled to give attention to those who being in distressed circumstances may "claim" his assistance. In some Lodges the word "solicit" is used. Which is the proper, or more ancient word?*—J. E. C., Camberwell.

A.—Both words are nearly alike as to meaning, which is that of asking for, or seeking to obtain, and both subject to acceptance or refusal. But the Freemason's solicitation becomes stronger than that of the friend or stranger by virtue of the right, or supposed right, which his connection with the Order, and his engagement to practice whilst in his power the like benevolence to others, invests him with. *He* has a right to *claim* or request on specific grounds though refusal may result. The stranger can only solicit on general grounds. Setting aside that the older rituals adopted the word *claim* we think it the *most correct* in its Masonic connection.

Kindly answer the following questions.—TRINIDAD.

(1) *Can a private lodge initiate a Sergeant of Police?*—Yes.

(2) *Does exclusion from one lodge preclude visiting another?*—No, subject to provisions contained in clauses 151, 152, and 204 of the Book of Constitutions.

(3) *Can the benevolence fund of a lodge be used for other than charitable purpose?*—We think not.

(4) *Ought a lodge to initiate any person who is not in reputable circumstances?*—If you mean "to its knowledge," most assuredly not. However can you, with any knowledge of Freemasonry, ask the question!

(5) *According to the present reading of Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, if eight members be present, five of whom vote for exclusion, does that constitute a "two-thirds" vote?*—According to Cocker $\frac{5}{8}$ths never yet equalled $\frac{2}{3}$rds.

N.B—Case from Trinidad now before Grand Lodge.

Q. *Is it the proper thing for a W.M. of a lodge to vacate the Chair when he delegates to a P.M. the working of an Initiation, Passing or Raising?*—A. M. Prestwich.

A. It is an invariable custom, as far as we have observed, for the P.M. to occupy the Master's chair on such occasions, but there is no regulation to that effect.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.—STOCKPORT.—EGERTON LODGE, No. 1,030.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, Stockport, on Monday, when Bro. R. Bassnett Preston, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. James Cookson, the retiring W.M., in an able and efficient manner, assisted by some of the past masters. The following officers were invested by Bro. Kenneth Maclean, P.M., viz.:—Bros. Joseph McKim, S.W.; William A. Vaughan, J.W.; Rev. Addison Crofton, Chaplain; A. Pemberton, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treasurer; Walter H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G.R., Secretary; Thomas Knott, S.D.; Henry Smith, J.D.; James Abbott, P.M., P.P.G., D.C.; H. Wilson, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M., was re-appointed charity representative. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cookson on his retirement from the position of W.M., the new Master remarking that the lodge had been most successful under Bro. Cookson's rule. The following visiting brethren were present—Bros. Geo. R. Brady, P.M., 322, P.P.G.S.B., Cheshire; W. H. Maxfield, W.M., 1,957, P.P.G.O., Cheshire; Clement Walworth, W.M., 1,459; P. B. Welch, W.M., 992; Charles Dawson, W.M., 287; H. H. Royle, W.M., 322; John Smith, W.M., 323; J. W. G. Coombes, S.W., 44; W. O. Pettitt, I.P.M., 1,055; A. F. Williams, I.P.M., 2,156; Thomas Whalley, P.M., 323; G. McClelland, P.M., 287; J. E. Ashton, 1,147. Letters of apology were read from the Prov. G.M. and other dis inguished brethren. The company afterwards partook of an excellent dinner. The loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and a musical programme was rendered.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—HANLEY—GORDON LODGE—No. 2149.—The festival of St. John, and the installation of Bro. James Charlesworth, as W.M., in connection with the Gordon Lodge of Freemasons, 2,149, took place on Wednesday the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley. There was a large number of brethren present. Bro. Charlesworth was installed W.M. by W. Bro. J. B. Piercy, assisted by W. Bro. H. Palmer, T. Taylor, F. Mountford, and J. L. Hamshaw. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Ashwell, S.W.: G. W. Bradford, J.W.; E. D. Boothman, chap.; C. Adams, treas.; F. H. Lodge, sec.; E. D. Boothman, S.D.; W. J. J. W. Heath, J.D.; T. Taylor, D.C.; F. Mountford, org.; J. Clare, I.G.; A. R. Moody, C. H. Phillips, stewards; and W. Wood, tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren to the number of fifty sat down to a sumptuous banquet, at which after the preliminary loyal toasts had been honoured, W. Bro. J. B. Ashwell proposed "the health of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., Pro. G.M. of Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England." He said all the brethren would regret the domestic affliction which was now troubling the Grand Master. They in the north of the province had reason to be gratified that he had been appointed Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, because Colonel Gough had always looked well after the interests of the north of the province. W. Bro. Hamshaw, in proposing the toasts of "The Masonic Charities," said they were proud of their Masonic Institutions, to which they yearly contributed a sum of £50,000. He also referred to the inquiry that had been recently held into the Boys' School, and said the thanks of every brother were due to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliffe for the part they had taken in that investigation. W. Bros. Piercy and Tunnicliffe responded, the latter remarking that at the recent *conversazione* a profit had been made of over £70, which sum had been lodged in the bank in the names of the secretary and treasurer; but before dividing the money amongst the Masonic Charities—and all were anxious that the charities should not suffer—the lodge desired to know what alteration was intended to be made in the management of the Boys' School, and whether or not the present House Committee were to be permitted to retain their seats and the services of some of the officials to be continued. There is a strong opinion that it would be useless to send more money to London which could be better applied in Staffordshire. He understood that the Committee of the Girls' School had but recently increased the salary of the secretary of that Institution by £200, raising the same from £500 to £700 per annum at a bound, and if this state of things in connection with management is to continue he considered that their money should in future be spent in their own province. During the evening, songs were contributed by Miss Basford, and Bros. G. W. Bradford, Howson, Bervon, and Mountford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER.—On Monday last the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, under the presidency of the most excellent Companion Colonel Addison Potter, *C.B.*, Provincial Grand Superintendent. There was a large attendance of principals and past principals of the several Chapters in the Province. After the transaction of some formal business the consecration of a new Chapter—the Blagdon Chapter, No. 659 (Blyth)—was proceeded with. The consecrating officers were:—M. E. Comp. Col. Addison Potter, *C.B.*, Grand Supt., acting as Z.; E. Compns. Geo. Spain, P.G.H., as H.; G. F. Charlton, P.G.J. as J.; Joseph H. Bentham, P.P.G.H., Director of Ceremonies; and Cmpn. John Nicholson, P.P.G.O. as Musical Director. The address was most impressively given by

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (5th and last) THURSDAY, MAY 30th.	
	ASCENSION DAY. NO MEETINGS.	
	(5th and last) FRIDAY, MAY 31st.	
K.T.		
74	Harcourt	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
	(1st) SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.	
2202	Regent's Park	York & Albany Hot., Glo'ster Gate
R.A.C.		
975	Rose of Denmark	Star and Garter Hot, Kew Bridge
	(1st) MONDAY, JUNE 3rd.	
16	Royal Alpha	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
2098	Harlesden	National School, Harlesden
R.A.C.		
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, JUNE 4th.	
	Grand Mark Lodge	F. M. H.
171	Amity	Ship Hot., Greenwich
2128	United Northern Counties ...	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1620	United	F. M. H.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th.	
	GRAND LODGE, AT 6 FOR 7, F. M. H.	
	(1st) THURSDAY, JUNE 6th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
Mark.		
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.

Col. Potter, as well as the entire ceremony of consecration. The new officers of the Blagdon Chapter were then appointed as follows :—Ex.-Compns. Jas Eadington, Z., and Ed. Forster, H.; Compns. Jas. Carmichael, J.; John Tweedy, S.E.; J. E. Robinson, S.N.; W. Percy, P.S.; T. Mewes, 1st Asst. The new chapter having been duly constituted, the installation of officers for the province was proceeded with as follows: Ex.-Compns. G. E. Macarthy (St. Peters' Chapter), H.; M. J. Bird (Gosforth), J.; J. H. Bentham (re-appointed), S.E.; R. L. Armstrong, treas.; S. Armstrong, Regr.; J. C. Ridley (Northd. Chapter), P.S.; W. Macgall, 1st Assr. Soj.; Jas. Eadington, 2nd Assr. Soj., and Charles Roope (Priory), Swd. Br.; Compn. W. Reed, Std. Br.; Ex.-Compns. George Spain, D.C., and John Nicholson, Org. The convocation was afterwards closed in due form. The company then adjourned to the County Hotel, where a banquet was provided. Col. Addison Potter presided.

BURGOYNE LODGE—No. 902—Bro. John C. Cross, W.M.—The election meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Monday last, and was well attended. Bro. Walter Smith, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; W. Bro. G. Gabb was re-elected treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge for presentation of a P.M. jewel to the retiring W.M. The following brethren were present in addition to those above named: Bros. Beddoes, J.W.; H. C. Jefferys, P.M., sec.; White, S.D.; Hugh James, J.D.; J. L. Prince, I.G.; W. R. Larter, org.; W. Bros. R. N. Field, Byng, Wilkins, and Batty, P.M's: Bros. George, Burrell, Richmond, Norrington, Pillinger, Andoire, Gillard, Morris, Rashleigh, Lewry, Bean, Horton, Gil. Nutting, Cowland, Gad, Stafford, Dickinson, &c.; and visitors—W. Bros. A. J. Berry, P.M. 1692; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Bros. P.M. Wimpey, 2012; C. F. Hughes, 2012; Carrington, 1712, and others. The brethren dined together after lodge was closed, and in the course of a pleasant evening many excellent songs were sung and recitations delivered. It was also arranged at table that a "summer outing" should take place in July, and a Committee was at once formed for carrying out the necessary arrangements.

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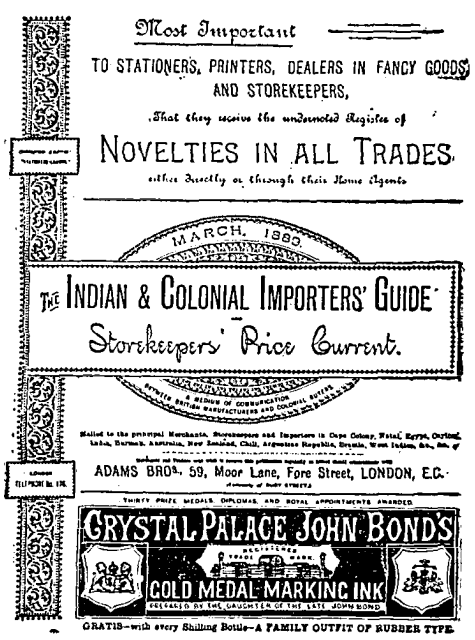
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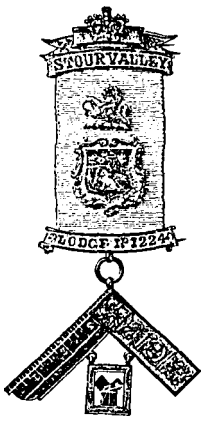
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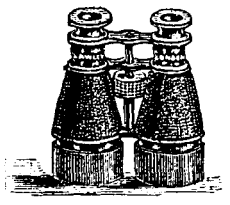
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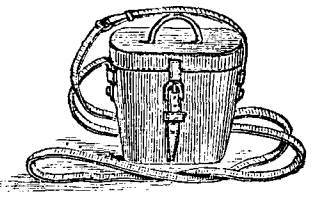


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Indignation.

IT would be ridiculous in the extreme to affect surprise at the character and result of the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Saturday last. Anything so disorderly it has, fortunately, never previously been our lot to witness in connection with Freemasonry, within whose charmed circle "Order, peace and harmony" are presumed to, and in fact most generally do, prevail. Nor can the uproar of last Saturday afternoon be wondered at by any reasonable member of the Craft who recognises the fact that the deepest feelings of those who have the prosperity of our Masonic Charitable Institutions at heart, have been stirred to the very utmost by the revelations contained in the report of the Committee of Investigation. Indignation becomes a virtue under certain circumstances; and those are wanting in appreciation of the highest Masonic principles who can meekly submit to a continuance, in even the slightest degree, of those abuses which the late investigation has brought to light, or permit the past mismanagement to sink into oblivion without resentment and explicit condemnation.

We have, hitherto, in the controversy which has arisen in respect of the present state of affairs in connection with this institution, kept our personal feelings in subjection, entertaining an earnest desire to interpose a shield, however slight, between justice and the infliction of its penalties; and in the strong hope that those to whom the blame for mismanagement is undoubtedly to be credited, would, after the manner of honourable men and sincere Freemasons, lessen the effect of the blow which they have administered to Masonic charity by admissions of unskilfulness and voluntary retirement. In which case the unseemly proceedings at the meeting of the General Committee would have been averted, and a further addition to an already more than sufficient scandal prevented. But our hopes (and they were shared with many other brethren) have met with most regrettable disappointment; and a fatal indisposition on the part of the offenders to bend to the storm, which can and will assuredly rend if further resisted, has already placed them outside the pale of brotherly consideration as a collective body. In their individual relation to the craft they are each and all most worthy and estimable men and brethren, and it would be as difficult as it would be invidious to select any one or two more worthy than others for full acknowledgment of Masonic services rendered, or the possession of all those social virtues and high principles which originally justified their election as Managers of the Institution. Masonic friendship and esteem is still their due as individuals; but there we stop! Collectively they have been "weighed in the balance and found wanting," and their present position as a *late* body is no other than might have been expected after an investigation which proves that all effective control had been surrendered by them to others not appointed for the discharge of the especial duties with which the Subscribers to the Institution had entrusted them alone. They have now ceased to hold their former positions as Managers of the affairs of the Institution, and the trust which had been confided to them, and which, if the "report" does not lie, they have betrayed in more respects than one, has been ignominiously taken from them. They have wrecked themselves as a *management*, but, thank God! not the Institution.

There is a time for silence, and a time to speak plainly. It would be almost a crime in this instance to cry "peace, where there is no peace." The silent but treacherous current has frequently been more fatal than the furious gale to many a good ship. Rather the storm with all its mighty power, than a dead calm and a drifting tide. Courageous men know how to strive against the former, and though damages may have to be repaired, they save their craft from being cast away. So we trust, and believe, will our Boys' School, under skilful mastership, weather the present tempest, and escape the wreck which might have resulted from a continuance of the mischievous inactivity, on the part of the late management, which was surely drifting it towards destruction.

It is to be hoped that, notwithstanding the perfectly justifiable indignation expressed at the meeting of the General Committee, the gathering of to-day for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of Investigation will approach and carry through the serious business of the meeting in a cool and collected manner. To our mind

it should be presided over by one chosen from the body of the meeting, having an acquaintance with the functions of chairmanship, and not in any way connected with the late House Committee or the Staff of the Institution. And we venture to submit that whilst there should be no hesitation or timidity in "speaking out," each speaker should take care to embody what he has to say in one speech, and not expect that he should have other opportunity for addressing the meeting. Interruptions, interrogations, contradictions, asseverations and threats are very objectionable features in debate, and rather retard than assist the objects of those who use them. It may be taken for granted that, under a good and efficient chairman, a calm deliberation and impartial summing up will result in the adoption of measures which will amply provide for the removal of the present difficulty, and the salvation and future success of the School. What those measures may be it is absolutely impossible to forecast, but we may be assured that, if the body of intelligent men who attend will keep their heads cool, however much their minds may be filled with indignation, the present blot upon the 'scutcheon of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will soon be wiped away.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the above Institution met in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday last, the 1st inst. The attendance of Life Governors was greatly in excess of the capacity of the place of meeting, and the confusion which prevailed throughout the entire proceedings was increased in consequence. From the commencement it became evident that a stormy meeting was in prospect, and that it proved to be stormy was not by any means the fault of the large majority who had the interests of the institution more at heart than any personal benefits or advantages. Most unwisely an attempt was made, on the part of those implicated by the report of the Committee of Investigation, to control the choice of a chairman, and after a well-respected name had been proposed from the body of the meeting, an official of the institution—highly esteemed, and against whom not even a whisper in connection with the present scandal has been heard—was nominated for that position. The former was, however, chosen, and once for all it may here be said that the most numerous portion of the assembly had ample occasion for surprise in respect of his several rulings. Silence was maintained during the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, at which the nominations of candidates for election as House and Audit Committees were made, but when the same were put for confirmation the storm began, and did not in the least subside until the meeting broke up. The minutes were not confirmed, nevertheless the endeavours to force an election were unmistakable, and were supported by the chairman up to the very moment the hour for taking the ballot had expired, when, with apparent regret, he announced that no election had taken, or could now, take place. To attempt a lucid report of the several speeches during this "bad hour" of Masonic work is out of the question, for the babel of voices and general uproar were such as to entirely preclude the possibility of correctly noting what was said, and even presumed decisions were misapprehended. It is sufficient to say that protests were numerous; that if an election of members of either committee had been effected, legal proceedings would have been commenced, one brother stating his readiness to put down a hundred guineas towards a fund for that purpose; that the rules for the governance of the institution were continually quoted as laws which bound the subscribers to the charity even against their own inherent power to make, alter, and revise such rules whenever necessity might compel, or circumstances render revision absolutely imperative; that the institution has not now any House or Audit Committee, but remains for the present in charge of the official staff until the General Committee may please to elect the future management; that an adjournment of the General Committee was resolved, but whether to the 15th or 29th inst. does not appear certain in the minds of the brethren, and that the meeting broke up in dire confusion without the customary vote of thanks to its chairman.

AT a large and influential Meeting on Monday of a Committee formed to secure the Election of New Candida es on the House Committee, it was resolved that the various legal points arising from the present state of affairs on the non-election of the Committee at the above meeting be submitted for the consideration of an eminent Queen's Counsel, whose opinion it is hoped will be in hand in time to guide those who have the true reform of the Institution at heart.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1360.—Held at Prince of Wales' Hotel, on Thursday, May 30th, 1889. Present—Bro. Wade, W.M.: Shelly, S.W.; Holmes, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Magee, P.M., J.D.: Jolliffe, I.G.; G. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., hon. sec.; Bro. Britten. Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Britten candidate. Passing rehearsed, Bro. P. M. Magee candidate. Lodge closed down and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. King, the preceptor, and W. H. Wingfield, sec., for the great benefit the lodge of instruction had derived at their hands, and that the same be entered on the minutes. The brethren having briefly responded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in September (the 5th) when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

REVIEW.

Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. Vol. II. Part I.—This, the first of three numbers to be issued this year of the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, for 1889, has just come to hand, and more than preserves the reputation which the Lodge has already acquired. The page is no longer divided into two columns, a matter on which the editor is to be congratulated, and the amount of matter offered to the members, no less than 84 pages, is unusually large. A detailed financial report and balance-sheet for 1888 affords the members and associates not only information respecting the use to which every penny of their subscriptions has been applied, but shows that absolutely nothing, out of a total expenditure of £500 odd, has been devoted to purposes foreign to Masonic Literature or the maintenance of the Lodge, except a trifling entry of £1 15s. 5d. for waiters and petty expenses. No hole can possibly be picked in the accounts except to suggest that the Lodge is running matters very fine and giving the members more for their half-guinea subscription than is quite prudent.

The present number contains two *pièces de resistance*:—a paper by the W.M. Bro. W. Simpson, *R.I.*, *M.R.A.S.*, the well-known artist and traveller, on the "Worship of Death;" and one by Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.G. St., W.M. Antiquity, No. 2, on the "Compagnionage." The first paper is profusely illustrated, many of the sketches being from originals by the W.M. himself, and is a monument of well-arranged data, apt quotation, and logical deduction. The argument is that the great majority of religious fabrics, including the Ark of the Covenant and the Temple itself, are more or less directly connected with a certain reverence universally accorded to relics, and that the one grand idea, "through death to life," has pervaded all religions and forms of worship. That such an argument should be vigorously contested is only natural, and accordingly, we find the discussion on the paper more than usually extended. Our space forbids us to deal with the *pros and cons* of the matter, neither, when we find such competent authorities ranged on the one side and the other, do we feel inclined to enter into the arena without very careful preparation.

Bro. Rylands' paper is highly instructive. He takes up the well-known legends of the French Compagnonnage (so similar in many points to those of the Craft) and essays to demonstrate when, where and how they arose. The subsequent discussion was chiefly confined to himself and Bro. Speth, and is a very pretty display of nice fence over a fine point of difference.

The four pages devoted to Notes and Queries are interesting reading, and afford an opportunity for the preservation of many little matters which every Mason must come across in his reading. We are also much pleased with the honest yet fraternal manner in which all recent Masonic publications are reviewed, and a few pages of notes on current events of general interest complete this very excellent number.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will this year be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 29th June, at 3 o'clock, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, *Bart.*, P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, Z. 169, H.; Jackson, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, A.S., 1275, S.N.; Wingham, P.S.; Towers, A.S.; Addington, Z., 1275; Neeld, P.Z.; and Geo. Powell, P.Z., Z., 1185. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington, candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the first Friday in September. The preceptor ably answered certain questions on the ritual. A discussion on other matters followed. On the motion of Comps. Neeld, P.Z., Woods, and Wingham, Comp. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor, was heartily congratulated on the proud position of the Chapter. The name of Comp. Stone, S.E., was coupled with this congratulation. The Companions heard with deep regret of the serious illnesss of Comp. Cowley, P.Z., one of the founders of this Chapter, unanimously passed a vote of sympathy with him in his sufferings, and expressed earnest wishes that he might speedily be fully restored to health, so that they might again be cheered by his presence.

RAVENSBOURNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1601.—The last business meeting of the session was held at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., on the 29th inst. Present: Bros. J. Joyce, W.M.; J. Shelton, S.W.; G. A. Pickering, J.W.; D. O. Scott, S.D.; J. T. Axford, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; Dr. H. Visger; H. Shaw, P.M., preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. Blanchard; Walter Smith; Noyes; P. McCarthy, P.M.; G. Williams, and others. The ceremony of passing having been rehearsed, Lodge was opened in third degree, and the brethren saluted the East individually. The third and second degree lodges were closed in due order. Bro. Shelton was elected to open the new session after the vacation, and after a brief address by the preceptor the lodge was closed, and adjourned to the first Wednesday in October. The annual festival was held on the following evening at the same place and was well attended, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. J. Ingoldby, occupying the position of president, and W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., that of vice-president. The evening was devoted to social enjoyment, and what few toasts were given were introduced and responded to with commendable brevity. Songs and recitations were not only numerous but more than usually well rendered, and the entire proceedings were of such an enjoyable character as to make the closing hours of the session such as will be well remembered until the brethren again meet for Masonic labour. In addition to the above-named, there were present Bros. Theo. W. Williams, J. Hostombe, W. Jones, Hardy Smith, Walter Martin, P.M., Geo. Scudder, P.M., J. Peters, H. T. Bonner, A. Norris, W.M., No. 1997, &c. Bro. Atkinson very ably conducted the musical portion of this thoroughly satisfactory entertainment.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

"THE GRAND OLD CRAFT."

Masonic Song, dedicated to the Oriental and Bulwer Lodges of Constantinople, by BR.·. A. H. SCAIFE.

COME! drink long life to the grand old "Craft,"
None's rigged more tightly fore and aft;
Ancient, Free, while ages run,
She's still *Accepted* as A 1.
Chorus—And he who will this truth deny:
Down among the dead men,
Down among the dead men,
Down, down, down, down,
Down among the dead men let him lie.

Across life's wild, tempestuous Sea
Swift sails the good craft "*Masonry*,"
Well found, well manned, with trusty crew
Composed of none but Masons true. *Chorus.*

Now in this "craft" of Masonry
Are high and low of each degree;
And none too great and none too small
If only true, they're welcome all. *Chorus.*

There's work to do for all on board:
And work that brings it's own reward—
Since no good Mason need despair
Of getting, some day, "*past the Chair*." *Chorus.*

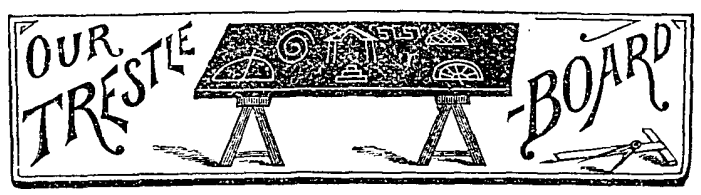
But if he would attain to this,
Attending Lodge he should not miss,
And when he gets the Master's call,
He should come to Freemasons' Hall. *Chorus.*

Now Masons all, of all degrees,
Do not forget to pay your fees—
For rocks the old craft mostly fears,
Financially, are called "arrears." *Chorus.*

Remember that the Mason's grip
Implies five points of *Fellowship*—
But *fellowship*-mates we are not
When we omit to "pay our shot." *Chorus.*

Then may fair breezes always waft
And fill the sails of the Grand-Old Craft.
While she freights *Love, Truth* and *Relief*
There is no fear she'll come to grief. *Chorus.*

Constantinople, Jan. 9th, 1889.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

The importance of the Special Court on the affairs of the Boys' School, to be held this day, cannot be over estimated by the Craft generally, for to our mind the enquiry lately held affects the entire system of Masonic charity, "root and branch." Most thinking English Freemasons are thrown back to a serious consideration of what our predecessors intended when the earliest of the three existing Institutions was founded. Did they ever contemplate or desire such palatial establishments as are now to be seen respectively at Clapham, Wood Green, and Croydon? We doubt it, and are far more disposed to think that a continuance in the rough and ready, yet nevertheless effective plan of education and support of children, and the maintenance of the aged and the infirm, would have been mo e useful, and have spread the bounties of charity to a greater number of deserving objects than have, notwithstanding arithmetical calculation of large totals, benefitted thereby.

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Accepting matters as they now stand in relation to establishments, or we should say as they may stand after the reform imperatively demanded, what are we doing for posterity? Can we secure in perpetuity the necessary funds for maintaining these large buildings and the staff of officials and dependents absolutely necessary for upholding them? Even now there is no certainty from year to year as to our respective Festival funds, and by-and-bye what may possibly ensue! There is no need to specify evils of the on-coming of which we have no prescience, nor need we be pessimistic; but the experience of the past should be the guide for the future, and we learn from the former how nations can be afflicted and fortunes dissolved. It is worth while to consider what might be the result of any great national calamity paralysing the will to succour the helpless and infirm, and preventing the sustentation of the magnificent residences we have erected.

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A correspondent who is an ex-pupil of the Boys' School, and a letter from whom over the motto "*Palmam qui meruit ferat*," appeared in our columns of the 16th ult., again asks us for the promised answer thereto. We cannot but admit that the pressure of other important Masonic matters had quite driven the promise from our mind; and now, when we take the enquiry into consideration, we find it is not an easy one to reply to. We know of no Lodge which would initiate a "Lewis" for a "*much reduced sum*" below its ordinary initiation fee: nor do we think it either politic or necessary that any Lodge should do so. The entrance into the Masonic Order is already made a great deal too cheap, and the circumstances surrounding those who offer themselves for initiation are not sufficiently considered before they are "accepted." Our ex-pupil will kindly take it from us, without taking offence, that he had better put aside his desire to enter the Order until he is so circumstanced as to be able, "without detriment to himself or connections," to be more careful for the interest of others than of himself, particularly in respect of pecuniary matters.

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This is what the *South African Freemason* says about Lodge meetings in taverns:—"It is rather amusing to us to find certain of our brethren in England continuing to exercise their minds on the evils of meeting in public-houses, and seeming to view a general building of lodge rooms as a sort of Utopian idea. Why, bless their Masonic hearts, we in poor South Africa never think of meeting in a 'public-house.' We have solved the question long ago. We should like to show some of our Home brethren little lodges of 20 to 30 members in out-of-the-way up-country villages, possessing their own well-built temples, land, lock, stock and baggage, bought and paid for by themselves."

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We learn by the *Voice of Masonry* (Chicago) that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi which met at Meridian on the 14th February last, "*inter alia*, altered the Constitution so as to exempt from the payment of dues all brethren over 70 years of age, who had been affiliated Masons twenty-one consecutive years." This is, in our opinion, a reasonable concession to veteran Craftsmen, and might be worth consideration at home.

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The New Zealand Mail will be especially thanked by us if it will direct its masonic editor to carry out the masonic injunction to "act honorably by all men," by acknowledging the sources from which he gets his "copy." We consider he can do the paper with which he is connected no harm by crediting the journals from which he selects poems and articles, and not entirely leaving out the authors' names. We are hard hit ourselves by the insertion of our own "poor thing"—"What better theme than Masonry"—without the slightest reference to its author.

Questions and Answers.

*** *Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—*Are there any specially appropriate passages in V.S.L. at which the Greater Light should be opened in the several degrees of Craft Masonry?*—ADONHIRAM.

A.—Dr. Oliver says "We have no especial directions about the place at which the V.S.L. ought to be unclosed by the P.M. at the commencement of opening a Lodge. Any chapter of any book will be correct, provided it has a direct application to some circumstance connected with the degree under consideration. In the First Degree, Ruth iv.; Gen. xxi., xxii.; or 2 Sam. xxiv., will be appropriate. The Second Degree would demand 1 Kings vi., 2 Chron. iii., or Judges xii.; and the Third, 2 Chron. iii. or vi." We, however, incline to the opinion of many well-informed brethren that the opening at Psalm cxxxiii. is sufficiently appropriate for each of the three degrees.

ADONHIRAM is referred to the note at heading. His second question is not such as we can reply to in these pages.—ED. M.S.

We Notify that:—

——The Star Chapter of Instruction has adjourned until Friday, September 6th.

——This evening, June 6th, the veteran preceptor, W. Bro. T. J. Barnes, so well known in the east of London, will preside as Section Master in the Victoria Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1816. The fifteen sections will be worked by some of the most able brethren who have acquired proficiency under his tuition. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. sharp, at the George Inn, Broadway, Stratford, E.

——The Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, has adjourned till Wednesday, the 2nd October next, when it will meet as heretofore at Bro. Silvester's, "The Alfred," Roman Road, Barnsbury.

——A Cricket Match will be played next Saturday, June 8th, at Lake's Farm, Wanstead, between the Moorleigh Club, the members of which are the compositors of the *Masonic Star*, Messrs. Adams Bros., and the St. Dunstan's Club, comprising the employés of Messrs. Skipper & East. Wickets will be pitched at 3 p.m. precisely.

THE ZETLAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 511—At the York and Albany, Park Street, Camden Town, Monday, June 3rd. Present—Bros. S. Lichtenfeld, W.M.; Strech, S.W.; Shutt, J.W.; Bartlett, S.D.; H. Halliday, J.D.; Harnell, Sen., I.G.; H. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; Mulrey, Preceptor; Gittens, Harnell, jun., Higgs, Casely, Ram, Rex, Righton, and several other brethren. The lodge opened with solemn prayer. The ceremony of passing and raising was rehearsed, Bros. Righton and Casely acting as candidates, respectively. Both ceremonies were rendered most impressive by the musical accompaniment, Bro. Rex acting as organist. Bro. Higgs was elected hon. and Bro. Ram joining members. Bro. Strech having been elected W.M., appointed officers in rotation, and the proceedings terminated.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I cordially concur, with one exception, in the resolutions adopted by the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, with reference to the Report of the Committee of Investigation, published in your last issue. Unless a clean sweep is made of the neglectful House and Audit Committees and of the peccant officials implicated, no confidence can be placed in the management of the Institution, nor can the brethren continue to support it. In my own province the feeling is universal that if this course is not taken we cannot in future continue the liberal help we have hitherto given the Institution.

But I cannot agree with the resolution of the Carnarvon Lodge, "That under the present circumstances of the school no subscriptions should be paid to it." The school has done incalculable good, spite of its mismanagement, and the Craft would be untrue to its best principles if it adopted a course which would result in the deprivation of so many of the innocent sons of our poorer brethren of its educational benefits. I have every confidence that the Special General Court, to be held on the 6th prox., will deal thoroughly and effectually with the misgovernment brought to light by the Committee of Investigation. Yours fraternally,

May 30th, 1889. PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am told that previous to the late meeting of our Provincial Grand Lodge, there was a meeting of the Charitable Association connected with the province, and that it was resolved "That the Report of the Enquiry Committee (Bro. Philbrick's) should be at once accepted, without reservation, as the basis of thorough and complete reform." It has been said that the feeling of many of the brethren was that it was not near strong enough. I must confess, however, that I cannot conceive any expressions much stronger in the way of condemnation of the entire management *ab ovo usque ad mala*, and if only the Special Court should insist upon that and no more, no more will be required.

Several of my friends, as well as myself, have received a reprint from one of the Masonic Journals, attacking the impartial character of Bro. Philbrick's report, and these reprints seem to have been scattered about pretty thickly, at whose cost does not appear to be known. If this inspired article is to be the line upon which the Special Court will adjudicate, all I can say is that there will be a general stop of supplies to the *three* institutions from *our* province. I should think the eyes of the brethren are opened to the necessity for clearing away entirely the management and staff of the one now implicated. It is all nonsense, and no use, for your contemporaries to talk so wildly about "Midsummer madness," or the treatment of the subject as a "silly season big gooseberry, or sea serpent." It is far too serious a matter for such contemptuous dismissal, and the subscribers should be, as I personally am, indebted to your paper for the example you set of fair and outspoken criticism. Your contemporaries are doing the Charities of the Masonic Order more injury by their policy of timid silence, than your paper can possibly do by enlightening those contributors to their funds who have hitherto been kept in darkness.

I fear that more than one or two lodges will follow the example of the Carnarvon, 1572. It may be hard lines, but they only stop the supplies until the cure has been effected. Old Masons, with their stewards' jewels, &c., have mostly "shot their bolt," and it is to the younger ones the Institutions have to trust for future supplies. Let them be sure that what they give in the cause of charity will be *faithfully* applied.

You have my name, if required, but I prefer to sign myself,

Yours fraternally,

June 2nd, 1889. STAFFS.

R.M.I.B. GENERAL COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The great meeting of the 1st June has taken place, but alas! the Masonic attributes we are taught and charged to observe amongst *brethren* were conspicuous by their absence.

As many on leaving the hall enquired, "What is the real upshot of all this?" permit me to put on record what I saw and heard.

1. The evident sense of the meeting was *not* to *confirm* the minutes for legislative action, but simply to *ratify* their *correctness*. The "chair" and its advisers vigorously endeavoured to enforce the ruling that the minutes must, *of necessity*, be confirmed, which resulted in a long wrangle, serving only to confuse all parties as to *what* was being voted, and ultimately it was declared, "the minutes are confirmed."

2. The next business was to elect a House Committee. This was vigorously opposed by the crowded meeting, but the continuous cross-fire between the speakers prevented any proper debate and the "chair" seemed powerless to quell the confusion, but appeared to announce or support various dicta as suggested by different advisers.

Hence we heard :—

(*a.*) That the House Committee *must* be elected on first Saturday in June.

(*b.*) That the House Committee *ceased to exist* by effluxion of time on this 1st of June, whether their successors were elected or no.

(*c.*) That after 5 p.m. no new Committee could be elected until June, 1890, but the old Committee would remain in office till then.

(*d.*) That no election could be made at an adjourned meeting.

Finally :—

(*e.*) The Chairman declared at 5 p.m. "no election can now take place."

(*f.*) And afterwards declared the meeting adjourned for one month.

Sir, does not this tend to prove the existence of a party desirous of wresting the R.M.I.B. from its proper custodians; in fact, make it an irresponsible freehold? If this be not the case, why this anxiety to insist on the election of the Committee before the discussion of "The Report of the Investigating Committee?" Why call the General Court for 12 noon on Thursday, when the greater number of the Life Governors and subscribers (who are the bone and sinew of the Institution), are tied to their business?

Can one imagine a more solemn farce than to elect a House and Finance Committee *absolutely unpledged* to anything whatever, giving them uncontrolled power for twelve months, and then to hold a meeting to decide what that unpledged and autocratic Committee shall do!

Hence, Bro. Editor, arises the dissatisfaction of numbers, including myself, who attended in the cause of RELIEF, to act in all BROTHERLY LOVE to discover the TRUTH by postponing the election of any Committee until the real Masters and Directors of the Institution, viz. : the Life Governors and Subscribers who form the General Court, could discuss the report and decide on what mandate to give as to the duties and regulations for Committees and all others concerned.

This, in fact, is the kernel of the contest we are now witnessing—*Who shall control the R. M. I. B.?* Officialism or the General Court? Surely there can be but one reply,—but, should officialism by any misfortune temporarily triumph, there arises the form of the High Court of Chancery to be invoked to order the well-ruling and governing of a Masonic Charity, and to stand as their natural protector before our poor Boys who have hitherto been taught to look in all childish confidence to their Masonic uncles.

Yours fraternally.

SEMAJ.

"HOW IT STRIKES A STRANGER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

On Saturday last I attended the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the expectation of hearing some discussion, not of the subject matter of the Investigation Committee's Report, but of the means by which the Institution was to be carried on pending the action of the properly constituted General Court on Thursday next.

It was a most unpleasant surprise to find a state of utter confusion, out of which no satisfactory result could possibly arise.

Is it too late to appeal, through you, to the members of the Craft attending the General Court to avoid a repetition of this scene on Thursday next?

Many brethren are travelling long distances for the purpose of deliberation, in the interests of the Institution, on a crisis of the utmost gravity. It would be an insult to the Committee of Investigation (as strong and capable a committee as could possibly be formed) and a stultification of ourselves to ignore their report, or not to accept it as a judicial deliverance on the present state of the school. The feeling of indignation is strong and general, but the question now before us is how the Institution can be thoroughly reformed and purged from the abuses which mar its usefulness. The more restrained and careful the discussion the more certain is a successful result.

The House and Finance Committees are entitled to a patient hearing, and the more freely this is accorded the stronger will be the position of those who propose to insist that reform shall be thorough, and not merely nominal. No institution can be reformed by vulgar and senseless clamour, and while nothing less should content us than such a change in administration and system as will guarantee a better management in the future—an object which must be pressed without consideration of persons—this result will be attained most effectually and most promptly by a resolution on the part of the General Court, as calm and deliberate as it is firm.

Yours fraternally,

J. BODENHAM, V.P.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. R., CROYDON.—You are wrong to reproach us for the result of your own delay. Your communication could have reached us long before it did; and moreover it might have been in the form of a notice. We cannot undertake to prepare reports from programmes alone.

J. F.S., BOLTON—Your original songs shall appear in "Poet's Corner"

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.—See Trestle Board Column.

LIFE GOVERNOR, M.B.F.—Your letter reaches us as we go to press. Shall have attention.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South African Freemason; The Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.; *Society*.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

The Viator Lodge, membership of which will be restricted to that very useful and hard working body, the commercial travellers of England. was consecrated on Saturday last by a very old "traveller" Col. Shadwell Clerke, who for many years, both at home and abroad, has represented the grand old firm of "Queen and Country, unlimited."

The Wardens chairs were filled by Bros. Belton and Matier, the oration of the Chaplain called forth the unanimous expression of "Well done, Weldon," and the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Frank Richardson, apparently solved the problem of being in two places at once.

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We sat down some seventy to dinner, which it is scarcely necessary to say was very satisfactory, and Brother Arthur Clemow, the manager of Anderton's Hotel worked like a galley slave to promote the comfort and harmony of the evening.

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The General Committee of the Boys' School met on Saturday, and managed to beat the record. I have never been at Donnybrook Fair, nor do I know much, except theoretically, about a bear garden, but I should say that either of these places would be a peaceful haven of rest after my experience of some of the life governors, who were barely restrained from open violence.

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If the Special General Court, on Thursday, is to be conducted on similar lines, I warn all brethren who have any respect for themselves to keep away. I most certainly believe there will be nothing to be found in the hall on Friday but hats and boots. Like the far-famed Kilkenny cats, the opposing parties will have eaten each other.

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My congratulations to the newly appointed grand officers of Grand Mark Lodge, and especially to such well-known brethren as Lord Cremorne, Sir Lionel Darell, W. G. Lemon, &c. This popular Grand body may well be high up in the favour of the universal craft. As I foreshadowed some time ago, the "Great Earl" of Euston has succeeded the lamented Canon Portal as President of the General Board. Long life and health to him.

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I am told the contest for the Board of General purposes bids fair to be very close. I have no doubt but that the good sense of the electors will take care that the best men win.

THE DINER OUT.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 890.—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. Present: G. March, J. 733, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; J. Davies, N. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, N. 975, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; M. Speigel, 834. The chapter was declared open for the purpose of improvement. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chalfont, candidate. A letter from Comp. Dean was read, thanking the companions for their kind sympathy during his illness. and that he hoped to be present at the next convocation. Comp. Davies was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks. After hearty good wishes the chapter was closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

A Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held in the Hall at Holborn Restaurant, London, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the Right Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, presiding. The R.W. Bro. William Kelly, Prov. G.M., Leicestershire, acted as D.G.M. The R.W. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.S. Warden, and the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, G.J. Warden, occupied their respective chairs; and the remaining Grand Officers were also present, together with a large assemblage of Past Grand Officers, and the Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of private lodges. Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the presiding Grand Master, in a feeling address, referred to the great loss sustained by the Order by the recent lamented decease of the M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Master, which melancholy event had been formally communicated to the Grand Lodge on the 12th April, and whose eminent ability and zealous service had so materially conduced to the successful progress of the Mark Degree. Words were inadequate to describe the appreciation of those lengthened and valuable services, which would ever be gratefully remembered by all whose good fortune it was to be associated with him in the various spheres of labour in which he had played so conspicuous a part. A letter of condolence had been forwarded to Mrs. Portal conveying a tribute of respect and affectionate remembrance, to which a sympathetic reply had been made, and therefore no further resolution was necessary. It would not, however, have been fitting to commence the business of the present communication, more particularly as Grand Lodge and its members evidenced their sorrow by the outward tokens of mourning, without some reference to the loss they had sustained, and a sorrowful remembrance of their lamented brother's association with them even up to the date of their last meeting, when he advocated the purpose they had in view of securing premises for the future convenience of their Grand Lodge. The R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, acting Dep. G.M., endorsed the observations of the acting Grand Master. The minutes of the Grand Lodge, held on the 6th December last, and of the Special Grand Lodge, held on the 5th March, were then confirmed. The following recommendations of the General Board were unanimously agreed, viz.:—

"That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of 'Provincial Grand Lodge' shall be changed to 'District Grand Lodge,' and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodge to regulate the Fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board;" and,

"That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect."

The remainder of the Report was adopted, together with a recommendation of a Grant to the Widow of a deceased brother. The acceptance of the position of Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was announced and proclaimed in the customary manner. The following brethren were appointed by His Royal Highness, and in most instances were invested by the Acting Grand Master, viz.:—

The Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton ...	Pro Grand Master.
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford...	Dep. G. Master.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Cremorne	G.S.W.
Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.	G.J.W.
Richard Vassar Vassar Smith	G.M.O.
W. G. Lemon	G.S.O.
Butler Wilkins	G.J.O.
The Rev. Dr. Herbert Kynaston	G. Chap.
The Rev. Trevor Parkins	G. Chap.
Henry Faija (elected)	G. Treas.
Frank Richardson	G. Reg.
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston	Pres. G. Bd.
Frederick Binckes	G. Sec.
Felix Sumner Knyvett	G.S.D.
William Goodacre	G.S.D.
Henry Stocker	G.J.D.
H. E. Cousans	G.J.D.
Rowland Plumbe	G. Insp. Wks.
Robert Berridge	G. Dir. Cer.
J. H. Matthews	G. Asst. D.C.
J. B. Bridgman	G. Asst. D.C.
Dr. F. B. Purchas	G. Swd. Br.
W. F. Christian	G. Std. Br.
A. R. Carter	G. Std. Br.
Thomas Troman	G. Org.
Chas. Fitzgerald Matier	A.G. Sec.
Joseph Mainwaring	G.I.G.
J. Unwin	A.G.I.G.

Grand Stewards.

Bros. J. M. Collins, Bon Accord Lodge; E. M. Money, Old Kent Lodge; Philip Saillard, Grosvenor Lodge, 144; Edwin Storr, Brixton, 234; T. E. Biddlecombe, Trinity College, 244; G. H. Newington Bridges, Kintore, 333; J. W. Howard Thompson, Percy, 144; Henry Fisher, Prov. of Warwickshire; William Denne, Invicta, No. 378; G. J. Brady, Prov. of Dorsetshire; W. R. Felton, Prov. of Glo'ster and Hereford; S. Knight, Prov. of Berks and Oxon; K. McEwen, Prov. of North Wales; and G. P. Airey, Alfred, No. 247.

General Board.

Bros. Frederic Davison, Alfred Williams, James Moon, C. H. Driver, Thomas Cubitt, George Cooper, D. George Mickley, J. E. Dawson, R. Loveland Loveland, A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, and Rev. Hayman Cummings,

The Grand Lodge having been closed with solemn prayer, a large proportion of the brethren adjourned to banquet.

PROVINCIAL.

EAST LANCASHIRE—HEATON NORRIS.—EGERTON LODGE—No. 1030.—The report of the meeting of this lodge on the 27th ult., was wrongly headed "*Cheshire, Stockport*," in our last issue. We have been requested to correct the error.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—The foundation stone of new Masonic buildings at West Bromwich, the capital for which, £3,000, has been subscribed in shares by the members of the Dartmouth Lodge. No. 662, was laid on the 28th ult., by his Worship the Mayor of West Bromwich, W. Bro. E. W. W. Heelis, *J.P.*, with full Masonic ceremony, assisted by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Colonel Foster Gough, *LL.D.*, and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The proceedings were of a highly interesting character, but want of space forbids a lengthened report.

STAFFS. MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.—At a Special Meeting of the Committee held at West Bromwich on 28th ult., W. Bro. J. Bodenham. Past A.G.D.C., President, in the Chair, it was proposed by the President and seconded by W.Bro. Barnett, P.P.G.W., and resolved unanimously that—"This Committee having heard with profound regret the result of the inquiry into the Management, Expenditure, and Discipline of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is of opinion that it is essential that the Report of the Committee should be at once accepted without reservation, as the basis of a thorough and complete reform." The resolution was afterwards submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge held the same day.

SURREY.—CROYDON.—FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall Croydon, Surrey. Present: Bros. D. R. Wise, the W.M.; C. G. Scott, P.M. acting S.W.; Charles M. Ohren, P.M., acting J.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.M. and Treasurer; James Waterman. S.D.; Aubrey M. Ohren, J.D.; Wm. F. Payne, I.G., and Harold Levett. Sen. Steward; also Past Masters, Arthur J. Dickinson, A. T. Jeffery, and Wm. Geo. Hunter. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. E. Poole, of the Abbey Lodge No. 2,030, and John Rhodes, P.P.G. Organist for Surrey. Letters, messages, and telegrams were laid before the Lodge from the following Past Masters: Wm. Sugg. J. W. Sugg. Fredk. A. Manning, J. C. F. W. Rogers, Wm. Geo. Batchelor, and H. E. Frances (Secretary), Wm. Ackland, J.W., and Walter King, Junior Steward. The W.M. drew attention to the fact that the Lodge was draped in black, and the brethren wore the emblems of mourning, and referred in feeling terms to the great loss the brethren had sustained by the death of the R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, their late Provincial Grand Master, and moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his widow and family expressing the sorrow of the members of the Lodge, and their deep sympathy with them in this their time of trouble. This was seconded by the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, and carried unanimously. The other Masonic business having been got through, the W.M. stated that he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., the presentation to the Treasurer, the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, of a large photographic portrait of himself, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of their respect and esteem, The W.M. referred to the eminent services Bro. Ohren had rendered to Freemasonry in general, as well as the Frederick Lodge of Unity in particular, for a long series of years, Bro. Ohren joining the Lodge in 1867, and had since that time promoted the welfare of the Lodge in every way; he had been the secretary for many years, and for the last nine years the treasurer.—This being the first meeting after the jubilee of the Lodge, the brethren had availed themselves of the favourable opportunity for marking so important an event. Bro. Magnus Ohren in accepting the portrait, said he fully appreciated the sentiments expressed by the W.M., and the fraternal goodwill of the members, of those present, as well as those who sent their fraternal greetings. Many of the members present had been introduced by him into the Lodge, and as he felt sure that it would be a pleasure to many to look upon the portrait of an old friend after he had been called "to the Grand Lodge above," he hoped that the brethren would allow the portrait to remain in the Lodge, and become the Lodge property, that he might leave behind him a reminder of one who had spent so many happy hours with them in Lodge. He assured them he should ever remember their great kindness to him, and feel honoured by knowing that they would have the portrait hung in the Lodge, as a memento of that day's presentation. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to one of those nice little dinners always provided for this Lodge, and a very agreeable evening was passed, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and recitations by the W.M., Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohren, Harold Levett, and others, Bro. John Rhodes the Provincial Grand Organist, presiding at the piano. The Tyler's toast was given soon after nine, as the majority of the members live at some distance from Croydon, and generally catch the 9.45 train to London and intermediate stations.

KENT.—The preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Apollonian Hall, Dover, on the 29th ult., the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, P.G.M., presiding. The brethren present numbered nearly a hundred and fifty, and some important business was transacted. The date of the Grand Festival was fixed for the 2nd of July, at Bromley. It was decided to give to the Widows' Benefit Fund twenty guineas in the names of ten lodges (£210), beginning at the oldest lodge and working upwards. The sum of £105 was voted for the Girls' Schools in the names of five lodges, and also £199 10s. to the Boys' Schools in the name of the Provincial Grand Master, to enable him to become a Vice-Patron. At 4.30 o'clock a banquet was given at the Town Hall, about a hundred of the brethren being present. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and the proceedings terminated at about half-past eight o'clock.

HYDE PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd June, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; O. W. Pattley, S.W.; E. Coleman, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Major Ferris, S.D.; N. Spyer, J.D; A. B. Northcroft, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Assistant Preceptor; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; H. Grentrip, visitor; W. J. Millington, 2246. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington being candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Millington was elected a member and Bro. Battley W.M. for June 17th, the officers to be in rotation. A vote of condolence with Mrs. and Bro. Smith was passed, on the lamentable death of Mr. Miller. After hearty good wishes the lodge was closed.

GLEANINGS.

IF we were all to agree in the things pertaining to our Order, it would be a sure indication that there remained but little of interest in our Institution. The very friction of able Masonic writers and jurists upon questions of law, government, ethics, etc., indicates the profundity and diversity of Masonry.—*Voice of Masonry.*

To experience the bickering, the envy, the strife, the discord which too often arise among Masons and in Lodges, casts our ideal

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Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (1st) THURSDAY, JUNE 6th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
Mark.		
214	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, JUNE 7th.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
1271	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1489	Marquis of Ripon	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.	
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1584	Loyalty and Charity	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
2076	Quatuor Coronati...	F. M. H.
	(2nd) MONDAY, JUNE 10th.	
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1891	St. Ambro	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington
1922	Earl of La hom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
Q.A.C.		
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
2366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.	
167	St. John's	Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead
255	Harmony	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.		
223	West Smithfield	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
149	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
R.C.		
71	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th.	
13	Union Waterloo	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
1228	Beacontree...	Pri. Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone
1269	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1586	Upper Norwood	White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood
1610	Northern Bar	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1629	United	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
R.C.		
1	Grand Metropolitan	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, JUNE 13th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane, E.C.
R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.

often times into the dirt with other human institutions. Would to heaven it were all it is pictured! would that friendship, morality and brotherly love ever prevailed, and that the votaries of the Mystic Tie were purified of that sordid, narrow, selfish, ungenerous nature which characterizes man in every walk of life.—Bro. H. Weller, D.D., in *Voice of Masonry*.

A mandarin who took much pride in appearing with a number of jewels on every part of his robe, was once accosted by an old sly bonze, who following him through several streets and bowing often to the ground, thanked him for his jewels. "What does the man mean?" cried the mandarin. "Friend, I never gave thee any of my jewels." "No," replied the other, "but you let me look at them, and that is all the use you can make of them." This incident reminds us that we must not make Masonry something simply to look at. On the contrary, we must be a worshiping fraternity, with the Grand Master on high the object.—A.J.B. in New York *Dispatch*.

LECTURES ON MASONRY.—Masonic lectures are by no means a novelty to the Fraternity. For nearly two centuries the Craft have been enlightened by them. From a remote period the ancient charges were read to newly made brethren, and conveyed to them information of their duties. It is from the technical lectures of Masonry that the initiate derives all his knowledge of the force, meaning, symbolism, and philosophy of the Fraternity. They are required to embrace all of the important points of information, and officers may, to a degree, illustrate and enlarge on them, in order to enforce them still more clearly and forcibly. But there are other lectures whose delivery is optional and whose purpose is to enlighten the Fraternity upon their duties and make them aware of the literary and scientific treasures possessed by our Craft. They sometimes bear directly upon the work of the Fraternity; at other times they elucidate the origin and history of Freemasonry or enforce the moral obligations of brethren; and often they illustrate either the one or the other of these more remotely, or some related topic, and throw the light of learning, the halo of eloquence and the force of individual magnetism and character into and upon the body of the Fraternity.—New York *Dispatch*.

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IN compliance with a Requisition received by me from the Treasurer of the Institution—in accordance with Law 31—I hereby give notice that a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1889:

To consider the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly General Court, of 27th July, 1888, which Report was presented to, and received by, the Quarterly General Court, of 26th April, 1889, and to take such steps thereon as may be determined.

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

FREDERICK BINCKES (*P.G.Std.,P.G.S.B.*)
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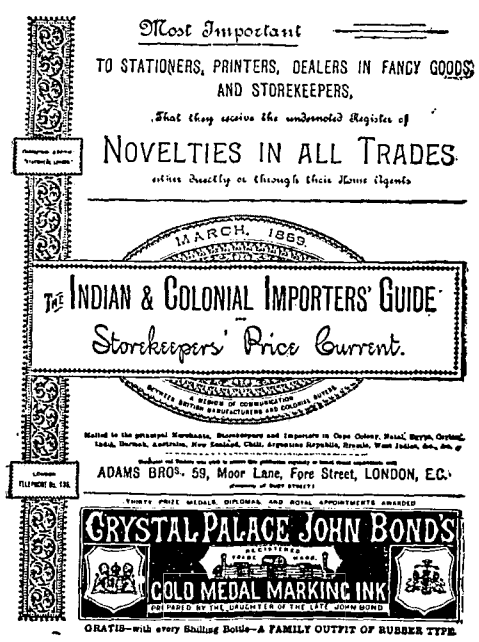
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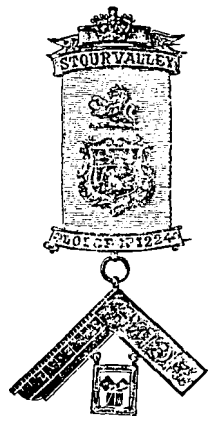
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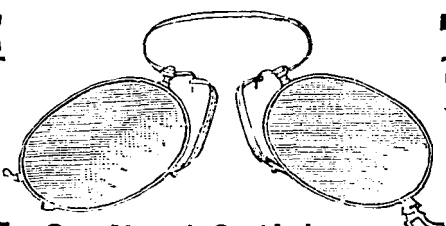
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Condemnation.

AS will be seen by our account of the proceedings of the Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on Thursday last, the report of the Committee of Investigation lately presented has been adopted, and the recommendations annexed thereto are to be carried out in their entirety. The condemnation of the management of the Institution during the past few years has been pronounced without reservation of any kind; and the determination that a better order of things shall be at once established gives promise that the future will remedy the evils of the past. There can be no doubt that the most proper course which could have been taken was that which secures the temporary management of the affairs of the School by a Provisional Committee, whose powers will be such as to set aside all possible interference from any person or persons hitherto connected with the former Committees or deriving authority therefrom. Probably never in the annals of charitable institutions has so entire and immediate a change in administration taken place, or so sweeping a condemnation been so deserved. To the Craft generally it must be a matter of deep regret that the affairs of one of their beloved Institutions should have become the subject of public discussion, and the discreditable details spread far and wide by the universal press. But they may be consoled by the knowledge that the late investigation was made in time to prevent further mischief; and that when known to those concerned effectual steps were taken to mark their sense of disapprobation, and to call to account the Committees and Officials who were responsible for the mischief done.

We have now the satisfaction of knowing that the Institution will be safe during an interregnum, more or less prolonged as circumstances may require, in the hands of a body of brethren of distinguished reputation in the Craft, and of undoubted independence in connection with Masonic matters. And it will be the duty of all true friends of the Institution to avoid any interference whatsoever with their deliberations or directions. It may be relied upon that the report they will make at a future Special Court, and the advice as to subsequent arrangements which such report may contain, will merit and meet with approbation; and whether it be that the displacement which has been demanded shall be quite so complete as has been apparently desired, or that some amount of condonation may be advisable in the interests of the school, their decisions should be loyally accepted and acted upon.

The proceedings of the late Special Court; the disapproval it has expressed; the reproof it has administered; the condemnation of those in whom the subscribers had trusted, and the steps taken for securing a future administration, free from all those evils which have brought obloquy on the Institution, should now, we think, satisfy those who have lately hesitated as to the disposition of their charitable gifts in favour of the Boys' School. Whilst any uncertainty existed it could well be supposed that lodges and individual brethren would, and very properly so, refrain from any efforts to assist "a muddled charity," and subscribe funds which might not have direct application to the objects for which they were raised. But now there can be no such reason for withholding assistance, for the fullest reliance can be placed upon the provisional management and the integrity of the policy they will adopt during their regency. The certainty in this respect is even greater at the moment than could, at the best, have been the case had not the recent investigations taken place, and, therefore, as the School *must* be carried on from day to day, and funds for such purpose are probably more than ever necessary, whilst it would be a cruel shame that our poor lads should be the sufferers for the faults of those who stood *in loco parentis* towards them—for all these and many more reasons—the resolutions of lodges and individuals, which resolutions if carried out would considerably lessen the anticipated and necessary income of the Institution, should be recalled, and the strongest possible efforts be made to strengthen the hands of the provisional management and afford them fair opportunity for advising upon the future re-arrangement or re-establishment by securing a grand total on the Stewards' Lists at the forthcoming Festival in July. No fear but that *that* will be faithfully applied, and perhaps, and very probably, the announcement of a larger amount than might have been expected would have the effect of restoring a confidence which in former years this Institution enjoyed in common with others, which it is sad to know has been so rudely shaken, but which, notwithstanding present condemnation, nay! possibly because thereof, may soon become as strong as ever.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SPECIAL COURT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

This anxiously expected gathering of the Life Governors and Subscribers of the Institution took place in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Thursday last, the 6th inst., and was largely attended, as well by provincial as metropolitan brethren. With the remembrance of the confusion which prevailed at the meeting of the General Court on the previous Saturday, there were not wanting many expressions of doubt as to the preservation of order throughout this meeting, and it is gratifying to be enabled to record at once that, all things considered, the proceedings were far from being of a turbulent character. The first step in the right direction for conciliating the large audience was taken by V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. treas. who, on being nominated as chairman, very gracefully, and, as we think, with great tact and judgment, suggested the chair should be occupied by the R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, *M.P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and who had the previous evening presided over the United Grand Lodge in the absence of the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. Such a proposal could not fail of ready acceptance, and the assurance of able and impartial ruling at once secured effective deliberation. On taking the chair, Bro. Beach was supported by, amongst others, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Plucknett, treasurer of the institution; F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, the chairman of the Committee of Investigation, whose entrance into the hall just previously was greeted with much acclamation: Col. A. Thrale Perkins; Richard Eve, P.G. treas.; Asher Barfield, P.G. treas.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., West Yorks.; J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., E. Lanc.; W. F. Smithson, West Yorks.; John Wordsworth, West Yorks.; R. W. Stewart; Dr. F. W. Ramsay; Brackstone Baker; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; J. Terry, sec., R.M.B.I.; F. Binckes, sec., R.M.I.B.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, and others.

The requisition for calling the Special Court was read by Bro. Binckes, and also the notice convening the meeting. BRO. W. SMITH, S.W. 933, at once contested the insufficiency of the notice, the same not having been sent to every subscriber interested in the institution, and moved an adjournment for a fortnight, and at a later hour in the day, with a view to ensuring that every supporter of the schools should know what was going on, and have the opportunity for attending after business hours. This proposition at first appeared to have the approval of a large majority, but on the representation of several provincial brethren who protested against the waste of time and money which they and the brethren whom they represented would suffer if adjournment were agreed upon, and on its being pointed out by the Chairman that the law (31), provided for assembling a Special Court, had been complied with in every respect, and the Secretary could not have exceeded that law, the meeting all but unanimously declared in favour of proceeding with the business at once.

A number of communications from representatives of the provinces of East and West Lancashire, Cheshire, West Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Bristol, Shropshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and from sundry lodges and individual brethren, were directed to be read. These were in every sense in full approval of the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation and unmistakably condemnatory of the Committees and Officials of the Institution. In some cases they were so personal to the Secretary, who, up to now, has not had the opportunity for making what may be termed a masonically public defence, that it seemed a cruel and unkind thing that he should have been required to read his own indictment; but so it was, and he did not flinch in discharge of the requirement. Whatever individual reserve there may be in regard to some of the paid officials, there was not the slightest on the part of the meeting in respect of the Committees, and the announcement of the resignations of the greater number of them was hailed with satisfaction and cries of "Sweep them all away." Bro. Brackstone Baker paid a high compliment to the Committee of Investigation for their Report, which he designated "a State paper," but suggested that it should not be accepted in its entirety until the parties implicated had been first heard in their defence; and without being an apologist for the Secretary or the late management, desired that fair play in hearing the answers to the charges made should be accorded to him and them. It was yet to be considered whether or not the Secretary was a victim to the system of management now called into question. These sentiments did not altogether please his hearers, and BRO. J. H. HAWKINS proceeded to combat them in a very able though, perhaps, a somewhat too personal speech. He admitted that the officers of the Institution were practically on their trial, and should be heard. Therefore the report of the Investigation Committee should be treated in a business like manner, and he would at once move its adoption. It was absolutely impossible that the present meeting could discuss each and all of the clauses contained in the recommendations of the report, but in a general way he would say that, to begin with, they had a House Committee which had grossly neglected and badly managed the Institution, and a Secretary about whom he was sorry to say he would have to use some severe language. Bro. Hawkins then recapitulated in terms of great indignation many of the allegations made in the report, with which, we presume, the great majority of our readers are acquainted, if not in detail by a perusal of the report itself, at least by the publication given thereto in the daily and weekly journals of the country. Whilst confining himself to statements absolutely made by the Committee of Investigation, his remarks were pertinent and effective; but it is a nice point, when he travelled beyond the record, whether or not the "severe language" he had previously alluded to was quite so justifiable. There is a great distinction to be made between the action he condemned, and the definition he gave it, and we prefer to eliminate that portion of his remarks from this report. Bro. Hawkins' motion was seconded, but before being put to the meeting, Bro. Geo. Britten said that whilst agreeing with the recommendations of the Investigation Committee, he thought that when making the proposed change, it should be done with regard to justice to individuals, and that the former valuable services of the Secretary should not be forgotten. He ought not to be entirely deprived of his means of livelihood, and it should be suggested to him that he should resign on an allowance of £500 a year. Bro. Britten proposed accordingly, and the motion was seconded, but the Chairman pointed out that there was nothing in the report itself which called upon the Secretary to resign and that Bro. Britten's proposition could not be an amendment to that before the meeting, but it could be made an after consideration. The motion for the adoption of the report as presented to the meeting was then put and carried amidst great applause. In the midst of the confusion which ensued, a vote of thanks to the Committee of Investigation was proposed by one brother and seconded by another, but it did not reach the chair, and consequently was not put; but the members of that Committee may rest assured that it would have met with general acceptance.

The several clauses in the recommendations made are as follows:—

1. An entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place before the management, discipline and expenditure of the institution will be satisfactory.

2. There should be but one authority (viz., the Head Master) at Wood Green, and the entire establishment there be subject to him.

3. The House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands; must be in touch with the daily life of the school, and give more personal attention, and exercise an intelligent authority in the institution.

4. The questions of sufficient playgrounds and proper appliances for health and cleanliness of the pupils require immediate attention.

5. The Finance Committee should regulate the expenditure under the House Committee, and not rest its efforts after merely checking the vouchers and books put before it.

6. The accounts should be kept as recommended by a qualified public accountant, and annually published as audited and approved by the Finance Committee.

7. The Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green save as the mere official channel of communication with the Head Master.

Bro. Smith, on the adoption of the report containing these recommendations, called especial attention to the first of them, and contended that it should be strictly carried out. If it was desired to place the charitable institutions on a sure foundation the report must be acted upon in spirit as well as in letter, and a clean sweep must be made of the whole administrative body. The new Managing Committees should be formed of brethren who should be selected apart from all cliquism, or any bodies of Freemasons who could influence their election, and the same remark applied to the other Institutions as well. He would move in the terms of the first clause; and also that the Secretary and the entire House and Finance Committee, excepting only the Head Master, Dr. Morris, be requested to at once submit their resignations. This exception was met with loud cries of dissent, and exclamations of "all, all!" Bro. Stiebel, P. Prov. G.J.W., Notts, hoped that the Court would assent to the unanimous voice of Freemasonry, and seconded the motion. Bro. Controller Bake considered that the whole system of the Benevolent Institutions should now be considered, and that instead of sending all the children to London, as now, they should be provided for in the districts where they resided. Bro. Bake was reminded that he was not speaking to the question, and amidst interruption resumed his seat. Bro. Bateman Fox said that it would be better to carry at once a general resolution, and strongly objected to some of the "severe language" he had been compelled to listen to, which did not in any way benefit the Institution. The object in view was purification, and he thought a strong Provisional Committee would have to be appointed to carry out the entire change which must now take place. He therefore moved—"That this Special Quarterly Court, having adopted the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the management of the Boys' School, desires to express its most complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of such Committee; its opinion that the recommendations of such Committee should be supported to the utmost; and that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place."

The Chairman said he thought this proposal scarcely an amendment to the proposition that the spirit of the recommendation of the Committee should be carried out, but agreed that the appointment of a Provisional Committee for that purpose would be a reasonable course to pursue. After some further discussion, and many irrelevant interruptions, Bro. Harry Bevir, representing Wiltshire, said as the Report had been adopted in its entirety there was no necessity of putting individual clauses to the meeting. The meeting was faced with the fact that a large number of the members of the Committees connected with the Institution had resigned, and practically at that moment there was no effective House Committee, and no effective Audit Committee, or Finance Committee. The other members might resign, but whether they did or not it had been practically decided that day that the members of the Committees had forfeited the confidence of the Subscribers. It was absolutely necessary that the working of the School should be carried on from day to day. Was that meeting the best tribunal—off-hand—to deal with the questions raised in the report? He thought not. He did not think the Committee of Investigation would like to be the executioners of their own recommendations, and he therefore proposed that a strong, powerful, and influential Committee should look after the interests of the Institution for the present. He proposed "That Bros. Philbrick, Sir R. Hanson, J. Derby Allcroft, Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Sir R. Fowler, G. Corble, Essex; J. Glass, Essex; G. Lambert, London; The Earl of Euston, Norths and Hunts; Captain S. G. Homfray, Monmouth; R. V. Vassar-Smith, Gloucestershire; W. F. Smithson, West Yorkshire;

Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Somerset; Alderman Harwood, East Lancashire; J. S. Eastes, Kent; Gerard Ford, Sussex; J. E. Le Feuvre, Hants; A. C. Spaull, Salop; T. Bodenham, Staffordshire; R. Wylie, W. Lancashire; and Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, be invited to act as a Provisional Committee to manage the affairs of the Institution, and be requested to report to a future Court the best and most effective mode of carrying out the recommendations in the Report which the brethren had unanimously adopted." Bro. W. F. Smithson having seconded this resolution, and Bro. Philbrick, setting aside his own personal feelings, having assented thereto, the resolution was put and carried unanimously. This would at once have terminated the meeting, but an attempt on the part of Bro. Raynham Stewart to speak in favour of the late House Committee, raised such an amount of disorder as precluded the customary vote of thanks to the chairman,—never better deserved by any brother than on this occasion,—from being heard and responded to as it oth rwise would most assuredly have been but for such ill-judged and ill-timed proceeding.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

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Tune—"On Board of a Man-of-War." (Old Sea-song, 1710).

Around the "festive board," we sit all at our ease,
And, keeping all Masonic, we do whate'er we please;
The Graces all are there, with love upon the square,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
The Graces all are there, with love upon the square,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.

The symbols of the Craft, in beauty hang around;
There's food for deep reflection on the tesselated ground,
The faces on the wall, only happy days recall,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
The faces on the wall, &c.

We sing a merry song—smoke the "calumet of peace,"
And gaily chat together in our cabinet of bliss;
Each brother does his best to entertain the rest,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
Each brother does his best, &c.

No angry look is seen, each face is bright and gay,
And ev'ry risky topic of debate is put away;
We keep the jubilee of the jolly "Fourth Degree,"
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
We keep the jubilee, &c.

Our troubles in the world stop at the mystic door,
And nothing inharmonious may pass the threshhold o'er,
For sorrow, grief, and care, never sit upon the square,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
For sorrow, grief, and care, &c.

May the canker-worm of strife ne'er enter to destroy,
The glowing fruits of Masonry, its beauty and its joy;
Let love and honour dwell, with charity, as well,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
Let love and honour dwell, &c.

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The sublime teachings of Masonry are not simply our idealization, but a realization, and it is the ambition of every true Mason so to live that his brother man may see in him a living witness to this one great Masonic truth: the greatest possible usefulness is the highest law of Masonic life. No man is worthy of its name who is content to absorb its sunshine and yet shed no ray of light or warmth upon his fellow man.—Hugh M. Curdy, in *Voice of Masonry*.

THE mass of Masons, especially the younger brethren, seem to look upon the Master as a sort of presiding officer, without any particular powers or prerogatives, but the truth is that he possesses almost absolute authority over the brethren within the jurisdiction of his lodge. Of course this power is at the present time confined to things Masonic, it being the modification of the almost unlimited powers of Masters in past years, while we were Operative Masons.—*Voice of Masonry*.

He who thinks that he has accomplished all there is to be learned in the entire field of intellectual and moral teaching of Freemasonry deceives himself. The best educated among us has gained but a superficial view, while he who has learned the simplest lessons taught by the tenacity of the acacia, has linked his soul to the Infinite and built a temple therein whose corner stone is taken from the quarries of eternal truth, and whose timbers are stronger than the cedars of Lebanon. Masonry is the religion of education under forms and ceremonies. It pays homage to no other system, and because of its independence it has life.—*Grand Master of West Virginia, U.S.A.*

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Grand Lodge met for the June Communication on the 6th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, *M.P.*, Prov. G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight, in the unavoidable absence of the Pro. Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Pro. G.M. for Middlesex, officiated as D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Dist. G.M. of Bengal, as P.G.M. There was a large attendance of other past and present Grand Officers and other members of the Craft. The acting Grand Master explained the cause of absence of the Pro. Grand Master, and the minutes of former meetings were read. A Communication from the M.W. Grand Master submitting and recommending an application from "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria" for recognition was made, and it appearing that out of a total of 142 lodges, belonging to various jurisdictions in that Colony, only two had not joined the new Grand Lodge, the request was granted with the distinct understanding that the said two lodges continuing to desire to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, should, nevertheless be acknowledged and recognised by the new body. W. Bro. Philbrick supported the application, wishing the new Grand Lodge every masonic success, and the motion was carried amidst applause. It was then announced that His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master had, subject to the recognition which had just been made, acceded to the request of the Grand Lodge of Victoria that he should become their Patron. This was also received with expressions of satisfaction. W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was re-invested on re-appointment. The Colonial Board were nominated and elected as follows:—by the M.W.G.M., Bros. Lieut.-Col. Harding, Chairman; Hugh D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker, members; and by Grand Lodge, Bros. Col. Frederick Gadsden (Madras), P.M. 434; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; James Brett, P.M. 177; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Albert Escott, P.M. 1539; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; and Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.

The following were declared duly elected on the Committee of Management for the Royal Benevolent Institution:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; J. E. Dawson, P.M., 404; C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; Major A. Durrant, P.M. 569; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; I. Dixon, P.M. 1567; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; and Wm. Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625, and the Grand Master appointed the following brethren on the same Committee:—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Jabez Hogg, Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.; Dep.-Insp.-Gen. Thomas Purchas, M.D., R.N.; Frederick Mead, Thomas George Bullen, James Brett, Henry Garrod; William Henry Perryman, and David Dixon Mercer.

The report of the Board of Benevolence was received and the whole of the grants specified in the Agenda (see page 195), and amounting to £810, were confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted, and a grant of £70 from its funds for the supply of coals to the inmates of the institution at Croydon during the winter season, was agreed to. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and subsequently the result of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes was declared. The successful candidates were—Bros. T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179; Gordon Smith, W.M. 14; J. L. Alex. Monckton, *M.A.*, W.M. 197; George Gardner, W.M. 2309; F. E. Pocock, *M.D.*, P.M. 1891; Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 2096; George Read, P.M. 511; Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584; William G. Lemon, P.M. 165; and Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415.

We Notify that:—

——THE WOOD FUND. Our brother, "The Druid," having severed his connection with the MASONIC STAR, has handed over to us his collection to this fund. If any other brethren are anxious or desirous of subscribing, and will send on their amounts to us, we will acknowledge and pay same to the General Committee on July 1st next.—THE EDITOR.

——The Election Meeting of the Lebanon Lodge No. 1326, W. Bro. E. A. Smith, W.M., will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middx., on Saturday next, at 3 p.m. There are four candidates for Initiation, and also work in the Second degree. The Chapter attached to this Lodge holds its next convocation at the "Red Lion" Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, 6th July.

——The twenty first anniversary meeting of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on the 24th July, under the distinguished Presidency of the R. W. Bro. Sir Lionel Edward Darell, Bart., Grand Junior Warden of Mark Master Masons for the present year. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., *secretary to the fund, will receive the names of* brethren willing to act as Stewards on that occasion.

—— The election meeting of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, of which H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., &c., is patron, and W. Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., Secretary, and in which a large number of members of the Craft are interested, will take place at Cannon Street Hotel, London, on Saturday next, the 15th inst. There are so many as 237 applicants for 25 vacancies in this noble Institution, which merits the general support of the British public, and more especially of that portion more immediately connected with our commercial ports and seaboard towns.

——The fiftieth Anniversary of the Consecration of Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, will be commemorated by a banquet at the Town Hall, Newcastle-under Lyme, on the 26th July.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The Australian Keystone; Society; Voice of Masonry, Chicago, for June; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnatti, for May.

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Original Correspondence.

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Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

"THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

At the present time, when we have so much to cause anxiety to the donors or subscribers to our General Craft Charities (Girls, Boys, and Aged), it is very refreshing to contemplate the great good that is being done in a very quiet unostentatious way by the organisation known as the "Mark Benevolent Fund," which I notice is about to celebrate its Twenty-first Anniversary Festival at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 24th July next, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darrell, Bart.

Some of the more striking advantages of this Institution are that the *entire cash donated is applied to the relief and educational purposes for which it is contributed*, and not sunk in expensive building speculations, nor wasted on secretaries nor collectors, the entire expenses for printing, postages and secretary's or office expenses (which includes everything), being only about four per cent. on gross receipts.

The boys and girls placed under the care of this benevolence are educated under home influence at such school as the parents or guardians select, at a cost of not exceeding £12 per head. They may be elected on the charity even during the life and health of both parents, if the parents are not in a position to afford a proper education for deserving children ; or a grant may be made to enable a child to complete his or her education at a suitable or approved grammar school or training institution. And further, a grant of £5 per year is made to every child towards clothing.

The advantages of this home training cannot be too highly commended, as at this stage children are so susceptible ; if sent from home, habits may very readily be contracted that may be very detrimental to them in after life, besides placing them upon a much higher social footing than their less fortunate (?) brothers and sisters, and. if girls, making them comparatively useless to a poor and struggling mother ; for having been so long in contact with influences which they never could have in their respective homes, they have to undergo the unpleasant process of climbing down to the family level upon their return home.

The conditions of eligibility for the ANNUITY FUND are most considerately drafted, and yet in such careful terms as to prevent the funds being squandered on such candidates as do not require or deserve such assistance.

A Benevolent Fund is also in active operation, for the purpose of granting present, prompt and liberal relief to the distressed brother or widow, which is widely recognised as only second to our Grand Craft Lodge Fund of Benevolence. I would respectfully urge Mark Master Masons, especially at the present time, to bear this admirable charity in mind, and give liberally at the forthcoming festival. All necessary information can be had at the office, 8A, Red Lion Square, from the indefatigable secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier.

Others, also, who are not Mark Masons, but who are disposed to contribute to a charity having the lowest possible outlay for office expenses, and no other expenses whatever, all the executive duties being done voluntarily.

Hoping you will excuse me for troubling you at this time when your space must be so fully occupied,

Yours very fraternally,
"LIFE GOVERNOR" *M.B.F.*

THE BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I thought I had done with correspondence on Masonic subjects, but the enquiring epoch has evidently arrived.

I see a letter in your issue of January 24th last, signed "W.M.," anent a Board of Installed Masters, to which you promised an answer "next week." Unfortunately, I missed the answer, and cannot find the paper ; but I should just like to ask how is it possible for "Grand Lodge," being partly composed of *Wardens*, to issue any order anent the constitution or formation of a Board of Installed Masters ? Neither could the matter be discussed therein, unless all below the rank of Installed Master were ordered to retire, when, of course, it would no longer be a Grand Lodge, as per Constitutions, nor can I see any power given to the Board of General Purposes in the Bk. of C., *in re* ritual.

There is difference of opinion as to the mode, formula, and ritual in this province, and possibly in others, but who is competent to decide ?

Some years ago I had the opinion of Bro. Fenn on the subject, but when I put the further question as to the proper time and mode of presenting the W.M. Elect to a Board of Installed Masters, the opinions got muddled !

I was on one occasion present at a somewhat amusing attempt to solve the difficulty. The W.M. Elect of a lodge invited his P.M.'s and W.M. to assist in selecting officers, &c., and to partake of his hospitality. After assembling he was asked to retire. The W.M. declared the brethren assembled a duly constituted Board of I.M., and the Senior P.M. retired and brought in the W.M. Elect (our own host), and presented him as the chosen of his brethren ; he was congratulated, asked to be seated (at his own board), and the dinner proceeded. That was certainly one way out of *part* of the difficulty.

Yours fraternally,
June 7th, 1889. W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T., E.L.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issue of 30th May "A. M. Prestwich" asks :—"Is it the proper thing for a W.M. of a Lodge to vacate the chair when he delegates to a P.M. the working of an initiation, passing or raising ?"

A few years since a similar question arose in a Lodge in this Province, and was referred to a Grand Lodge Officer of high rank and standing.

His reply, which was communicated to the various Lodges in the Province, was to this effect :—"That although it is permissible for the W.M. to delegate any P.M. to conduct or assist in the working of a degree, he (the W.M.) must not vacate the chair, unless he also quits the Lodge-room, in which case, Rule 141, Constitutions, comes into force, excepting where the I.P.M. or any senior P.M. waive their claim to occupy the chair." The above does not, of course, apply to Rules 142 and 143.

Yours fraternally,
Falmouth, 9th June, 1889. P.M. 75.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I was very sorry to notice at the meeting on Thursday last that the assembled brethren were so much against the veteran secretary, while Dr. Morris escaped. Surely if Bro. Binckes is to be blamed for taking too much upon himself, the head master deserves something more than blame for the way in which the domestic arrangements have been carried out, as it was clearly his duty to attend to other matters beyond the mere teaching ; and I shall not be satisfied, nor will many others, unless Dr. Morris resigns. The report states that he has been severe, which is letting him off very lightly ; but beyond that it is evident that many of the matters touched upon by the report should have been reported by him to the House Committee.

I cannot say a word in defence of the House and Finance Committees and their gross neglect of duty ; both bodies must be entirely replaced by brethren who will do the work in a proper manner, and not think so much of the social charms of the Boys' School Dinner Club.

The secretaries of our institutions have been made too much of, and they have been too well paid.

Bro. Binckes should retire on a pension, of say, £400 per annum, and the new secretary should receive £300 per annum, a sufficient salary for a post which requires no special knowledge.

Another committee of eminent masons should at once commence an enquiry into the management and working of the other two charities, as it appears to me that the Girls' School costs too much per child compared with other institutions.

Festivals for several years past have been so successful that we have lost our heads, and unless a reserve fund is formed, I can foresee the utter collapse of all three charities at no distant date.

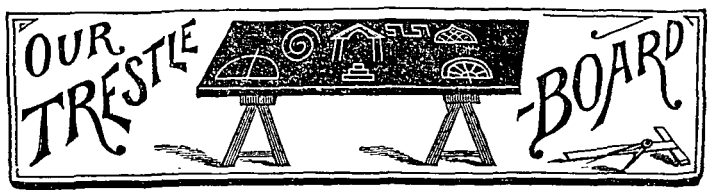
One thing must not be forgotten. We have elected the boys, and it is necessary, apart from all other considerations, that the coming Festival of the Boys' School shall produce ample funds for carrying

on the work, as there is now no fear about the funds being faithfully applied.

I cannot understand brethren withdrawing from the position of steward because the Institution is under a cloud; the funds must be found unless the Craft is to be disgraced before the world.

Yours, &c.

LIFE GOVERNOR OF ALL THE CHARITIES.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Grand Lodge a quarter of an hour late! The good old record of commendable punctuality, "the courtesy of princes" broken! As a rule the Quarterly Communications of United Grand Lodge are opened to the minute. An exception, however, must be taken in respect of last week's meeting, for it was fully a quarter of an hour after the appointed time before the procession of Grand Officers entered the temple. We call attention to this exception in the hope that the rule may be in future again honoured by strict observance; for delay adds greatly to the not unnatural impatience of brethren who, more frequently now than in former days, must attend very early to secure the places to which they have become accustomed.

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The impatience referred to would be greatly modified if the hint we have before now given, at the request of many brethren, could be acted upon. There is an excellent organ in the temple, and each year there is appointed to the honourable office of Grand Organist a brother of recognised talent in the musical world. Why should he not give the members of Grand Lodge a taste of his quality on each of the four occasions when Grand Lodge "communicates" during his term of office? The occupants of the "floor of the house" can only take it for granted that the ability of the recipient of the Grand Master's favour is such as to render him worthy of a position on the dais; for the practical evidence of musical attainments has been always wanting on the occasions referred to.

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Stay! there was one exception, though, to that rule; and we remember expressing in our pages the great gratification with which the assembling brethren then listened to a substitute organist who officiated for the Grand Organist whilst that functionary was at Grand Officers' mess. By all means let the appointed officer enjoy all the privileges attaching to his exalted position; but, at the same time, if he cannot attend himself he should arrange, as on the occasion we refer to, for an effective substitute. To have a Grand Organist and to get no music is something of an anomaly. Let us have some performance, even if it be only of the "common or garden" variety.

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Did the brethren who took their places in the Temple on the 6th inst., prior to entry of the Grand Lodge procession, note the solitary occupant of the otherwise, temporarily, "beggarly account of empty benches."? He "sat in silent solitude, and there was no one near" as the fine old song has it. The elect of the Craft, he nevertheless, like the Peri at the gate of Eden, sat disconsolate. We saw him for some moments, and we think we see him now, in the "Craft's distinctive purple" and a deep frown on his brow! He *can't get in!* Into what, you ask? Why into the aforesaid Mess, or Club, or whatever you may please to call it, which should be of the first to recognise practically the equality of Freemasons *qua* Freemasons, but it would appear really sets up distinctions. Like several of those worthy men who held the office before him P.G.T. has found that to be the "elect of the Craft" is not equal to direct appointment from the fountain of official favour. Clubs and Cliques, Cliques and Clubs, you have—and if not now, you will have—much to answer for in respect of many abuses in Freemasonry which help to bring the Craft into contempt!

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Cliques and Clubs, and Messes—particularly Messes! Too much of this sort of thing surrounds all our Institutions, and the true principles of the Masonic Order are neglected in the rage for forming select coteries, the individual members of which may combine to "sit upon" other men quite equal to themselves in social position, but objectionable because they speak their minds and call things by their proper names. Should we be far out if we said that to "much of this sort of thing" may be attributed the unpleasant position in which some brethren connected with the R.M.I.B. now find themselves? We think not!

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The Toronto Freemason, says *The Masonic Record of Western India*, "takes strong ground in opposing the present Canadian practice of transacting the business of a Masonic lodge in the Entered Apprentice Degree. As the rule now is in that jurisdiction, a brother who has only taken the First Degree can participate in the action of the lodge relating to the most important affairs. He has the privilege of voting for officers, of balloting for candidates, and even of casting his ballot for or against the affiliation of a Master Mason. The remedy for such an anomalous state of things lies with the Grand Lodge, which will probably sooner or later, make a requirement that all business of a subordinate lodge shall be done in the Third Degree. This will help to a better order of procedure, besides acting as a stimulus to a certain class of Entered Apprentices to move forward and take their places in lodge of Master Masons."

In reference to the foregoing paragraph it may be a moot question as to the advisability of changing the degree in which a Lodge can discuss and decide upon matters of business, in some particulars of which even a newly initiated brother may reasonably have a right to be a participant; but there can be no doubt that it is "anomalous state of things" which gives a very important privilege to a neophyte, who cannot by any possibility be in possession of sufficient knowledge to guide his mind aright in the selection of officers, or the acceptance of candidates. In those two respects at least none but Master Masons should have a voice. We have ourselves known of a member of a lodge carrying his own particular crotchet against the wishes of the majority of his brethren, who were Master Masons, by the help of F.C's and E.A's, who, interested in him personally, knew absolutely nothing of the merits of the question upon which he obtained their suffrages.

Questions and Answers.

*** *Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—"*A*" *was exalted many years ago into Royal Arch Masonry, resigned membership of his Chapter and paid up all dues. Two years after such resignation he consents to his name being placed on the summons of another Chapter as a joining Companion, and in his unavoidable absence on the date of meeting is balloted for and unanimously accepted. Is he a member, and is there any sum due from him to the Chapter notwithstanding his absence on the evening of his election and on subsequent occasions?*—A.W.M.

A.—He is certainly a member, and his joining fee and subscriptions are due to the Chapter which completed a contract voluntarily entered into by him in assenting to accept membership on a successful ballot, of the taking of which he doubtless had previous notice.

Q.—*The Bye-Laws of a London Lodge set forth that "the W.M. being duly installed he shall* FORTHWITH *invest the Treasurer and Tyler and the other Officers of the Lodge." Acting on the strict letter of that Bye-Law the M.C. on the occasion of a late installation presented for investment, firstly, the Treasurer; secondly, the Tyler, and then the Wardens and Officers of appointment by the W.M. Was he in order?*—R.F.

A.—By such action precedence is certainly given to two brethren above two of the *principal* officers of the Lodge, which cannot be in accordance with our ancient regulations. The M.C. whilst feeling bound to give effect to the Bye-Laws of his Lodge was not wrong although he departed from usual custom. The written law to his mind had more force than custom had. The Bye-Laws were, however, improperly framed, and it is a matter of surprise that they should have had the approval of the then Grand Secretary. The framers may have thought that the Treasurer and Tyler being respectively officers elected by *the Lodge* in like manner as the Master had been elected, those officers should be invested before any of the Masters' direct appointments; but a reference to the Table of Precedence, published in the Book of Constitutions, would assuredly have set them right, and have prevented the possibility of such a solecism as that of investing the seventh officer of a Lodge before the second in rank.

*** A. M., PRESTWICH, will find in the correspondence columns of *this number, a full answer to his enquiry in our issue of* 30th May.

PROVINCIAL.

DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday last the festival of the High Peak Lodge of Freemasons—No. 1952—took place in the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, when there was a large gathering of the craft from Buxton, Glossop, Chapel-en-le-Frith, New Mills, and other places. Bro. John Hallam (superintendent of police) was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. T. E. Jones and J. Lingard, and invested his officers as follows: J. St. Leger, S.W.; Dr. W. S. Anderson, J.W.; Rev. W. P. Stamper, chaplain; J. Broadhurst, S.D.; E. Walker, J.D.; W. Ward, I.G.; R. H. Hyde, treas.; James Whitehead, sec.; and R. Longden, tyler.

ESSEX.—LENNOX BROWNE LODGE.—A new Lodge is to be added to the register of Lodges in the Province of Essex, under the name and title of Lennox Browne, in compliment to that zealous brother. It is, we understand, to meet at Buckhurst Hill, a locality in which we opine it will find all the support and prosperity we wish it.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held at Tewkesbury on the 5th inst., the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., presiding over an assemblage of about one hundred and fifty of the principal members of the craft in the province.

KENT.—At the late annual festival of the Emulation Lodge, No. 299, at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, it was stated that the contributions of the Kentish brethren to the Masonic Charities amounted, in 1886, to £1,725; in 1887, to £1,920 16s. 6d.; and in 1888, to £3,688 11s., making a total amount for three years of no less than £7,334 7s 6d., or an average of nearly £2,500 per annum. Well done, Kent!

LINCOLNSHIRE.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held in the Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, on the 6th inst. The R.W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.L., Provincial Grand Master, was present, and was supported by a very large number of past and present

provincial grand officers. Every lodge in the province was represented, about 260 brethren being present. The statements of the Prov. G. Treas. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt; the P.G. Registrar, Bro. H. Watson; the P.G. Secretary, Bro. B. Vickers; and the P.G. Steward. Bro. H. E. Cousens, having been received, the Grand Master announced that the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Major E. Locock, whose failing health compelled him to relinquish the duties. He had intended investing Bro. Sissons with the office, but a family bereavement had rendered that impossible, and he had therefore selected Bro. James Fowler, of Louth, as his deputy. Bro. J. Fowler having been duly installed into the office, was presented with the hearty good wishes of all the lodges in the province. It was resolved to present Bro. H. E. Cousens with a jewel, in recognition of his services as charity steward during a period of two years. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt was re-elected treasurer. It was decided that the Girls' Institution should be the charity to receive the support of the province during the year, and Bro. H. T. Bellamy and Bro. J. Ward were elected Prov. Grand Stewards. The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the prov. grand officers for the ensuing year. It was announced that Prov. Grand Lodge would next year be held at Sutton Bridge. Bro J. B. Morton, the W.M., and the officers of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, entertained the visiting brethren in a most hospitable manner. By the permission of the Prov. Grand Master the brethren were subsequently grouped and photographed in their masonic clothing. The usual banquet took place in the Town Hall, 178 brethren being brethren.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—NEWCASTLE.—The Blagdon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 659, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Monday the 27th ulto., by Ex. Comps. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., G. Supt., as Z.; George Spain, P.G.H., as H.; G. F. Charlton, P. G. J., as J.; Joseph H. Bentham, P.P.G.H., as S.E.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.H., D.C.; and John Nicholson, P.P.G.O., Musical Director. The Principals installed were Comps. James Eadington, Z.; Edward Forster, H.; and James Carmichael, J. The incidental music was rendered by Comps. John Nicholson, Walker, Whitehead, and Nutton.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire will be held under the Presidency of W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, at Huntingdon, this day, the 13th inst.

SHROPSHIRE.—WHITCHURCH.—The consecration of the St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311, took place at the Town Hall, Whitchurch, on Thursday last. The Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, performed the ceremony, and was assisted by W. Bros. Rowland G. Venables, P.G.A.D.C., and W. H. Spaull, P.A.G.D.C., who subsequently installed the W.M. designate of the new lodge, W. Bro. C. L. Crump, P.G. Treas. After the appointment and investiture of officers, and the despatch of routine business, the Prov. Grand Lodge officers, together with the members of Lodge No. 2311, and their visitors assembled at a banquet, which was presided over by Bro. Crump.

GRAND MARK LODGE.—Bros. Berridge and Driver, the architects for the alterations of the premises, lately Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen Street, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, have received and submitted tenders for the work ranging in amount from £5,873 to £4,943. The latter, which is that of Mr. Lawrence, has been accepted. The improvements to the old premises comprise *inter alia* a hall capable of accommodating about 400 brethren, and there will be numerous private Lodge rooms throughout the spacious building.

Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, Treasurer during the past ten years of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, was presented on the 1st. Inst. by his Lodge, with a handsome Queen Anne chased silver Cup in token of high appreciation of regard, and the esteem in which his important services to the Lodge are held by his brethren.

THE altar is an indispensable portion of the furniture of a Masonic Lodge. On it lies, ever open in the Lodge, the volume of the Sacred Law, and the square and compasses. As a general rule it should be about three feet high and of similar proportions as to length and breadth. But the situation varies a little in the different rites. Usually it is in the East, in front of the Master's chair. It is a mistake to call the altar the pedestal, which is purely the Master's desk, and such a confounding of two distinct things is a remnant of the slovenly working of the early part of this century.—*Kenning.*

THEY HAVE NOT LIVED IN VAIN!—That Masonry, professionally embraced, does not reward the laborers in her vineyard with earthly treasures we have a forcible illustration in two of the most prominent Masonic characters of our age, who have given their whole life and spent all their mental energy to promote the welfare of the Craft. We refer to Theo. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and J. W. Simons, late editor of the Masonic Department of the New York DISPATCH. Really touching are their remarks on this point. We let them speak for themselves. Bro. Theo. S. Parvin says: "Should our life be spared (June 7, 1887) to see the 'Ides of March,' we shall have then rounded out a full half century of Masonic service—more extensive and varied than has ever fallen to the lot of man. Becoming a Mason in the third lodge organized west of the Alleghany Mountains (1791) in March, 1838, we were the night we became a M. Mason elected secretary of the lodge, in which we were the only youthful member—under thirty-five years of age. From that night, save the two years' interregnum, till the organization of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Burlington, Iowa, in 1848, of which we were a charter member and officer, we have held a prominent office and *served* the brethren. Forty-eight years of active and official service in Iowa! A member of the conventions which organized the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Iowa; first Grand Secretary and later Grand Master; first Grand High Priest and first Grand Commander; we have never missed a session of the first, and only two (when absent from the State) of the latter, in all these years, We became a member of the national bodies—General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Encampment—in 1856, and for fifteen of these years an officer in the latter and serving on important committees in both. Whether our labors in these and other fields have served in any way to enrich our brethren and the order, 'deponent saith not,' but we do say we have impoverished ourself, and sacrificed therein time and talent which had they been devoted to the profession (law) of our early manhood, would have enriched us and those now dependent upon us. In some respects our life has been a signal failure, and it is too late in old age to remedy the follies of youth." On which M.E. Comp. John W. Simons animadverts: "We presume that most of the Elders—the writer among the number—have had a somewhat similar experience; yet now old, poor and sick, we have no shadow of regret for the labors to which we have devoted the best part of our manhood; for we believe that we have done something for humanity in promoting the stabilty and influence of our institution, and that when in the not far distant future we are laid away on the hill-side near our country home—which we sometimes look at with longing—the brethren will bear us in kindly remembrance and that we shall not have lived in vain."—New York *Dispatch.*

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (2nd) THURSDAY, JUNE 13th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2047	*Beckenham*	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane, E.C.
R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, JUNE 14th.	
134	Caledonian...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
780	Royal Alfred	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
R.A.C.		
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, JUNE 15th.	
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1641	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.		
205	Beaconsfield	Chequers Hot., Walthamstow
357	Chiswick	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
	(3rd) MONDAY, JUNE 17th.	
1238	Gooch	Albany Hot., Twickenham
1506	White Horse of Kent	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A.C.		
1519	Asaph	F. M. H.
Mark.		
239	Royal Naval	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
294	Royal Naval College	Ship Tav., Greenwich
K.T.		
131	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, JUNE 18th.	
	BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, AT 4—F.M.H.	
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1695	New Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
186	Industry	Ditto
933	Doric	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
1348	Ebury	F. M. H.
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
R.C.		
45	Oxford & Cam. Universities ...	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th.	
	BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6—F.M.H.	
700	Nelson	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1716	All Saints	117, High St., Poplar
2140	Huguenot	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.C.		
105	Cœur de Lion	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(3rd) THURSDAY, JUNE 20th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
1320	Blackheath...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

The night a brother is raised to the degree of Master Mason, he is launched upon the world—a finished Mason. Could we but fix in his mind that the ritual is but the alphabet upon which he is expected to build the temple of his Masonic knowledge, Freemasonry would become a subject of investigation, and would command the respect of the highest intelligence. The many would learn. Let us, my brethren, foster these means of making our membership the recipients of all that is good in knowledge that each may grow in wisdom's ways, and live as God intended man to live. *The Grand Master of West Virginia, U.S.A.*

COURTESY.—There is really no necessity that Masonic politeness should take the shape of intimacy and confidence. There is no obligation that requires it. There is no principle of the Order that makes it a duty. And yet the fact is apparent that many Masons on the evidence of a sign, grip or emblem, become strangely familiar. Many very undesirable acquaintances are made in this way that we find hard to shake off. All we are called upon to do is to treat the stranger within our gates with hospitality and that sort of courtesy that makes him feel at home and chase away any sense of loneliness that may haunt him. So far as the lodge is concerned, courtesy about which we hear so much, is really a very simple thing, and largely depends upon the officers. The hailing brother should not be examined with suspicious rigor where other testimonials are clearly indubitable. A brother can be turned inside out if he is only kindly handled. Then some Masters make it a rule to receive strange visiting brothers with a few words of welcome. If neatly done, it goes a long way to make the visitor feel comfortable. The Senior Deacon may make it very pleasant in the amiable way he seats a brother in the lodge. In our city lodges, where visitations are numerous, we are liable to forget the individuality of a visiting brother, and run through the preliminary duties and guarding tests with a sort of perfunctory coldness.—*Illustrated Pacific States.*

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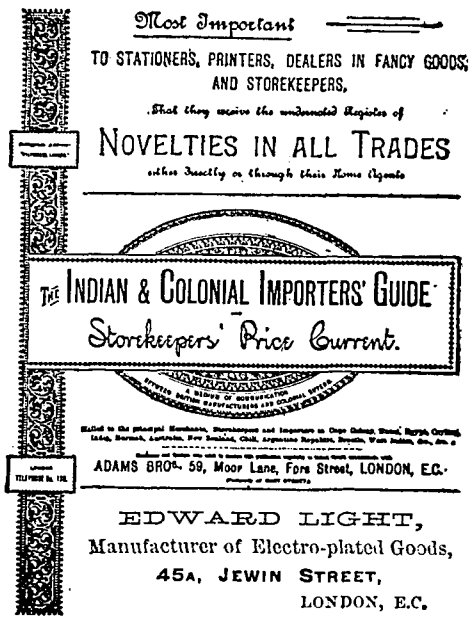
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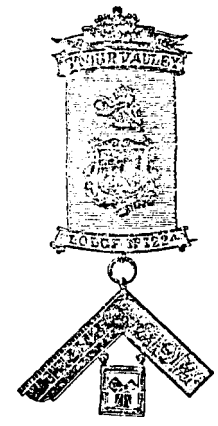
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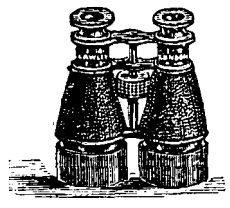
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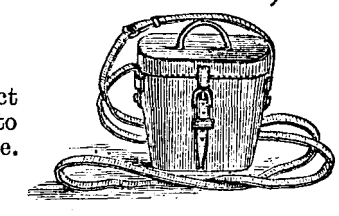


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The Mark Benevolent Fund.

THE Twenty-first Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund connected with the Degree of Mark Master Masons, is to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 24th July, on which occasion the Grand Mark Junior Warden, the R.W. Bro. Sir Lionel B. Darell, Bart., will preside. This Fund is divided into three branches, the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity, the first dating from 1868, the second from 1878, and the last from 1885. Its growth during the twenty years which have elapsed since its origination has been proportionate to the progress of the Degree of Mark Masonry itself in the estimation of English Freemasons. In our last week's issue we inserted a letter from "LIFE GOVERNOR, *M.B.F.*," which briefly but forcibly points out some of the most striking advantages of this Institution, and to this we refer our readers for the text of our present remarks.

It is at a critical moment in the history of our Masonic Charitable Institutions we read, that one of the advantages set forth is that "the entire cash donated is applied to the relief and educational purposes for which it is contributed," and, further, that the subscriptions "are not sunk in expensive building speculations, nor wasted on secretaries nor collectors, the entire expenses for printing, postages, and secretary's or office expenses (which include everything), being only about 4 per cent. on gross receipts." The method adopted for securing this very satisfactory result is explained in the letter referred to; our present business is with the statement alone in respect of the disposition of the contributions of our brethren to the three Craft Charities. It naturally gives rise to the reflection that proportionately more good is being done to those who require assistance, by the Mark Benevolent Fund without establishment and its concomitant charges, than by those institutions which deduct from the contributions of their subscribers a large percentage to "build, support, sustain, amend, and keep" places of habitation for those relieved.

We treat this question in the abstract, and seek to know what is gained in the way of charitable relief by the possession of extensive domiciles, year by year increasing in extent, and necessitating very considerable annual outlay, in addition to the loss of interest on capital expended in construction? Are there so many fatherless children, widows of our deceased brethren, or aged Freemasons, respectively succoured, educated, or assisted by annuities, as might be, were it not for the first cost of elaborate buildings, the annual expenditure in sustentation, the charges of an executive, and the inevitable waste attaching to the provisioning of large establishments? In part we have that question answered by the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the answer is in the negative. For in the comparatively smaller scope of its operations it provides for the expenditure of £96 out of every £100 subscribed to its funds for relief and education. At the moment we cannot delay to make the computation, but have no hesitation in expressing our belief that not so much as £80 out of every £100 is directly applied in either of the other institutions to the purposes for which the gross amounts are donated. If this really be the case would it not be well to consider now, for probably no better opportunity may arise, whether or not a limit should be placed on the receptive capacity of each of the masonic charitable establishments, and that the tendency should become rather towards a reduction than an extension of accommodation "within the walls." The arguments for and against the aggregation of children in the one direction, and of the aged in another (for with some advantages therewith connected there are also a multitude of evils), can be left for future consideration.

With the better management of each of the institutions (Boys, Girls and Aged) which may be expected after the present agitation is at an end, the existing establishments might be continued to advantage, and provision yet be made for "out door" assistance, after the manner originally contemplated by the promoters of the respective institutions, and still observed by the Mark Benevolent Fund, and some Provincial and District Masonic Charitable Associations. Let it not be supposed that we desire the suppresion of any of the advantages, if they be advantages, enjoyed by the children or the aged! We do not; on the contrary would rather increase them. But we cannot think that what is given in the cause of charity by our craftsmen is always so "faithfully applied" as it should be; not from any intention to do other than is honest and just, but from neglect of that superintendence and care

which should be prominent in every manager and official concerned in the distribution of the funds supplied.

It is not to be expected that we can now return to the primitive methods of our predecessors in affording relief in connection with the Craft Charities, but we do earnestly hope that the General Board of the Mark Degree will never listen to any proposition for the provision of special establishments for the reception of its wards or annuitants. If they do, they must say "good-bye" to their "four per cent. only" deduction from receipts; but whilst they do not the fund will deserve and will be sure to receive, as well from the three degree Masons as from their own body, the utmost support. It is a most satisfactory thing to note in its lately published Calendar, the year by year increase of the Benevolent Fund from £50 at its first festival to £2,115 and £1,638 respectively in 1887-8, and seeing what good has been done with the contributions it has already received, we sincerely hope that even these larger figures may be exceeded in the return of the Stewards' lists by the Secretary, at the call of Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, on the 24th prox.

COLONIAL ITEMS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.—After the grand Masonic function that took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, on the 4th inst., nothing can possibly be wanting to prove conclusively the firm hold the craft has on the community of Western Australia. It was a brilliant and representative gathering, attended by brethren representing every lodge in the colony, as well as the Colonial and English Lodges, His Excellency Bro. Sir F. N. Broome, P.D.S.G.W., also being present. During the ceremony a communication was read from the District Grand Master in which concise and well compiled epistle the present state, both numerically and financially, of the District Grand Lodge was clearly set forth. The number of initiations during the year, being 88, shewed a most satisfactory state of things. Two lodges were consecrated last year, and it is expected two more will be consecrated during the present year. No call has been made on the benevolent fund during the past year, which fact speaks well for the social position of the brethren ranged under the Masonic banner in the colony, and one we venture to think unique in the whole world. The communication was listened to with much attention by the brethren. After the proceedings in the lodge had terminated, the brethren proceeded to the St. George's Hall, where a very excellent banquet had been provided. His Excellency, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia," remarked that the District Grand Lodge, though only a year in existence, was already a success for the very good reason that, as far as he knew, Masonic Institutions always succeeded wherever they were established all over the world, but more especially in the British Dominions. Why did masonry succeed? Simply because it was a healthy organization, which could not help flourishing and growing. We heard a great deal of "The secrets of Freemasonry," but the chief secret of our craft, was this secret of its success, which we could tell to all the world without violating any obligation whatever. Organization, Discipline, Liberty—these are the grand secrets of Freemasonry. The interior administration of the lodge, its relations with other lodges, all its business and affairs of every sort, not forgetting the arrangement of this excellent and agreeable feast, were minutely regulated, and provided for. Each designated officer has his duty to do, and knew it, and did it. So much for organization. With regard to the next secret of the craft, discipline. Masons well knew that they had to obey those set in authority over them. No Mason ever disputed in a factious manner with his superior in the craft. When the Master, in lodge, gave a decision, all were silent. Masons still remembered a truth, which some outside social and political systems seemed now-a-days rather in danger of forgetting, that it is a privilege and not a degradation to obey those to whom obedience is due. But the greatest secret of our craft is its liberty. The entered apprentice had a right to raise his voice in lodge. The honours and dignities of Masonry were not reserved for the favoured few. The craft is ruled by no jealous oligarchy. Everyone had their turn and opportunity of power and place, and it was impossible to imagine any profession or system in which a career of distinction was more widely and freely open on terms of perfect equality to all who desired it. Nothing was more prized by Freemasons than the liberty which, in the fullest sense, they enjoyed. With such secrets and watchwords as these—organization, discipline, liberty—how could Freemasonry in general, and this District Grand Lodge in particular, fail to be a success? His Excellency's speech was delivered in his happiest mood, and was listened to with the greatest attention by all present. The whole proceedings from commencement to finish were of a highly satisfactory character, and too much praise cannot be given to those brethren who had charge of the arrangements which mark an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Western Australia.—Extracts from *Western Mail*, Perth, 20/4/89.

PERTH.—ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2165.—W. Bro. E. Scott, *M.L.C.*, and Mayor of Perth, was installed W.M. of this Lodge, in the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, W.A., on the 18th April last, by the D.G.M. Bro. J. A. Wright, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Sir Frederick N. Broome; Congdon, D.D.G.M.; Michael Samson, W.M.; Humble, W.M.; Hope, W.M.; Hurst, W.M.; Snook, W.M., &c., &c. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet served at Bro. Grant's Court Hotel.

NEW ZEALAND,—AUCKLAND.—Masonic circles in New Zealand have lately been stirred by the proposal to constitute a Grand Lodge for New Zealand, which would unite the different lodges, instead of their being attached to the English, Irish, and Scotch Grand Lodges. A gathering of Freemasons took place at Auckland on April 10th on the subject, presided over by Bro. Malcom Niccol, D.P.G.M., S.C. Bro. F. Lawry, M.H.R., moved "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable, in the interests of Freemasonry, that a United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand should be constituted, with the assent of a majority of the lodges now working in the colony under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively." Bro. R. Coom seconded the motion. After further discussion, Bro. Leers moved as an amendment, "That they form a United Grand Lodge for Auckland." New Zealand, he contended, was too large and too scattered for one Grand Lodge. The motion was carried by 75 to 17. It was agreed that the brethren form themselves into a branch of the New Zealand Masonic Union. Since the date above-named, we learn that numerous lodges under the English constitution have sent in their adherence to the Union, amongst them being Ashley 1877, Rangiora (the only lodge in Canterbury); Franklin 2138, Auckland; and lodges at Wanganui, Napier, Te Aroha, Dunedin, Ashburton, Nelson, &c. The Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1338, resists the movement.

In reference to the foregoing item, the following letter, which appeared in the *New Zealand Herald*, of the 12th April, will be read with interest both at home and abroad:—"*re* The United Grand Lodge. To the Editor. Sir,—I would have liked to have said a few words last night, but the evident desire to hurry the thing through, and my being a total stranger to 99 per cent. of those present, must be my excuse for not doing so. I am told that those who took part in the discussion last night were all P.M's. This should not be; it should have been M.M's, in whose decision the matter will rest. And now a word of warning to Masons under the E.C. I understand you are dissatisfied with your District Grand Lodge officers. If so, get rid of them; get them changed. You have the power in your own hands; but surely this can be no reason for seceding from a Constitution that gives you absolute liberty (more than ever you will get from a New Zealand Constitution); allows you to keep your own quarterages amongst yourselves till, I am informed, you have quite a respectable sum to your credit, and, what is more, you have the power of spending it as you like. Don't be deceived; It is your representatives in the District Grand Lodge who are to blame that enough has not been spent in charity. As one speaker said, don't blame the institution for the fault of its members, as is proved by the paper put in my hands last night, showing what has been done in West Lancashire; for let us remember, brethren, this result has been achieved by Masons still holding under E.C., and still paying regular dues to Grand Lodge, from which you are exempt. Brethren, no constitution will alter this. It is in your own hand. I am told that you have a charity fund formed some time since, and there are only two life members. Shame on you all as masons, and yet you blame the Constitution! And now a word of caution to English Masons. You should combine and ascertain the feeling of the brethren independent of Scotch or Irish, or you will rue your apathy, as many of us do now in Australia. These bodies have all to gain and nothing to lose. I, and many others with me, only wish we could go back to English Constitution. Don't be apathetic, as we were; take a leaf out of the book of those seeking a new constitution. Why, sir, there must have been 250 or 300 in the hall last night, and only 90 voted for and against the resolution, and of those, I believe, only about one-fourth were English Masons, although they are twice as numerous as both the other bodies. And now, in conclusion, I warn you all to think well about the matter, for if once the New Zealand Constitution is formed there will be no going back to the English, and when too late you will be sorry—as we are now, so I earnestly intreat you either to decide against it or go slow; take plenty of time, or you may live to regret it, as many of us have done.—I am, etc., Australian M.M. (once English M.M.)."

THAMES.—CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1655.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, on the 9th April last, was most successful, the local sister lodges and many brethren from Auckland, Waikato, and neighbouring towns attending. Bro. Theodore Wood was installed W.M. by the V.W.D.D.G.M. Bro. Lodder. The retiring W.M., Bro. M. Lush, was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel of local manufacture from Thames gold and with appropriate inscription. After labour the brethren banquetted at the Pacific Hotel.

REMUERA, AUCKLAND—REMUERA LODGE, 1710.—The annual meeting was held on April 8th for the purpose of installing Bro. Colonel T. Viret Shepherd, being the largest and most representative gathering of Masons ever held within the walls of the Lodge. It included representatives of all the city and suburban lodges, many of which attended as lodges. There was a total attendance of 120, including 36 installed masters, and Bro. Lodder, D.D.G.M., E.C., and Bro. M. Niccol, D.P.G.M., S.C. Bro. J. Coom, the retiring W.M., opened the Lodge, and officiated in a careful, studious, and impressive manner, as installing master, and when Bro. Col. Shepherd was placed in the chair of King Solomon by the board of installed masters, and duly saluted in the three degrees, Bros. Bedford, Cooper, and Hewson respectfully presented to him the tools of the master, the fellow-craft, and the entered apprentice degree. After appointment and investiture of officers Bros. H. R. George, B. Esam, and C. LaRoche delivered the addresses to the W.M., the wardens and the brethren most effectively.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

HERE'S TO OUR BROTHERS ABROAD!

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146, P.Z.

Tune—"The Red, White, and Blue."

FOR Masonry, the pride of the Nations!
The joy of the cream of mankind!
The world rings with constant ovations,
Re-echoed on every wind.
The Craft hath her sons on ev'ry ocean—
Her followers—to death—on ev'ry strand,
Yet all *one* in the deepest devotion,
Around our *one* altar we stand.
Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad!
Soon to see them again from abroad!
Though afar, they are faithful Freemasons,
Then here's to our Brothers abroad!

Where the cannons of war loudest rattle,
Ashore or afloat may be seen
Our Brethren in arms doing battle
For God! Home! Old England! and Queen!
And roaming, for commerce or pleasure,
Are hosts of our Brethren to-day;
But they join us in ev'ry mystic measure,
And each for the other will pray.
Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad, &c.

The cup! worthy Stewards, then, bring hither,
And fill it, good Brothers, to the brim;
Freemasonry never shall wither,
Nor the star of its glory grow dim!
No fate can our unity sever,
Which age after age shall applaud;
It is destined to flourish for ever!
Then here's to our Brothers abroad!

Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad, &c.

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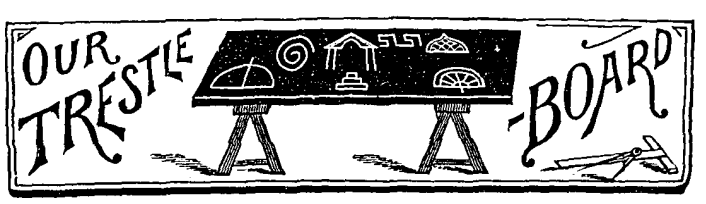
BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH.

"BROTHERLY love, relief and truth,"
Should blazon'd be upon our shield.
For love can conquer all, and truth
Will make us victors on the field.
But in life's battles should we find
A foeman our compatriot prove,
Stretch forth the hand of fellowship,
And greet him with a *Brother's love.*

"Brotherly love, relief and truth,"
Writ on our pennons floating high,
Should lift the thoughts to Him whose love,
Encompasses the earth and sky.
Then in life's journey should we find
A Brother plung'd in debt or grief,
Let Love suggest the helping hand,
Held open with a prompt *relief.*

"Brotherly love, relief and truth,"
A Mason's heart should e'er engage,
And in life's diary should be found
Engross'd upon its fairest page.
Thus as each daily record lives,
Of earnest work performed forsooth,
With well squared acts his life must be
Pure and unsullied as the *Truth.*

J H. JEWELL, P.M. (1223), P.P.G.R., Kent.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

MASTER MASON writes us a letter in reference to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the late Committee of Investigation, with the suggestions made in which we quite agree, and believe that the majority of our readers will acquiesce. But we have already said, and now repeat, that in our opinion "it will be the duty of all true friends of the institution to avoid any interference whatsoever with the deliberations or directions" of the Provisional Committee, which has been appointed to the temporary management of the affairs of the school, and to report to the General Court as to the best and most effectual means for carrying out the resolution for the "entire change in the administration." We had decided not to publish MASTER MASON'S letter whilst circumstances are favorable to an issue which will be satisfactory to the subscribers as being in the best interests of the institution. The "tendency to attempt to obtain peace by gentle means," which our correspondent thinks "must surely fail," will, we trust, be strengthened during the next few weeks, and whilst the anxiety to make the ensuing festival a success, particularly in a pecuniary point of view, is upon those who wish well for the children under our care.

But since our intention to withold MASTER MASON'S letter was formed, other letters have been received having reference to the same subject, and these contain suggestions which it might be advisable should have an "all round" consideration. It would be unfair in us to suppress these latter, and their insertion without the companionship of MASTER MASON'S letter would be still more unfair. We therefore give place to all; may difference of opinion never sever Masonic friendship! What we ourselves think, should be immaterial to every right-minded brother interested in the question and capable of forming a reasonable judgment. Some will doubtless wield the sword in this matter, and others will interpose the shield. Justice may be done and yet Mercy not be frighted. Our part is to act squarely and independently of all external influences, and present to our readers the opinions of others as they are expressed through the medium of our columns. This we have hitherto done, and shall continue to do whilst controversy is conducted prudently and with temperance.

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We are glad to know in connection with the foregoing that the members of the late House Committee who had not resigned at the date of the Special Court (6th inst.), have now resolved to hand over all authority they might have been supposed to possess (which, to our mind, after the last meeting of the General Court, became as x is in Algebra, an unknown quantity), to the Provisional Committee. This certainly evidences a further "tendency to attempt to obtain peace," and we congratulate our brethren on the good sense and masonic spirit with which they have so far met the difficulties of their position.

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It now only remains for the General Court at its next meeting in July to again adjourn the business of Election of House Committee, and to do so from time to time, if necessary, until after the advice of the Provisional Committee shall have been given to a future Special Court.

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The following circular has been issued to the several brethren who have kindly undertaken Stewardships for the Festival on the 3rd prox.:—"The Provisional Management Committee appointed at the Special Court on the 6th inst., in fulfilment of the duties intrusted to them, most earnestly intreat the Stewards to spare no exertion in obtaining a liberal response to their appeal for aid. The circumstances under which the Institution is placed imperatively demand a most generous response from all its friends. The Committee has arranged with the Treasurer of the Institution, that all contributions which may be remitted to him shall be paid into a Separate Account, and applied by this Committee in the interest of the Institution. We are, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, Euston, Prov.G.M. Northts. & Hunts, *Chairman*; Fred. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, G.Reg., *Vice-Chairman.*"

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The House and Audit Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls seem to be alive to the exigencies of the situation in which their confrères of the companion School are placed. On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a joint conference was held, with a view to see what changes may be effected that will advantage the Institution. The axiom that "those who want a thing well done should do it themselves" may have considerable application in this instance. It would certainly have a tendency towards "peace among the subscribers" if reforms can be effected and announced without the intervention of any "Special Court."

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We must go abroad for home news! The *South African Freemason* says—"At a recent meeting of the Unity Lodge, 183, London, the secretary reported that although the Lodge had been at work uninterruptedly for 120 years, it had never had a Grand Lodge collar bestowed upon any of its members."

KENNINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1381.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 14th inst., at the Horns, Kennington. Present: Bros. W. W. Westley, preceptor and treasurer; H. N. Price, P.M. 177, W.M. 2308, W.M.; E. A. G. Smith, S.W. 2308, S.W.; Buxton, J.W. 2308, J.W.; Cochrane, P.M., S.D.; C. Woods, 1869, J.D.; J. Higgs, I.G. 2308, I.G.; and other brethren to the number of 17. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spencer, candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. Higgs and C. Woods were elected members. Bro. Ernest Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

A theatrical performance on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was given at the Theatre Royal, Cardiff, on Friday last. Bro. E. Fletcher, the lessee and manager of this popular place of entertainment, arranged with Bro. Munday to carry out the working of the compliment. Great praise is due to Bro. Munday for the pains he took in making the performance so great a success. After the drama of *The Lucky Star*, in which Miss Emma Rainbow shone to great advantage, the Llandaff Orpheus Union sang a couple of glees with much effect. Madame Lucy Clarke, R.A.M., gave "The Children's Home," illustrated by tableaux. Bro. Edward Fletcher recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade," accompanied with martial music admirably composed by Mr. Charles Langley. Bro. Richard Elliott sang two humorous songs and was much applauded, the curtain falling on Bro. J. H. Stephens' most amusing ventriloquial performance. A large number of brethren from the Cardiff and other Lodges in the district attended, and the evening's entertainment was successfully carried through to the satisfaction of the audience, and, we believe, to the benefit of our Boys' School. Bro. Fletcher's liberal assistance is highly appreciated by the members of the Craft in his locality.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The Report of the Special Court, held in London on 6th inst., as reported in your issue of 13th inst., is very unpleasant reading, and I feel certain had you felt yourself at liberty to reproduce the inconsiderate, not to say malicious, language made use of, which you have suppressed, the wave of bitter feeling would very much abate, especially as regards the secretary, who, notwithstanding the unfraternal howling of the infuriated mob who cried "Crucify him, crucify him," must still be venerated not only as the chief organiser of the Boys' Institution, but as, to a very great extent, the energetic advocate of Masonic charity generally, who put nerve and active life into the other two institutions, not only by his advocacy but by his unflagging energy and business ability.

I know a few of the members of the various Committees personally, and although I cannot clear them of blame, yet I know they were ever anxious to do the best in their power to assist the efforts of the secretary to bring the Institution into the highest state of perfection, and had the House Committee of 1887 dismissed the Head Master as well as the Assistants, matters would have gone on much better than they have; and yet Dr. Morris is the only one who escapes, although, throughout the Report of the Investigation Committee, he frequently appears as the rusty hinge that perpetually creaks and keeps things uncomfortable all round, while, on the other hand, it is made distinctly evident that were it not for the indomitable energy and perseverance of the secretary, this great Institution would have come to grief long ago; in short, he had not only to do those duties allotted to him, but had to originate, organise, and also to intervene frequently both as a shield and a buffer to keep matters in working order. Whatever may be the result of the recommendations of the Provisional Committee, there is one thing quite certain—the Institution will never have another such secretary as Bro. Fredk. Binckes, if they, at this time, dispense with his services. I sincerely hope they will be better advised than to do so.

Yours fraternally,
A VICE-PRESIDENT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

There seems a tendency to attempt to obtain peace among the subscribers to the Boys' School by gentle means. Such action must surely fail. The General Court is *divided into sides*. How can such a governing body succeed? If public confidence is to be regained the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE must :—

I. Make a clean sweep of the whole discredited staff, by pensioning, or otherwise.
II. Appoint a young and energetic secretary at a *reasonable* salary (£200, rising to £400 by annual increase of not more than £10, would be ample).
III. Establish a nucleus of a RESERVE FUND, and annually add to it by fixed amounts.
IV. Reduce the cost per head by at least one-third.
V. Frame rules for the *new* Committees to help them in their work.

It is useless to attempt to defend anybody.

Yours fraternally,
MASTER MASON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

From the tone of some of your contemporaries there seems to be an idea extant in certain quarters that at the meeting of General Committee in June the *election* of House and Finance Committee was *postponed*—whereas the Chairman ruled "that under the Laws no election could take place, as the hour of 5 o'clock had passed." Consequently, all nominations at the May meeting must then have lapsed by effluxion of time, because the adjournment of the June meeting only took place AFTER the Chairman had given the aforesaid ruling, and the whole election question was void and at an end.

Yours fraternally,
SEMAJ.

R.M.I.B. SPECIAL COURT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I see by your report of the above Court, held on 6th inst., that "a number of communications from representatives of the provinces of East and West Lancashire, Cheshire, West Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Bristol, Shropshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and from sundry lodges and individual brethren, were directed to be read," and that "these were in every sense in full approval of the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation, and unmistakably condemnatory of the committees and officials of the institution."

I feel somewhat curious as to whether all these reports, recommendations, approvals, or whatever else they may be called, were cooked, hatched, concocted, or fabricated in the same manner as the will-soon-if-not-now-be-famous-one of East Lancashire.

As one of the Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School, of which rank, and of higher, we have in this province a goodly number, as also many Life Governors, several of whom have served two, three or more stewardships, giving each time their own ten guineas and two guineas fee, besides collecting and influencing what funds for the institution they possibly could, I would like to know—though you cannot, my dear sir, I fear, answer me the question, yet I would much like to have the answer from some source—how many of these aforesaid Life Governors and others had any intimation, verbal or otherwise, of an intended meeting to consider the report of the Investigation Committee, and to decide upon a course of action, or formulate a motion to submit to the Special Court? I had no such intimation; I have asked several Life Governors, Vice-Presidents and others in Manchester and vicinity, and all were as uninformed as myself until the receipt of a circular of which the following is copy :—

"Secretary's Offices—2, Cooper Street,
Manchester, 30th May, 1889.

"*Re* ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At a Meeting of Charity Representatives of the Provinces of West Yorkshire, East and West Lancashire, Staffordshire and Cheshire held to-day at the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, it was unanimously resolved that the following proposition be made at the *Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers*, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, *on Thursday next*, at Twelve o'clock prompt :—

"'That having considered the Report of the Investigation Committee, this Special General Court is of opinion that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place.'

"You are urgently and respectfully requested to attend the above Special General Meeting, and give the resolution your entire support. *(Signed)* E. G. HARWOOD, Chairman.
JNO. CHADWICK, Secretary.

"Supported by the United Provinces, Bristol, and others."

You will notice this circular is dated the 30th May, and although the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the previous day, not one word was said about this meeting of the would-be representatives, nor of the report of the Investigation Committee, although various other reports were read of Election Committees, &c., except some after-dinner speeches may be taken as of sufficient authority, where not one-twentieth of those dining were donors to the Institution, and where wine more than calm judgment reigned.

Although the first line is very guardedly worded, viz., "at a meeting of Charity representatives of the provinces," it seems to convey the concensus of opinion of all the subscribers to the course decided upon by these self-constituted would-be representatives of those who have acquired by their money the voting power in our Charity Courts.

Some of those who, I am informed, attended this hole-and-corner meeting have not even one vote in the Court of the Boys' School, and never gave a penny in their lives towards the support of the School, except, peradventure, through the charity-box of their respective Lodges, and several others have only two to four votes at elections. Is this the class of men, I ask, who should determine the destruction of such men as constituted the Committees and the Secretary of this Institution, and imperil its very existence?

Our only hope now is that the Special Provisional Committee will

be guided by more prudence and less passion than the Special Court displayed, for there is no room to doubt that the sudden "thorough breaking away" outlined in its resolutions and angry debate will do incalculable and irretrievable mischief if followed out.

Yours very fraternally,
A DISGUSTED LANCASTRIAN.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Following up my letter of last week, I hold that a new article should be introduced into the constitutions empowering the G.M. to call upon all below the rank of an Installed Master to retire from Grand Lodge when any matter concerning Installation ceremony or the duties, privileges or observances of Installed Masters were to be discussed. By such means only can we get at uniformity or anything approaching it in the matter of Installation. No Committee or Board appointed by Grand Lodge, as at present constituted, can possibly consider and report on such a subject to any but the Installed Master section of Grand Lodge. And further, as the Act of Union states at Par. I. Bk. of C., "pure and ancient masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the supreme order of the H.R.A.," it should be made competent for the G.M. to call upon Installed Masters who are not R.A.M. to retire when matters are to be discussed anent R.A.M. and its connection with the M.M. degree, and the G.L. then duly constituted a Grand Chapter from which if need be, all below the rank of Installed Principals should be asked to retire, and so on; but in our present hugger-mugger way of conducting business all progress is stopped, and anything approaching uniformity, or even similarity, rendered utterly impossible.

In such matters a hint might very well be taken from the practice of our Irish brethren—that is, if I am correctly informed, and I believe I am—viz., in Grand Lodge of Ireland or by the Grand Master, a Grand Instructor is appointed in each province whose duty it is to visit every Lodge in his province annually, and be present while each ceremony is rehearsed by the W.M. or other expert brother of each Lodge, and point out any discrepancies or irregularities, and report to G.L. through the P.G.M. These examiners are themselves thoroughly examined before appointment, and hence wherever you visit in Ireland you find an exact counterpart in all proceedings, even in matters one might be inclined at first sight to deem objectionable. Such instructor has a diploma which is his warrant to attend any Lodge in his province for the purpose specified. Excuse this rather long-winded epistle, and oblige

Yours very fraternally,
W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317.

"QUESTIONS, &c."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

At this season of the year it seems to me that you might wisely make use of the "scissors" for our benefit as a body. The enclosed "*Questions, &c.*," would probably be of interest to many who have not been able to peruse them. Those who are "learned in the craft" may also be able to give other information about the same. I fancy that a discussion respecting the (a) *true* and (b) *supposed* history of the Craft would be hailed with delight by young and old alike.

Fraternally yours.
13th June, 1889. C. W.

*** *We cannot find space for your enclosure, "The Examination of a (Free)mason," this week, although it is in type. It will be reserved for an early issue.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

MASTER MASON.—See our remarks under "Our Trestle Board."

SECRETARY, No. 632.—Time pressing, we defer notice till next week. Meanwhile kindly send us a little more information as to the brethren interested.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

PROVINCIAL.

DEVON.—PLYMPTON—ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Plympton, on the 12th inst., when Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in a Board of twenty-two Installed Masters. The ceremony was conducted by W. Bros. Robert Hambley, P.P.G.D.; T. J. R. Chalice, P.M.; G. T. Goad, P.M.: and W. D. Stamp, P.M. There were present a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, members and visitors, and the Masonic work was admirably performed. The W.M. Bro. Strode Lowe presided at the banquet, at the George Hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent in harmony and good fellowship.

ASHBURTON.—The Ashburton Lodge, 2185, held its anniversary meeting in the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, on the 12th inst., when a large gathering of the members and their friends from the neighbouring lodges assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. T. Gervis as W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. Oliver, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. G. S. Acock, S.W.; W. Pengilley, J.W.; Rev. E. Penwarne-Wellings, chaplain; H. Stevens, treasurer; W. J. Fraser, secretary; F. J. W. Crowe, S.D.; G. Foot, J.D.; H. M. Firth, I.G.; F. Crowe, organist; E. J. Sawdye, D.C.; J. Eales, S.; George Furneaux, T. W. Bro. Charles Vicary impressively gave the charge to the W.M. and officers. The brethren subsequently attended a well-served banquet at Bro. Sawdye's, Golden Lion Hotel, and the customary loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured and met with satisfactory responses. The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close. The proceedings were brightened by music and songs by Bros. Crowe, Fraser, Tanner, Sawdye, Pearce, &c., and the evening was a most pleasant one.

LANCASHIRE—LIVERPOOL.—CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.—W. Bro. W. W. Jones, W.M.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, when W. Bro. W. Marwood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a numerous gathering from the several lodges in the district, and including numerous Provincial Grand Officers. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by W. Bro. E. Sherwood, P.M. and treasurer of the lodge, and the following were severally invested as officers, Bros. J. Chisholm, S.W.; R. Robertson, J.W.; F. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., M.C.; E. Sherwood, P.M., treas.; J. A. Sherwood, sec.; A. Cornett, S.D.; R. Wilson, J.D.; W. Hogarth, org.; C. E. Percival, I.G.; G. S. Browne, S.S.; and H. H. Ragg, J.S. A banquet was subsequently served under the direction of Bro. Casey, the house steward.

MIDDLESEX.—HAMPTON COURT.—WOLSEY LODGE—1656.—Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. Present—W. Bro. T. C. Walls, Prov. G. W. Midx., P.M. 141, &c., W.M.; Bros. R. Drummond, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., treas.; W. T. Peat, sec.; H. Sapsworth, W.M. 2032, S.D.; T. Grant, J.D.; H. Bond, I.G.; J. Hunt, steward. Past Masters F. L. Chandler, Prov. G.A.P., and T. W. Ockenden, P. Prov. G.D. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Howard H. Room, Prov. G.S., Middlesex; E. Warner, P.M. 1793; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780, 2032; George Bugler, P.M. 975; Charles Cousins P.M. 209; also a good attendance of brethren. The lodge was in mourning in token of respect to memory of the late Bro. R. Masters. Bro. T. C. Walls performed the installation ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. R. Drummond having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., invested the following officers:—Bros. Dare, S.W.; Sapsworth, J.W.; Featherstone, P.M., treas.; Peat, sec.; Grant, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Spooner, I.G.; Hunt, D.C., and J. J. Smith and Plambock, stewards. W. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls was the recipient of a handsome P.M's jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. and founder of the lodge. A substantial donation was placed on Bro. Walls' list as steward from the lodge to the R.M.I. for Boys. After the lodge closed the brethren partook of a well-served banquet, reflecting great credit upon Bro. J. B. Mella and his staff of assistants. W. Bro. H. Room, Prov. Grand Sec., took occasion during the evening to compliment the brethren on the management of the work, each officer being able to perform his allotted function with credit to himself and the lodge also. Owing to the absence of Bro. W. C. Page, the organist, the musical programme had to undergo considerable alteration, but obliging brethren were forthcoming in the persons of Bros. H. Room, T. C. Walls, T. W. Ockenden, W. J. Peat, and others. The tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Before separating it was unanimously agreed that Bro. R. Drummond, the W.M., should represent the lodge on the Committee *re* the Woodward testimonial, and that a sum should be granted from the funds of the lodge to the same. W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., P. Prov. G. Sec., has well earned a recognition of his valuable services, the Province having benefitted much during his secretaryship.

FELTHAM.—LEBANON LODGE, No. 1236.—The election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday last. Lodge was opened with commendable punctuality by the W.M. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, and at that time and during the afternoon the following brethren were present:—Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; Samuel Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; James C. Goslin, S.D.; S. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; E. Whelan, C.S.; A. Robertson, W.S.; F. Waller, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Maul, P.M., P.P.Gd.S.B.; J. Laurence, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M., hon. mem.; P. Lodge, W. H. Davey, W. J. Ball, John Amey, George Andrews, and others, and John Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. G. Stockwin, Dalhousie 860; and J. R. Cordill, New Concord 813. The work in Lodge comprised the initiation of Messrs. W. H. Davey, David Moss, and S. H. Platten, by the W.M., and of Mr. John Exton, by W. Bro. Marsh, P.M.; the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bro. B. G. Andrews, by the W.M.; the reading of the Bye-laws; the subsequent election of Bro. C. W. Baker as W.M., Bro. Samuel Page as Treas., and Bro. John Gilbert as Tyler for the ensuing year; the appointment of an audit committee; and the acceptance of a notice of motion by Bro. F. Walters for the presentation of a valuable P.M. jewel to the retiring master. As is the custom in this excellent and ever-increasing Lodge, the ceremonies were carried through by the respective officers in a most perfect and impressive manner; and the orderly arrangements resulting from a strict adherence to the bye-laws gave proof of the quality of the leadership which has of late years directed all its concerns. It is well deserving the encouragement which is given to it by the Provincial Grand Lodge, in which it retains a conspicuous position, and we are pleased to learn that it is intended to place another of its valued members in the ranks of Provincial Grand Officers. Its importance to the charities of the institution is well-known, for year after year the Lodge has been represented by stewardships to each of the three Institutions, and it seems to be a much desired honour amongst its members to obtain the position of representation steward at each recurring festival. The forthcoming festival of the Boys' School has the support of the W.M. as Steward; there are two named for the Benevolent Institution, and one each for the Girls' and Boys' Schools respectively in 1890; and at this meeting nominations were made for the festivals of 1891. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. John Amey for his representation of the Lodge (he was, in fact, the only representative of the entire province) at the late festival of the Girls' School. Some cases of required assistance having been considered and decided upon; and

communications from several distinguished brethren whose other engagements precluded attendance having been read, the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned to the 20th July (installation). An excellent cold collation was afterwards presided over by the W.M., and the loyal and Masonic toasts and the responses thereto, interspersed with songs and recitations, occupied the remainder of a very pleasant afternoon and evening, members and guests assembling at the station, and by ten o'clock being clear from the scene of well-performed labour and as well-deserved refreshment.

SUSSEX—HASTINGS.—R.A. CHAPTER OF EMULATION—No. 40. —The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, on Monday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremonies of the three principals—Ex-Comps. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.Std.B., M.E.Z.; T. W. Markwick, H.; The Very Rev. Currie, *D.D.*, J.—were ably and impressively performed by Ex-Comp. Dr. Trollope, P.G.A.D.C., who was heartily received by the companions present on this his first appearance at the chapter meetings since his late illness. The M.E.Z. invested the following officers:—Ex-Comp. Rossiter, P.P.G.A.S., treas.; J. Pearce, S.E.; Jordan, S.N.; R. Hughes, P.S.; W. S. Allen, 1st A.S.; Botby, 2nd A.S. The business of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a first-class dinner was satisfactorily served by Bro. Boyce. In addition to those already mentioned, the M.E.Z. was favoured with the presence of Ex-Comp. J. Farncombe, P.G.J.; V. P. Freeman, P.P.G.Std.B., P.G.S.E.; T. Kingston, P.Z. 862; G. C. Chapman, M.E.Z. 311; J. Easte, M.E.Z. 216; F. Duke; W. Davies, P.P.G.J.; W. H. Russell, P.Z.; B. Sargent, P.Z.; Ediner, and Avard. Letters expressing regret at being unable to be present were read from the P.G. Supt. E. Comps. Gerard Ford, Gen. Randolph. P.P.G.H., &c., and several M.E.Z.'s of the province. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given in a pleasing manner by the M.E.Z., and responded to by those companions with whose names they were associated. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Questions and Answers.

*** *Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—*I find in the "O.B." of the first degree that we are variously described as "F. & A.M. and A.F. & A.M." Is there any rule as to the use of the two terms, or are they interchangable?*—VALENS.

A.—We know of no rule which governs the precise expression, and it would be "sailing too close to the wind" for us to attempt an explanation relating to this most important portion of our esoteric work in lodge.

Q.—*Will you kindly enlighten me on the following question, supposing it were to happen in a Mark Lodge:—"Is it regular for a W.M. and S.W., as members of an Audit Committee, to propose and second in lodge that the report of (their own) the Audit Committee be received"?*—GEO. CHARMAN, S.W. 1068, Cairo, 9-6-89.

A.—The proposition for the reception of a report from an Audit Committee should be, in our opinion, made only by a member of the lodge not connected with the Audit.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South Australian Freemason; South African Freemason; Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, for June; *Society*.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespere.*

I dined the other day at the Trafalgar, at Greenwich, but, alas! it was not the Trafalgar of olden time. The whitebait had lost its flavour, the green peas had had their local habitation in a tin, and the "Crab Omelette a la Blue Seal" was conspicuous by its absence. "The Sherry," or it may be the Champagne, "was iced; the guests were colder."

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After all, if one wants a *good* dinner, one must stay in London· River side hostelries may be very pleasant from a temperature point of view; they certainly are cooler than the Freemasons' Tavern or the Café Royal, but blessed is he who expecteth nothing for he shall not be disappointed—in his dinner.

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The late lamented Bro. Robert Burns, of Ayr, wrote, "Oh, would some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us," and most heartily do I re-echo the aspiration. At a banquet at which I was a guest not long ago, "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of a young brother wearing a new suit of provincial clothing of a minor office. In responding he, in presence of several Grand Officers (members of the lodge), proceeded to show his immense superiority by finding fault with everything, specially the installation ceremony, which had been faultlessly performed by the I.P.M., a well known and much esteemed Grand Officer, and as good as told us he could do it much better himself.

Modesty was evidently scarce when he received his share of the social virtues.

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There are very few more functions to take place before the professional diners out can enjoy their holiday, for, after all, dining is hard work, and the time comes to everyone when he must recognise the unpleasant and stern reality of a liver. The "sweet" of to-night is sometimes more than counterbalanced by the "bitter" of to-morrow.

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The annual banquet of the Order of the Secret Monitor, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, will be the first opportunity for the new manager to show what he is made of. And if he only follows in Bro. Madell's footsteps, I can assure him he will have the respect and esteem of THE DINER OUT.

We Notify that:—

——The Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, W. Bro. William Thomas Hunt, W.M., will meet at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., when Bro. William Hollis will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There will be work in the second degree before the installation.

——The "ex-pupils' day" in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is appointed for Saturday, the 29th inst., in the afternoon, when all ex-pupils are cordially invited to attend.

——The Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead will read a paper entitled "The Grand Lodge of York." Visitors will be welcomed, and several brethren will be elected to the Correspondence Circle.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, JUNE 20th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
	(3rd) FRIDAY, JUNE 21st.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
975	Rose of Denmark	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, Surrey
R.A.C.		
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
Mark.		
226	Excelsior	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
K.T.		
6	St. George's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
	(4th) SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd.	
1541	Alexandra Palace	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
	(4th) MONDAY, JUNE 24th.	
1910	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
2076	Quatuor Coronati	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1745	Farringdon Without	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
K.T.		
D.	Mount Calvary	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, JUNE 25th.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1339	Stockwell	Ditto
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
Mark.		
3	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
K.T.		
128	Oxford & Cam. Universities	33, Golden Square, W.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
754	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
R.A.C.		
753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1624	Eccleston	F. M. H.
	(4th) THURSDAY, JUNE 27th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Air Street, Regent Street
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.

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Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

30, Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W.
June 15th, 1889.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the TOWN HALL, TWICKENHAM, on Saturday, June 29th, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M., *Prov. Grand Sec.*

N.B.—The TOWN HALL is in the centre of the Town.

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Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before June 26th, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those Brethren who have obtained Tickets, none can be issued after that date.

Trains, from Waterloo, 2.0, 2.10, 2.17, 2.20.; from Twickenham, very frequent.

There will be a short Service at the Parish Church, Twickenham, at 4.30 p.m. (Saturday being market day at Twickenham, the brethren will not go to Church in procession or in Masonic clothing.) MORNING DRESS.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties.

THE Knight Companions will meet in Council at 33, Golden Square, W., on SATURDAY, the 13th July, 1889, at 2.30 for 3 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. desires the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates with name of Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6.30 precisely.

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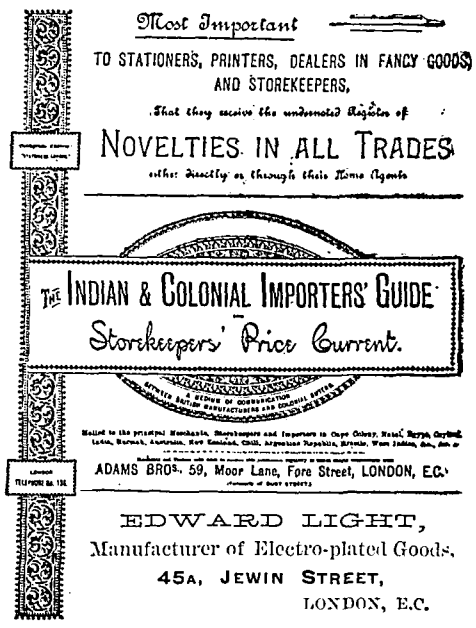
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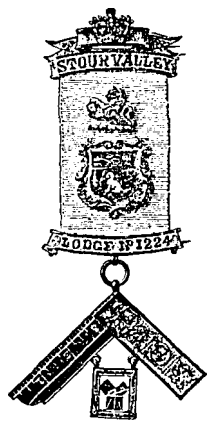
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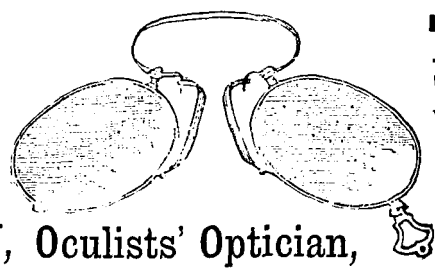
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"The 'Masonic Star,' Limited."

UNDER the above title there has been recently registered a limited liability Company, in £1 shares, for the purpose of acquiring the copyright and continuing the publication of this journal, and of extending its operations in the direction of business relating thereto. In our next number will be found prospectus and further particulars, together with the names of those brethren who have identified themselves with the undertaking.

As we have written and frequently repeated, the MASONIC STAR was presented to the Craft with every confidence that the venture would be pecuniarily beneficial to ourselves, whilst making provision for a great want in Masonic circles. That confidence has not been shaken. We are within a few weeks of the anniversary of our first issue, and within the short period of one year have become known throughout the several countries in which lodges working under the English Constitution are established, as well as in many comprised in other jurisdictions. But we have yet a large area in which to make our paper known; and to find—what we are pleased to acknowledge has resulted from its introduction, in the comparatively limited space we have been enabled to cover during the past months,—friends and supporters. The proprietors of the journal would be well satisfied to continue their exertions as hitherto, but beyond their original intention that, as soon as might be justifiably expedient, the paper should become the property of members of the Order desirous of sharing in its direction and its profits, there is the advisability of providing for a much more extended publicity and enlargement. To carry out this with sufficient effect will be better accomplished by the united efforts of a numerous body of Shareholders than by a couple of private individuals, and therefore it is that the proprietors have entered into agreement with a directorate under whom the future of the MASONIC STAR will be guided.

In connection with the new Company, we may be permitted to observe, in our editorial capacity, that in this particular interest our brother craftsmen have to consider, firstly: the benefit to English Freemasonry that it should possess an independent organ at a price which it would be an insult to suggest as being beyond the power of any individual member thereof to provide. This has been so fully answered in the affirmative by the support already accorded to us that we may feel assured the sentiment connected with the enquiry will receive general endorsement. This, in itself, should be a strong inducement towards taking shares in the new Company; but we know well that it is not altogether a sufficient reason, and therefore the second consideration will be the commercial results to be anticipated in connection with its progress With this latter we shall leave the prospectus to inform those interested, merely expressing our private opinion that independently of the satisfaction it will give many of our readers to have a share in the undertaking, and increased interest in our work, they need have no fear of monetary loss, but on the contrary, as we believe, will find a satisfactory return of interest for whatever venture they may choose to make in connection with its share-list.

From the *New Zealand Herald* of the 25th April we reproduce with much satisfaction the following reference to our journal, and it is very gratifying to us to know that the commendations contained therein are endorsed in many other Masonic and general newspapers in the Colonies and foreign countries:—

"We have received by the s.s. Rimutaka the February number of the *Masonic Star*, a weekly journal and record of Freemasonry at home and abroad, published in London, and it possesses features of great interest for the craft generally. The editorial is a leader on Mark Masonry. This is followed by an article on the impending meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, and an account of a meeting of the Board of Benovelence. Recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of grants made in January last, were allowed, the total amount being £390. A list of 38 applications was then considered. It comprised petit ons from London district, Almswich, Battle, Berwick, Birkenhead, Crediton, Darlington, Demerara, Endfield, Hull, Liverpool, Malta, Millom, Newchurch, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, and Torquay. Of these, two were not entertained, five were dismissed, and one withdrawn, and £845 were distributed amongst the remaining 30 cases. Of these there were three recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100, £75, and £50 respectively; five for £40 each, and six for £30 each to the Grand Master. There were seven intermediate grants of £20 each, one of £15, six of £10, and one of £5. The Masonic Poet's Corner has an original poem on T.G.A.O.T.U. The colonial lodges received full recognition, and amongst others there are notices of the installation of St. Andrew's Lodge, 418, S.C., Auckland, and Manukau Lodge, 586, S.C.

Onehunga, and the anniversary of the Leura Lodge, No. 1,331, Camperdown, Victoria. Some interesting news regarding Masonic matters in the Punjaub is also conveyed, and the issue contains quite a large quantity of interesting items on Masonic matters, and a most interesting article translated from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart, on the "Ethics of Freemasonry." Indeed, this issue of the MASONIC STAR is of the very greatest interest to Freemasons generally, and we have to congratulate the editor on the careful manner in which the news is compiled, and the proprietors on the excellent style in which the paper is produced."

A BOARD OF PAST MASTERS.

IN a recent leading article we made a passing allusion to the functions at present accorded to a Board of Past Masters at Installations, as coming, *inter alia*, under the class of Masonic make-believe, against which we felt it to be our duty to inveigh. The desire of the thinking class of Masons of to-day is to make Freemasonry a clear and logical system, with potentialities higher than those possessed by a mere eleemosynary and festive association. And in following out this ideal, your true progressist has the inestimable advantage, not possessed by those of the cognate school of thought and politics, of being at the same time a reformer and a thorough conservative, inasmuch as the progressive and amending Mason has nothing to do but to go back to the ways of our ancestors for the standard at which he aims. Slight adaptations, verbal alterations, and the like, are necessitated, because *tempora mutantur et vice mutantur in illis*; but although the paths may alter a little they can be trodden after the same manner, and in a direction leading to the same goal. Masonic abuses, are, for the most part, if we only look back far enough, found to be mere perversions of the customs of old times. And applying this principle to the subject with which we are particularly germane to-day, we are content to believe that we have the best warrant for assuming that the functions of a Board of Installed Masters at Installations were in former days of a very much more real character than they are to-day. In Anderson's original Constitutions of 1723, general directions are given for the conduct of the ceremonies of Installation and Consecration, and it is therein distinctly stated that the Grand Master shall ask his Deputy "if he has examined him and finds the Candidate Master well skilled in the noble Science and the royal Art, and duly instructed in our Mysteries." In connection with this it may be observed that Anderson's Constitutions pre-supposed that Installations should always be performed by the Grand Master, his Deputy, and the Grand Wardens, the only lodges then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge being in London. At a later date it became necessary to extend the power of Installation to any three Past Masters. But it is perfectly clear that the spirit of the old Constitutions demanded an actual examination of the candidate on the part of those officers who were charged with the duty of installing him. The ritual in common use to-day is somewhat less definite, but it does thus far copy the wording of the old Constitution as to lay down as a necessary qualification for the chair of K.S. that the candidate "shall be well skilled in the Noble Science," and further on we are told that he must be "able and willing to undertake the management of the Work." Although it does not, like Anderson, specifically indicate any machinery for giving practical effect to these requirements, yet judging from analogy in other portions of Masonic ceremonial we are forbidden to assume that the compilers of our ritual had so little veneration for the Royal Art as to put into the mouths of its votaries words which, if devoid of meaning, would be nothing less than nonsense and the worst of shams. And lest anyone should endeavour to find a loophole of escape from this position by falling back on the assumption that the ritual recognised the prior passing of the various degrees and the serving of the office of Warden as sufficient guarantees of proficiency, we would point out that all these qualifications are categorically stated separately and distinctly from the qualifications we have quoted, and were certainly regarded as metaphorically sailing under their own flags. And further, if it be necessary, we would meet the hypothesis with a flat negative and remind any critics that service as Warden is no guarantee whatever of proficiency in the ritual duties of W.M. and that our ancestors were perfectly well aware of the fact. We are then fully justified in assuming that in Anderson's day and probably for a very long time after, a Board of Installed Masters was supposed to examine every candidate for Installation as to his actual proficiency in the work. The present Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England are silent on the point at issue, but that does not count for much, *cæ et præterea nihil* having been for years the revered motto of Great Queen Street. However, the voice of the past is sufficiently clear, and the voice of common sense echoes it. Surely it is only reasonable that some means should be taken to ascertain, before election, the fitness of past Wardens for the Chair, the duties of which are so complex, and so essentially different to anything that has gone before. If a man conscientiously means to fit himself for the exalted post of Master, he cannot surely be averse to submitting his acquirements to test by those brethren whose peers he aspires to become. And is it reasonable that a brother should only begin to learn his work just when his term of office is half ended, or that some other brother, pitchforked into the Chair because of his well filled pockets, and his popular reputation of being "a jolly good fellow," should go through his year without ever performing the duties at all, and should be obliged to have recourse to an obliging P.M. whenever a degree is on the *tapis*! The sights one is compelled sometimes to witness on the dais are a disgrace, and the only way to avoid them is to compel every candidate for the Chair to submit himself previous to election to examination by a competent Board of Masters. And not only would the dignity of the Chair and the credit of the Lodge be advanced thereby, but a collateral advantage would be gained in the increased interest felt in Lodges of Instruction, which would receive an amazing fillip if such a reform were brought about. And it is workable, for a correspondent of the MASONIC STAR of March 7th quotes a by-law of a Greenwich lodge, which he says has been in operation with good effect for the last 22 or 23 years. It runs thus:—"No brother shall be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he is capable of opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees, and working the ceremonies; the qualification of such candidates shall be certified by a Board of Past Masters prior to his election." The correspondent states that during the whole of the aforesaid 22 years they have only had one case in which the P.M.'s could not recommend the S.W. for election, simply because the inferior officers knew perfectly what was before them. Now, failing a regulation like this being made a Constitutional Rule, it is open to any private lodge to pass a similar by-law, which would doubtless be sanctioned now as it was in the case of the Greenwich lodge. A crying evil would be met and an improvement practically immeasurable effected in Lodge working. Nobody supposes that such a Board would insist on absolute letter perfection, but it would require a competent knowledge of the work of the dais.—*South African Freemason, May 28th, 1889.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER CHAPTER, No. 555.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the 17th inst., when the "Henniker Chapter, No. 555," was consecrated. The Companions present included—the Grand Supt. of Suffolk (the M.E. Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Prin. Soj.); Comps. W. Clarke, P.G. Asst. D. of C., P.G.D.C.; N. Tracy, M.E.Z., P.Z., P.G.S.E.; S. R. Anness, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; G. F. Crane, P.P.G.J., 71, 100, and 1631; H. Harvey George, P.Z. 1631; J. B. Fraser, P.Z. 376, P.G.J.; Hugh W. H. Elwes, P.G.J., P.G.H. Suff., 71 and 1631; James M. Harvey, P.Z. 1008, P.P.G.P.S.; Rev. Richard Peek, J. 376; G. H. Cooper, H. and P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Loveless, org. 81; Richard Allen, A.S. 81; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; F. A. Mann, N. 71; A. R. Abbott, 1631; S. S. Carley, H. 555; B. Gall, P.P.G.S.B., 81; Wm. Chapman, J. 1008; W. Minter, J. 555; John Martin, E. 555; Rev. R. O. Davies, N. 555; and Geo. Gould, Janitor 376.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. H. W. H. Elwes officiating as H., and Comp. J. B. Fraser as J. The first principals of the new Chapter were installed by E. Comp. G. F. Crane, of Yarmouth, as under:—E. Comp. Rev. R. Peek, J. 376, M.E.Z.; Comp. S. G. Carley, H.; Comp. W. Minter, J.

The collars and jewels for the second and third principals were presented to the Chapter by the Grand Superintendent, Rev. C. J. Martyn.

The ordinary business of the Provincial Grand Chapter was then proceeded with under the banner of the newly-consecrated Chapter. On the proposition of Comp. J. B. Fraser, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, Comp. W. Boby was unanimously elected treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers as under:—

S. R. Anness, Royal Sussex, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., H.; H. H. George, St. Andrew's, P.Z., P.P.G.St.B., J.; N. Tracy, Royal Sussex, P.Z., E.; Rev. N. Peek, Henniker, M.E.Z., N.; G. H. Cooper, Lowestoft, H., P.S.; E. Smith, Royal York, M.E.Z., P.P.G.R., 1st Asst. S.; W. B. Hanson, Royal Alexandra, J., 2nd Asst. S.; W. Chapman, White Rose, P.N., Reg.; A. J. L. Reeves, St. Andrew's, H., S.B.; H. C. Pratt, Martyn, S.E., St. B.; W. Clarke, Royal Sussex, D. of C.; F. A. Mann, Lowestoft, S.N., Org.; G. Gould, Royal Sussex, Jan.

The Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Chapter, and subsequently, on the motion of Comp. Elwes, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for the present of the collars and jewels to the 2nd and 3rd principals in the newly-consecrated Chapter. The proceeds of the offertory were devoted towards the expense of some Masonic work which is being executed in Framlingham Church.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been closed, the principals of the Heniker Chapter resumed their chairs, and closed the new Chapter in due form.

A banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

We Notify that:—

——The St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948, held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard Station, Bro. W. Howard, W.M., will meet on Tuesday next, July 2nd, at 5 p.m. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. John Lee Dale, I.P.M., who installed his successor only so lately as May 7th, and had fulfilled his duties as W.M. in a most exemplary manner, the brethren are to appear in Masonic mourning.

——The Holmesdale Mark Master Mason's Lodge, No. 129, Bro. Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, *M.A.*, W.M., will meet at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday next (27th inst.), at 3.45 p.m., and dine there on conclusion of business.

——The usual ex-pupils' day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been fixed for Saturday next, the 29th inst., on which occasion all former pupils are most cordially invited to be present, and will be sure of a hearty welcome.

The Freemasons of Staffordshire and the neighbouring districts are to take part in the ceremonies connected with the laying of the foundation and memorial stones of the new hospital to be erected at Longton. The foundation stone will be "proved and tried" by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough the Provincial Grand Master.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am anxious to contribute something original to your "collection of songs and hymns, ancient and modern," and a very good friend of mine has, in compliance with my request that he would write something hot and strong in Masonry and set to a popular air, sent me the following, which I should like to see take a place in the "Corner." He says that he can no more explain why Charles the Second got mixed up with it, than Douglas Jerrold could tell why a playground full of schoolboys should have suggested to him (as he says in the preface to his immortal work that it did) Mrs. Caudle and the Curtain Lectures, and that he could no more keep the Second Charles out of it than Mr. Dick could keep that monarch's royal father out of his petition. He appears to have been reading Bleak House, and to have taken part in a quadrille, in which the air is introduced, in company with a very lively terpsichoriste, and this may account for it. He points out that he has managed to get in that word "trined," which so took my fancy, and that he intends to publish the song with the music, and reserves the copyright and all his rights connected with the words or their publication, but that any Masonic warbler is at liberty to sing it in the fourth degree. He has only to substitute the chorus for the parenthetical observations, and "there he is."

Yours fraternally,

194, Clapham Road, May 28th, 1889. FRIAR TUCK.

DEAR TUCK,—I am asked to write a song that's *Masonic* "hot and strong" with a chorus that can easily be caught up by the throng. I bethink me of a lay of Charles the Second's day, with a catching kind of rhythm which runs somewhat in this way.

"THE MASONIC A B C."

Words by Bro. ROBERT GREENING. Music (time of CHARLES II.) edited by Bro. TURLE LEE.



(You'll understand, I pray, it's the *tune* and not the *lay*, that I've borrowed from the Musicus of Charles the Second's day.)

E for Entered 'prentice, a neophyte we prize.
F for Fellow-craftsman (a 'prentice with "a rise").
G for the Great Architect whose wondrous works we view.
H for the Hiram legend, we all believe is true.

(I am well aware my rhyme is anything but prime, but I hope you like the "Musick" of the second Charles's time.)

I for the Initiate all are glad to see.
J for the Joy we feel when we receive his fee.
K for King Solomon "in all his glory" drest.
While L stands to teach us to do our Level best.

(I'm endeavouring to sing with a true Masonic ring to a melody much favoured by a very naughty king.)

M stands for the Master who occupies the chair.
N for the Noble science illustrated there.
O for the Orient from whence our secrets come,
And P for the Pillars made upright by the Plumb.

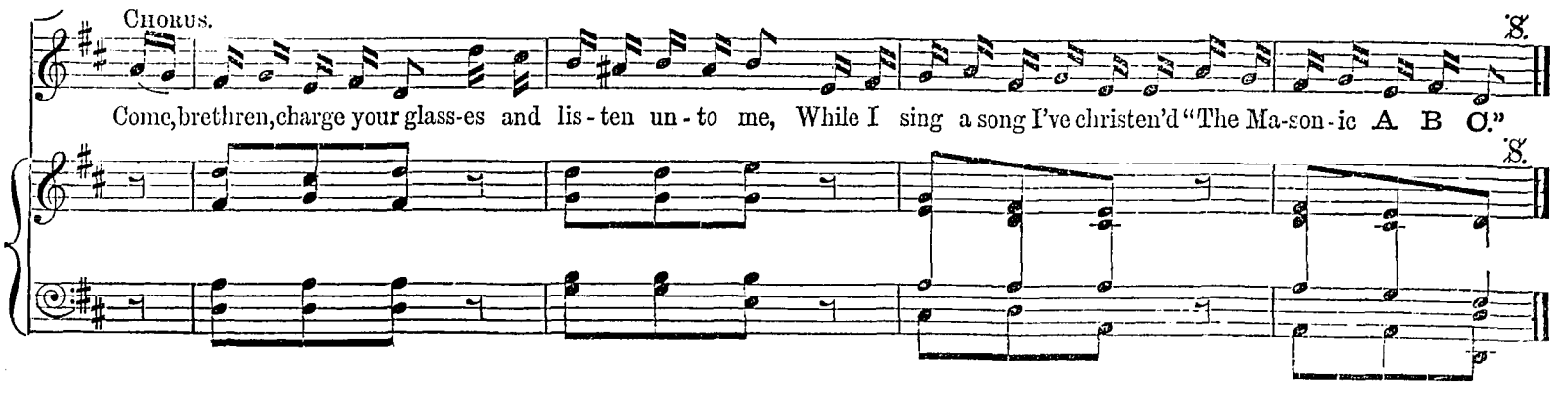
(The words to me are due. For the air I got the cue from Carolus Secundus and his very merry crew.)

Q for the Quarrymen who've hewn the stones we see.
While R represents their Rectangularity.
S the Square pavement which in black and white is tiled;
And T the Tyler as our serving brother's styled.

(I apprehend my verse might be more concise and terse, and —except for Charles the Second's metre—couldn't well be worse.)

U and V for Virtue and Uprightness combined.
W for the Wardens who are with the Master trined.
Z for Zenodochy (for guests expect a "spread.")
Y for "Ynough of it," as ancient Chaucer Z.

(I've been puzzled by that Z, from the Zenith overhead to the Zoophytes that vegetate upon the ocean's bed. I declined the Zuyder Zee. I let the Zodiac be. I considered unmasonical the Zygnemaceæ, and although I've done my best, I have very much digressed, and I find I've left the chorus out, but this can be redressed; so I'll finish up my 'rhyme with a refrain or a chime that's fitted to the "musick" of the merry Monarch's time.)



Yours fraternally—ROBERT GREENING.

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Original Correspondence.

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EXCLUSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Would you or any of your correspondents kindly throw some light upon the following important subject, viz., the powers of a W M. to exclude all visitors from a Lodge?

In company with several Masters and Past Masters of this Province (Bristol), I recently attended the installation meeting of a Lodge, but on presenting ourselves at the Freemasons' Hall, where the ceremony was to take place, we were informed by the Tyler that he had orders from the W.M. to allow none but *members* of the Lodge to sign the signature book or enter the Lodge, and that all visitors were to be *rigidly excluded*.

I have searched the Book of Constitutions, but can find no such power given to a W.M. Rule 151 certainly does not apply to the wholesale exclusion to which I refer, where all applicants for admission were well-known brethren.

The Bye-laws of the Lodge in question provide as follows :—"That no visitor shall be admitted to the Lodge until after the minutes *are read* (without permission of the W.M.), and not then unless he be known to or well vouched for by one of the brethren present;" but even in the Lodge Bye-laws there appears nothing to justify the Master in excluding all visitors after the minutes are read. The Constitutions are singularly silent upon this subject.

It is manifest if a W.M. possesses such power, to what an alarming extent it might be carried to the furtherance of cliqueism and the detriment of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,
W.M.

*** *We consider that this is a matter upon which the Board of General Purposes should decide. If not in their province to do so it ought to be! What says the Provincial Grand Master? In our view, the W.M. has assumed a prerogative which no Master of a Lodge can possess; and by his action attacks one of those landmarks in Freemasonry which the Craft generally should be most careful to preserve. "Every Mason who is a* WORKING BROTHER, *that is to say, who is a subscribing member of a Lodge, has a right to visit any other Lodge as often as it may suit his convenience or his pleasure." Brethren, beware of attempts to remove our Landmarks!*—ED. M.S.

LODGE OF UNITY, 183.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In your number of 20th June, you state "We must go abroad for home news! The *South African Freemason* says, "At a recent meeting of the Unity Lodge (No. 183), London, the secretary reported that although the lodge had been at work uninterruptedly for 120 years, it had never had a Grand Lodge collar bestowed upon any of its members!" You need scarcely go so far afield, for if you will look back to your number of 4th April, p. 96, you will find the item in your reporter's account of the "Unity" meeting of the 25th May, whence your South African contemporary probably extracted it. Some brethren—they must have their little joke—may possibly attribute this strange fact to a conspicuous want of merit on the part of our members; I prefer the reason suggested by a visitor at the time, that it was due to our great modesty.

Fraternally yours,
G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Sec. 183.

"PRUDENTLY AND WITH TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

"Whilst controversy is conducted with prudence and temperance." Thus you conclude your second Trestle Board par. in your last issue, alluding to the expressions of opinion, through your medium, in relation to recent events anent the R.M.I.B.

Now, sir, for months past the masonic press of this country has offered a pretty good specimen of the sort of temper imported into controversy between masons who have opposite views on certain questions, and the vituperation indulged in has often caused me to think that after all done and said Freemasons are by no means better than, if as good as, the generality of mankind at large. The example set is anything but good, and, to paraphrase, one may fairly exclaim "See how these masons love one another." But leaving aside all question of masonic obligation, I hold that an impartial critic would be just in saying that the whole performance is more in keeping with the manners of a low class of society, than of men who describe themselves as "Gentlemen."

Now, sir, I am I daresay extremely presumptuous in offering advice to you as regards the conduct of your journal; be that as it may, I cannot refrain from pointing out to you that by giving publicity to such letters as appear in your columns this week you are not acting in accordance with your own charter of "Temperance." If you had left out the last syllable of this word I could have understood your action. Take for instance an effusion signed "A Vice-President." Here's a pretty sample of Temper(ance): "Notwithstanding the unfraternal *howling* of the *infuriated mob* who cried 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'" This language, in allusion to the proceedings at the Special Court on the 6th inst. is vulgar, and is *not* a statement of fact. You were at that meeting yourself, and I ask you how you can reproduce such stuff? There was no "howling." To describe as "an infuriated mob" the body of gentlemen who attended that meeting is a gross and insulting perversion of the truth; but to say that any cried "Crucify him! Crucify him!" is, as you know, so absolutely false as to be contemptible. Then Dr. Morris is "a rusty hinge that perpetually creaks," and so on. This might seem clever writing in cheap society journalism; but surely, sir, at a crisis in the affairs of our Boys' charity it is out of place. Pray, sir, let us have a penny's worth of matter that is instructive. I am sure if you think it over you will own that this is not.

I have not time to go into "Disgusted Lancastrian's style," but don't you think such words as "cooked, hatched, concocted, or fabricated" would read better in some paper other than your own?

It is a curious thing that some people can only express their feelings coarsely. I have been a subscriber to the MASONIC STAR from the first, and gave you credit, after much of the able matter you have placed before your readers, for being a careful sifter of wheat from chaff, but if your "original correspondence" is not to be conducted truthfully, on courteous lines and in decorous language, your readers would be better without it altogether, original matter from your own pen "crowding it out."

Yours fraternally,
IGNOTUS.

*** *For the sake of consistency we insert the above letter, although it somewhat condemns ourselves. We certainly agree with our correspondent, whom we know personally as an able critic, that freedom from vituperation should be the especial characteristic of all Masonic controversy. And we hope that seeing the rebuke which has been administered to us by Ignotus, our good friends, our controversialists, will in future avoid invective. "Calling a spade a spade" may probably be truth denuded and evidence of manly outspokenness, but a little drapery does not spoil the figure, and, after all, a spade may be called a shovel without departure from correct description.—Verb. sat. sap.*—ED. M. S.

THE "TRAFALGAR" AT GREENWICH.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Under the heading "Bitter-Sweet" in your issue of the 20th inst. appears a very hostile and unfounded criticism relative to a masonic dinner held at the "Trafalgar," at which your correspondent states he was present. So reckless and incorrect a statement merits immediate contradiction, and I trust you will allow this denial to appear in your next issue.

To deal seriatim with the charges brought against this old and justly famed hostelry :—"Diner Out" says "the whitebait had lost its flavor." This season, more than many previous ones, has been distinguished for the excellence of the whitebait the "Trafalgar" has been able to place before its patrons, and which has earned the highest encomiums from many of the leading members of London society who have dined at the "Trafalgar" this year. Many names might be mentioned, high in the roll of our aristocracy, and of our ancient and honourable craft, who have specially complimented the "Trafalgar" on the excellence of its cuisine this season.

Again, "the green peas had had their local habitation in a tin,"—one is really inclined to give way to sarcasm on reading so foolish a statement, but it will serve to say, as a fact, that tinned peas are not used at the "Trafalgar."

Thirdly, "the crab omelette, à la blue seal," was conspicuous by its absence. This dish was not on the menu, and as the menu is always submitted for approval to the orderer of the dinner, "Diner Out," on this point, must find fault with his host instead of the "Trafalgar," and so the simple explanation of this charge proves its absurdity.

Lastly, he says "the sherry," or it may be "the champagne," was iced." Well, the sherry was *not* iced: the champagne was *cooled*, as is almost invariably the case at fish dinners: in fact, in most instances, connoisseurs and those who are accustomed to dine *comme il faut*, prefer their champagne *frappé* when served at fish dinners.

In conclusion, as a Freemason for more than twenty years, and as one having an intimate knowledge of Masonic dinners as served at the old "Trafalgar," I unhesitatingly traverse every one of your correspondent's statements, and deplore that one of the ancient and honourable craft should have lent his authority to unjust and misleading criticism.

Yours fraternally,
832.

25th June, 1889.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Referring to the letters which have recently appeared in your paper from my friend Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, I think with him that it is high time that something should be done by Grand Lodge, or those in Grand Lodge who have the authority to do so, to fix the method in which the ceremony of installation shall be gone through, as in the majority of lodges I have had the pleasure of visiting there is great diversity of working, and certainly not that "uniformity of ritual" which is so much to be aimed at.

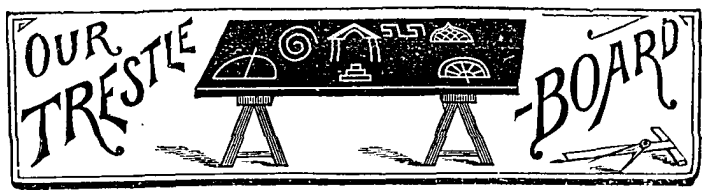
I called recently upon Bro. Sadler, at the Freemasons' Hall, and when I mentioned to him certain customs which were adopted in lodges, who consider their working to be in order, he shook his head and told me that those customs were not correct. The course carried out by the Grand Lodge of Ireland appears to me to be a right solution of the difficulty, and I sincerely hope that some influential member of Grand Lodge will take the matter up, and have such an instructor appointed for each Province, or in the cases of the larger Provinces, more than one, who shall be invested with full powers not only to correct the errors and irregularities of the worshipful brethren, but to take care that his commands are carried into full and permanent effect.

Yours fraternally,
WALTER H. VAUGHAN.
P.M. 1030 & P.P.G.R. E.L.

Cheadle, June 25th, 1889.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Canadian Craftsman; Rewards in the N.·.M.·.J.·.A.·.Rite, by Bro. John Haigh, Somerville; *Quatuor Coronatorum Antegraphia* (Masonic reprints of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London,) Vol. I., Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth: *Minutes of Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab* (for notice): *South African Freemason* (quoted); *Society*.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We have to ask the indulgence of many valued correspondents in consequence of our inability to comply with their requests for want of space. "Crowding out," with us, is a most objectionable operation, for we are very desirous that no cause shall be given for offence to those who are so liberally and generously supporting our efforts. It will, we hope and believe, be shortly our privilege to have more space placed at our disposal, and our correspondents may rely that we shall apply the same faithfully in their interests.

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We hear of the proposed establishment of another Class Lodge, this time promoted by the members of a *political* club. Considering the importance of a continued strict adherence to the Masonic injunction "to abstain from every topic of political or religious discussion," it appears to us somewhat risky for the "members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons," to attempt to run Freemasonry and politics together, as the above-named proposal would certainly suggest. If the petitioners should obtain the warrant for a "Whitehall" Lodge, the members of which affect liberal opinions as politicians, what should prevent a like grant for a "Primrose" Lodge composed of brethren who hold Conservative views? It may be all *comme il faut*, but the connection seems too close, and a very little reason to suspect is often quite sufficient to do an intolerable amount of harm.

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In a report of the proceedings of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, which will be found in another column, we note that in the course of a response on behalf of visitors, the District Grand Master for the State of New York, R. W. Bro. George Hayes, after referring to the progress being made in connection with Masonic Institutions there, said "they hoped shortly to open a home for the reception and shelter of deserving Freemasons while seeking employment." Truly this is a practical rendering of the grand teachings of Brotherly Love and Relief, and the statement is worthy of more than a mere passing thought. It is so consonant with all the injunctions we receive in the course of our Masonic education; nay more, it is so in accord with the very terms of the obligations we take upon ourselves that it would be difficult to conceive a more fitting method of diverting some portion of our Lodge contributions than that of establishing a similar shelter here for some of those "who from circumstances of unforseen calamity and misfortune are reduced" to solicit the temporary assistance which might save them from further distress and despair. We will refer to this subject anon.

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At the installation meeting of La Césarée Lodge, No. 590, held at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on the 6th inst., W. Bro. Bree was placed in the chair of K.S. for a third successive year of Mastership. This event has been spoken of as a "new departure in the annals of (Jersey) Freemasonry," but we presume that the requirements of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions have been complied with, in which case it is somewhat misleading to characterise it as a "departure" from those regulations which govern the Craft generally. We congratulate our Bro. Bree on the unmistakable evidence of the esteem he must be held in by his brethren, and the manner of its recognition by, we presume, the granting of the necessary dispensation to legalize the election for a third year of responsibility.

PROVINCIAL.

KENT.—CHISLEHURST.—The Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, held its 14th installation meeting at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Saturday last, when Bro. William Hollis was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Wm. Thomas Hunt, who received a very hearty vote of thanks in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged that duty after the fulfilment of his year of office. Bros. Tanner and Whomes had been previously passed by him to the second degree. About 35 brethren were present during the installation ceremony, amongst whom were the following visitors and brothers:—Bros. S. Adamson, 199 and 1208, P. Pro. S.G.W. Kent; C. F. Gardiner, Ebury 1348, W.M.; J. H. E. Squire, Avon 1633; J. Muir Smith, Crescent 788, W.M.; Geo. Hayes, G. L., State of New York, D.G.M.; W. Martin, Southwark 879, P.M.; W. J. Newell, Mount Lebanon 732; E. J. Williams, Surrey Masonic Hall 1539; S. R. Speight, Justice 147, P.M. and sec.; C. Vellenoweth, Temperance 169; J. G. Milburn, Union Waterloo 13; Geo. J. Baker, Gresham 869; E. C. Featherstone, 79, W.M. Letters of regret for enforced absence were read from Bros. James Smith Eastes, D.-Prov. G.M. Kent; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; E. J. Joynson, P.M. Crays Valley Lodge; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; J. Maclean and John E. Page, W.M. Stewart Lodge, No. 548, and from several other distinguished brethren. A handsome P.M. jewel and collar was presented to Bro. Hunt in open lodge, after the closing of which a banquet was served in the Village Hall, by Bro. Whomes, the host of the Bull's Head, and which gave general satisfaction. The toasts were well received, especially those of the Rt.-Hon. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master, and the popular W.M. Bro. Hollis. W. Bro. G. Adamson, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, bore high testimony to the sterling qualities of their provincial ruler, whose labours on behalf of Freemasonry were unceasing, and paid a high tribute to the Prov. Dep. G.M., Bro. Eastes, for his general affability and unfailing discharge of his duties in that high office. The W.M. was also greatly complimented as an example of diligence and masonic liberality to younger brethren, as also in relation to the successful results of his recent stewardship on behalf of the province. Bro. George Hayes, District Grand Master for the State of New York, responded for the visitors, and in the course of an admirable address gave an exhaustive account of the progress made in masonry of late in the State with which he is connected. He pointed out the Spaniards used to adopt the motto "ne plus ultra" on their coins, but after the discovery of America by Columbus they dropped the "ne." And so it used to be with New York masonry; they formerly did not trouble themselves with much outside conviviality, but during the past few years they had accumulated large funds, and taking example from Grand Lodge of England, had founded homes and schools for the aged and the orphans as well as other cognate institutions: and hoped shortly to open a home where they could receive deserving masons of other nationalities, and afford them shelter and assistance until employment should be obtainable. Bro. Hayes' address was received with much satisfaction. The whole meeting was marked with the utmost unanimity and concord, and there is every prospect that the lodge will become one of the largest in the province, and continue to deserve its old title of "Happy Chislehurst." In addition to those brethren already named there were present at this pleasant gathering Bros. R. Nevill, P.M.; J. R. Behenna, P.M., Prov. G.P.; Edwd. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; the newly-invested officers, viz., Bros. C. F. Quicke, S.W.; J. C. Main, J.W.; W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Treas.; E. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; A. Tuck, S.D.; J. Marshall, J.D.; W. J. A. Gleaves, I.G.; T. Smith, D. C.; G. Proctor, Steward, and Rawles, Tyler; and A. J. Perrian, G. Whomes, G. N. Tanner, J. E. Drinkwater, C. A. Dettner, G. H. Dowsett, &c., &c.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418—HANLEY.—PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. V. GREATBATCH AND WM. TUNNICLIFF.—On the 18th inst., at the meeting of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, W. Bros. E. V. Greatbatch and Wm. Tunnicliff were each presented with a past master's jewel in gold, in recognition of the services they rendered in connection with the recent inquiry into the management of the Masonic Boys' School, in London. The cause of the inquiry was a feeling on the part of the brethren that the amount yearly contributed to these schools (on an average upwards of £13,000) should accomplish better results, the amount named only providing for about 250 boys, the actual average cost being £50 16s. in the year 1887, as compared with £29 14s. 6d. in the Commercial Travellers' School, and £36 2s. 1d. in the London Orphan Asylum—mismanagement, or rather want of management, absorbing a sum sufficient to provide for at least 150 more boys

every year. Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff, in conjunction with W. Bro. T. Turner (of Longton) took up the matter with great spirit, and pressed for a thorough and most searching inquiry, and ultimately a committee consisting of some of the most active and eminent members of the craft was appointed. The report of this committee is of a nature which it was considered would amply justify the members of the Menturia Lodge in giving a marked expression of their approval of the manner in which Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff had worked. The jewels, which are perfect works of art, were presented to the recipients by the worshipful master, Bro. H. Windle, whose complimentary and congratulatory remarks were endorsed by Wor. Bro. Bromley and other brethren. Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff, in reply, expressed their gratification that their endeavours for the advancement of the craft, which had been their only object, had so commended them; a considerable amount of time and labour had been given to the investigation, but the result was that in future they would be able to educate and provide for three boys where they had only been able to take two in the past. The animating principle had been the good of Freemasonry, and the elucidation of that truly masonic virtue—charity.

YORKS. W.R.—OTLEY.—The Royal Wharfdale Lodge, No. 1108, held its installation festival on the 14th inst., when Bro. William Weigmann was installed W.M. for the ensuing year and appointed the following officers, viz., Bros. W. H. Dawson, S.W.; F. Cobley, J.W.; W. Laycock, P.M., Treas.; P. M. Slater, Sec.; F. Baraclough, S.D.; J. Etchells, P.P.G.R. and Org., J.D.; T. Houlding, D.C.; A. Walker, P.M., Org.; W. H. Tetley, Stwd.; and H. Harrison, P.M., Tyler. A banquet followed Lodge work, and a most agreeable evening was passed by members and visitors.

THE EXAMINATION OF A (FREE)MASON BY KING HENRY VI. (*Circa* 1436).

PUBLISHED AT FRANKFORT IN 1748.

QUESTION.—What mote it be?—ANSWER.—It is the knowledge of nature and the power of its various operations; particularly, the skill of reckoning, of weights and measures, of constructing dwellings and buildings of all kinds, and the true manner of forming all things for the use of man.

Q.—Where did it begin? A.—It began with the first men of the east who were before the first men of the west, and, coming westerly, it hath brought with it all comforts to the wild and comfortless.

Q.—Who brought it to the west? A.—The Phœnicians, who, being great merchants, came first from the east into Phœnicia for the convenience of commerce, both east and west, by the Red and Mediterranean Seas.

Q.—How came it into England? A.—Pythagoras, a Grecian, travelled to acquire knowledge in Egypt and Syria, and in every other land where the Phœnicians had planted masonry; and, gaining admittance into all lodges of Masons he learned much, and returned and dwelt in Grecia Magna, growing and becoming mighty wise and greatly renowned. Here he formed a great (? grand) lodge, at Crotona, and made many Masons, some of whom travelled into France, and there made many more, from whence, in process of time, the art passed into England.

Q.—Do Masons discover their arts to others? A.—Pythagoras, when he travelled to gain knowledge, was first made, and then taught; this course should rightly be applied to all others. Nevertheless, Masons have always, from time to time, communicated to mankind such of their secrets as might be generally useful; they have kept back such only as might be hurtful if taught to improper persons, or such as would not be beneficial without the necessary teaching joined thereto in the lodge; or such as to bind brethren more strongly, by the profits and convenience accruing to the fraternity therefrom.

Q.—What arts have Masons taught mankind? A.—The arts of agriculture, astronomy, arithmetic, music, poetry, chemistry, government, and religion.

Q.—How does it happen that Masons are better teachers than other men? A.—They only have the art of finding new arts, which the first Mason received from God, by which they discover what arts they please, and the true teaching of the same. What other men find out is only by chance, and therefore of little value, I trow.

Q.—What do Masons conceal and hide? A.—They conceal the art of finding new arts, and that for their own profit and praise. They conceal the art of keeping secrets, that so the world may hide nothing from them. They conceal the art of wonder-working and foretelling things to come, that the same art may not be used by the wicked to a bad end; they also conceal the art of changing, the way of obtaining the faculty of Abrac, the skill of becoming good and perfect without the aid of hope or fear, and the universal language of Masons.

Q.—*Will you teach me the same arts?* A.—You shall be taught if you are worthy, and able to learn.

Q.—Do all Masons know more than other men? A.—Not so; they only have a right and opportunity to know more than other men, but many fail for want of capacity, and many more for want of industry, which is very necessary for gaining all knowledge.

Q.—Are Masons better men than others? A.—Some Masons are not so virtuous as some other men; but for the most part they are better than they would be if they were not Masons.

Q.—Do Masons love one another mightily, as is said? A.—Yea, verily, and they cannot do otherwise; for the better men are, the more they love one another.—*Mysteries of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The General Committee meeting in connection with this Institution, which adjourned its proceedings of the 1st inst. to the 29th inst.—*not to the next regular monthly meeting on the 6th July, as has been commonly supposed*—will meet on Saturday next (the day in question) at the hour fixed (4 p.m.)

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent festival was held on the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Peter de Lande Long. The various accounts were submitted, approved, and passed for payment. The customary gratuities, but on a far smaller scale, in consequence of the smallness of the festival, than usual, were voted to those who assist in preparing for, and on the day of, the celebration. It was further resolved that the usual sum of fifty guineas (£52 10s.) should be devoted to the cost of treating the School to a visit to the Crystal Palace—a practice which has been observed by successive Boards of Stewards for several years past. The balance, however, did not allow of more than this being done, and consequently no sum was voted as a donation to the funds of the institution, as was done at the Centenary Festival last year, when out of the balance remaining from the Stewards' Fees 280 guineas (£294) were presented to the institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

On Friday, the 14th inst., the Duchess of Albany, who had visited Bath the previous day, opened the new Town Hall, Trowbridge, which had been presented to the borough by Bro. Roger Brown, as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. Her Royal Highness, who was the guest during her stay of Bro. Walter Long, *M.P.*, afterwards unveiled a statue in the hall of Bro. Brown, presented by the brethren of Trowbridge

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (4th) THURSDAY, JUNE 27th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Air Street, Regent Street
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland...	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
	(4th) FRIDAY, JUNE 28th.	
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1044	Mid Surrey	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
	(5th) SATURDAY, JUNE 29th—Nil.	
	(1st) MONDAY, JULY 1st.	
16	Royal Alpha	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Pk., Brockley
2098	Priory of Acton	Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton, W.
R.A.C.		
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T.
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
Mark.	Grand Stewards	M.H., 8a, Red Lion Square
Red ×		
148	Invicta	King William the 4th, Greenwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, JULY 2nd.	
	COLONIAL BOARD, AT 4.	
171	Amity	Ship Tav., Greenwich
R.A.C.		
1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
Mark.		
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd.	
1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1328	Granite	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
K.T.		
129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
	(1st) THURSDAY, JULY 4th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
1155	Excelsior	White Swan Tav., Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
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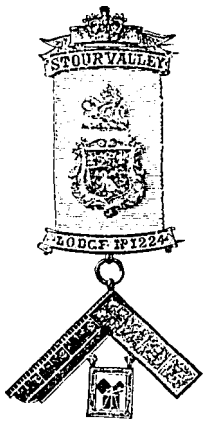
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The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School, which was the outcome of its meeting on the 1st ultimo, was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, London. From the report which has reached us—we were unable to attend personally—it would seem that confidence in the ability of the Provisional Committee appointed by the Special Court, on the 6th June, to set all matters right again in connection with the administration of the School, is entertained by the great majority of those patrons and subscribers who attended such Special Court and shared in its deliberations; for these were absent on the occasion we now refer to, when something less than forty brethren attended—a strong contrast to the overflow which characterised the assembly on the 1st June. It is also apparent that those brethren who sought re-election on the House and Audit Committees, and did not admit that the Provisional Committee of Management was legally competent to perform the duties with which the Special Court had entrusted it, have taken a common sense view of the situation, and do not now persist in claiming presumed rights and privileges which would have been surely and sorely contested if any action had been taken by them in a corporate capacity. The question of election of the subordinate Committees was naturally introduced as an uncompleted business, but it was at once admitted that, rightly or wrongly, as opinions may be, the Provisional Committee had superseded them. The General Committee therefore continued the business comprised in the Agenda, receiving several petitions from new candidates, and placing same on the list of applicants for next election. One of the successful candidates in April last elected, through his friends, to receive the education grant of £20 in lieu of admission to the Institution at Wood Green, and the request was complied with. Beyond the granting of a few sums for outfits to ex-pupils on leaving the School, no further business was done. The next regular meeting of the General Committee is to be held on Saturday next, but under existing circumstances we presume the business to come before it will be of a merely formal nature, and, in anticipation of the action and report of the Provisional Committee of Management, no important proposition will be considered.

As we go to press, the Anniversary Festival of the Institution is commencing, and in common with many others of its best friends, we share the anxiety of the stewards who have been zealously working for some time past to secure a respectable total of donations for the support of the school during and after the ensuing twelve months. There can be but little doubt that such total will have been affected by recent events, and by the publicity given thereto as well in the general press as in the several Masonic journals. Still, we hope, and have reason to think, that the diminution, if any, from the average of the past two or three years will not be serious, and, if it be, that, nevertheless, more permanent good than temporary harm will be the result of the steps which have been taken to amend the general management of the institution. Whatever may be the issue of this year's festival in a pecuniary sense, one thing is certain, that the many causes for dissatisfaction which have of late—and much more so than many members of the Craft may imagine—hindered the flow of subscriptions from lodges and individuals, will no longer exist; and that under improved regulations and more stringently supervised instructions, the affairs of the institution will be restored to their former excellence, the strong affection of the Craft for "Our Boys" be further strengthened, and the deficits of the present made good by increased efforts and larger contributions in the future. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is not to be wrecked because some acknowledged and, we must admit, desperate abuses have existed which are brought to light, and are in course of remedy; and it should not now be further imperilled by factious disputation over matters which are beyond recall. To impugn in any manner the report of the late Committee of Enquiry is, at this moment, a dangerous proceeding, and should be universally condemned. What is absolutely necessary for safety is calm and deliberate action under the authority which has been conferred, and a patient reliance upon the judgment and experience of those to whom the conduct of affairs has been entrusted. And equally, should all desire for vindictiveness on the part of those offended—and all things considered having reasonable cause for offence—be dis-

couraged during the period which intervenes between the present and the date at which the Provisional Committee will meet a Special Court. They will know best how to mete out justice, and where to exercise clemency; and however much our public utterances have been in dispraise of actions and actors in connection with the recent past, and our pages may still continue to express the opinions of other brethren, we believe we shall not be misunderstood in counselling the observance of a discreet non-interference with the proceedings of that Committee during its exercise of the authority and powers with which it has been invested. In its turn it will have to submit its report to the Patrons and Governors of the Institution, and, as we hope, receive deserved commendation for what it may have done; and, on the other hand, its members may be sure that, apart from unnecessary fault-finding, any error of judgment or abuse of power which might attach to their decisions will be as firmly criticised as have been the errors and abuses they are now called upon to remedy.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE—No. 2076.

The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday, 24th June, at 5 p.m., to celebrate the Masonic Festival of St. John in Harvest. The following members attended—Bros. W. Simpson, *R.I., M.R.A.S.*, W.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; W. H. Rylands, G. St. (W.M. No. 2), as S.W.; Jno. Lane, P. Pr. G. Reg., Devon, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, sec.; Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, *F.S.A., R.I.B.A.*, &c., S.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, J.D.; T. B. Whytehead, C. Kupferschmidt, as I.G.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., Prof. W. Mattieu Williams, *F.R.A.S., F.C.S.*, and C. Purdon Clarke, *C.I.E.* Also the following members of the correspondence circle, viz.—Bros. S. Richardson, E. W. Carus-Wilson, R. Roy, W. M. Graham, D. P. Cama (P.G. treas.), J. B. Mackay, R. A. Gowan, H. Tipper, Max Mendelssohn, G. A. Nock, C. E. Wright, W. Lake, C. F. Hogard (P.G. Std. B.), and J. Bodenham, P.G.A.D.C. Also the following visitors—Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dis. G.M. of Malta; Dr. B. W. Richardson, P.M. 2029; H. Warner, 2265; and S. L. Macg. Mathers, 195.

The lodge having been opened and the previous minutes confirmed, 3 lodges and 28 brethren were admitted to the membership of the correspondence circle, viz.:—The District Grand Lodge of Natal; Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, Craydock, Cape of Good Hope; and the St. Andrew's Lodge "Indissolubilis" of Berlin; and Bros. K. L. Christiansen, Dis. G.J.W., Eastern Archipelago; A. R. Adams, Dis. G.A.D.C., Eastern Archipelago; E. C. Harte and W. Porteous—all of Penang; Major J. B. Hendry, *M.A.*, New York; O. H. Bate, Barkly East, Griqualand; E. Hancock, Major J. R. Robertson, C. G. Serrurier, and B. Lapin, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; O. W. Kauffman, Breslau, Silesia; A. Duncan, King William's Town, Cape; G. Beveridge, E. Hart, J. Lawrence and E. F. Lezard, all of Kimberley, South Africa; A. C. Morasso, Dis. G. St., Gibraltar; F. L. Forsyth, *M.D.*; W. H. Scott, and N. L. Wilbur, all of Providence, Rhode Island; C. Hull, Christchurch, New Zealand; Lieut. Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Hull; C. H. O. Curtis, Bournemouth; H. Tipper, Hammersmith; J. Nevin, Clayton, Bradford; T. Hicks, P. Pr. G.J.W. Cornwall, St. Columb; R. H. Singleton, Halifax; and Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dis. Grand Master, Malta. This raises the number of intrants to 660.

The W.M. referred to the publication since the last meeting of Part I. of the 1889 Transactions. It was a larger number than any previously issued, replete with interesting matter, and a credit to all concerned. The "Notes and Queries" department he thought would be very valuable; it afforded an opportunity for the preservation of matter which was perhaps scarcely fitted to form the basis of a paper or lecture, and he trusted that any brother, however inexperienced, who in the course of his reading came across a passage of possible interest, would make an extract for their secretary. Such a course would naturally entail the reception of much that was already well known, but although the Committee might decide not to reprint it on that account, the services of the correspondent would be none the less appreciated. On the other hand much of great interest might be brought to their notice and gratefully made use of. He would mention, as a curious coincidence, that the secretary had received for their next number no less than four or five notes on Chinese Masonry from different quarters. Further, since their last meeting, Vol I. of Masonic Reprints had been issued by the lodge. The brethren would be pleased to hear that he held the written commands of the M.W. the G.M. to proceed to Marlborough House and present him with a copy of their publications to date. As soon as the volumes were decently bound for the purpose he should take the first opportunity of complying. Reverting to the "Reprints," he was of opinion that from every point of view, masonic, archæologic, artistic and literary, they were a credit to the editor, the lodge, and he would add, the craft itself. There was one feature of the book which deserved their especial attention. He alluded to the commentary on the Regius MS. by Bro. Gould. The labour and research involved in its production must have been enormous. He had read it through once, but he intended to apply himself to a study of it, and wished he could have Bro. Gould at his elbow to answer questions as they rose to his mind. He was informed that it represented nearly twelve months of research and hard work, and he wished to impress upon the brethren that all this study, thought and toil were rendered by Bro. Gould, freely, cheerfully and gratuitously, out of the abundant love he had for the lodge and its welfare. He would now go through the needless formality of moving a vote of thanks, and had great pleasure in expressing to Bro. Gould what must of necessity be the unanimous feeling of the brethren, their gratitude for his work, and their appreciation of the result. Bro. Rylands supported the vote, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Gould said that he was very greatly obliged to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and he appreciated it the more on account of the kindly remarks of the W.M., and Bro. Rylands, with which the resolution had been introduced to the Lodge. The task of writing a commentary on the oldest document of the Craft had been a formidable one, and in setting to work upon it, he had been forcibly reminded of one of those memorable utterances which Cervantes has put into the mouth of Don Quixote. The latter, in enumerating the qualifications which should be possessed by a Knight Errant, went on to state, in effect, that he should be a proficient in everything. In like manner, to do full justice to the ancient legends and traditions of masonry, any person who attempted to commentate upon them, ought to be, not only a student or antiquary of the Craft, but a scholar and archæologist in the widest sense of the expression. A close study of the Masonic Poem would have been incomplete, without at least some research into matters not at a first view absolutely connected with it. Thus, the literature, the language, the architecture, the history and laws, and the geography of Britain, had each claimed a share of attention. He did not venture to contend that in these collateral studies he had proceeded very far; but, nevertheless, in the time at his disposal, he had spared no exertion to qualify himself, as far as he was able, for the execution of the task which had been allotted to him. He thought the presentation of the Regius MS., in *facsimile*, was the best of all possible reproductions with which a new series of their publications could be inaugurated, and if the commentary upon it should be deemed by the Lodge, he would not say altogether, but to some slight extent, worthy of its text, and no discredit to the channel of publication through which it had seen the light, he should be amply compensated for the time and labour he had devoted to it.

The Secretary described the preliminary arrangements which had been made for a proposed excursion to St. Albans in July, and handed round for inspection, a photograph of a boss in Peterborough Cathedral, forwarded by Bro. Clarabut. Bro. T. B. Whytehead read a very instructive paper on "The Grand Lodge at York," graphically describing in concise language its history as far as known. The paper is naturally far too long for insertion in our columns; for its study we must refer our readers to the next number of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." A long and interesting discussion ensued, embracing a number of points arising out of the lecture and of the photograph already alluded to, in which the W.M., and Bros. Gould, Speth, Rylands, Goldney, Dr. Richardson, and Whytehead took part. A written commentary on the paper from the pen of Bro. Hughan was also read.

Hearty good wishes having been tendered, Bro. Col. Ramsay, Dis.G.M., Malta, begged to thank the brethren, as a visitor, for the good work they were doing, and for the opportunity afforded him of being present at such an interesting meeting. He was happy to say, however, that through their kindness in electing him that evening, although he entered their Lodge a self-invited visitor, he should leave it a member of their widely-spread correspondence circle.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. As usual, the speeches were few and short, the brethren appearing to find more pleasure in Masonic conversation and discussion than in after dinner oratory. Noteworthy, however, were two speeches. Bro. Whytehead, in reply to "Prosperity to the Lodge," recounted his fruitless efforts to connect himself with Masonic archæology, a desire which he at length partly gratified by joining the Rosicrucian Society of England. Since, however, the establishment of the Quatuor Coronati, which he joined immediately after its formation, the outlook for an intelligent and intellectual Mason had considerably changed for the better. The example set by this lodge was spreading, and already Yorkshire boasted of two Masonic literary societies—one at Bradford and one at Wakefield—of both of which he was a member. The prosperity of the lodge was assured. The periodical issue of their transactions, the publishing of such a volume of reprints as had just seen the light, with the certain hope of more to follow; the industry, organising power, and energy of their secretary; the literary and scientific status of many of their members; and the extent of their correspondence circle—660 members in every quarter of the globe—made failure simply impossible. Bro. Dr. Richardson replied for "The Visitors" with all his well-known eloquence. He congratulated the lodge on its past, present, and future. The failure of all previous attempts at an analogous society, in some of which brethren then present had participated, had failed to frighten the founders of the Quatuor Coronati, and quite rightly so, for the repeated attempts proved the demand, and the failure was probably due to causes which No. 2076 had known how to evade or surmount. He had only lately become aware of their existence, and was indebted to his friend, Bro. Williams, for bringing him there. It was a red-letter day for him: the most enjoyable he had ever spent in Masonry, and he trusted that the indulgence of the brethren, when they came to examine into his qualifications, would soon place it out of his power to return thanks as a visitor.

BELGRAVE CHAPTER.—The installation meeting of this Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Ship and Turtle, on Friday, the 28th June. Comp. H. E. Coffin was installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. J. J. Thomas as H. by the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. W. A. Scurrah, Prov. 1st A.S., Middlesex, in a very able manner. Comp. Simner, the J. elect was unable to be present. The other officers were invested. There being no other business before the chapter, the companions adjourned to the banquet. Comp. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z. 19, P.P.G.P.S., Middlesex, and Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z. 72, 1549, P.P.G. treas., Middlesex, responded to the toast of the "Visitors," of whom there were more than members present.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE MASON'S VACANT CHAIR.

By Bro. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146 (Bolton), P.Z.

(*Tune*—"The Vacant Chair.")

WE shall meet around our altar,
In the Lodge, upon the square,
But our bravest words will falter,
As we see his Vacant Chair.
'Twas as yesterday we met him,
Hand in hand, and heart to heart;
Oh, not soon shall we forget him!
Oh, 'twas hard for us to part!
Chorus—We shall meet around our altar,
In the Lodge, upon the square,
But our bravest words will falter,
As we see his Vacant Chair.

A belov'd and cheerful Brother
Was he who now has gone;
Hard to find we such another
'Neath our fix'd meridian sun.
Bright for him the same will glisten,
Wheresoe'er his steps may roam;
In his dreams oft may he listen
To the voices dear, of home.
Chorus—We shall meet, &c.

May he prosper 'mong the living—
May he never lack a friend—
May he have no dread misgiving
When his life draws to an end.
Like a good and faithful Mason,
May he join his Lodge above,
When his raptur'd soul shall hasten
From this world to worlds of love!
Chorus—We shall meet, &c.

DEAD!

By Bro. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146 (Bolton), P.Z.

(*Tune*—"The Vacant Chair.")

WE shall meet around our altar,
In the Lodge, upon the square,
But our bravest words will falter,
As we see his Vacant Chair.
Clad in gloom are all our spirits,
For our Brother dear, is dead;
But his memory richly merits
All our praises, sung, or said.
Chorus—We shall meet around our altar,
In the Lodge, upon the square,
But our bravest words will falter,
As we see his Vacant Chair.

He hath done a Mason's duty,
He hath kept his jewels bright;
In yon Lodge of Heavenly Beauty,
May his spirit see The Light!
In the grave we all bewail him,—
Here his Lodge is left in woe;
May the Great Grand Master hail him,
Where all good Freemasons go!
Chorus—We shall meet, &c.

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"MASONIC POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Your correspondent, "Friar Tuck," seems fond of hard words. What is the meaning of "Zenodochy," and why is there no "X" in the "Masonic A B C"? I suppose he thinks a Mason shouldn't be on the cross! Yours fraternally,

Camberwell, June 28th, 1889. JONAS SMITH.

*** *The word was unfortunately misprinted. It should be Xenodochy," which means "hospitality."*—ED. M.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of this important Province was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Friday, the 21st June. Nearly all the lodges were represented. The treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, showing a good balance in hand. The warrant of re-appointment of the Prov. G. Mark Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was read. Bro. F. Davison was re-appointed Deputy Prov. G.M.M., but was too unwell to be present.

Sir Francis Burdett appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Henry Lovegrove, G.S.W.; J. F. Griffith, *M.D.*, G.J.W.; G. H. Wilkinson, G.M.O.; J. H. Thompson, G.S.O.; Nelson Plower, G.J.O.; Rev. R. W. J. Cator, *M.A.*, G. Chaplain; Rev. G. H. Weldon, G. Chaplain; Charles Hammerton, G. treas.; P. Snillard, G. Reg.; W. G. Brighten, P.G.W., G. sec.; W. Heath, S.G.D.; J. H. Clare, J. G. D.; W. Lloyd Wise, G.I. of W.; T. C. Edmunds, G.D.C.; F. R. Hales, G.A.D.C.; W. F. Potter, G.S.B.; R. J. Chitson, G. Std. Br.; Charles Lee, G. Organist; H. Tipper, G.I.G.

An excellent banquet followed, after which Bros. Egbert Roberts and G. J. Dunkley gave some excellent songs.

IRREGULARITIES IN LODGES.

We quote the following instructive paragraphs from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab of the 13th April last.

In addressing District Grand Lodge, the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, Bro. E. Woodall Parker, alluded to the examination of candidates before admission into the higher degrees, and said "that a sham examination, in which the answers were prompted to the candidate, was worse than useless, and made the candidate, as well as other brethren present, think lightly of our duties and obligations. The usefulness and impressiveness of our ceremonies were destroyed if candidates were not required to possess a thorough knowledge of one degree before they passed into the next; and any candidate who neglected the duty of submitting himself to instruction, should be remorselessly sent down, and his proposer and seconder reprimanded for their neglect. Indeed the Master was bound to insist on the candidate being properly prepared, mentally as well as physically, before entering the Lodge. The District Grand Master spoke at some length on the irregularities of procedure which has occurred of late in some Lodges in the district. He mentioned that in one Lodge the ballot had been omitted, by mistake, *before* and taken *after* the ceremony of Initation had been performed. The excuse offered was that the Master in the Chair thought the ballot had been taken at a previous meeting, which was absurd, as the Minutes were present for reference. The re-admission of the candidate concerned in due course had removed the disability as regards him, but such an omission as that of the ballot should have been impossible."

"In another case, which had come to light, a candidate had been Initiated with only three brethren present, *viz.*, the Master and two Master Masons. The brethren concerned were old and not undistinguished Masons, and it was astonishing to find them pleading ignorance of the simplest laws and usages of the Craft. Had the Worshipful Master asked himself the question usual for candidates of the Fellow Craft Degree—'Where were you made a Mason?' the answer—'In the *body* of a Lodge *just, perfect* and *regular*,'—must have suggested itself to his mind. The volume of the Sacred Law makes it just, the number seven or more makes it perfect, and its warrant of constitution makes it regular. Not less than three Master Masons, two Fellow Crafts (or Master Masons), and two apprentices (or Fellow Crafts or Master Masons), must be present. In this case also, after due submission made by the Lodge, the candidate was re-admitted in a regular manner."

"Bro. Parker said that the last case which had been brought to notice was that of a Lodge which had, during the working, divided itself into *two* Lodges, and worked as such in different rooms,—thus forming an *imperium in imperio* of the most curious description. Certain brethren had been told off by the Lodge to go into another room and confer one degree, while the Lodge proper was working in another. Here also the question whether the second Lodge so formed was just, perfect and regular, must at once have settled its fate to any reflecting mind. Even supposing it had been made just and perfect, it could not have been 'regular,' with reference to Articles 120, 125 and 126 of the Book of Constitutions, as it had no warrant and had not been formally constituted; nor was the degree given in the '*body*' of a Lodge just, perfect and regular. It has been urged that the plan has the sanction of former practice, but no authority can be quoted. Now whether the brethren who went into the other room had been working in the same degree as the Lodge proper or independently in other degrees, their action was most unwarranted and improper, as there can be but one Worshipful Master and one Warrant for one Lodge, and the Master being present and the Lodge open in the Lodge room, all action elsewhere was irregular and void. It having been reported that at a subsequent Regular Meeting the candidates concerned had been re-obligated in a regular manner, and the Lodge having submitted an explanation and apology it was unnecessary to move further in the matter than to bring it to the notice of the Grand Secretary who would doubtless inform District Grand Lodge upon the rights of the matter. The District Grand Master was fully assured that the action of the Lodge in question was taken in good faith and without any intention to break through the laws and usages of the Craft, and was gratified to find that efforts had been made to repair the error and to avoid the disqualification of the candidates concerned."

SINCE many of our forms and operations are necessarily secreted from common inspection, the uninitiated will doubtless be apt to measure the worth of our Institution by the deportment of its members. This should serve as an incentive to every one of us uniformly to display in the lodge and out of it those virtues so earnestly and beautifully inculcated in it. Our Institution would be but weakly commended, and our professions of excellence but empty boasts, if our lives give not corroborative evidence to our assertions and prove the propriety of our encomiums. Masonry teaches, and has always commended the highest standard of moral excellence, yet sometimes a standing reproach presents itself to the Craft in the abuse by its members of the best faculties with which God has endowed man. It presents itself in various forms—profanity for instance, vulgarity, ingratitude, back-biting, intemperance, and even absolute drunkenness, and many other evil forms which bring the blush of shame to the good Mason's cheek. These things should not be, and I assert most positively that these vices are not learned or acquired in the lodge room. Temperance, prudence, fortitude, justice, brotherly love, relief and truth, are virtues that strengthen our moral natures when properly studied and practiced, and make the resistance of temptation easy and enable us to avoid excess. Yes, brethren, the lodge room is intended to make us wiser and better men and Masons, and our conduct in all the relations of life should convince the world of its good effects.—*The Grand Master of Arkansas, U.S.A.*

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"PAST MASTERS' COLLARS."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

My attention has been called to a query and your reply in your issue of January 24th, 1889, anent this subject.

Although somewhat behind time, perhaps the following notes may not be considered out of place by those who want to know.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, December 1st, 1886, it was resolved, on the recommendation or report of the Board of General Purposes, that *Law* 307 *should read :*

"The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad ; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon."

And that Law 308 should read :

"The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens."

The above was carried by 211 to 210 against my motion as eventually modified by the late Bro. Portal, viz. : "That the Master, the Past Masters and the Wardens of a Lodge shall be at liberty to wear their collars and jewels upon all masonic occasions ; " and was duly confirmed at the March meeting, unopposed by me upon the distinct understanding that my motion, of which I had given notice, would not be ruled out of order in consequence (otherwise I would, of course, have opposed the confirmation of this part of the minutes) ; as a result, however, I carried by a very large majority, my series of propositions of which Art. 306a is the embodiment. But mark how the Board turn back on their own recommendations made and passed in December and confirmed in March. The Board reports, in addition to Art. 306a, at September meeting : they delete the words "and Past Masters" from line 1 of 307 as formerly passed, thereby taking the *plain blue collar* again from the P.M.'s, and in Art. 308 they again delete the words "Past Masters," as formerly inserted, from line 1, and also the same words from line 4, and report : "Rules 307 and 308 will then remain as they were *before December*, 1886, with the omission of the words 'Past Masters' in the fourth line of 308." The sum total of this is, by 307 and 308, a P.M. has *no collar at all*, neither in nor out of his Lodge, and in fact has no collar but as per Art. 306a (except as per 304 for Grand Stewards), and no officer of a Lodge can wear his collar anywhere except as per Art. 308.

If the B. of G. P. had left 307 as they passed it in December, 1886, the P.M.'s could have worn their plain-blue collar in their own Lodge, but now they cannot, and if they had left the words "and Past Masters" in first line of 308, as also carried in December, 1886, the said P.M.'s could have taken their plain-blue collar into Grand or Provincial or District Grand Lodges, but now they cannot —they have only 306a to resort to.

I don't think the B. of G. P. intended this, and I am informed they or the G. R., or someone else, has already given a "*ruling*" that *plain blue without cord* may be worn ; but no one has any such power under the Arts. as quoted above. Yours truly,

W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317.

"PRUDENTLY AND WITH TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The above is the heading of a letter by "Ignotus" in your issue of 27th inst., in which he minutely, and with what seems to me asperity, criticises certain forms of expression I made use of in a former letter anent (what I considered) the unseemly manner in which the Special Court of the R.M.I.B. received the report of the Investigation Committee, their conclusions or recommendations, and also the very unfraternal and inconsiderate language used by some of the members of that Court.

In your footnote you express your agreement with "Ignotus" that "freedom from *vituperation* should be the characteristic of all masonic controversy." I also notice he uses the word "*vituperation*" in reference to the style of the masonic press for months past on certain questions which appears to have led him to doubt whether masons are even "as good as the generality of mankind at large," and you say you "know him as an able critic," and as I know you not only as an able critic, but as a lover of fair play and equal measures, I take your word for his ability ; but, possibly, you will permit me to say I see no reason whatever for you to accept any chastisement at his hands. On my head be all the blame—if any. "Vituperation" looks a long harsh word in type, but upon referring to the best dictionary I possess I find it simply means *blame or censure* ; but later on in your foot note you use another word which you seem to consider interchangeable—viz., "*invective*"—but which I find has a very much stronger interpretation, such as "something intended to cast opprobrium, or it may be used contemptuously, or to convey infamy, and sundry other very disagreeable insinuations."

Well, Sir and Brother, how many of these epithets may be applied to the style and matter of my last letter, or howsoever many more of a like or worse character, it still remains as a fact that I was referring to your report in your issue of 13th inst., which I state is not very pleasant reading. If you will refer to the third paragraph, on page 216, of your report of the Special Court, line 17 —I admit you will not find the words "Crucify him," but—you will find "cries of *away with them all away*." I don't know of any country, Christian or Jewish, where crucifixion is literally and corporeally practised, consequently my use of this formulæ had only reference to its counterpart at this meeting, and the well known record of the trial of Christ before Pilate, if the language was different, judging from your report, it could not be much less bitter. There is another counterpart in your report as to the secretary, in lines 8-13 of the same paragraph, where you speak in reference to some of the reports from Provinces. You say "In some cases they were so personal to the secretary, *who up to now has not had the opportunity* for making what may be termed a masonically public defence, that it *seemed a cruel and unkind* thing that he should have been required to read his own indictment." I don't know that it is not even worse than its counterpart in the matter of the mock trial of Christ, and yet "Ignotus" objects to me styling those present an *infuriated mob*. Well, seeing that you were there, and he was there, and Bro. Brackstone Baker was there, who made a very sensible, prudent and just suggestion ; and that Bro. Geo. Britten was there, who also made a conciliatory suggestion, though possibly at the moment a mistimed one ; and the chairman, R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, *M.P.*, was there, who conveniently, and I think, prudently, though unavoidably, did not catch the motion for a vote of thanks to the Investigation Committee ; and that Bro. Controller Bake was there, who also made a very sensible observation ; and that Bro. Harry Bevir, of Warwickshire, was there, whose name I trust will be handed down to posterity with honourable mention ; and no doubt several other very well intentioned brethren, as Bro. Bevir's motion was carried, I will most unreservedly withdraw my expression of "*infuriated mob*," and apologize for my rash use of so unmasonic a term, and yet as you find it necessary to suppress some of Bro. Hawkins' remarks which you characterise as "severe language" expressed "in terms of great indignation," and refer to "*the confusion that ensued*" the passing of the motion for adoption of the report, it is difficult to select a suitable phrase to substitute. I will, therefore, describe them as "Ignotus" says they describe themselves—"Gentlemen"—with my apologies to you and thanks to "Ignotus." Yours very fraternally,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

R. M. I. B.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I must confess I am surprised at the tone of "Master Mason" in your issue of the 20th inst. Surely "to obtain peace by gentle means" should be the earnest effort of all good and true Masons, and much more so when the trouble is in connection with one of our much valued Benevolent Institutions. I can hardly see why such course "must surely fail." I rather think such course would be more likely successful than that he propounds.

Of course the "Court is divided into sides ;" has it ever on all points been quite unanimous except in the desire to attain the best ends by the best means ? But these are in themselves points upon which it is possible to differ, though I hope in a fraternal way.

Then "M. M." dogmatises. He says, "If public confidence is to be regained the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE *must* do" so-and-so. Well, for the sake of the Institution and Freemasonry generally,

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The price to be paid to the vendors for the goodwill, copyright and stock is £1,500, of which £750 is payable in cash and £750, the balance, either in cash or shares at the option of the Directors.

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The terms of the purchase are set forth in an agreement, dated 28th May, 1889, and made between THOMAS ADAMS, NATHANIEL COHEN and GEORGE BISHOP (trading as ADAMS BROS.), of the first part, JAMES STEVENS of the second part, and the Company of the third part.

Other agreements have been entered into respecting advertising which might be deemed to be contracts under the Companies' Acts. Intending shareholders will therefore be deemed to have waived any further compliance with Section 38 of the Companies' Act, 1867.

If no allotment be made the money paid on application will be returned in full.

Copies of the Memorandum, Articles of Association and the Contract with the vendors may be seen at the office, of the Company, or their Solicitor.

Applications for shares, on the annexed form, should be sent, accompanied by the amount payable on applications to the Bankers or Secretary of the Company.

Memorandum of Association

OF

THE "MASONIC STAR," LIMITED.

1. The name of the Company is "THE 'MASONIC STAR,' LIMITED."
2. The registered offices of the Company will be situate in England.
3. The objects of the Company are:—

To acquire the copyright of the "Masonic Star" newspaper and to publish the said newspaper.

To carry on the business of printers and publishers, advertising agents, stationers and dealers in copyrights.

To acquire by original registration, purchase or otherwise for the purposes of the Company's business as above defined, the copyright of books, newspapers, works of art, and all publications capable of registration as copyright, and to turn the same to account.

To sell and dispose of the undertaking or property of the Company with a view either to the division (subject to the necessary proceedings for that purpose) of the proceeds of sale in the form of cash, shares, or otherwise among the members of the Company, or with a view to retaining and re-investing such proceeds, and to purchase and sell any interim investments of such proceeds, and to acquire and hold under, or as incidental to, any such sale of the undertaking and property or the re-investment of proceeds of such sale any shares or property, notwithstanding that there may be liability to calls or other liability thereon.

To promote, subscribe to, and hold shares in any public company or private undertaking offering facilities for the purposes of the Company.

To acquire all or any of the assets and property, and to assume all or any of the liabilities of any other company, having objects similiar to any of the objects of the Company, on terms of amalgamation or otherwise.

To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such company.

To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits with any person or company contracting with the Company for the use of the Company's copyrights, or to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such company.

To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of this business, and in particular any land, buildings, easements, machinery, plant and stock-in-trade.

To make, accept, indorse, and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

To construct, maintain, and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company.

To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

4. The liability of the Members is limited.

5. The capital of the Company is £5,000, divided into 5,000 shares of £1 each, and the shares forming the Capital (original or increased) of the Company may be divided into different classes, to be held on the terms prescribed by the Articles and special resolutions of the Company, and so that the respective classes of shares may be subject to such preference and restrictions (if any) as may be prescribed by the Articles and special resolutions.

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I sincerely hope M. M. is not in supreme command of the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE, nor of the Court of Governors to which they have to report.

The temperature of the atmosphere is somewhat oppressive at the moment, but as I peruse his five salient points of reform and retrenchment, I feel it will be necessary to keep myself under restraint, lest I may inadvertently say something to hurt.

His first MUST "make a clean sweep, &c.," who are "*the discredited staff*" to begin with. The steward and matron have resigned; I suppose it does not make much difference to the doctor even if he be one of those "discredited." I cannot find that the under masters or servants are discredited. The collector is only overpaid; who else remains to be pensioned off? Does he call the Head Master discredited? Does he call the Secretary discredited? I cannot find it in the report or the resolutions; true, the Head Master is represented as very severe to the boys, and as weak and non-assertive with the steward, matron, and their staff; true, also, the secretary is represented as active, energetic, persevering, and, wonderful to relate, doing not only his own work well, but picking up odd ends of left undone duties of others, and therefore he has done too much! Who else is there to be pensioned? But this language, "*make a clean sweep of the whole discredited staff*," sounds mighty powerful and almost authoritative. Grand!

II. MUST. "Appoint a young and energetic secretary at a *reasonable* salary." Ah! It is the secretary he wants to be at, is it? He certainly puts it *very reasonable*—begin at £200 and increase by *not more* than £10 per year to £400—20 years' service before reaching £400!! Why does he not apply for the post himself? Is "M. M." not young? or not energetic? or would he not be worth half the amount even *as his own master?* I fear to know him more intimately lest I might learn to dislike him. If young, I hope he will improve in wisdom with years; if old, I beg of him not to trouble us with such absurdities. A secretary is not a mere clerk, as "M. M." seems to think.

III. MUST, though not in itself unwise, yet it would require to be attended to with great discretion to avoid the swooping down upon the Institution by the Charity Commissioners, for if we accumulate funds beyond present prospective requirements, they may take the management in their own hands. According to my opinion, our reserve fund should never exceed the amount sufficient to fulfil the engagements we enter into; in this respect "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" will be found a tolerably safe motto.

IV. "Reduce the cost," &c. Why, certainly we all want that, provided we can still have efficiency, but we don't want to "lose the ship for sake of a pennyworth of tar." "M. M." may rest assured this point will have careful attention.

V. "Frame rules for the New Committee to help them in their work." I think if "M. M." reads the rules and the bye-laws of the various committees, and the report of the Investigation Committee, even he would find it difficult to make very many new rules, or alter many of the present ones unless he makes one to fine the members of the various committees for absence or inattention to the trust reposed in them; but if the General Court showed more interest themselves, and were not quite so disposed to slide through the reports and routine on Court days in such a perfunctory manner, matters would very soon improve with committees and officers also.

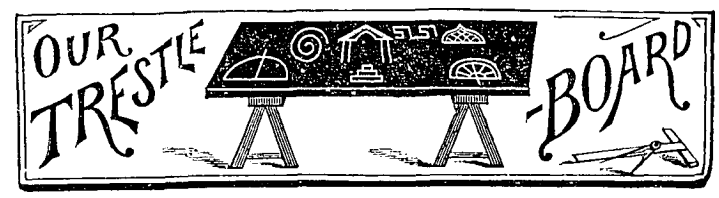
Please let us have no more such irritating communications till after the dog days are over, or when heat is conducive to comfort, and oblige, Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A VICE-PRESIDENT.

Answers to Correspondents.

G. T., PORTSMOUTH.—Send us your postal address and we will reply by private letter. We cannot publish your communication as it is written.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE STABILITY LODGE—No. 217.—The annual summer outing of this Lodge was held in delightfully fine weather on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at Sunbury. The party started from Waterloo Station, at 11 a.m., and, arriving at Sunbury, drove to the Magpie Hotel. They crossed the river by boat and rambled along the bank of the Thames towards Shepperton; after which, at 2 p.m., they sat down to dinner under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. Eckersall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given; and Bro. Elgar, Sec., 1329, responded for the visitors. Bro. Marfleet, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who in response expressed his great pleasure at presiding over such a gathering. This was, *par excellence*, a Stability Day, and as the elements were inviting them out, he would not make a long speech, but simply express his hearty approval of such a meeting, it being the only time that ladies were invited. There must be very little labour (and that of love) and very much refreshment.—Bro. Gorrie, P.M., proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., humorously responded.—The afternoon was spent in boating and other excursions, and at 6 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent tea, after which the W.M. congratulated those present on the pleasant day they had had, and regretted the absence of Bro. Taylor, P.M., who was prevented by illness from attending. The evening having been spent near the river, the party returned to Waterloo, after spending a most enjoyable day, to which the host, Bro. Freeman, had added his share by his able catering. Among those present were Bro. W. Eckersall, W.M., and Mrs. Eckersall; Bro. Woolmer, J.W., and Mr. Woolmer, jun.; Bro. Hinks, Treas., and Mrs. Hinks; Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Nixon; Bro. Marfleet, P.M., Mr. Marfleet, jun., and Miss Marfleet; Bro. Addington, P.M., M.E.Z. 1275, and Mrs. Addington; Bro. Gorrie, P.M., and Miss Gorrie; Bro. Finch and Mrs. Finch; Bro. Garner, Bro. and Miss Itter, the Misses Taylor, Bro. Hancock, Bro. Cowley, P.M. 1622, P.Z. 1275, and Mrs. Cowley; Bro. Elgar, Sec. 1329, and Mrs. Elgar; Mrs. C. H. Stone, Mr. Stone, jun., and others.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

In this number of the MASONIC STAR will be found the Prospectus of the Company which has been formed for the purpose of continuing its publication, and increasing its usefulness amongst the members of the Craft, who have now an opportunity of securing for themselves some interest in the undertaking. It is not for us, in our editorial capacity, to enlarge upon the qualities of our journal—"on their own merits modest men are dumb"—but we may be permitted, without a suggestion of egotism or presumption, to record as facts the high appreciation of our endeavours to establish a popular weekly Masonic organ at a low price, and the unsolicited expressions of satisfaction with which our venture has been received, not only at home but in far distant colonies. These important factors in a successful career will now more than ever stimulate us personally to attain perfection, and to make the new Company's paper still more deserving of support. It only remains that such effort should be fairly seconded, and we have every confidence not only that it will be, but also that the opportunity for sharing in our labours and profits will be gladly welcomed.

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We called attention in our last number to the proposed establishment of another Class Lodge, all the more objectionable to the Craft as connected with a political club. It is satisfactory to note that our London contemporaries are presumably of the same way of thinking as ourselves. At least, they give publicity to a letter on the subject from a Past Grand Officer of England, who considers that it "invites the serious consideration of *every Craftsman* who treasures the traditions of the Order as hitherto regarded in our country," and speaks of it as "a dangerous innovation, and not in keeping with the spirit of British Freemasonry."

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It is to be hoped that "those members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons" will see the error of their ways before they attempt to raise up that strife which would surely follow the grant of any "charter or warrant" in respect of which there might be even a presumed connection of politics with Freemasonry. But, why doubt! Whatever the result of last Tuesday evening's meeting, when "a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, was to have made a statement to the brethren," we have our M.W.G.M. and his advisers between the petition and the grant, and can hardly conceive that past "traditions of the Order," will be held of no account by them.

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Since the foregoing paragraphs were written, we are pleased to read in the *Birmingham Post* of the 1st inst., the following:—"Regarding the movement to establish a Masonic Lodge in connection with the National Liberal Club, I am told that some time since the Primrose Club—which, as its name implies, represents a very different partisan 'stripe'—thought of doing the same thing, but found the Prince of Wales inexorably opposed to the idea, as the Grand Master is afraid of Masonry becoming in any way involved in politics." We cannot doubt that our M.W. Grand Master entertains the objection herein stated, and that he will strictly uphold the traditions of the Craft by refusing to entertain any like proposal from "the members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons." Moreover, we hope that all future petitions from clubs, cliques, or classes may meet with rejection, in order that the equality of Freemasons *qua* Freemasons meeting as "brethren on the same level" may be maintained without disturbance.

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We had an opportunity during the past week to spend an hour or two with *Sweet Lavender* at Terry's Theatre, and it was most satisfactory to notice the continued favour with which the play is still received by full houses, and the appreciation of the audience which the talent of the performers commands. Our provincial brethren visiting London could not do better than make the acquaintance of our Grand Treasurer, in his character of Dick Phenyl, in this charming and interesting original drama.

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We have received, but too late for publication in this issue, some interesting information in connection with colonial matters, and more especially with the proposal to form a new Grand Lodge in New Zealand. We shall hope to publish the same in our next week's number.

We Notify that:—

——The King Solomon Lodge of Instruction, No. 2029, Bro. Richardson, P.M. of the Mother Lodge, Preceptor, will meet on Monday, the 8th inst., at 8a, Red Lion Square, London, at 7.30 p.m.

——The Knights Companions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties, of the Royal Order of Scotland, will meet in Council at 33, Golden Square, London, on the 13th inst., and subsequently banquet at the Zoological Gardens at 6.30, as advertised at page 261.

——The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Middlesex will hold its Annual Convocation at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday next (6th inst.), at 3 p.m. Particulars are advertised at page 261.

——The West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, Bro. J. Brashier, W.M., will take its summer outing to Virginia Water, on Wednesday next, the 10th inst.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE W. MASTER.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT was said of the French army that "every private soldier carried a Field Marshal's baton in his knapsack," and it may with equal truth be said that "every Mason who has attained the third degree holds in prospective the Master's gavel," for it depends as entirely on himself in the latter case as in the former whether or not he attains the coveted position. But the object of this short essay is to try and ascertain who *should*, and who should *not* be elected to this high and responsible office, on which the future of each individual lodge, and, collectively of the whole Craft, hangs.

The Book of Constitutions only stipulates that the Master elect shall have served for one year the office of Warden (Senior or Junior being immaterial) in some regular lodge under the English Constitution, and that he shall have been elected by the votes of the brethren at a regular meeting of the lodge prior to the installation meeting, and presented to a Board of Installed Masters to receive the secrets of the Chair.

Let us, however, see if these qualifications are such as should suffice to maintain the dignity and ensure the future of that Grand Lodge of England which we so proudly claim as the premier Grand Lodge of the world, or whether the time has not arrived when our rulers in the Craft should require something more than the very limited directions of the Constitutions now demand.

A brother may be a most estimable man, upright, honourable, devoted to the Art, and even "word perfect in the Ritual, and yet be utterly unfit to be Master of his lodge, and yet he will claim by virtue of the *lex nonscripta* of custom to pass to "the chair." In the above description I have a special case in my mind. A short time ago I was present at a ceremony where the Master was all I have said, *but*, he was, from lack of education, utterly incapable of speaking the English language correctly. He was an enthusiastic Mason of many years standing, and a successful business man, but he had never repaired the deficiencies of his youthful training. Now on this particular occasion the candidate for initiation was a man of culture and a university graduate, and in spite of his endeavours to be serious the impression produced on him by the whole ceremony was simply grotesque. The grand ritual was rattled off at railroad speed (not a word being omitted, certainly, as the W. Bro. prided himself on being "word perfect"), aspirates were shaken freely into the compound, with the result that they usually fell in the wrong place, and the pronunciation of some of the longer words had the effect of a new and unknown language. Now, I would ask, was this brother fit to be the occupant of the Master's chair, and to maintain the honour of the Craft? The whole Masonic career of that candidate was spoilt by his first impressions. What solemnity could there be to him when the ceremony was performed by an utterly illiterate man, the division of whose sentences depended on the store of breath he could command? So much for one side of the question. Now take the other.

In another case under my notice, the members of a lodge placed a gentleman in the chair simply because of his position, and he only accepted on the distinct understanding that he should not be called upon to *work* any degrees, that duty being undertaken by a P.M. by no means conspicuous for ability. Both these cases show a state of things utterly wrong, and I am sorry to say that I *know* they are not exceptional.

Upon the stability of the foundation depends the stability of the structure, and we have a right to demand that when the corner-stone of a new edifice is laid in the N.E. it shall be laid by a Master Architect who is competent to produce for the purpose a stone of true die or square, modelled, wrought into due form, and rendered fit for its place in the intended structure; and not a stone rough and unhewn as taken from the quarries which will be liable to give way when any strain is put upon it.

My own experience was most happy. The Master from whom I received my degrees was one who not only *felt*, but *conveyed* what he felt, and I can remember no *more* solemn occasion in my life than when I took the S.O. of an E.A., and so, when I have heard an unfortunate candidate stumbling and blundering after a W.M. who gave this same S.O. in a manner totally unintelligible to one unused to the wording, I have felt the deepest regret for the loss he has sustained, and which no *future* experience can entirely replace.

The constitutions of the G. L. of Ireland *recommend* that no brother shall be installed in the chair who cannot work properly all the degrees, but we of England have not even this saving clause, and from the variety of private interests which must come into play in all things human, the members of lodges will not always be sufficiently strict in their choice, and the *educational* matter is a delicate question for *local* consideration, nor can the personal good taste and feeling of a brother legally eligible, be depended on in all cases to prevent him from taking his stand on the "equality of all M.M.'s," instead of standing aside as he should. In the interests of Masonry, therefore, it is time that there should be an addition to those Constitutions referring to the Master, providing that his "Presentation to a Board of Installed Masters" should not be a mere matter of form.

At present the said "Board" consists of the Past Masters of the lodge who are present, together with any other Masters or Past Masters who may happen to attend the installation: but the Past Masters of the lodge, even if their powers were extended, would not like to be too severe, nor would the P.M.'s of neighbouring lodges like to interfere to *veto* a W.M. elect.

What I would suggest to meet the difficulty is this:—Give the "Board of Installed Masters" a definite constitution and status, and definite powers.

Let it consist of a certain number of Brethren elected in each Province. They must of course be P.M's. and P. Provincial Officers, and of conspicuous ability and learning in Masonic ritual and jurisprudence, and all matters connected with the art; and of strictest and most unbiassed integrity. Membership of this Board would naturally be the "Blue Ribbon" of each Province, and the highest recognition of Masonic culture the Brethren could offer the members. Their duties should be to attend at stated times at various places, chosen to be easy of access from the majority of neighbouring lodges, and there open their "Board of Installed Masters" under the banner of a regular lodge, and examine into the proficiency of all would-be Masters. They should make every candidate work all the degrees, and *rigidly exclude* those who could not do so in a proper and effective manner, and their decision should be *indisputable*, excepting by appeal to Grand Lodge. They should also instruct the candidate how to bring out the special points in the various addresses, so that the initiate may really have *some* idea of the meaning of the ceremony he is going through. If they find a candidate competent, the Board should certify to his lodge under their hand and seal that he *is* such, and hence a fit and proper person to rule a lodge with credit to himself and those who have elected him, and when the time comes for the annual installation, the members of each lodge should select their W.M. from those so certified. Personally, I consider that it would be advantageous for the W.M. when installed to receive a certificate of competency as an "Installed Master" similar to that issued in Scotland, but that would be a matter for after consideration. Of course there would be some few who would cavil about the necessity for so-called equality, and question adverse decisions, but every right-minded Mason would support such a Board as I have indicated, and I am sure the gain to the Craft would be immense.

We should have no Masters who either did not attempt to do their work, or who stumbled through it by the aid of a concealed Ritual; neither a Master who considers *speed* a satisfactory substitute for *grammar*. Those who are educationally unfitted for the Eastern chair should be content with that in the West or South, nor is there any unfairness in this, for he who would only hold himself up to ridicule by assuming a position for which he is unfitted, would *in* himself hold up the Craft to the same fate, and if he does not see this of his own accord, others should interfere.

Provincial Grand Masters also would find their difficulties in providing "Collars" for Past Masters largely decreased, for the number of them would be greatly lessened if every future Master had to "prove his title" instead of it being merely a question of time or influence, and at the same time, the value and dignity of the office would be greatly increased. It would be far better for the welfare of the lodges that Past Masters should be re-elected, than that a false notion of Masonic equality should place a new and unfit brother in the supreme office.

Why do not some of our more thoughtful Grand Officers and other Brethren agitate for this much-needed reform, and refuse to be satisfied until every future occupant of the chair of K.S. is, by that very fact, certified to be a master architect of our great masonic art in the highest sense of the word?

The brother who brings about this reform will be one of the greatest benefactors the Craft has ever had, and his memory will be held in grateful veneration as long as Masonry exists.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The Sydney Freemason; Latomia, Neue Zeitschrift für Freimaurerei; Freemason's Journal, New York; *Society*.

Bro. C. Woods, 1869, A Soj. 1275. was, on Friday, the 28th ult., elected chairman of the Organization Committee of the Teachers' Provident Society, in which he has taken an active interest for the past eight years.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON PORTAL.—An influential and representative meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., in the Schoolroom, at Burghclere, for the purpose of agreeing upon a suitable memorial of the late lamented rector, the Rev. Canon Portal. The attendance included the Earl of Carnarvon (who presided), the Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Alexr. Arbuthnot, K.C.S.I., Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Fanshaw, Mrs. Arkwright, Admiral Herbert, Mr. W. Holding, Mr. Fox, Major-Gen. Maunsell, Rev. C. A. Sladan, Mr. Arkwright, Rev. F. C. Gosling, and Messrs. Rutherford, S. Wentworth, T. Hearn, White, Plenty, Pavey, Kelleway, Brown, and others. Lord Carnarvon, in explaining the object of the meeting, spoke at some length, and with considerable emotion. The noble Earl expressed his hope that they would be able to agree, without one dissentient voice, in the course they would adopt. He was quite sure there was but one feeling in those two parishes of Burghclere and Newtown, and indeed in all the surrounding parishes, namely, a feeling of respect and affection for the memory of their late lamented rector and friend, Canon Portal. It was about 18 years since Canon Portal came into that parish. He was one of his (Lord Carnarvon's) oldest, and he might say dearest, friends. He first knew him at Oxford, and from first to last there never was the slightest break in their friendship. When it fell to his lot to present Canon Portal with the living of Burghclere, he knew him so well that he felt he could not give them a better man, and the event justified that opinion. After referring to Canon Portal's work in the parish, and to the respect and esteem in which he was held, he proposed that the memorial should take the form of a painted window in the Parish Church of Burghclere. This resolution was unanimously carried. Our readers will hardly require to be reminded that the late Canon Portal was a Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England, and the Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown; or of the great services he had rendered to the Order during his many years connection with it. It is to be hoped that amongst the several tributes which will doubtless be paid to his memory, as well in private lodges as in the new home into which Mark Masonry will presently enter as a Grand Lodge, the "suitable memorial" proposed to be erected in the Parish Church with which his ministry was identified will not be lost sight of by those who are attached to the Mark Degree.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex held its annual meeting at Twickenham on Saturday last. By the kind permission of Lady Freake, whose agent, Bro. J. K. Gwyn (1426), had devoted considerable attention to preparing the building for the reception of the brethren, the Town Hall was placed at the service of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the occasion, which in every respect was of a very interesting character. The spacious assembly room was lavishly decorated with choice plants and a profusion of cut flowers, tastefully arranged in every "coign of 'vantage," and which had been generously supplied by Bro. W. Poupart, of the Marsh Farm, who himself had superintended the arrangement most effectively. The Grand Lodge met under the banner of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham, and the reception of the brethren was extremely creditable to that nearly youngest lodge in the province. The Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G. Warden, &c., &c., presided, and was supported by his Deputy, W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., and during the meeting a large number of Grand Officers, members of lodges and visitors, were present, amongst whom we observed, in addition to those named in this report, W. Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Glover, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Grand Registrar; R. Bradley, P.G.S.B.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.P.G. Sec. Middx.; Greenwood, P.P.G. Sec. Surrey; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; &c., &c.

The roll of lodges in the province having been called, and in all but one instance responded to by representatives, the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were read for verification, and the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were received. W. Bro. G. H. Carter, P.M. 1702, was elected treasurer, and the Master then appointed his Grand Officers for the Provincial Grand year, and invested the whole in the following order, viz.:—R. H. Thrupp, Deputy P.G.M.; Edmund Yates, G.S.W.; Dr. Oswald, G.J.W.; Dr. Lingard, G.S.D.; Rev. E. Jones, and Rev. J. Nugee, Chaplains; G. H. Carter, Treas.; Howard P. Room, Sec.; C. S. Buck, G.J.D.; E. Rogers, G.J.D.; E. Monson, Jun., Grand Supt. Wks.; J. Lawrence, G.D.C.; C. Parsons, A.G.D.C.; R. H. Dillon, Std. Br.; T. Inglis, Std. Br.; H. W. Schartau, P.G.O.; W. H. Lee, Asst. G. Sec.; F. Chandler, G. Purst.; J. Weston, Asst. G. Purst.; J. Gilbert, Tyler.

On the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, a sum of £15 15s. was voted to each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions; and a sum of £5 5s. to St. John's Hospital, Twickenham. W. Bro. W. J. Spearing, P. Prov. Grand Treasurer, proposed "that a portion of the balance at the bank be invested," and it was unanimously resolved that £350 should be so applied. It was also agreed "that for the future the Masonic Calendar for Middlesex be prepared and issued by the Provincial Grand Secretary at the primary cost of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that all monies received from the sale of copies shall be placed to the credit of the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge." In the address of the Provincial Grand Master in support of this proposal, opportunity was taken to express the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge to W. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, Past Prov. Grand Secretary, for his originating the publication of the Calendar, and for his past services in respect thereof; and to Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. Grand Secretary, and W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., for their present efforts in continuing its preparation and production. Thanks were voted to Lady Freake for the grant of the full use of the Town Hall; to the Royal Hanover Lodge, for the use of its furniture and the general reception of the brethren; to Bro. Porter, of the Sir C. Bright Lodge, for the use of the harmonium, and for musical assistance; to Bros. J. K. Gwyn (Lady Freake's agent), W. Poupart and R. W. Forge for their liberal services in the preparation and decoration of the hall; and, in anticipation, to the vicar, organist and choir in connection with divine service at the parish church, to which, on the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren proceeded. The sermon was preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Evan Jones, Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Vicar, who took his text from Romans xii. v. 1—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." The offertory was applied in aid of the funds of the St. John's Hospital.

The banquet was served at the Town Hall, by Bro. J. B. Mella, of the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, and gave general satisfaction. After the cloth had been cleared and the customary loyal toasts had been honoured, that of "the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past" was suitably introduced by the Prov. Grand Master, who presided, and received a response from the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., *M.P.*, Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales. The health of the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett was drank with much enthusiasm, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Thrupp) having spoken of the eminent services to the Province in particular, and to masonry generally, which had been rendered by the Provincial Grand Master, and notably in regard to the great increase in the number of lodges which had placed themselves under his beneficent sway. On rising to respond the Provincial Grand Master was enthusiastically received, and it was some time before he could offer his acknowledgments. These were earnestly and sincerely expressed to the brethren, whom he thanked for their good opinion, which he trusted he might at all times retain. He had proved the pleasure which attended the loving goodness of the members of the lodges in his Province, and the lesson taught in Freemasonry that "to reign sovereign in the hearts and affection of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes." Twenty years ago he had been installed as their Provincial Grand Master, and whilst he had strength and energy to continue the efficient discharge of the duties of the appointment, he hoped to do so. "The Provincial Grand Officers" was the next toast proposed, the Prov. Grand Master stating that their elevation to Grand rank was in each case well merited by the performance of good masonic work, and coupled the toast with W. Bro. Edmund Yates, Prov. G.S. Warden, whose efforts in the cause of literature had conduced to popularity in masonic and other circles. In brief but effective terms Bro. Yates responded on behalf of all his colleagues, and as to himself, remarked that whatever talent he possessed conducive as it had been to his own interests in the past, should be at the service of his brethren in his future connection with Freemasonry. To "The Visitors," with which toast W. Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.P.B.G.P., J. K. Gwyn, W. Poupart, and R. Forge were specially named, Bro. Monckton made one of his customary effective replies, and then "The Tyler's" toast brought the pleasant day's proceedings to a close.

We should not fail to mention that the musical portion of the entertainment under the direction of Bro. Edward Dalzell, P.M., 1549, P.Prov.G.Org. (who took the solo portion of the anthem at the church service) was more than usually excellent. With the assistance of Bros. James Brown, Frederick Bevan (who was in capital voice), and J. Kift, the selection of glees and songs was carried out in performance which left nothing to be desired. Nor should we neglect a short reference to the genial endeavours of the Prov.G.Sec., Bro. Room, and of his assistant Bro. Lee, in personally supervising and arranging for the comfort and enjoyment of all who had the satisfaction of sharing in "refreshment after labour," and assisting in making this year's meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex the most noteworthy yet recorded.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Boys' School took place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Thursday last. V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., presided over the proceedings of the day, which under existing circumstances were not so enlivening as hitherto. It could scarcely be expected they should be, having regard to the possibilities of the future in connection with management; and a postponement—but that it is customary to have the entertainment just prior to the festival, and that the boys leave school within a few days after—might have been advisable. However, the best was done that could be to make the occasion agreeable to all interested and present. The official programme was a lengthy one, and we regret want of space for its reproduction in our pages. The presentations, with intervals for music, having terminated, the boys gave a very creditable exhibition of athletic sports before the company separated.

The General Committee of the Girls' School at its meeting on Thursday last, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Matthews, received and adopted a report of the Joint Committee of the House, Finance and Audit Committees in the following terms:—

1. That the Audit and Finance Committee be resolved into a Finance Committee only, and meet monthly, or oftener, if necessary; and that their number be increased to twelve; three to form a quorum.

2. That in future the accounts be audited, and the annual balance-sheets prepared by a firm of chartered accountants.

3. That the cheques for all payments ordered by the General Committee be signed by two members of the House Committee and countersigned by the Secretary; that the signatures be given to the bankers, who are instructed accordingly.

The several alterations in the laws, rendered necessary by these recommendations, will be submitted to the next quarterly General Court for approval. Meanwhile, Messrs. Schröder and Chappelow, Chartered Accountants, are instructed to open a new set of books, from 1st January, 1889, and prepare the balance-sheet to the end of the past year.

Eleven petitions were approved at this meeting, making in all 50 candidates for nine vacancies in October next.

PROVINCIAL.

LANCASHIRE.—LANCASTER—FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 281.—This Lodge celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist by dining together at Bro. Longmire's, the King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe. Advantage was also taken of the gathering to present a silver salver to Bro. James Hatch, P.M., as some recognition of his services as treasurer to the Lodge during the period of 23 years. Bro. J. B. Shaw, W.M., presided at the dinner, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, proceeded to make the presentation. His address to the recipient was expressive of the sentiments of brotherly regard felt for Bro. Hatch by the members of his Lodge, and in appreciation of the zealous, faithful and impartial manner in which he had performed the duties of his office for nearly a quarter-of-a-century. Bro. Hatch acknowledged the gift and the honour it conferred in most appropriate language, and after descanting on matters of private interest to the lodge and to its younger members, said that he had selected a piece of plate rather than any other form of testimonial, that it might descend to his children and his children's children as a memento and an illustration of what masonry did towards him in 1889. The salver bears a suitable inscription, and together with the oak box in which it was enclosed was supplied by Mr. Robert Atkinson, of Market Street, Lancaster.

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS—HUNTINGDON.—On Thursday last a meeting of the lodge was held at the Town Hall, Huntingdon. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, *D.L.*, R.W.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Butler Wilkins, W.D.P.G.M., P.G.S.B. About 80 members and visitors were present, including Bros. H. S. Smith, W.M., P.G.S.W.; J. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; B. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. (hon. sec.); John Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. W. Ingram, P.M., A.G.D.C.; W. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Hawley, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. G. Hankin, P.M., P.G.S.W.; A. Bunting, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. B. Margetts, S.W.;

C. H. Hodgson, chap.; A. E. Margetts, M. G. Maule, W. Conney, T. Scare, G. W. Ingram, &c. After the lodge was closed the brethren attended divine service at All Saint's Church, where a sermon was preached by Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, P.P.G., chaplain. At 4.30 a banquet was held at the George Hotel, at which a large company were present, and a grand ball was subsequently given to a numerous company of brethren, and their wives, sweethearts, and friends.

GLEANINGS.

SOME OF HUGH MC CURDY'S GEMS.—The man who lives for his fellow man is immortal, as he cannot be said to die who lives in hearts he leaves behind. No man can write the records of another's life. Every man writes his own record in the hearts and thoughts of those who knew him best. Too often it may be said of busy men, that they are too busy to be really helpful to these who need their help; too busy in the interest of self to give time or thought to the welfare of others. The more one lives in the thoughts and hearts of his friends, the less there is to be said of him when he is gone. Every voice is hushed—his life only speaks. No one is able to voice his best thoughts, nor to express his most profound emotions. —*Voice of Masonry.*

FREEMASONRY teaches brotherly love, and its adherents should endeavour to profit by and practice its teachings. There are, however, some Freemasons—in name only—who if you do them a favour or show them a kindness, will never forgive you. A proud, arrogant, mean nature becomes irritated at a sense of obligation, and instead of displaying a little gratitude, gives all the bitterness and malice in its composition full vent. Such a person realises his own littleness, and envious of those with higher aspirations, seeks to crush them. The three envious craftsmen received their deserts at the building of Solomon's Temple. No human institution has yet attained that degree of perfection which a much less eloquent orator is not able to paint. To experience the bickering, the envy, the strife, the discord, which too often arise among Masons and in lodges, casts our ideal oftentimes into the dirt with other human institutions. Would to heaven it were all it is pictured. Would that friendship, morality and brotherly love ever prevailed, and that the votaries of the Mystic Tie were purified of that sordid, narrow, selfish, ungenerous nature, which characterizes men in every walk of life.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—Much has been written for and against the system under which secret societies are formed, and it is probable that the question will for ever remain unsettled. That many societies of this character have existed, of a highly objectionable description, cannot be denied; but their existence on the other hand has been justified by many of the facts of history and political conditions at various periods of civilisation. Where an inefficient police and an unsettled state of society existed, it is by no means extraordinary that confederations of this description should obtain: but in modern times, and in states where security of life and property prevails, they become superfluous. We have not at the present day to dread the unauthorized intrusion of lawless classes, but we still have to encounter the subtle and sapping influences of the priesthood of Rome, with their train of crafty reasoning and soul-killing arguments. To oppose these and other evils secret societies still continue as a necessity, and while scientific and social objects can be safely pursued in the broad light of day, it is still necessary to combat the influences of darkness and night by less open means. But, in one sense, Masonry is no longer a secret society at all; any man of good character is admissible to its Lodges, and entitled to participate in its secrets, its charities, and its mysteries, and no true Mason need be ashamed to confess that he is a brother of the mystic tie. The cultivation of the human heart and its finer sensibilities is the object of the Royal Art, and in the accomplishment of this task all may equally participate. The means of mutual recognition are inherently secret in their form, and to the outside world they signify little or nothing; not so to the Mason, who, by the possession of certain signs and tokens, proclaims himself to be a man to whom special privileges accompanied by special duties have been granted. The majority of the Masonic fraternity are high-minded and noble men. There is a minority which shamefully abuses the rights attained through initiation, but this is by no means general. Freemasonry, as Bro. Dr. Mackey observes, 'is a secret society only as respects its signs, a few of its legends and traditions, and its method of inculcating its mystical philosophy, but which, as to everything else, its design, its object, its moral and religious tenets, and the great doctrine which it teaches, is as open a society as if it met on the highways beneath the sun of day, and not within the well-guarded portals of a Lodge.'

FREEMASONRY IS RELIGIOUS. — The recorded history of Freemasonry distinctly authenticates the assertion that it is religious. The historic Ancient Charges are not only religious, but positively Christian. This is entirely consistent with the fostering care which we know the Craft received during (for example) the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, from the Roman Catholic church, in Europe. Our Masonic brethren of the middle ages were not only almost exclusively employed in the erection of abbeys and cathedrals —edifices erected for distinctively religious purposes, but the various lodges were generally under monastic discipline, and presided over or patronized by monks of the time, who were more or less skilled in architecture. This double influence gave them a positive religious character, which has been continued through and beyond the transition stages by which the Craft passed from an operative to a speculative brotherhood, down to our own day. Plainly, our Fraternity grew up under pronounced religious influences, and had for its patrons ecclesiastics of the Catholic Church. Then, what we may be pardoned for denominating the creed of Freemasonry, is absolutely religious. This creed may be briefly stated in these words: Faith in GOD, Hope in Immortality, and Charity or Love for all mankind, but especially for our brethren in the Craft. The ritual of Freemasonry is also religious. The lessons which it inculcates are founded upon the teachings of both the Old and the New Testaments, which, together, as contained in the Holy Bible, constitutes the First Great Light in Freemasonry. The very language of these books is quoted in the ritual, and more especially the language of the New Testament, which is, *par excellence*, the gospel of love. If other evidence of the religious character of our Fraternity were needed, we might readily find it in the twin-facts, that prayer to GOD is offered in lodge and Grand Lodge, and that in these bodies Chaplains and Grand Chaplains are statedly appointed to officiate at our devotions. But while Freemasonry is thus positively a religious institution (and yet at the same time is not a religion), and in its ritual draws most largely by quotation from the New Testament, it nevertheless has claims to a cosmopolitan and universal character. It aims to unite good men and true, of all religions, who are physically, mentally and morally sound, into one band of brothers, and in this aspect it is entitled to the highest consideration, since it seeks to bind together what men have put asunder. Religious zealots, and political zealots as well, lose all of their intolerance when they enter a Masonic lodge. But this does not indicate that Freemasonry is neutral in religion, but only that its teachings are such, from whatever source drawn, that they are acceptable to honest and fair-minded men of all faiths.—*The Keystone.*

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (1st) THURSDAY, JULY 4th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
1155	Excelsior	White Swan Tav., Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
	(1st) FRIDAY, JULY 5th.	
2233	Old Westminster...	Café Royal, 68, Regent Street, W.
	(1st) SATURDAY, JULY 6th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
2182	Sterndale Bennett	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2202	Regent's Park	York & Albany Hot., Gloster Gate
	(2nd) MONDAY, JULY 8th.	
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
R.A.C.		
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
720	Panmure	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
Mark.		
44	Florence Nightingale	M.H., William Street, Woolwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, JULY 9th.	
167	St. John's	Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead
S.C. 33°		
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.	
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William St., Woolwich
87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1228	Beacontree...	Pri. Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone
1620	United	F. M. H.
1956	Honor Oak	White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood
Mark.	Old Kent	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
R.C.		
67	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
S.C. 33°		
	(2nd) THURSDAY, JULY 11th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1612	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A.C.		
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1716	All Saints'	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

MASONIC DUTIES.—One of the important duties—and one we fear the most neglected—of one occupying the Oriental Chair, is that of visiting the sick, the needy, and those who by advanced years are enfeebled and unable to attend the meetings of their lodge. While it is all-important that a Worshipful Master should learn something of masonic jurisprudence, that he may not only govern his lodge with justice and equity, but also in accordance with the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity, and should know and understand his work (and see that his officers know and understand theirs) that he and they may be able to perform the business and work of the lodge in a creditable, solemn and impressive manner, it is also his duty, and not only his, but that also of his officers and members, to see that the sick, needy and erring (if any) are looked after, cared for, and admonished. We feel assured, and we speak from personal experience, that did officers and members only realize the pleasure and comfort the performing of this duty gave to those who are unable to attend the lodge on account of old age and affliction, they would much oftener perform it, though it might be at some sacrifice of time—though not of pleasure, for pleasure will result from the knowledge that they have given comfort and consolation to those suffering from age, sickness, and sometimes from the want of even the very necessaries of life.

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Names and addresses of Candidates with name of Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

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The Boys' School Festival.

THE hopes and fears respectively of the many thousands of craftsmen interested in the welfare of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in relation to the results which might attend its 91st Annual Festival, were set at rest on Wednesday in last week, after a scene of disorder which hitherto has been unknown in the annals of Masonic convivial meetings. The proceedings of the evening were disturbed, and effectually interrupted, by needless and most inappropriate remarks in connection with the recent and necessary action of the Special Court of Governors and Subscribers. We had hoped that the publicity of the place selected for the Festival; the certainty that there were at table some who are not members of the order; and above all, the much esteemed presence of ladies, would have together exercised a restraining influence against the introduction of controversial matters.. But they failed to do so, and excepting only for the satisfactory nature of the final announcement the Boys' School Festival of 1889 was a fiasco. Our sympathy goes out towards the worthy brother who had the courage, under all surrounding circumstances, to preside on this occasion, Brother Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer and Patron of the Institution; and whilst it is certain that in proposing the toast of the evening he, unfortunately, struck a chord which was not in harmony with the excited feelings of a considerable number of those present, allowances must be made for the difficulties of placing before a large and mixed gathering the past history and present position of an Institution the affairs of which are subject to unfavourable public comment. But no such allowance can be advanced as an excuse for the speech which introduced the announcement of the Stewards' lists of contributions, and which caused the collapse of the meeting and the almost simultaneous separation of the guests. It was not only in bad taste, but it, unfortunately for the speaker, imputed to others, as anxious as he himself can possibly be for the welfare of the School, a course of action characterised by persecution and a disinclination to admit of fair play or to give a fair hearing. These are charges against the honour and probity of many brethren, more or less distinguished for their adherence to the principles of Freemasonry, which must not be allowed to pass uncontradicted. It is amazing that anyone having a good record for ability and judgment in former years, (and for services so important that even recent departures from the original mode of procedure, and the present defiance of opinion must not, or at least should not, hinder from fitting acknowledgment at a proper time), should permit himself to be carried away by an excess of personal indignation that others should seek to know in what manner the Institution has been managed. To state that fair play towards him is not possible, that he was enduring a large amount of persecution, and that the movement in relation to the enquiry lately conducted was hostile and injurious to the success of the Festival or the interests of the School, was not only unwise on his part, but not in accordance with facts. His most bitter enemies could not have desired a more injudicious exposition of his real sentiments; and his best friends must feel disheartened by the additional difficulties they will have to encounter in promoting his interests, as well present as future, and to which his statements will give rise.

It is suggested that the contributions of the brethren at this Festival should have reached some £3,000 more than the total announced. For our part we consider that such total exceeds by some £3,000 the amount which, under the circumstances, might have been expected. We think that but for the satisfaction which has been given by the constitution of a Provisional Committee of Management the gross amount would not have reached five figures, and that on all hands in respect of pecuniary result there is cause for satisfaction; whilst in regard to future management confidence has been established, and continued support of the Institution assured. And now would it not be as well to do no more than "watch and wait" for a reasonable space of time, during which the arrangements of the Provisional Committee might be matured, and their report prepared? No good whatever can accrue by further publicity in connection with the past. It is with the present and the future that the Committee, and in due time the Special Court, will have to deal, and the former cannot do its work with any amount of satisfaction to themselves, or to those who have appointed them, if their attention is to be distracted by public controversy, and suggestions as to what should be done in one direction and what left undone in another.

As to persecution, we may be sure there will be nothing which can bear so harsh a designation suggested by the Committee, and, however much it may be doubted in some quarters, fair play and a fair hearing will be given and required by the Special Court before any final decision; in respect of which decision if justice demands a certain fiat we may rest assured of the interposition of a mason's characteristic virtue before utter condemnation.

As will be seen by our report of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Committee, held on Saturday last, the Provisional Committee of Management has lost no time in fulfilling the charge deputed to it of reforming the whole arrangements of the Institution, and its members have given proof that in their hands the best interests of the School will be protected.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 91st Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, P. Prov. G.S. Warden, Hants and Isle of Wight, and a Patron of the Institution. We regret that we are unable to speak in terms of commendation of any circumstance connected with it beyond the fact that the total amount contributed by the 335 stewards whose lists were read, is, under all the circumstances of the recent agitation, much more satisfactory than might have been expected: and that to them and to the Chairman, Bro. Eve, for his high-spirited and manly support in a time of difficulty and discredit, the thanks of the Craft are eminently due. The selection of the place of gathering was in many respects most injudicious, as affording but little comfort or convenience to the large party whilst assembling; and a dining hall more deficient in those acoustic properties which are essential to the success of *post prandial* speeches and musical entertainment it would be difficult to find. Of the repast set before the visitors—it would be ridiculous to call it a dinner—the less said the better. We are certain that the "scramble" was as much against the wishes and intentions of the stewards as it was objectionable to the guests. Still, and notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Festival might have proved acceptable, but for unfortunate allusions to the deplorable circumstances which have caused so much diversity of opinion, and raised such a storm of censure during the past twelve months. In reference to those allusions we shall have something to say in other columns of this number of our paper. After grace had been sung, the chairman proposed the health of "The Queen," remarking on the pleasure with which that toast is always received in assemblies of Englishmen, and by none more so than Freemasons, with whose beneficent order Her Majesty was intimately connected by relationship as daughter, mother and grandmother, and more particularly with the Institution itself as its Grand Patron. The customary honour was paid to this toast and the National Anthem sung. The chairman next proposed the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, *K.G.*, &c., M.W. Grand Master, and President of the Institution," for whom Freemasons felt the greatest devotion, and of whom he could say that he knew of none who had a stronger affection for the Order. This toast was also received with enthusiasm. With the toast of "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master; the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. Grand Master; *ex officio* Vice-Presidents of the Institution; and the Provincial Grand Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers" the Chairman, after a brief reference to the respective valuable services to the Order of the first named, and the distinctions enjoyed by those whom the Grand Master had selected for office, coupled the name of V.W. Bro. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer. Bro. Cama in reply expressed the pleasure it gave him to return thanks on behalf of that body with which he had been associated through the interests of many of the brethren then present, and also thanked the Chairman for the honour he had personally conferred by mentioning his name in connection with so important a toast. V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, then proposed the health of the Chairman, Bro. Eve, who was not only well-known and esteemed as a private gentleman but was also a highly distinguished and highly honoured Mason. For some thirty or more years he had been active, energetic and enthusiastic on behalf of the Order, and the proof of the estimation in which he was held was to be found in the fact that his election some four years ago as Grand Treasurer was welcome to the entire Craft of England. Not only was his qualification for chairmanship on this occasion consequent on his previous services, but it was strengthened by the fact that he stood in the proud position of being a Patron of each of the Masonic Charities. It reflected great honour upon Bro. Eve, that such eulogium was well merited and he hoped the toast would be enthusiastically received. After the applause with which the Grand Secretary's remarks were greeted had subsided, Bro. Eve thanked the brethren heartily for their encouragement, and assured them that he had taken his present position as Chairman with some amount of hesitation; but he felt that, after pressing invitation, he had a duty to perform towards the Institution, particularly when it was in need of energetic and prompt action. More particularly so as possibly the rumours as to the adverse character of a certain report had deterred many more distinguished brethren than himself from accepting the Chairmanship at this Festival, and he now felt that if his acceptance of that position had been of advantage he had reason to be highly gratified, and the Institution, if it required a friend should never fail to find a friend in him. He was highly honoured in having the opportunity of acting in that capacity at this Festival. After a brief pause the Chairman again rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." In a lengthy speech in the course of which Bro. Eve, was unfortunately betrayed into a reference to matters which are still *sub-judice*, and which reference was not met with general approval, he said the toast was one which he was sure the company would receive with much pleasure, and honour with enthusiasm. He approached it with some diffidence as he considered himself but a weak instrument in the advocacy of the claims which the Institution had upon them and the Craft in general. It had been in existence some 90 years, and was consequently approaching the centenary of its establishment. Consequent on the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School last year on which occasion the M.W. Grand Master presided, the large contribution of over £50,000 then made by the Craft had naturally affected the result of the Boys' School Festival which was held subsequently in 1888, on which occasion only £8,000 formed the sum total of the stewards' lists. As some £12,000 to £13,000 are required annually to support the Institution a deficit was created which made it all the more necessary that the return this year should be, as he hoped it might be, sufficient to make up the average and place the boys in a good position.

(We heartily wish that our worthy and distinguished brother had terminated his address at this point, or had, at least, concluded with a few general remarks which would not have touched upon the "burning question." The remainder of our report must be a reproduction of what has been elsewhere published, and is very fairly and accurately recorded.)

Bro. Eve, continuing, said, "Well, they had had another matter which had also retarded, to some extent, the movements of the Boys' School. He referred to the Inquiry—(hear, hear)—which, through the wisdom of the brethren and subscribers of the Institution, had been held. (Applause.) They desired that this inquiry should be made. The inquiry had been made: it had taken nearly twelve months to make a Report upon that inquiry. The report had been before the brethren; the brethren could best consider the report. And at a great meeting of the brethren and subscribers to the Institution, it was determined to receive the report and carry that report into effect. The brethren might depend upon it Masons never shrank from a duty—they might be mistaken in carrying it out, but they never shrank from it, and the Masons who had the conduct of this great institution—(cries of "Question")—they had devoted their best abilities for the purpose. His object was to show—(clamour, and cries of "Chair")—there might be differences of opinion, but he was sure that any brother who fairly considered the matter—(renewed noise). He was going to put some few figures before them; he was not saying anything against the fact that the report had been made, and that there were grounds for the report, but he was telling them that they must not forget the past of the great Institution of which they were now holding the Festival, for, until the year 1857, the Institution was simply for clothing and educating the boys of Freemasons; but in the year 1857 that was departed from, and another portion—and a very heavy portion, too—of the expenditure of this Institution was then incurred, namely, not only the clothing and education of the boys, but then was added to it the maintenance of the boys of Freemasons. Now, he asked anybody—and he was sure all the Committee of Inquiry would go with him—that they could not forget, and they would not forget, what was the state of the Institution as such in the year 1857; and he wanted to call attention to these figures in order that they might realize the true position of it. In that year maintenance was extended to them—(cries of "Question"). He was surprised the brethren should question the great increase of the Institution. His (Bro. Eve's) object was not to set brethren by the ears, but to bring them together, and to show brethren, whether they be the Committee or Special Committee for the Inquiry, he was not doubting the ability, the time, the anxiety which had been devoted by the brethren of the inquiry, and he thought a debt of gratitude was due to those brethren who undertook the inquiry. He wished to be perfectly understood—he was not saying anything against them—and he was sure that they, after knowing that their report had been adopted, would be the last to forget that, because he knew that all of them were men who had a love for Freemasonry, and would do anything for the good of this grand Institution. Notwithstanding, there might be many defects, and brethren could not shut their eyes to the fact that there were at present about 260 boys who were now educated, clothed and maintained in that Institution, and it was his object as well as theirs to do that duty faithfully, fairly and honestly. That being so, their object was to get as much as possible from the brethren, and unless they could show that it was being carried on honestly and economically, they could not expect to receive the support of the brethren; but he did believe that the brethren were satisfied with this. (Hear, hear, "No," and confusion.) His great object was the prosperity of the Institution, and if he said one word calculated to injure the prosperity of the Institution he invited the brethren to call him in question. He was very glad of the inquiry, because it had suggested that a considerable reduction could be made in the expenses. He should only be too happy to find that that reduction could be made. He had for a long time, for many years, spoken often, year after year, of the high expense of each boy in the School, and he said if this inquiry resulted in nothing more than in reducing the expenditure a great object would have been attained, and instead of educating 260 boys they would be able to add some 60 or 70 boys to the School. Bro. Eve proceeded to say that he wanted to call their attention to the historical part of the Institution. In the year 1857 the subscriptions did not amount to £2,000 a year, but in the year 1862 the amount was doubled, as compared with the previous

year, that next year it was tripled, and every year after that it has been maintained, and in 1883 the enormous sum of £23,000 for one year was subscribed. They must bear in mind also that they had now got a building, and the land upon which it stood. Nearly £100,000 had been laid out. Where had that money come from? It had come from London and the provinces to maintain the Institution. It showed how open the hearts of Masons had been. They had now, through the exertions of their officers in the past, obtained that grand building. It might be defective as to cooking and raising cucumbers; it might be defective as to heating apparatus, but if the brethren would give them funds they would alter that; all those little defects could be cured, but they must have unanimity with the brethren. (Hear, hear, and uproar.) They wanted not only a Provisional Committee, who he was sure were only too happy to co-operate to obtain one object—the good of the Institution, to reduce the expenditure, to inquire into discipline, and explore the management of the Institution. The Provisional Committee would do their best, but they could not enter upon the duty without saying that the Institution and the brotherhood owe a deep debt of gratitude to those men who had been effective in bringing out this small Institution. (Cries of "Question.") If the history of the Institution was not part of the question he would like to know what was. With reference to the discipline and education of the boys, he knew they were united on that, and he was glad they were united on the question—the main question—of the education of the boys. He was pleased to say that this Institution was worthy of all the support the brethren could give. (Hear, hear.) When he considered the various reports that had been presented of the boys, who had been educated for the various examinations, he said that that showed that this Institution had held its own against other institutions, and had done wonders in the face of other institutions. Why, he was told by the Head Master, Dr. Morris, that there had been within the last twenty years as many as 255 boys who had passed the Oxford and Cambridge examinations. It showed that the money of the brethren—(uproar)—169 of those boys had passed with honours. (Continued noise.) Bro. Eve said if the brethren did not wish what he called the great accomplishments of the Institution to be passed in review before them, he had no wish to do it; but he felt this—that it ought to be known that many sons of Masons had obtained honours. There had been a great deal said about the health of the children—(noise and cries of "Order"); he had the privilege of attending last week the distribution of prizes, and he could tell them that there were not more than two boys in the infirmary. The boys were perfectly healthy: they ran their races and fulfilled their various sports as boys should do. There were boys out of that Institution who had become medical men, who had entered Her Majesty's service in the army and navy, who had become distinguished solicitors, and had obtained honours in the various universities. That showed that the education and discipline of those children had been equal to that of any body of children in the country. (Cries for "Binckes." "Lists") And now, as there seemed to be some desire to close, he would give them with all sincerity, and with all desire for conciliation, and with all desire to bring brethren together, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bro. Plucknett, on behalf of the Institution, returned thanks for the toast, in doing which he wished to say that the Institution was very grateful to Bro. Eve for the duty he had undertaken and the advocacy he had given for this Institution; and he would like to add, as Treasurer, that the Institution was grateful to the ladies who had come there; but was sorry they had heard the noise that had disgraced the meeting.

Bro. Binckes, before reading the results of the Stewards' lists, said that after the manifestations of feeling that had been exhibited during the address of their excellent Chairman, and as other speeches were to be made, how was it possible that he could expect to receive at the hands of what he would under other circumstances have called a glorious assemblage, a fair hearing. He was perfectly aware that there were a certain number of brethren there whose attendance was not with a view to promote the interests of the Institution, but to do what they could to condemn those who had been associated with its development. He knew that he had a simple duty to perform, but at the same time they must do him the justice to believe him when he said that he never stood before his friends the Freemasons (this being the 28th Anniversary Festival with which he had been associated) in such peculiar and dubious circumstances as those in which he had now to appear. He asked nothing more than fair play; he was very much afraid that fair play in Masonry at the present day was a thing difficult to get, but at the same time—interruption and noise)—he had laboured hard to make this Anniversary a great success; he had received with gratitude a large amount of support; but with it he had had to contend with a large amount of persecution, and whatever might be the result of what he announced from the lists, he said without fear of contradiction that it would have been three or four thousand pounds more if it had not been for that persecution. He was on one hand told one thing, and on the other another, and he did not know which course to pursue; but he stood now before the brethren and fearlessly challenged anyone there to say one word against his honour or his honesty.

Bro. Binckes then read the totals of the Stewards' lists.

After reading the results of the Stewards' lists, Bro. Binckes said that though he accepted the result thankfully, he could say with confidence that, with the labour he had used with reference to this Festival, the result ought to have yielded £16,000, but for that hostile movement at least £3,000 more would have been realised. This might possibly be the last time he should stand there; but after all said and done, with all the antagonistic influences at work, he had the satisfaction of standing before them (with 24 lists not yet returned) to announce a total of £13,182 18s.

The result was received with applause.

We now again take up our own notes. From the moment at which the total of contributions was announced disorder reigned supreme. There were remaining on the programme four important toasts—the first, and by no means the least for brethren to honour with becoming propriety, that of "The Ladies,"—and four songs as part of the musical portion of the entertainment; but the former were proposed in "dumb show" amidst the confusion and noise of hurried departure such as we trust never to see and hear again in connection with any celebration, least of all with a Masonic Festival.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edward P. Delevanti. The instrumental portion was good, and would have been much more effective but for the confusion attending the "scramble." Bro. Egbert Roberts was one of the vocalists who should have been heard, but his song was not reached. Bro. Arthur Thomas secured attention for his song "On the Zuyder Zee." As for the remainder of the vocalisation put before the company, there were "ladies in the case," and as we cannot criticise to their advantage we will adopt that excellent virtue with which our readers are necessarily acquainted. Perhaps we were "out of sorts" with the surroundings, and therefore but little consideration need be given to our private opinion.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

Lodge.		£	s.
	THE CHAIRMAN	120	15
Lodge.	*London.*		
1	Charles Belton	26	5
1	J. C. Dimsdale	31	10
2	C. E. Keyser	101	17
4	J. A. Hughes		
5	A. C. Langdale	36	15
6	Robert A. Gibbons, *M.D.*	21	0
8	Edward E. Pullman	10	10
12	Frank P. Telfer	47	5
15	John J. Woolley	57	15
22	W. R. Brooks	46	4
23	George Simonds	21	0
26	Malcolm A. Morris		
28	H. Newland	47	5
29	Thos. W. L. Emden	12	12
33	Thomas Fletcher		
34	Thomas B. White	16	16
49	John Turner		
49	Wyndham Hart	31	10
55	Herbert W. Roach	33	12
58	William Smithett	37	16
59	John W. Cluff	49	17
60	Horace Slade	105	0
60	Eliab Rogers		
65	George Haller	157	10
73	Walter J. Gregory	42	0
90	Henry O. Mordaunt	101	17
91	John T. Boulding	21	0
140	J. Dundas Grant, *M.A., M.D.*	24	12
141	W. J. Hakim	48	16
145	Thomas J. Hooper (*see Bedfordshire*)		
147	George Emblin	367	10
157	Ernest Jones	15	15
162	Arthur W. Peckham	31	10
167	Edwin Storr	65	12
179	Walter Hopekirk	46	4
183	Herbert Hooper	159	12
192	George Abbott	78	4
193	Geo. P. Nightingale	67	4
198	Fredk. Orchard	18	18
198	Charles Lambert	10	10
198	William Webber	26	5
205	Charles F. Hogard	64	3
256	G. Titus Barham		
259	Dep. Inspector-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, *M.D.*	10	10
534	G. E. Corrie Jackson	36	15
534	Edwin Bowley	10	10
548	Henry Carman	15	15
619	Albert E. Austin		
749	Henry John	16	4
753	J. J. Thomas	45	3
766	George F. Edwards	71	8
781	Thomas B. Daniell	89	5
813	W. Pierpoint	10	10
813	F. Peel	10	10
820	Samuel Wootton	10	10
822	Edward M'A. Seaton	24	0
860	Edward Bond	10	10
860	Thomas Glass	10	10
871	James G. Thomas	52	10
890	H. Wilkie Jones	31	10
902	Walter C. Smith	52	10
933	William Smith	53	0
975	Hy. Oastler Hinton	31	10
1044	Alex. C. A. Higerty	73	10
1056	A. A. Pendlebury	114	14
1259	Charles Wakefield	40	0
1260	Samuel H. Baker	100	16
1319	George E. Fairchild	63	0
1348	William C. Wigley	63	0
1348	Walter A. Harvey	10	10
1365	William H. Caton	54	12
1381	H. F. Foale	46	4
1383	James H. de Ricci	111	6
1425	Joseph R. Allman	36	15
1563	Edmund B. Cox	137	2
1563	Thomas H. Beach		
1571	William F. Packer	48	6
1608	Thomas H. Johnson	90	15
1613	John F. Bell	52	10
1614	George Reynolds	157	10
1615	Lieut.-Col. G. E. E. Blunt	10	10
1623	Robt. F. Brickdale	22	1
1627	Eugene Delacoste	43	1
1635	Sir George D. Harris	83	0
1657	Alderman J. Renals	49	7
1670	William H. Duckitt	35	3
1671	Alfred P. Keeling	176	8
1672	W. de B. Seagrave	10	10
1673	Arthur Adams	15	15
1579	James William Hembrow	18	18
1681	George Dickenson		
1704	Charles Collard	38	17
1716	William J. Rundell	21	0
1719	Richard Sandell	29	12
1732	Charles S. Mote	38	6
1791	Edward Austin	126	0
1804	Charles J. J. Tijou	66	18
1820	Edward Abram	26	5
1928	Henry Massey	80	0
1949	Adolphus E. Albert	26	5
1962	James C. Tilt	73	10
1962	Will. G. Lowe	36	15
1964	William Iron	41	9
1997	C. J. Williamson-Pimbury	40	19
2012	George Gardner	347	0
2029	Thos. W. Richardson	12	1
2032	Edward Dare	15	15
2033	Charles Gross, M.D.	25	14
2060	Henri Bué	40	0
2168	James P. Fitzgerald	130	3
2190	William S. Penley	37	16
2191	John J. Woolley (see L. 15)		
2192	T. Hastings Miller	52	10
2206	James Thom	76	13
2241	Frank Tayler, C.C.	69	6
2265	H. I. Barnato	47	5
2265	M. J. Jessop		
2266	Robert C. Davis	37	16
2310	Stanley J. Attenborough	10	10
Chapter			
7	George Drysdale	34	2
140	Henry W. Roberts	10	10
554	Charles Wakefield		
1185	George Powell	26	5
1471	W. Shurmur	52	10
	Committee Dinner Club.		
	William Maple	94	10
	Unattached.		
	Asher Barfield	10	10
	John Barnett, jun.	10	10
	W. Belchamber	10	10
	F. Binckes	10	10
	W. H. Bolt		
	S. G. Bonner	15	15
	James Boulton		
	James M. Buckley	31	10
	A. G. Darby	17	17
	W. G. Fenn	15	15
	R. P. Forge	10	10
	W. Klingenstein	21	0
	S. Lea-Smith	68	5
	H. B. Marshall, *J.P.*	10	10

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I wish to ask the following question through the MASONIC STAR, of which I am a subscriber, if you will be good enough to answer, as I am a young mason, and want to have the reply from a disinterested brother. There is a little trouble between the W.M. and other brethren of our lodge. We had a pic-nic on July 4th, and it was arranged that all brethren who gave in their names on or before the 24th, should have the preference in respect of accommodation. Sixty brethren made application, and thirteen others turned up afterwards, one of whom was the immediate Past Master. When we arrived at our destination, the W.M. and Secretary laid tickets on the table bearing the names of the brethren who had to sit there. The I.P.M. was placed amongst other brethren at one of the side tables ; there was plenty of room at the top next to the W.M. I wish you to understand that our W.M. and Secretary are just, upright and worthy masons ; was it wrong for the W.M. to place the I.P.M. at the side table, or should he have been in his proper place next to the W.M. ? Yours fraternally,

A MASTER MASON.

*** *It is unfortunate that in many instances no regard is paid to the reasonable request of a W.M. or secretary, that intimation should be given as to intended presence at, or probable absence from, any special gathering of a lodge, whether the same be for business or pleasure. Any position of precedence lost to a brother on such occasions should not reflect upon the executive. It might have been politic as well as courteous on the part of the W.M., if a re-arrangement of seats was at the last moment practicable, to place his predecessor at his left hand, but he has a justification for not having done so in the discourtesy of the brother in not attending to the request which had been made. This may be considered a small matter upon which to raise a question, but we are with the poet who says—*

> *"Think naught a trifle, though it small appear;*
> *Small sands the mountain, moments make the year,*
> *And trifles life."* ED. M.S.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In common with the other stewards who attended the Festival on Wednesday last, I received a statement of accounts for the year 1888, which at first glance would seem to be more complete than those of previous years, but a closer examination reveals some extraordinary book-keeping and amateur auditing.

The balance at the bank, January, 1888, agrees with the figures given at the close of the year 1887, but according to a foot-note on page 2, a sum of £70 has got into the hands of the steward and matron without any entry in the year's accounts. How can the auditors account for this?

By a singular coincidence, it would appear that the petty expenditure (£205 5s.) is, to a penny, the same as the outlay under that head last year. Can this be so!

During the year 1888, a sum (I believe) of £75 15s. was paid to the servants at Wood Green as for beer money, of which no entry whatever appears in the accounts. Where was this money obtained from!

On page 9, an analysis is made showing the cost per boy to have been *£47 5s. 8¾d.*, but from that analysis is omitted *£841 9s. 3d.* repairs and renewals, £125 18s. 9d. farm and garden produce, £75 15s. beer money, so that if these items are (as they ought to be) included, it will bring the cost per head to *£51 5s.*, irrespective of any charge for interest on the capital of £94,650, which if taken at 4 per cent. brings the total cost per boy to *£65 14s.*

On page 2 appears the following item under the head of receipts : —"Charles Greenwood memorial prize fund £103 13s.," which would appear to be a sum of money intended to be invested for a specific object, but like Bro. W. Winn's prize gift, and Bro. Edward Cox's gift, it has been absorbed into the general funds of the Institution, instead of having been invested as a separate and distinct fund, thus perpetuating the error of former years with respect to money given for a defined object. A careful comparison of the 1888 with the 1887 accounts will show that many of the items of expenditure have increased in an extraordinary manner, totally inexplicable by the variation in the number of boys provided for.

The alteration in the form of accounts shows that the Finance and Audit Committee thought some change needful, and it is to be regretted that they did not make it thorough and effective, so as to present at a glance an accurate statement of affairs.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

STEWARD.

R. M. I. B.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I refrain from giving A VICE-PRESIDENT the full reasons why I *consider the 5 MUSTS are necessary*, because :—1. I am not sure whether his letter is a covert attack upon the secretary; or, 2. Whether he acts upon the well-known advice, "When you have no case, &c." ; or, 3. Whether he is trying to be sarcastic.

At any rate, I fancy he will rejoice with all lovers of the orphan, when he hears of the result of the festival. Yours fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Referring to my letter to you of the 25th ult., in reference to this matter, and which I thank you for inserting, I had hoped that the subject might have been further discussed in your paper of the 4th inst. I trust, however, that the appointment of Instructors will not be allowed to drop. I would suggest that every Instructor who is for the time being assigned to a Province, should not in any way be connected with such Province or any of the neighbouring provinces, for reasons which I think will be apparent to most masons. Yours fraternally,

Cheadle, July 9, 1889. WALTER H. VAUGHAN, P.M., 1030.

POLITICAL LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I read in to-day's *Morning Advertiser* that "Viscount Oxenbridge will be invited to become the first W. M. of the 'Whitehall Lodge,' which it is proposed to form from amongst the Masonic members of the National Liberal Club." This is encouraging to myself and many members of a suburban political club who have long desired to be able to connect a Masonic lodge with the other attractions of our capital house and grounds ; and we may yet hope to see our grand old leader's name handed down to posterity in connection with the Craft. What do *you* think!

Yours fraternally,

July 9th, 1889. SUBURBAN.

*** *We* THINK *you will be disappointed ; and, to be candid, shall be pleased if the encouragement you anticipate is never afforded. Notwithstanding newspaper rumours we cannot believe our chief head and ruler will ever grant the prayer of the suggested petition.* —ED. M.S.

"PRUDENTLY AND WITH TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Your correspondent "Vice-President" tenders me his thanks, and apologizes for "his rash use of an un-masonic term." Good! I don't know whether he will be grateful for what I am about to present to his notice, but I do hope he will appreciate and amend his "forms of expression."

Should a report of a meeting be truthful, or a record of what an individual "considered" it? If the latter, no end of different versions might be published and yet none of them be statements of absolute fact. I point this out to "Vice-President" for future observance. In a long paragraph, "Vice-President" treats your readers to a long philological discourse, quite beyond the main question. I think a little application to the rules of composition and a better dictionary would prove of use to him in future literary efforts. I can recommend Hyde Clarke's dictionary of the English language, published by Lockwood and Co. The words "sweep them all away" in no way or sense can be construed into "crucify him"

—why does he turn the plural into the singular? The sweeping away process was to be applied to the *whole* of the officials, and not to one alone.

"Vice-President" tells us that he "does not know of any country, Christian or Jewish, where crucifixion, &c." I am not in a position to say whether such a punishment is practised anywhere, at the present time; but I must point out that there *is no* Jewish country, and if prophesy be true, will not be until the Millenium.

The selection of the word formulæ (plural, mark) as applying to the words, "Crucify him," is not a good one. I repeat, consult a better dictionary.

What on earth the trial of Christ before Pilate has to do with the R. M. I. B., I am at a loss to understand; but, quoting you (in reference to the Secretary), "it seemed a cruel and unkind thing that he should have been required to read his own indictment." Vice-President is guilty of gross blasphemy when he comments, "I don't know that it is not even worse than its counterpart in the mock trial of Christ."

Some people who were present at the Special Court, brethren well known to yourself, Sir, considered Bro. B. Baker's suggestion anything but sensible, prudent, or just. "Vice-President" is at liberty to form his own, but not other people's opinions, as to that suggestion: but he should not state, as a fact, that it *was* this, that, or the other.

What does "Vice-President" mean when he says, in reference to the chairman, Bro. W. W. Beach, "who *conveniently*, and I think *prudently*, though *unavoidably*, did not catch the motion for a vote of thanks to the investigation committee?" If unavoidably, where do the prudently and conveniently come in?

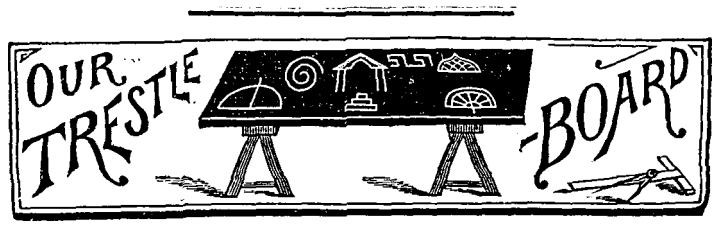
I am sorry "Vice-President" finds it "difficult to select a suitable phrase." I fancy he would do better to abstain from criticism altogether if he can perpetrate nothing better than appears over his *nom de plume* in your Nos. 18 and 20. I do not see how "fraternally" is accentuated by the use of the word "very," so merely subscribe myself, Yours fraternally,

IGNOTUS.

P.S.—I should like next week to break a lance with your other correspondent who talks about the "temperature of the atmosphere!"

Answers to Correspondents.

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"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We are again compelled to ask the indulgence of our correspondents and readers in connection with several matters of interest, the particulars of which are in type. The absorbing interest which has been and still is taken in the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys must be our apology, if any be needed, for devoting so much of our present number to reports and correspondence in connection therewith. We have Provincial and Colonial communications which must stand over, together with enquiries from several brethren. These shall have priority in our next week's issue. Meanwhile, brethren, let us have the opportunity of knowing how far you are disposed to support the efforts being made for the increase of our size and circulation. The opportunity is before you, and you can, by a very trifling assistance, make *your* MASONIC STAR still further useful to the Craft.

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The *St. James's Gazette* of Tuesday last announces the resignation by the Earl of Jersey of the Provincial Grand Mastership of Mark Master Masons of Berks and Oxon, a position he has held for some years; and that Lord Valentia will probably be his successor as Grand Mark Master of that province.

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We welcome our old friend and contemporary, *The Freemason*, in its new garb of highly finished paper, new type and general arrangement, by which it signalises its entrance upon the year of its majority. We contrast it with its first number, published in March, 1869, and now before us. "Time is fleeting," says the poet. It is indeed! for it seems but as yesterday that our pen inscribed the very first column of general matter which appeared in our predecessor's pages. The contrast we refer to is encouraging at the present moment to ourselves as a modest attempt to vie with the masonic journals of England in the spread of interesting instruction and general information upon all things affecting the welfare of the Craft. Very steadily and very firmly did our contemporary pursue the even tenor of its way, and it has set us an example which, perseveringly followed, will, we hope and believe, at no distant date, be rewarded by an increase as much beyond the expectations we originally formed of our own venture, as the present number of *The Freemason* must be beyond those which actuated its spirited proprietor twenty years ago. We wish it and him every success. There is room for us both!

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And for yet another! In these days, when the rage for *editions de luxe* is constantly inviting authors and publishers to produce books and papers which might be presentable in the *salons* of the higher classes of society, it is not to be wondered at that an attempt should be made to introduce the literature of Freemasonry into the drawing rooms of the *élite* of our Order. Such an attempt is *The Masonic Review*, "a Monthly Journal of Masonic and Social Events for Freemasons," the first (July) number of which has been issued. It is a coincidence more or less worthy of remark that, in its turn, our successor, as did our predecessor, utilises our pen for its first column of general matter, and elsewhere distinguishes us by the reproduction of one of our early articles which appeared in the pages of this journal. In so far we are interested in this new "review," but no further. Honest criticism compels us to admit that for style, get-up and general appearance, nothing but praise is merited for the work. The article on "Eminent Masons at Home," the subject of which, as the first of a series, is our Most Worshipful Grand Master, is embellished by an admirable portrait, and the subject matter is interesting. An original paragraph referring to the MASONIC STAR is incorrect in some of its particulars. A poem having no masonic bearing is also an original contribution; but beyond these we find nothing which is not, in a masonic sense, either "ancient history" or reprints from other journals, unless it be society gossip of no paramount interest to Craftsmen. We admit, of course, the many difficulties which must attend a first number in regard to *pabulum* for its several pages, but if it aims to "lead the literature of the Order," as stated in its preface, the *Masonic Review* must do something far different in its future issues. "Something which the existing masonic journals have failed to supply," reads to us as very vague, and we shall be greatly interested in learning in due course what that *something* may be. If that be not produced "the 'waste paper island' and the 'butter counter' rocks" may prevent the fulfilment of the expectation that its volumes will "rest as a monument of the Craft, cheek-by-jowl with the memorable volumes which furnish the oaken shelves of the Englishman's library."

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Our new contemporary remarks "we have nothing to sell." What can it mean! Does it not expect to obtain sixpence per copy, and to give value for it? At any rate, venturing to speak for our old contemporary, and unhesitatingly speaking for ourselves, we offer our wares at a price, and for money's worth. The former *sells* at threepence, and we, not being quite so voluminous, expect the modest penny per week for our little brochure, failing to obtain which, we must, as a matter of course "go under."

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One thing in connection with the foregoing is certain. The English craft cannot say they are not now catered for in respect of Masonic literature in a manner to suit their individual requirements. They have only to "pay their money and take their choice." Competition is the soul of commercial enterprise, and a geat feature in ensuring superior quality in production. There is a field for each and all who will strive to advance the progress of Freemasonry, and assist its scholarship. There is no race without a rival. In that in which we are entered, we may not take precedence, but we shall hope at least to reach the goal, in racing parlance, "a good second."

We Notify that:—

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Lewis Jones, *M.D.*, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday next, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., for passings and initiation. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. Thomas Vaughan Davies, the brethren will clothe in mourning.

The *Wiener Zeitung* of the 27th June, contains the following announcement:—"His Majesty the Emperor has been graciously pleased to confer the 'Franz Joseph Order' on Mr. Maurice Spiegel resident in London." We congratulate our brother in obtaining this distinction.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.—The ninth annual meeting of the general committee was held at the lodge room, Wimborne, on Thursday, the 4th July instant, W.Bro. W. D. Dugdale, P.P.J.G.W., the chairman of the charity, being supported by the R.W. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M.; W.Bros. R. Case, P.G.Sec., treas.; T. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R., hon. sec.; W. Mortimer Heath, P.G.Chap. of England; L. H. Ruegg, P.P.S.G.W.; G. J. G. Gregory, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Luff, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. W. Parkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Strickland, P.P.G.J.D.; C. G. Targett, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Giles, P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. A. Atkins, P.P.G. Supt. Works; A. C. Todd, P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. S. Stroud, I.P.M. 417; C. J. Woodford, W.M. 137; J. Harold, W.M. 622; E. Mills, W.M. 1037; and A. Taylor, J.W. 1146. Only three lodges in the province were unrepresented. The half-yearly meeting of the relief and assistance sub-committee, consisting of one member from each lodge, was first held, and investigated the petitions for relief, five in number. At the meeting of the general committee several letters and telegrams, apologising for unavoidable absence, were read from various brethren, including W.Bro. Z. Milledge, P.G.D.C., the vice-chairman; W.Bro. C. J. Hambro, P.D.P.G.M.; and other distinguished brethren. On the recommendation of the relief and assistance sub-committee, grants varying in amount were made to six petitioners, amounting together to £85. The draft report to provincial grand lodge was then considered, and showed a most satisfactory progress had been made, and it was ordered to be printed for distribution at the next P.G.L., viz., at Wareham, on the 26th September. Some slight alteration in the bye-laws having been proposed and carried, it was arranged that the Midwinter meeting should be held at Dorchester, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman on the proposition of the P.G.M. On the invitation of W.Bro. J. Harold, the W.M. of the Wimborne lodge, who had thoughtfully remembered that many of the brethren had come a long distance, the committee then adjourned to a substantial cold collation at his expense, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

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Lodge.		£	s.	d.
	H. B. Marshall, jun., *B.A.*		10	10
	J. L. Mather ..		36	15
	Carter Millbourne ..		10	10
	David Ososki ..		14	14
	John Osmond ..		10	10
	Oscar Philippe ..		10	10
	F. Ernest Pocock, *M.D.*		10	10
	Fred. William Prior		10	10
	Stephen Richardson		10	10
	William Roebuck ..		10	10
	John Skinner ..		26	5
	C. G. Spark		26	5
	James Terry ..		15	15
	Henry Warden ..			
	William W. Westley	52	10	
	Alfred Williams ..			

THE PROVINCES.

(Bedfordshire).

Lodge.				
803	Thomas J. Hooper ..	42	0	
	Berks and Bucks.			
414	William Sherwood..	55	2	
414	Michael J. Withers	11	11	
574	Reginald Maples ..			
1101	Charles Slaughter ..	50	0	
1887	Richard Wilder ..	22	1	
1894	Arthur Turner ..	10	10	
1899	Major E. Ball ..	23	2	
Chapter.				
414	Henry Creed ..	35	0	
Lodge.	*Cambridgeshire.*			
88	Oliver Papworth ..	115	10	
1492	Edward Armitage ..	47	5	
	Cheshire.			
	Richard Newhouse..	89	5	
287	George McClelland..	10	10	
605	James Gamlin ..	31	10	
1357	Michael Longridge..			
	Cornwall.			
	The Province, F. W. Thomas ..	105	0	
	Cumberland and Westmerland.			
129	James H. Hogg ..	37	16	
	Derbyshire.			
	Percy Wallis ..	42	0	
	A. Woodiwiss ..	21	0	
	G. Fletcher	10	10	
253	William H. Marsden	21	0	
353	E. H. Clarke ..	57	15	
654	Arthur W. Stack ..	42	0	
731	Severn Taylor ..	78	15	
802	Joseph Monck ..	16	16	
1085	Frederick Stone ..	40	0	
1495	The Hon. Charles W. Trollope ..	24	10	
1739	John D. Wragg ..			
2129	Robert B. Orme ..	26	5	
2224	J. P. Fearfield ..	10	10	
	Devonshire.			
	John Brewer ..	10	10	
	Rev. T. W. Lemon, *M.A.*	93	9	

Lodge.		£	s.
	Durham.		
764	Hans B. Olsen		
764	W. B. Foxton		
764	C. S. Lane ..	105	0
764	Kittle ..		
764	Forsland ..		
	Essex.		
51	Thomas J. Ralling..	52	10
276	William Langham..	22	1
650	Arthur J. H. Ward..	31	10
1600	W. Downs Merritt..	84	10
1343	James Howell ..	30	9
1457	J. C. Hopwood ..	80	17
2006	Samuel J. J. Kirby, *M.D.*	29	8
2184	George J. Westfield		
	Gloucestershire.		
	Baron de Ferrierès	10	10
	R. V. Vassar-Smith	21	0
82	Edward L. Baylis ..	36	15
592	Charles Green ..	36	15
	Hants and Isle of Wight.		
723	John Miller.. ..	23	2
928	Thomas Caparn ..	31	10
1112	Charles G. Beaumont, *M.D.*	22	1
1971	Col. A. G. Yeatman Biggs, *R.A.* ..	36	15
2016	Henry Harbor ..	31	10
	Hertfordshire.		
403	Rev. W. d'A. Crofton	28	7
404	George E. Lake ..	50	8
	Kent.		
	The Province ..	199	10
199	George James Bussey		
784	James S. Marsh ..	53	0
1209	William A. Valon ..	122	17
1414	J. S. Norman ..	7	7
2147	Harry Algar ..	110	6
	Lancashire (East Division).		
44	J. W. G. Coombs ..	21	0
221	Thomas Greenhalgh		
348	John Kenyon ..	10	10
1030	James Cookson ..	21	0
	Lancashire (West Division).		
32	Robert W. Bourne ..	10	10
32	Edward Segar ..	10	10
32	George Banner ..	10	10
33	T. Banner Newton..	10	10
680	James de B. Adam..	36	15
1182 / 1299	Thomas A. Withen	10	10
1314	Thomas Whitehead		
1313	T. E. Chambers ..		
1313	Richard Sharrock ..	10	10
1384	W. J. Thompson ..	10	10
1387	Samuel Locke ..	21	0
1562	A. J. Henochsberg..	10	10
2269	James Brindle ..	10	10
	Leicestershire and Rutland.		
	The Province ..		
	J. Herbert Marshall	525	0
	Lincolnshire.		
	The Province ..		

Lodge.		£	s.
	H. E. Cousans ..	69	6
	Middlesex.		
1194	William Dodd ..	41	9
1326	Edwin A. Smith ..	21	5
1503	Capt. A. Bunn ..	36	15
1512	E. Clark		
1656	Capt. T. C. Walls ..	31	10
1793	W. J. Porter ..	16	8
2183	Herbert W. Seager..	32	11
Chapter			
1793	H. Sapsworth ..	13	2
Lodge	*Monmouthshire.*		
	Capt. S. G. Homfray	68	5
457	Capt. J. A. Bradney	31	10
471	Charles H. Oliver, jun.	31	10
683	A. H. Oliver.. ..	42	0
818	John Owen Marsh..	42	0
1098	John J. Williams ..	26	5
1429	Charles Cullum ..	53	11
2186	Sydney W. Yockney	11	11
	Norfolk.		
100	Walter Diver ..	36	15
996	Henry J. Sparks ..	64	16
	North Wales.		
1336	C. K. Benson ..	52	10
1674	Harry A. Steer ..	11	5
	Oxfordshire.		
340	John Messenger ..		
340	Capt. Airey		
599	John S. Palmer ..	13	13
	Shropshire.		
	J. Bodenham ..	42	0
117	W. Belton	15	15
611	T. J. Salwey ..	36	15
1124	Rev. H. Dunkin ..		
	Somersetshire.		
	Lt.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins	100	0
	C. Fry-Edwards ..	10	10
	South Wales (East Division).		
	The Province, John Munday	323	13
	South Wales (West Division).		
	John Bourne ..	52	10
	F. E. Remfry ..	151	18
	Staffordshire.		
	The Province, W. H. Bailey	68	5
	The Province, John Bodenham ..	78	15
418	W. Tunnicliffe ..	52	10
	Suffolk.		
71	William J. Wilton..	91	17
1452	Hugh W. Elwes ..	52	10
	Surrey.		
463	Frederick Nicholls, *M.D.*	24	3
1638	Hy. W. Humphreys	67	9
1872	Sidney M. Cock ..	10	10
	Sussex.		
	Unattached, C. W. Hudson	10	10
315	Henry Beaumont ..	44	12
341	William Dawes ..	100	16
619	Baker	42	0

Lodge.		£	s.
851	J. Wilmot Jemmett	31	10
1636	John Sayers ..	10	10
1797	L. Hawker	26	5
1821	John Hamlin ..	19	14
1842	William Dawes ..		
1947	Alphonso F. Lamette	52	10
2201	Sir W. T. Marriott, *Q.C., M.P.* ..	52	10
	Worcestershire.		
	A. F. Godson, *M.P.*	21	0
	George Taylor ..	115	10
529	Alderman W. Williamson, *J.P.* ..	10	10
529	William T. Page ..	84	0
2034	Thomas R. Arter ..	21	0
	Yorkshire (West).		
	W. F. Smithson ..		
	William Harrop ..		
139	Joseph Dixon ..		
154	William A. Statter		
208	Fredk. W. Reuss..		
208	John Walker, *J.P.*		
290	C. F. Mallinson ..		
290	Joe B. Whiteley ..		
296	Jas. Billin Curry		
296	Harold Thomas ..		
296	Francis G. Cornu		
296	Joseph Beardshaw		
306	John Dyson ..		
306	Wm. C. Ellisdon ..		
306	William H. Jarvis		
306	George Wright ..		
495	Thos. Hargreaves		
495	Wm. Kingswell ..		
495	John B. Manning		
521	John Dawson ..	770	0
750	Rawson Kelley ..		
827	John Cobb ..		
827	Charley Fox ..		
637	Capt. A. Tupman		
904	Frederick Cleaves		
974	E. H. Barraclough		
974	William H. Benn		
974	George Beanland		
974	Herbert A. Foster		
974	W. C. Lupton ..		
974	Robert N. Rhodes		
974	B. R. Stansfield ..		
974	Charles M. Wilson		
1019	John Wordsworth		
1019	Herb't G. E. Green		
1019	Barron Kilner ..		
1019	Joseph Hartley ..		
1102	William Wilson ..		
1211	George F. Crowe		
1302	W. Asquith ..		
1311	Thomas Crossley		
1513	Thos. W. Embleton		
1513	Edward J. Massie		
1513	Henry Fountain..		
1736	Robert Riley ..		
2069	Robert Abbott ..		

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Bengal—W. Girling ..	26	5	
Punjab—William Franks.	15	15	
Seva Ram	10	10	

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (2nd) THURSDAY, JULY 11th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A.C.		
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1716	All Saints'	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, JULY 12th.	
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A.C.		
33	Britannic	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
R.C.		
3	Mount Calvary	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, JULY 13th.	
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane
Mark.		
1589	Brixton	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
	(3rd) MONDAY, JULY 15th.	
2069	La France (French Language)	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
1657	Aldersgate...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, JULY 16th.	
	BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, AT 4.	
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
255	Harmony	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE G. CHAPTER, AT 4.	
619	Beadon	Greyhound Hot., Dulwich
709	Nelson	M. H., William St., Woolwich
1278	Burdett Coutts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1360	Royal Arthur	Prince of Wales' Hot., Wimbledon
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
2140	Huguenot	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
Mark.		
199	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch, E.
	(3rd) THURSDAY, JULY 18th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1903	Duke of Albany	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	42	0	0	Lincolnshire ...	69	6	0
Berks & Bucks ...	207	6	0	Middlesex	193	1	6
Cambridgeshire ...	162	15	0	Monmouthshire ...	306	12	0
Cheshire	131	5	0	Norfolk	101	11	0
Cornwall	105	0	0	North Wales ...	63	15	6
Cumber. & Westmore.	37	16	0	Oxfordshire... ...	13	13	0
Derbyshire	379	10	0	Shropshire	94	10	0
Devonshire	103	19	0	Somersetshire ...	110	10	0
Durham	105	0	0	South Wales—East	323	13	6
Essex...	331	5	6	South Wales—West	204	8	0
Gloucestershire ...	105	0	0	Staffordshire ...	199	10	0
Hants & Isle of W.	144	18	0	Suffolk	144	7	6
Hertfordshire ...	78	15	0	Surrey	102	2	0
Kent	493	0	0	Sussex	390	17	6
Lancashire East ...	52	10	0	Worcestershire ...	252	0	0
„ West ...	152	5	0	Yorkshire, West ...	770	0	0
Leicester & Rutland	525	0	0	Foreign Stations ...	52	10	0

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The monthly meeting of the General Committee appointed by the subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys, was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, chairman of the Provisional Committee appointed by the Special Court held on the 6th of June, presiding, the vice-chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, grand registrar, being also present. Several members of the provisional committee and a large number of life governors and life subscribers attended. After the formal business of the meeting had been transacted, and a list of sixty-nine candidates for admission to the school settled, sixteen vacancies were declared for the October election.

Bro. the Earl of Euston then presented to the committee the report drawn up by the provisional committee of its transactions since the 6th of June, and his lordship read the report as follows :—

"The Report of the Provisional Management Committee appointed by the Special General Court on June 6th, 1889.

"1. This committee has, since its appointment, held five meetings, one of which was at Wood Green. The Earl of Euston was elected chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, vice-chairman, and Bro. J. D. Langton, hon. sec. of the committee.

"2. On the 12th June the late House, Finance, and Audit Committees passed a resolution handing over the management of the Institution to this committee, and this committee, on the same day, passed a resolution accepting the charge, and has since that day done all things necessary in carrying on the Institution.

"3. The matron and steward of the Institution having resigned, this committee has taken the matter into their consideration, and they recommend that the office of steward be not filled up for the present, but that the matron be at once appointed. They, therefore, ask that they be empowered to make the appointment subject to the approval of the next general committee.

"4. The committee is of opinion that a fresh medical officer is required, and recommend they be empowered to take the necessary steps to attain this result forthwith.

"5. It appears to this committee that in the interests of the Institution and in order to carry out the wishes of the special court it is necessary there should be a change at as early a period as possible in the office of secretary. The committee are unanimous in recommending that a retiring allowance should be accorded to Brother Frederick Binckes, and asks the general committee to authorise it to confer with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, to arrange them if possible, and report thereon to the next general committee.

"6. The committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the committee of enquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the general court. It has not lost sight of the question of the head mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this with other important subjects for further deliberation.

"7. The committee asks this general committee to confirm what it has already done, and to depute to it the powers of the house, audit, and finance committees, in order that it may be duly authorised to carry out the directions given by the special court on the occasion of the appointment. The various duties devolving on the committee render it desirable in their opinion that they should be enabled to add to their number if found requisite.

"The committee have accepted the honorary services of Messrs. Kennedy and Hobbs, chartered accountants, and have appointed a sub-committee, who have received an interim report advising on the system of bookkeeping, and that sub-committee are engaged in furthering the question of the financial condition of the institution.

"Dated the 6th day of July, 1889.

"(Signed) EUSTON."

Bro. Philbrick, in moving "that the report of the provisional management committee now read be received and entered on the minutes, and that its proceedings and recommendation do receive the sanction of this committee which authorises the provisional committee to carry the same into effect," said the committee found it necessary to ask that further members should be added to their number, which was now 21, but all of them did not attend. Some of these gentlemen, such as Bro. Gerard Ford, of Brighton, were not always able to be present, and the duties of the committee were becoming both many and arduous. The committee, however, was anxious to continue its labours with the same zeal, assiduity and thoroughness as heretofore, and would like some more brethren to be conjoined with them. Bro. J. S. Cumberland seconded the motion. A short discussion arose on the report, the different speakers expressing their approval of the manner in which the provisional management committee had discharged the burden thrown upon them. Bro. James Motion asked whether the secretary had resigned in conformity with the wish expressed at the Special Court of June 6th. Bro. Binckes rose and said certainly not. He had not resigned. Bro. James Motion then took exception to that paragraph of the report relating to a retiring allowance to the secretary. He strongly objected to any retiring allowance. It was, however, explained that no recommendation by the committee that a retiring allowance of any amount would bind the subscribers to the Institution in any way whatever. The committee could only recommend, and whatever recommendation they might make would be submitted to a special or quarterly court of subscribers for their confirmation or rejection. The report was then agreed to without a dissentient voice, and a resolution was afterwards come to authorising Lord Euston to sign all cheques. Grants of £5 and £10 for outfits were made to some ex-pupils of the institution, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Masonic Review, London; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati; *The Liberal Freemason*, Boston, Mass.; *Society*; *London Freemason*; *Freemason's Chronicle*; *South African Freemason*.

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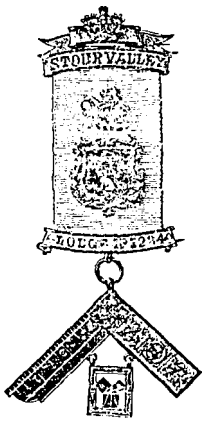
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"No Time to Read."

THERE has not been, during the past week, any Masonic event of more than ordinary importance in connection with the Order or its Institutions, and we therefore, rather gladly than otherwise, avail ourselves of the circumstance to utilize the words of one of our Exchanges upon a subject which affects Masonic literature specifically, and the interests of Masonic journals generally. We allude to the assumption, on the part of many of our brethren, that Masons as a body are not reading men. Is this a truth, and, being so, a libel on many thousands who have accepted the exhortation to "especially study such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of their attainment, and thereby make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge?" We will admit that there may be some grounds for such conjecture, when we note the difficulties which the Masonic press has had to encounter in the past, and before it became a recognised fact that publication, the same being supervised by judgment and experience, is not injurious to Freemasonry. But we cannot accept the charge against Masonic intelligence quite so unreservedly as these detractors would have us do. There should be, and doubtless there is, a very large proportion of members of the Craft who are the superiors of others because of their adherence to the exhortations they receive at their initiation, and the information they gain day by day and week by week by the perusal of works prepared for their edification, and capable of contributing towards that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge which they are called upon to make. For these we naturally entertain a great feeling of respect; and for those who neglect the opportunities afforded a sorrowful pity.

It is to these latter that our valued contemporary, the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianopolis, refers in an article in this month's number, and from which we freely quote. Says our interesting Exchange:—"From the very bottom of our heart we pity the Masonic Brother who says he 'has no time to read' a Masonic journal. Of course we know that this is not true, and is only an excuse for declining to subscribe to one, for he generally goes on to enumerate a long list of other publications that he is taking which take more time to read than all the Masonic journals would if put together."

Those are not our words, but we can endorse them, for our experience in the present day is similar, and whilst, "*of course we know it is not true*," a great shame overshadows a great pity that any disciple of the grand principle of Truth should so far forget himself, and the character of the Order to which he belongs, as to prevaricate in so paltry a fashion. Further says our Exchange:—"Our pity is not excited then because the brother has not time to read, but because he has not enough Masonry in him to give him an inclination to devote a little of his spare time to Masonic literature. The query often presents itself, why do men invest small fortunes in Masonic degrees, uniforms, and expensive charms to display upon their watch guards, and yet take no interest in keeping themselves informed of what is going on in the great domain of Masonry? What compensation do such Masons derive for the money thus invested? Is it all embraced in the pleasure of an occasional Masonic reunion and banquet? These men are but rarely, if ever, seen at stated meetings of the Lodge, or other Masonic bodies to which they belong, and perform none of the labour required to ensure their prosperity. Like drones in the hive, they are content to live upon and enjoy the fruits of the busy, working members." These are words pregnant with matter for earnest consideration by every man who has entered into Masonic union with his fellows; and, moreover, they are as strictly true as they are earnest. We do not hesitate to ask that many, at present, neglectful members of the brotherhood will ponder on them, and as a result take away from our detractors all reasons for stigmatizing our Order as a body of men caring less for intellectual pursuits in connection therewith, than the sensual pleasures of its social accompaniments.

The *Masonic Advocate* concludes its interesting article by stating that its volumes for the past twenty years contain no less than six hundred answers to questions on Masonic law and usage, such as are constantly arising in Lodges and other Masonic bodies. Its final words so aptly describe facts, and feelings of personal interest to ourselves, that we appropriate them *verb. et lit.* in the assurance that our contemporary will rather praise the freedom we take

with its pages than condemn us:—"We have before us a pile of Masonic journals, our exchanges received during the past month. They contain an epitome of recent Masonic events and happenings throughout the world. They embrace the best thoughts and ideas of learned, well-informed Masonic writers, and furnish a valuable compensation in the way of knowledge of Masonry which we could derive from no other source. They furnish monthly a Masonic feast far more beneficial and satisfactory than the viands of the most sumptuous banquet. Long before we engaged in the business of publishing a Masonic journal we were a regular patron of several, and learned to appreciate them from the great benefit we derived from them. We have in our library a fair collection of the best Masonic works, but our full files of most of the Masonic journals which have been published during the past thirty years are a constant source of pleasure and profit in our reading. Aside from any selfish motives we most earnestly urge all our brethren to become patrons and readers of one or more good, reliable Masonic journals. They will receive greater benefits from them than they can derive from any other source."

No comment of ours upon these words could add to their force, or their application to members of our Order who cover their unwillingness to support Masonic journalism by the transparent excuse of their having "no time to read!"

COLONIAL.

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

At a meeting of the Ponsonby Lodge, No. 708., S.C., held at Auckland, on the 14th May, at which there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, a unanimous vote was passed in favour of the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge. The voting so far in this district for and against the movement is as follows:—

For:—Lodge Eden, 1530, E.C.; Franklin, 2138, E.C.; Coromandel, 456, I.C.; St. Andrews, 418, S.C.; Sir Walter Scott, 533, S.C.; Manukau, 586, S.C.; Te Aroha, 697, S.C.; Wairoa, 709, S.C.; Star in the Far South, 717, S.C.; Star of the North, 1647, E.C.; Ara, 348, I.C.; Ponsonby, 708, S.C.

Against:—Lodge Waitemata, 689, E.C.; Prince of Wales, 1338, E.C.; Corinthian, 1655, E.C.; Remuera, 1710, E.C.; Harmony, 2180, E.C.

As it is expected that the rest of the Lodges who have yet to record their votes will be practically in the same ratio, it may be assumed that the Auckland district is largely in favour of the movement, and as it is meeting with large support in the other districts of the colony, the ultimate success of the movement seems assured.

Letters have been received by the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Masonic Union from Masons in Queensland, congratulating this colony on the progress the Grand Lodge movement is making, and stating that a similar movement has been commenced in Queensland.

Wellington, May 7.—The New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No 517, E.C., passed a resolution in favour of the Grand Lodge movement. The Masterton Lodge have also adopted a resolution recommending it.

Christchurch, May 10.—The Conyers Masonic Lodge, 1916, E.C., Sydenham, decided last night not to support the movement for a New Zealand Grand Lodge, deeming it inopportune at the present.

Dunedin, May 10.—Lodge St. Andrew, 432, S.C., passed a resolution unanimously that it does not at present see its way to move in the direction of a United Grand Lodge, but will adhere to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and regrets that the matter has been gone about in so un-Masonic and precipitate a way.

"N." writes in respect of the list of Lodges voting for the United Grand Lodge of New Zealand as follows:—"In the first place, it lumps together the Lodges of the three Constitutions, whereas these are *perfectly distinct; the action of none of them having* the slightest control, or even influence over that of the other two, least of all, perhaps, over the English. In the next place, the votes of the Lodges are given as of equal value—such small country Lodges as Franklin or Star of the North, which being newly-formed have but their two or three P.M.'s apiece, being reckoned as the equivalent of Waitemata and Prince of Wales, which, owing to their lengthened existence, possess long rolls of men of standing and experience. In the third place, the fact that the D.G.M., the Board of General Purposes, the centrally elected authority, as well as Grand Lodge itself, which, consisting as it does of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, elected by the Lodges, together with the Wardens, represents the entire Constitution, has deliberately and definitely decided against the project, is not mentioned. Fourthly, no Constitution can go over as a body; individual members must resign their membership under their respective Constitutions, thus allowing the Lodge warrants to lapse, and this will not be permitted to take place, as there are quite enough Masons in every Lodge loyal to the mother Grand Lodge to avert any such catastrophe. It may be added that the leading members of the Craft here have stated that they would never become members under a severed and separate Grand Lodge, but that if each stood solitary and alone, and his Lodge fell in ruins round him, he should simply seek affiliation in some other Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, *Auckland Weekly News*, 18/5/89.

NEW ZEALAND.—A meeting of Masons of all grades and constitutions was held at the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, on the 18th April, to discuss the question of the proposed Grand Lodge for New Zealand. Bro. C. Braddell presided, and there was a fair attendance. There was no information before the meeting as to cost, &c., of the new system, and no data at all to guide the brethren in their *deliberations: and throughout* the meeting a feeling decidedly not in favour of any change was very manifest. In fact, among the dozen or so gentlemen who spoke not one had anything to say in favour of the proposed Grand Lodge, or could discover any advantage likely to accrue to the cause in New Zealand by its *institution*. The resolution "That the time has not come for the formation of a United Grand Lodge in New Zealand" was passed unanimously.

AUCKLAND.—Some time ago, when it became definitely known that the Earl of Onslow, G.S. Warden of England, was on his way to New Zealand in the capacity of Governor of the colony, and that his port of arrival would be Auckland, the Masonic brethren determined to give the illustrious brother a cordial and fraternal reception on his arrival, and when Lord Onslow reached Australia a cable message was sent to him inviting his presence to a Masonic banquet on his arrival at Auckland. His Lordship promptly and frankly accepted the invitation. Punctually at eight p.m., on April 23rd, His Excellency Lord Onslow, accompanied by Captain Saville, A.D.C., arrived, and was escorted to the post of honour by Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C.; and Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C. Bro. Graham presided, and on his right was Lord Onslow (the guest of the evening), Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, Rev. C. M. Nelson, and Bro. M. Niccol. On his left were Bros. G. P. Pierce, the Rev. W. Tebbs, and W. Lodder. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Clark and Skinner. There were about 140 brethren seated at the tables in regalia, and on the stage were about 80 ladies. At half-past nine o'clock, just before the speaking commenced, the Countess of Onslow arrived, and was cordially received by the brethren, and escorted to the platform. *Lord Onslow*, on rising to respond to the toast of his health, was received with loud cheers. He said:—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren. I need hardly tell you how gratified I felt when I learnt of the early steps which you took to welcome me on my arrival as a Mason, for although I was assured of your loyalty, and knew that when fully invested I would not fail to meet with manifestations of loyalty, yet I felt some misgivings as to the manner of the reception which would be given to the humble individual who for the next five years is to do his best to represent Her Most Gracious Majesty in this colony. (Cheers.) When I found such an influential section of the community prepared to accord me such a welcome, it gave me encouragement to proceed with my task, and it proves, if proof were wanted, how the Craft gives welcome help when required. I recollect when I was initiated, I asked some of my elder brethren what was the use of Freemasonry. Of course I understood all about the dinners given at Oxford and Cambridge, but my elders then told me that the time would come when I would appreciate the benefits of belonging to the Masonic body, and brethren that day came to me on the 22nd of April, 1889, in the cordial welcome which I received from you and the citizens of Auckland. That cordial welcome and your invitation was followed by one from the Auckland Racing Club, and at their meeting I for the first time saw that ingenious machine you call the totalisator, and if I continue on the same favourable terms on which I commenced I shall have no reason to regret my acquaintance with it. (Laughter). Let me thank you and the citizens generally for the great kindness I have been met with. I have met with offers of sports and amusements from all quarters, but all my life I have been a man of business, and my duty is to proceed without delay to the seat of Government and take office. I have seen your magnificent town and harbour, and I learn that it has one characteristic with Wellington in that it possesses a Government House. (Cheers.) I think wherever Englishmen are found they will continue the same whether under the Northern Star or the Southern Cross, and none will be more anxious to lend help to each other than the brethren of the Craft. We all know the great interest which is now being manifested in drawing the mother country and the colonies together. Let us not overlook one of these bonds which has for its principles good fellowship and federation, which are are those of the symbols and emblems of Freemasonry, and which shall combine throughout the whole empire of our Empress Queen. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)—*New Zealand Herald*, 20/5/89.

AUCKLAND.—A pretty little incident occurred at the May meeting of the Freemasons' Board of Benevolence. The board meets once a month to grant assistance to distressed brethren or their families, and this is done to a large amount. Some time ago they assisted a brother in bad health to go to New Zealand, and the board were informed that a letter had been received from him, thanking them very heartily for their aid, and adding that he was quite well, and that they had been the means of saving his life.—*Auckland Weekly News*, 4/5/89.

TASMANIA—LAUNCESTON.—At a meeting of the Tasmanian Masonic Union, held at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on the 10th May, it was reported that arrangements had been made for some of the leading Masons at the capital to convene a meeting of the fraternity to meet representatives from the town and country lodges on that side of the island, and again exchange views on the subject of forming a United Grand Lodge of Tasmania. It was decided that Friday, May 31st, would suit the northern members, and that date would, it was stated, meet the convenience of the Hobart brethren. A number of names of members willing to proceed to Hobart were given in, and in order to facilitate preliminaries it was arranged that Bro. H. White should receive names of Launceston residents, and Bro. A. Kirkland communicate with the country lodges, the desire being to make the visitation to Hobart as large and as widely representative as possible. A sub-committee was also appointed to carry out necessary details.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WHEN I WAS MADE A MASON.

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146, P.Z.

Tune—"'Twas in the good ship 'Rover.'" (Dibdin.)

WHEN I was made a Mason,
(Now many a year ago;)
I put my boldest face on,
All fear to overthrow.
I put my boldest face on,
All fear to overthrow.
But still it did not answer,
I quak'd in ev'ry bone,
And though a plucky man, sir,
I stifled many a groan.
Chorus—And though a plucky man, sir,
I stifled many a groan.

I wonder'd what the dickens
They'd do to me the first!
My heart was not a chicken's,
But oh, I feared the worst!
My heart was not a chicken's,
But oh, I feared the worst!
Low murmurs all around me,
And solemn music, too,
In the darkness did confound me,
And I was in a stew!
Chorus—In the darkness, &c.

If I live to be a hundred,
I'll ne'er forget *that* night,
Nor how I felt and wonder'd
When first I saw the light.
Nor how I felt and wonder'd
When first I saw the light.
Some secrets, then, and myst'ries,
Word, symbol, grip, and sign,
With our all ancient hist'ries
Of Brotherhood were mine.
Chorus—With our all ancient, &c.

Since then, I've been a rover,
And many a goblet quaff'd,
But nothing could discover
So glorious as "The Craft."
But nothing could discover
So glorious as "The Craft."
I'll sing her praises ever,
With honest pride and glee,
And life throughout endeavour
A Mason true to be.
Chorus—And life throughout, &c.

[The music to the above song is found in No. 26 of the "Sixpenny Musical Library." F. Pitman, 20, Paternoster Row, E.C.]

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OPENING ODE.

COME, Brothers, assemble, the pleasures to share,
Where we meet on the Level and part on the Square,
Where the watchword is love, and strife is unknown,
Save striving to honor the widow's lone son.

Where the poor and the rich unite on the Plumb,
Inviting and welcoming others to come;
Come place on the altar a sprig that is green,
To mark the loved spot where a Brother had been.

If we meet in our place and live by the rule,
And walk by the lights which encirle the soul,
We'll all find a Lodge and a temple of rest,
Where the Grand Master rules o'er the loved and the blest.

Come then, with the Trowel and spread the cement,
Of Brotherly Love with the common intent,
Presenting the Chief of the Grand Lodge above,
With richest of jewels, all brightened with love.—*Exchange.*

THIRD DEGREE LEGEND.

ONE finds, in Master Masons' Lodge,
The truths of hoary centuries his;
The lore he learns, an heritage
From all the ancient mysteries.
Light! from an age of night and doubt,
Of eyes so blind they would not see!
Man's mightiest hope, in ages dark,
Our Legend of the Third Degree.

Brethren, I hope we learned it well—
This lesson that the past can teach:
That into every word and deed
The potence of its power shall reach;
That we shall lay our actions square,
Building for immortality;
Keeping in sight God's kindliest truth—
His Legend of the Third Degree.

When unto men the end shall come
The things of earth forever o'er;
When I shall find, where'er I turn,
Death waiting for me at my door;
Leave me, Great Master, not alone;—
Stoop down from highest heaven to me,
And prove creation's corner-stone,
The Legend of the Third Degree.—*Exchange.*

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The fifteenth Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday. The Companions present included the Grand Superintendent (Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.SW., Rep. for G. Lodge of Ireland), Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Prov. G. Second Principal: Comp. J. H. F. Woodward, P.P.G.S.E., as Prov. G. Third Principal: Comp. W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E.: Comp. Laxton, P.G. Reg.: Comp. Bentley Hayne, P.G.A.S.: Comp. Kentish, P.G.S.B.: Comp. Dunkley, P.G.A.: Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S.E.: Comp. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Grand Superintendent of the Prov. of Essex: Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C.: Comp. Cama, P.G.S.B.; Comps. J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.: Greenwood, P.G.S.E., Surrey; Burgess, P.P.G.P.S.: Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; Ockenden, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Cordwell, P.P.G. Reg.: Hopwood, P.P.G. Reg.; Briggs, P.P.G.P.S.; Lingard, 1691: Collick, 1793: Sapsworth, 1793: Langton, 1691: Gregory, 2048: Vincent, 1777: Jolliffe, 1194: Roberts, 1298: Hackford, 1549: Austin, 1793; J. Willing, 2048; Spaull, 382; Higerty, 946; Jacobs, 940; Porter, 1793; Tegg, 1237, W. W. Lee, 1524; and W. W. Morgan. The Provincial G. Chapter was opened in due form. The roll of the Chapters was then called, all being represented with the exception of one. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the audit committee, which was very satisfactory, showing a balance of nearly £50, was read and adopted. The Grand Superinrendent then said he had much pleasure in announcing that he had appointed Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp as Prov. G. Second Principal, and Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe as Prov. G. Third Principal. Comp. Gregory, 2048, was proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Offices as under:—Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, H.: E. Y. Jolliffe, J.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E.: Spanel, P.G.S.N.: G. Gregory, P.G.T.: Dr. Roberts, P.G. Reg.: A. Lingard, P.G. 1st P.S.: Elliott, P.G. 1st A.S.: J. Willing, P.G. 2nd P.S.: Capt. Vincent, P.G.S.B.: W. Tegg, P.G.S.B.: R. R. Collick, P.G.D.S.: F. C. Austin, P.A.G.D.C.: C. Stevens, P.G. Org.: J. Gilbert, P.G. Janitor. The Grand Superintendent appointed the audit committee as last year. There being no further business the Chapter was closed in ancient form. The Companions then adjourned to the new dining hall, from the windows of which a magnificent view of the chesnut avenue in Bushey Park is obtained, and sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Comp. J. B. Mella, whose catering was justly appreciated. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, Col. Shadwell Clerke replying for the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Comp. Philbrick for the visitors. The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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THE MONTEFIORE CHAPTER, No. 1017, was consecrated on the 10th inst., at the Café Royal Masonic Hall, Regent Street. The ceremony was performed by Ex. Comp. Col. Shadwell-Clerke, Grand S.E., who was assisted by Ex. Comps. Charles E. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, *M.A.*, P.G.C., and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj. The founders are Comps. S. V. Abraham, Lewis Jacobs, John A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, and S. Pollitzer. There were present Comps. H. Massey, P.Z. 619; Charles Beckett, 2000; A. M. Cohen, P.Z. 188, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1928; Lewis M. Myers, *C.C.*, M.E.Z. 188; Richard J. Harnell, 2021; Max Mendelssohn, P.S. 1839; John Hodges, 2182; J. M. Bockbinder, 188; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; J. Bayne, 733; W. Wright, 1602; and J. W. Harvey, M.E.Z. 25. Comp. S. V. Abrahams was installed as First Principal, and Comp. S. Pollitzer Second Principal. Comp. W. Wright presided at the organ during the ceremonial, the vocalists being Comps. John Hodges, Fred. H. Cozens, C. Beckett, and J. Bayne.

MARK MASONRY.

DERBY.—On the 8th inst. the Mayor of Derby (Bro. A. Woodiwiss) was installed Worshipful Mark Master of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large and influential assemblage. Bro. Woodiwiss was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cawthorne Webster, and afterwards invested his officers in the following order:—W.Bro. C. Webster, I.P.M.; Bros. R. L. Homer Mole, Prov. G.Std.Br., S.W.; John Walker, J.W.; W. J. Piper, M.O.; W. B. Woodforde, S.O.; S. Taylor, Prov.G.Std., J.O.; Rev. T. Orrell, Prov.G.C., chaplain; W.Bro. J. O. Manton, P.P.S.G.O., treasurer; Bros. T. Oldham, Reg. of Marks; C. D. Hart, secretary; J. P. Fearfield, S.D.; T. E. Yeomans, J.D.; W.Bro. E. Horne, P.P.J.G.O., org.; Bros. E. J. H. Hoskyns, M. of C.; W. H. Wheeldon, I.G.; and W. Stone, tyler. The P.G.Mark Master Mason, Wm. Kelly, afterwards held Provincial Grand Lodge, and conferred upon Bro. Woodiwiss the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Every lodge in the united province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland was represented. The P.G.Mark Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. Thomas Cox, Deputy P.G.Master; Abraham Woodiwiss, P.G.S. Warden; J. H. Thompson, P.G.J. Warden; Brook Sampson, M. Overseer; J. C. Webb, S. Overseer; F. S. Preston, J. Overseer; the Rev. S. W. Wigg and Thomas Orrell, chaplains; S. Cleaver, treasurer; S. A. Marris, registrar; Miles J. Walker, secretary; J. E. Whitehead, S.D.; John Fletcher, J.D.; R. Michie, Inspector of Works; J. Harrison, D. of C.; W. Prince, Asst. D. of C.; A. Oram, Swd.Br.; R. L. H. Mole, Std.Br.; Isidore de Solla, org.; W. J. Curtis, I.G.; J. B. Waring, Severn Taylor, W. Frost, and the Hon. C. W. Trollope, stewards; Derrick and W. Stone, tylers. It was resolved to again nominate Bro. Kelly to the Prince of Wales as P.G.M. Afterwards 80 brethren partook of a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. Thomas Day. Bro. W. L. Dodd had charge of the musical arrangements, and Bro. Percy Wallis was Director of Ceremonies.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LENNOX-BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

The province of Essex is to be congratulated on the formation, under most brilliant auspices, of a new lodge, the consecration of which took place at the "Roebuck," Buckhurst Hill, on Monday last, and which was attended by a numerous and important body of the Craft. As was truly remarked by one of the speakers during the evening the gathering appeared rather to be like the assembly of a Provincial Grand Lodge than one associated with the business of a private lodge, and that, necessarily at the moment, the youngest. To the well-known reputation of the distinguished brother whose name the lodge will bear, and the great esteem in which he and the master and wardens designate are held, must be attributed the attendance of some two hundred brethren, and the installation of the W.M. designate in a Board of fifty installed masters. Probably also, the intimation that the ceremonials of the day were to be performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt.-Hon. the Lord Brooke, *M.P.*, and his deputy the V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, G. Reg., had something to do with the magnitude of the gathering, and it is most satisfactory to chronicle that the entire proceedings gave universal satisfaction. The Prov. Grand Master having opened a lodge, the ceremony of consecration was conducted throughout according to the customary programme, with which most of our readers must be familiar. There was not a hitch in any part of the work. The area and elevation of the spacious detached building in which the lodge was held, and its chapel-like interior, assisted materially to increase the solemnity which should ever accompany one of the most touching and effective ceremonials of the Craft, whilst the quiet manner in which W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.P.G. Reg. and Prov. G.D.C. Essex, discharged his duties as D.C., and the excellent musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Dr. James F. Haskins, who had the assistance of Bros. Dutton, Bartlett, Pritchard and Franklin Clive, gave to the religious character of the Prov. Grand Master's work, and the orations and dedications of the V.W. Bro. Thomas Cochrane, Grand Chaplain, an impressiveness which will not readily leave the memories of those who had the good fortune to be present on this occasion.

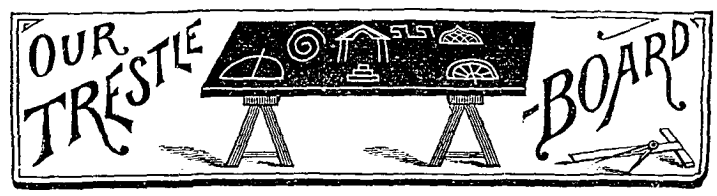
The consecrating officers in addition to those named were W. Bros. George Harrison, P.P.G., as S.W. : Richard Clowes, P.P.G., as J.W ; T. G. Ralling, P.G.A.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Essex, as Secretary : and Andrew Durrant, P.G. treas., Essex, as I.G. The visitors' attendance book was signed in the following order :—Bros. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec. : C. H. Devoir, P.G.S. of Wks. ; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B. ; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas. : Edward Simmons ; J. Tanner, P.P.S.D. Essex : Andrew Durrant, P.G.T. Essex : B. Lyons, P.M. 1227 ; M. J. Harris, P.M. 65 ; F. H. Meggy, 276 ; A. G. Pritchard, 9 ; P. Chang, 1743 : Emil Behnke, 2108 ; A. W. Orwin, 1491 ; Lewis Ferguson, 1997 ; E. T. Landon, 1457 ; J. C. Hopwood, 1457 ; W. J. Shadrake ; G. M. W. Farquharson, 2256 ; E. G. Cherry, 861 ; L. C. Haslip, 813 ; J. W. Cachet, 2256 ; C. H. Webb, 174 ; Richard Sandell, 1719 ; J. J. Buginshaw, 2256 ; J. Newton, 174 ; Fredk. Carr, 1607 ; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler ; Walter Goulding, 1446 ; T. F. Nunn, 1457 ; C. E. Skinner, 1457 ; Charles G. Foster, 1457 ; Walter J. Cuthter, 1457 ; Benjamin Nicholson, 1768 ; C. Geo. Cutchey, 1685 ; John Greig ; John Godwin, 55 ; Henry Magee, 174 ; T. Baillie : J. C. Bolton, 73 ; F. Franklin Clive, 1319 ; Jno. Bartlett, 2030 ; H. Beardshaw, 1228 ; R. G. Poulton, 1237 ; G. D. Lester, 969 ; Henry J. Dutton, 1706 ; James Hallows, 1662 ; J. Zacharie ; H. Young, 1202 ; James Start, 1743 ; F. W. Fenman ; J. R. Brading, 453 ; F. J. Oliver, 1056 ; T. Franklin, 1662 : W. Mollett, 765 : Geo. Kebbel, 1662 ; Wm. Nicholls ; J. H. Jewell, 1223 ; S. G. Vaughan, 2005 ; Thos. J. Shutt, 2023 ; J. Grant, 140 ; Percy S. Jarkins, 1385 : Richard Kershaw, 2256 ; E. C. Massey, 1297 : Egbert Cooper, 196 : C. Bendaring, 1816 ; R. S. Cushing, 1607 ; James Stevens, P.M. 1216 : John B. Monckton, P.S.W. of Eng. ; Wilhelm Ganz, P.S. Org. : C. Beton, P.G.D.C. ; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex ; Thomas Jessy ; James Speller, 2256 ; Wm. Lake, 131 ; Thos. Cochrane, 10 ; T. Bullock, 101 ; Geo. J. Westfield, 813 ; Edward Terry, G. Treas., &c., &c., &c.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Consecration Ceremony, Bro. Philbrick, P.D.G.M., at the request of the Prov. G.M., installed into the chair of K.S. the Worshipful Master designated in the charter granted by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson, *M.D.*, J.W. 2256, who, having been greeted and saluted in ancient form, appointed and invested Bro. Lennox Browne, *F.R.C.S.*, P.M., &c., as I.P.M. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and was duly invested. The following were also invested as officers for the year :—Bros. H. Ffrench Bromhead, S.W. ; W. Shurmur, P.M., J.W. : T. H. G. Wrighton, P.M. Sec. : W. E. Dring, S.D. ; H. J. Drane, J.D. : A. Schneider, I.G. : W. M. Butcher, D.C. : W. P. Allen, Asst. D.C. : G. Ashton, Steward ; A. Ambrose, *M.D.*, Asst. Steward ; J. G. Cachett, Org. : and — Young Tyler. The remaining founders who signed the petition were Bros. Thomas Courtenay Warner, W.M. elect 2256 ; G. Hurley, 2256 ; J. H. Clare, 193 : E. Gray, Jun., 65 : and A. Brown, 869. The Ceremony of Installation was completed by the delivery of addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren by Bro. Philbrick in his usual effective manner. Honorary Membership was conferred upon each of the consecrating officers, and handsome duplicates of the Founders' Jewel were presented to the Prov. Grand Master and his deputy, both of whom replied in acknowledgement of the recognition their services had met with, and trusting that the labours of the day would be profitable to Masonry in general as well as to the new lodge in particular. W. Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M., J.W., was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the principal officers were selected for framing the by-laws of the lodge. Several propositions for initiation of approved candidates at the next meeting, and of brethren desirous of joining were made : and after a number of apologies from distinguished brethren for absence on account of more pressing engagements had been submitted—notably one from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston addressed to Bro. Lennox-Browne—the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

Just prior to the banquet, Bro. C. G. Cutchey, of Buckhurst Hill, availed himself of the opportunity for taking instantaneous and other photographs of the large body of Freemasons assembled in the grounds of the hotel ; and it is anticipated that these will form interesting memorials of the important occasion.

The banquet was served in the large assembly room of the hotel, and reflected much credit on the host. The menu was not too pretentious, the supply was ample, the wines of good quality, and the service effective, altogether giving general satisfaction. The lodge stewards performed their duties in no perfunctory manner, and consequently the comfort of the guests was assured throughout the entertainment. A continuance of such service during their year of office will conduce to obtain for the new lodge a reputation for hospitality, second only to the good Masonic work which will certainly characterise its proceedings. After the cloth had been cleared and grace sung, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically received. To that of "The M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past," V.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton responded. Bro. H. J. Dutton sang in admirable style Bro. Ganz's song, "I seek for thee in every flower," and Bro. Ganz, P.G.O , himself being present, kindly accompanied the vocalist. The health of the Provincial Grand Master having been proposed in appropriate terms, and honoured with acclamation by the brethren, the R.W.Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke expressed his acknowledgements for the reception accorded to him, and his great pleasure in being amongst them during and after the performance of a duty which had given him so much satisfaction, and which he hoped would largely promote the interests of Freemasonry, especially in the province over which he was called upon to rule. He had never before seen so large an assembly in connection with a private lodge, or so many distinguished brethren gracing its proceedings by their presence. The company had just listened to a capital song by Bro. Franklin Clive, "The Fine Old English Gentleman," and he might be permitted to say that he lived in anticipation of the time when they and others might be disposed to apply that honourable designation to himself. After a brief allusion to the increase of lodges in the province of late years, and hearty wishes for the success of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, his Lordship resumed his seat amidst loud cheers evoked by the apt sentiments he had expressed. An excellent recitation by Bro. Emil Behnke caused much amusement. The V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick responded for the toast proposed in his honour and that of the Provincial Grand Officers, in a speech of some length and of considerable interest, to condense which would do the speaker an injustice. As our columns cannot at present admit of our recording such speeches *in extenso*, we refrain from mutilating Bro. Philbrick's admirable address, which was listened to most earnestly, and was much applauded. He concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, remarking that his selection for the honourable position of W.M. designate by the founders of the lodge was an evidence of the merits possessed by him, and the great esteem in which he was held by them. Bro. A. G. Pritchard followed with a diverting "musical sketch ;" and the W.M. then briefly responded.

Bro. Lennox-Browne, on his health being proposed, with the prefacing remark that the date of consecration of the lodge was also the anniversary of his birth, received an ovation on rising to respond which almost took his breath away. Fortunately it did not entirely do so, or we should have had to deplore the loss of a highly esteemed man and a thorough mason, alike in practice as in theory, instead of rejoicing that it is yet competent for all his friends to wish him "many happy returns" of a day which must during his future life be associated with two pleasant and important events. The remaining toast, including that of "The Visitors," had to be hurriedly given, "time for the trains" having to be observed; and the brethren separated amidst expressions of considerable satisfaction with the entire proceedings connected with the consecration of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, No. 2318.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

A new lodge, under the title of "The Scots' Lodge," No. 2319, to meet at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet Street, London, and of which the R.W.Bro. Lord Euston is the W.M. Designate, has lately been formed, and will be consecrated on the 27th inst., when a large and distinguished gathering may be expected. Its members must all have some connection with Scotland by birth, marriage, or property; and it is anticipated that many Scotsmen in London, who are members of our Order but not yet affiliated with any metropolitan lodge, will join the new lodge.

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We regret to learn that an accident to our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, prevented his attendance on Saturday last at a meeting in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland. We are not in possession of any particulars, and as in that respect "no news is good news," have reason to hope that the accident is not of a very serious character. Whatever it may be, we shall all be glad to hear of his convalescence.

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The *Court Journal* says that the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of Lord and Lady Brooke to visit Easton Lodge, Dunmow, early in August. It is said that His Royal Highness will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge for the Province of Essex, which will be held at Easton Lodge, under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, on Tuesday, August 6th. After the usual business meeting a banquet will be served in a marquee on the terrace. The private grounds will be illuminated in the evening. It is expected that the meeting will be the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Essex.

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The foregoing paragraph is, however, contradicted in some provincial journals. At the time of our going to press we cannot certify our readers as to the correctness of the rumour or its contradiction.

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The announcement that the Earl of Jersey has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon, has been received with great regret by the Mark Masons throughout the two counties. From the date of the formation of the province at Reading some years since, the noble Earl has presided over its affairs with much ability and geniality, and under his lordship's rule Mark Masonry has made most satisfactory progress in this and the sister county of Oxford. It is considered probable that the Earl of Jersey will be succeeded in the office by *Viscount Valentia*.

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We have had a copy of *Murrays' Illustrated Penny Pocket Guide for London* sent to us by its publisher, John Paul Murray, of Queen's Head Passage, Paternoster Row; and although we do not find in it anything that may be termed masonic, and therefore pertinent to our pages, we are not inclined to pass it by without a recommendation. That wonderful penny again! What it *can* do in the way of support to those who "lay themselves out" for the spread of information, whether generally or particularly, if only numbers will aid the effort! Murray's guide is a marvel at the price, if it be only in respect of the sixteen sectional maps which it contains, and without taking into account its ten views of important localities, and the sixty-odd pages of general useful information. We put this guide into our pocket for frequent reference, and advise our provincial brethren when visiting London to do likewise. They would save its cost, we are afraid to say how often and after what rate, if only by reference to its columns of cab fares.

ORDER OF SECRET MONITOR.—The summer meeting of the University of London Conclave No. 2 was held at the Greyhound, Hampton Court, on Saturday, July 13th, 1889. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Ernest Pocock, S.R., the Conclave was ably presided over by Bro. W. J. Spratling, B. Sc. the Grand Recorder, as S.R., assisted by Bro. W. G. Lemon, *B.A., LL.B.*, Grand Treasurer, as Councillor; Bro. Charles Gross, *M.D.*, Grand Councillor, as Guide, and Bro. Frank E. Lemon, *M.A., LL.B.*, as Guarder. Dr. Juler and Norton. Letters of apology for absence were read from the S.R. (Dr. Zacherie), Bros. Dr. Sansom, T., Sir R. N. Fowler, *Bart., M.A.*, Dr. Jackson, and various other brethren. Bro. A. C. Maybury, D. Sc., *M.D.*, was duly admitted to the rank of a brother of D. and J. and the order of the S.M. Reports from the visiting deacons and other friendly business brought the proceedings of the evening to a pleasant termination.

PROVINCIAL.

BERKS AND BUCKS.—The Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Reading, on the 11th inst., when the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy P.G.M., presided, in the absence, through indisposition, of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. The reports read by the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Robert Bradley) were of a satisfactory character, and a strong feeling was expressed that in consequence of the spread of Masonry in the two counties, and the number and strength of the lodges, the time had arrived when the province might with advantage be divided. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, the highest honour falling upon Bro. Edwd. Margrett, who was appointed Senior Grand Warden. The officers and brethren subsequently partook of a banquet, admirably served by Bro. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND—WHITEHAVEN.—SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, NO. 119.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven, on the 1st inst. There was a good attendance of members of the lodge, amongst whom were Bros. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Pagen, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Studholme, P.M.; J. Cant, S.W.; G. Starkey, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, chaplain, P.P.G.C.; S. Broadbent, sec.; S. Hinde, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; D. H Cook, org., P.G.O.; H. Meageen, I.G.; Joseph Musgrave, S.; W. Gaffney, S.; T. Richardson, T.; E. Thornburrow; W. W. Mulcaster; J. C. Todd; W. A. Thornber; A. Sisson; R. D. Metcalf; B. Cowie; C. J. J. Harris, W.M. Elect; R. Miller, A. Moordaff, J. P. Bennett, H. Burns, J. W. Taylor, James Lachlison, and A. Henderson. The following visitors were also present:—Bros. M. A. Simpson, 133, Comber Lodge, Ireland; Thomas Steele, 349, St. John and St. Paul Lodge, Malta; Dr. Muir, W.M.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G.St.Br.; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G.Purst.; D. Atkinson, J.W.; F. Farquharson, S., and F. J. Kerr, Lewis Lodge, 872; Isaac Dickinson, W.M., Rev. E. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.C., A. Ashmore, S.W., and J. Cottier, Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, Workington; G. W. Roll, Hindpool Lodge, 1225, Barrow-in-Furness; W. Armstrong, W.M., J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.St.Br., J. A. Parker, I.G., and Thomas Miller, S., Kenlis Lodge, 1267, Egremont; H. Murphy, Rising Sun Lodge, 1401, Japan; H. Hartley, W.M., Arlecdon Lodge, 1660; J. M'Harry, W.M., E. Irving, L. Rumney and James Quayle, Stirling Lodge, Cleator Moor; A. W. Turner, sec., Eden Lodge, 2285, Workington; &c. A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. Edward Tyson, P.M., having been unanimously recorded, Bro. C. J. Harris was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested by the W.M., viz., Bros. G. Starkey, S.W.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; W. C. Johns, treas.; Rev. J. Anderson, hon. sec. and chaplain; J. Thompson, S.D.; H. Meageen, J.D.; Joseph Musgrave, I.G.; W. H. Chapman, D.C.; E. Thornburrow, almoner; D. H. Cook, org.; B. Cowie and J. Roan, stewards; and T. Richardson, tyler. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the toast of the evening, "The newly installed Master of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Bro. Charles J. J. Harris," being warmly received. During the pleasant evening which ensued, Bros. Starkey, Kerr, Cowie, Thompson, Cook, and Cant, contributed some capital songs.

SUSSEX—HASTINGS.—DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.—The monthly meeting of this thriving lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., there being present:—Rev. J. Puttick, P.Prov.G.C., W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; F. C. Edwards, J.W.; J. Pearse, P.M., sec.; Geo. Rendell, S.D.; C. J. Ticehurst, Acting J.D.; G. H. Gage, I.G.; T. W. Markwick, I.P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.G.Std.Br.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Plowman, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. J. McCormick, J. H. Tendall, W. Cooper, L. J. Jukes, J. Whitehouse, S. T. Weston, and S. Plowman. Mr. S. Plowman, *F.R.C.S.*, Lecturer, &c., at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, was initiated by Bro. F. Plowman a P.M. of the lodge, in his usual able manner. The S.W. (Bro. Allen), gave the charge very impressively. The secretary having formally drawn attention to the enlarged picture of Bro. Trollope, *M.D.*, P.G.D., &c., which had been prepared for the lodge, and which was pronounced a very faithful likeness, Bro. Glenister, P.G.Std.Br., gave notice that he would propose at the next lodge that a similar picture and an illuminated address be presented to Bro. Dr. Trollope as a small acknowledgment for the many and great services rendered by him to the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. Russell mentioned the arrangements made by Bro. Rossiter, the treasurer, for the distribution of the fund granted to Mrs. Fewns, widow of the late Bro. Fewns, by the Board of Benevolence. Dr. Marshall was proposed as a joining member.

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613—Bro. J. F. Bell, W.M.—The members of this Lodge, with their ladies, there being altogether a company of about fifty, held their summer outing on the 9th inst. The excursionists journeyed to Windsor by the noon train, two saloon carriages being placed at their disposal by the Great Western Railway authorities. At Windsor brakes were in waiting for the purpose of taking the company for a drive through the forest. On arrival at Virginia Water the company alighted, partaking of dinner, provided at "The Feathers." Music and dancing were subsequently indulged in, after which, in the cool of the evening, the company drove back to Windsor, returning to town well pleased with the day's outing.

We understand that the resignation of R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, has been tendered to and accepted by the M.W.G. Mark Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and that R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. and Assist. Grand Secretary, has been nominated as Grand Secretary. A special Grand Mark Lodge will be held at 4 p.m., on the 24th inst., at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C., for the investiture of the newly-appointed Grand Secretary.

Questions and Answers.

*** *Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—*Will you kindly inform me why a Master Mason's son is styled a "Lewis," and what connection that word has with Freemasonry?*—A YOUNG MASON.

A.—The word "Lewis" is a term belonging to operative masonry and signifies an iron cramp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for the purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook, whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height, and deposited in its present position. It is a symbol of strength in speculative Freemasonry, and the symbol is extended to allude to the son of a mason because it is his duty to bear the heat and burden of the day, that his parents may rest in their old age, thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy. In other words his strength should, if needed, be their support.—ED. M.S.

Q.—*Why are some Installation Meetings called Masonic Festivals of St. John?*—A YOUNG MASON.

A.—A full answer to this would necessarily be lengthy, and it would be also interesting. We can now only briefly state that originally speculative Freemasonry was a Christian institution, and lodges were dedicated to and called after one or other of the "Holy Saints' John," namely St. John the Baptist, whose festival falls on the 24th June, and St. John the Evangelist, whose festival occurs on the 27th December. The connection with these festivals and the installation meetings of many of our present lodges is still maintained, especially in the provinces.—ED. M.S.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties was held on Saturday last, the 13th inst., at 33, Golden Square, W.C. The chair was taken by Very Illustrious Bro. Frank Richardson, in the absence of R.W. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, through the effects of an accident. The following candidates were admitted—Bros. R. Berridge, W. H. Kempster, *M.D.*, H. P. Hay, J. Balfour Cockburn, *M.D.*, Rev. R. Peek, *M.A.*, Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, H. C. Heard, and A. K. Prescott, *Dep. Surg. Genl.* The duties of Mareschal were discharged by Bro. C. F. Matier. Bro. W. B. Williamson, of Worcester, was installed T of the Royal Bruce Chapter. At the termination of labour the brethren adjourned to the Zoological Gardens, where they dined under the presidency of Bro. Richardson, and spent a most agreeable evening.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY—METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of the above college was held at the Masonic Hall, 16a, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Dr. Wynn Westcott, Master of the Temple, presided, and was ably supported by Bros. Dr. Woodman (Supreme Magus), J. Lewis Thomas 8°, S. Lardner, S. L. Macgregor Mathers 8°, Robert Key, W. G. Lemon, Dr. Cockle, Rev. T. W. Lemon, and other brethren. After Bro. Robert A. Gowan had been advanced to the grade of Zelator, a very able paper on the Ten Sephiroth was read by V.W. Bro. Dr. Woodman. The symbolism of the sacred names was dwelt upon at some length and with great erodition; and the mystic teaching of the three columns adorned with the Sephiroth was unfolded. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas further pointed out some analogies between the mystic names of the Deity as contained in the Pentateuch and the three Welsh words denoting the Supreme being. Bro. MacGregor illustrated a similar trine in Gaelic. Further observations were made by Bros. Dr. Wynn Westcott and W. G. Lemon, the latter of whom showed that the several names by which the Supreme being was known and worshipped were indicative of the dominant idea of the peoples at the time of user, changing as the habits, virtues and vices of their worshippers changed. The conclave was then closed, and the Fratres adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro, J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were present Bros. Hugh Cotter, W. H. Hubbert, G. Bolton, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, David D. Mercer, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Charles J. Perceval, E. West, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. Forsyth, W. H. Making, H. Cox, J. Newton, C. G. Hill, S. Haslip, Samuel Brooks, Charles Lacey, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, E. Mead, W. Smith, James Brett, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (one male and two widows).

The Warden's Report for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the House Committee of the Boys' School for their kindness in granting permission to the school band to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit to the Institution.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The recommendation as to the appointment of an accountant was agreed to, and also that he be requested to examine the books of the Institution and report thereon.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, and the proceedings then concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We Notify that:—

——The installation meeting of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M., will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday next. Lodge will be opened at 1 p.m. The ceremonies of passing and raising will precede the installation of Bro. Charles William Baker, the W.M. Elect. The lodge will banquet at 6 p.m. Frequent trains from Waterloo.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Australian Keystone, Melbourne; *South Australian Freemason*, Adelaide; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianopolis; *Voice of Freemasonry*, for July, Chicago; *Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney; *South African Freemason*.

THEATRICAL.

Messrs. Groves and Bacon's matinée of *My Uncle* takes place at Terry's, on Tuesday, July 16th: and at the same theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, July 24th, Miss Muriel Wylford will produce *The Catspaw*, a new play by John Tresher.

Sweet Lavender will reach its 500th performance on Friday, August 2nd, when the following ladies and gentlemen will appear in it:—Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, H. Dana, H. R. Smith, Sant Matthews, P. Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, Blanche Horelock, Annie Irish, and Carlotta Addison.

GLEANINGS.

If education have no religious tendency, then is our civilization a failure, and all instruction goes for naught. Better for man to remain in slavery and degradation than to use the forces of education which result in nothing but barren hopes and fruitless endeavour. Happily we experience a different result. The forces of education have elevated man to the moral and intellectual being of to-day. Among these forces we recognize Masonic knowledge, which has participated in this great work, until now we find the test of true Masonic character applied to the highest type of developed manhood. Unmasonic conduct must, therefore, be the resultant operation of an impure mind—a soul devoid of true manhood, and influenced by unholy desires and passions.—*Grand Master of West Virginia, U.S.A.*

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, JULY 18th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1963	Duke of Albany	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C. 63	St Mary's	F. M. H.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, JULY 19th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
1118	University	F. M. H.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, JULY 20th.	
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1539	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road
R.A.C. 1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
Mark. 251	Tenterden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(4th) MONDAY, JULY 22nd.	
	Nil.	
	(4th) TUESDAY, JULY 23rd.	
	AUDIT COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
Mark. 352	Borough of Greenwich	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Grnwch.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th.	
	BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE G. CHAPTER, AT 4.	
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
754	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
	(4th) THURSDAY, JULY 25th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
Mark. 13	Hiram	Greyhound Hot., Richmond

NOTES FROM AN OLD FREEMASONRY PUBLICATION.—I came across a publication in book form the other day (writes a correspondent), of the year 1809, written in a very quaint style, and purporting to be an "authentic key to the door of Freemasonry." The writer is what is known in masonic circles as a "Cowan," but the work itself is entirely flattering to the order. Although an eavesdropper, his finding on what he saw and heard is:—"I am inclined to think that the chief design of the establishment is to rectify the heart, inform the mind, and promote the moral and social virtues of humanity, decency, and good order, as much as possible in the world." Among other items of interest in the book, I find that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287. In 926 Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York, and though through a long vista of years there is little recorded of the order, it seems to have been growing in power, for in 1425 Masons' assemblies were prohibited by Parliament. Twenty-five years later Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry, and in 1690 the secrets were revealed to William III. privately. The Freemasons inaugurated the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London in 1657, and completed it in 1713. The office of Grand Secretary for England was first established in 1723, and the following year a Grand Treasurer was appointed. It was in the two succeeding years that a "general fund for distressed Masons" was proposed, and a "Committee of Charity" appointed, who founded a system which has grown till now it has assumed proportions of great magnitude. Indeed, so firm a hold has it obtained, that at a meeting held recently in London over £50,000 was subscribed by those present for Masonic charitable purposes. The plans for a Freemasons' Hall in London were approved by Grand Lodge of England in 1769, but it is not till four years later that any definite steps seem to have been taken. A Hall Committee was appointed in 1773, and the year following a site for the building was purchased. The first stone of this building was laid in 1775, and the same year five thousand pounds towards the building of the hall was raised by means of a tontine. The hall was dedicated in 1776, and the following year the anniversary of the dedication was ordered to be kept. It was not always merry with the Masons, however. It is recorded that in 1757 fourteen persons were expelled the order for irregularities, and that in 1762 several others shared the same fate. In 1777 several Masons had to submit to the indignity of imprisonment at Naples, but on what pretence it does not appear. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master in 1782, and during his tenure of office (1788) the Royal Cumberland Freemason School was instituted. At his death in 1790, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, initiated in 1787, was elected to the vacancy. It is worthy of note that at the date on which the book was published (1809), H.R.H. George Augustus Frederick, the then Prince of Wales, filled the office of Grand Master of England, a position which is held in this year of grace, 1889, by Albert Edward Prince of Wales.—*Glasgow Evening Press.*

SYMBOLISM.—Among the uninitiated there are those who complain because Masonry is so symbolical, and what to us are characters in the alphabet of love and fraternity, to them is empty mummery. Yet the great brotherhood only conforms to the universal law, that which teaches men to express their dearest thoughts by signs and tokens. The plain golden band which encircles the finger of the young bride is eloquent in its symbolism. The Psalmist affirms: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." Nature is full of symbols that talk English to us. Individuals and nations are constantly expressing some great idea by the use of symbols.—REV. J. W. RICHARDSON, in the *New York Dispatch.*

WORTHY AND WELL QUALIFIED.—Among the prerequisite qualifications for admission into Masonry, there is none more important than that a candidate should be worthy and well qualified. He is so declared to be by the Stewards at the door of the lodge before he is permitted to enter. In his passage through the several degrees the question is often asked, "Is he worthy and well qualified?" and it is always answered in the affirmative. When he first stands before the altar of Masonry, it is asserted that we receive none knowingly into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world, and this point is emphasized in all the lectures and charges of the work. It would seem almost impossible, with such an examination and safeguards at the entrance to Masonry, that any who are not worthy and well qualified could gain admission. So it would be, if the letter and spirit of these were always observed and carried out. If the moral and mental qualifications of a candidate were scrutinized as closely as his physical ones always are; if the heart and head were subjected to the same test as the hands and feet, there would be less chance for a bad man to cross the threshold of a lodge. Physically it is required that a candidate must be able to comply literally with all the ceremonies of Masonry, and mentally he should be able to comprehend and comply with the obligations he assumes, and to display in his life the tenets of his profession and to practice the cardinal virtues of Masonry. The weak point in this examination of the fitness of candidates to become Masons, we apprehend, is that it is too often regarded more as a matter of form than of real inquiry. Committees on character are too often derelict in their duty. They perhaps have a slight acquaintance with the candidate, and as his general reputation in the community is fair, they without further investigation, take it for granted that he is all right, and report favorably. The Lodge is poor and needs the initiation fee, and the work is needed to keep up an interest by bringing the members out to Lodge meetings. A Mason is thus often made, hoping that no harm will result from his admission, when the better judgment of many of the brethren told them that the Lodge would be better off without him. Such mistakes have proved fatal to many Lodges whose charters now repose in the archives of the Grand Lodge. When a candidate is said to be worthy and well qualified it should not only mean that there is nothing special against him, but that there is something in his favor which recommends him as worthy to become a Mason.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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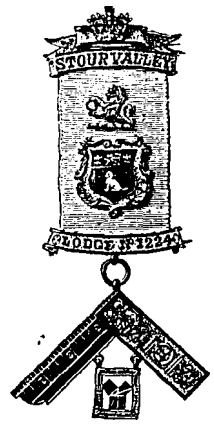
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Pensions.

WE are in receipt of a number of letters from brethren who appear to be greatly exercised in their minds with respect to the ultimate issue of the labours which the Provisional Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has undertaken. Some are disposed to think that those labours will not result in general satisfaction, but will rather be productive of partizanship; whilst others desire at once to publicly champion individuals connected with the past management. It is suggested in one direction that the Masonic press, itself somewhat divided on the question of responsibility of managers and officials, has not fairly represented facts; and in another that one or other of its journals has been the mouthpiece of those implicated, and not bold and outspoken on behalf of the important interests of the Institution. We have before us one epistle censuring ourselves for setting before our readers comments upon indisputable facts, and another condemning us for not more strenuously attacking individual reputations in connection therewith. There can be no doubt that the late unfortunate—or shall we say fortunate?—occurrences have assisted to create parties amongst the brethren and the subscribers to our masonic charities, and that it will not be an easy matter, if time is wasted before a decision is arrived at, to effect reconciliation. In a recent issue of this journal (July 11th) we wrote "And now would it not be as well to do no more than 'watch and wait' for a reasonable space of time, during which the arrangements of the Provisional Committee might be matured." We again repeat that observation, and also that "no good whatever can accrue by further publicity in connection with the past." Our attention is directed to existent abuses elsewhere; and, moreover, it would be graceless and ill-advised to intrude "opinions" upon the acting Committee of the Boys' School at the present juncture.

We shall therefore ask to be relieved from any requests to continue controversy in regard to matters relating to the Boys' School antecedent to the last General Court which approved of the preliminary report of the Provisional Committee of Management. And as we suspend agitation, so we would respectfully urge upon our readers that they should suspend judgment until the opportunity for the fullest acquaintance with all details of the past mismanagement and of the proposed reformation shall have been, as they surely will be, submitted to an ensuing Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers.

Dealing generally, however, as it does, with the system of pensions, and merely soliciting information thereon, we insert in another column a communication from a correspondent which may be answered without reference to the matters now *sub judice*. It raises a simple but very important question—Can pensions or annuities be granted from funds expressly given and received for the relief of particular persons whose necessities and requirements of aid are especially defined? In other words, can any sum obtained upon a representation that it is to be applied to a particular purpose, subject only to the reasonable cost of such application, be devoted to any other purpose without infringing the moral law which the Craft prescribes in all its teachings, the "giving unto every one his just due and that without distinction;" and the law of the land which protects the wronged and can punish the wrong doer? What may very consistently be done with accumulated funds provided for general management of a Society or Institution, such, for instance, as those which accrue from enforced payments by Lodges to the Craft "Fund of General Purposes," cannot, in our opinion, and certainly should not, be done with special gifts for charitable purposes, such, as for instance, the "Fund of Benevolence," to suggest a pension from which, to executive officers, would be the height of absurdity. However much, therefore, it may be desired on the part of many brethren who would greatly regret that valuable services rendered in the past should be unrecognised by provision in the future,—and we ourselves are amongst that number,—the risk attendant on a diversion of donations and subscriptions from the direct purpose for which they were made and collected, should be well considered before final decision. Our correspondent points out the direction in which opposition to any resolution to divert any portion of the funds entrusted to the stewards, and by them transferred to the proper authorities for distribution, might take; and we have full assurance that what is by him merely suggested is a fixed resolve in the minds of others should necessity arise. Cannot the generous impulse of those who would be grieved to see a most serviceable career, during

many years prior to a present difficulty, totally ignored, find another and much more satisfactory, as well as unquestioned means for carrying out a grateful acknowledgment? We think there must be a method by which this could be done without much difficulty; and in the hope that it will be sought out and adopted in preference to risking opposition, which might be fraught with very serious consequence, we leave the matter for the present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER, SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of Surrey, was held at Caterham, on the 18th inst., under the banner of the Caterham Lodge, and was largely attended. The chair was filled by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the V.W. Bro. Fred. J. West, P.G.D. Lodge having been opened in due form, the P.G. Secretary, W. Bro. Geo. Charles Greenwood, P.P.G.R., read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, and called over the list of lodges in the province, all of which were represented except one. About two hundred brethren were present. The investment of Provincial Grand Officers was as follows:—Bros. J. E. Street, S.W.; Dr. Gibbes, J.W.; the Revs. E. Chichester and M. W. Martin, Chaplains; Geo. Price, Treasurer; J. R. R. Cama, Registrar; C. Greenwood, Sec.; Dr. Nicholls, S.D.; F. F. Redpath, S.D.; R. Piper and C. Smith, Junior Deacons; J. K. Thompson, Sup. of Wks.; A. Lamb, D.C.; J. Hughes, Dep. D.C.; Geo. Moss, Asst. D.C.; A. Tremearne, Swd. Br.; T. T. Phillips, Jas. Hide, Std. Brs.; J. O'Connell, Org.; A. C. Greenwood, Asst. Sec.; F. R. Crooker, Pursuivant; and R. Killick, Asst. Purst. The Dep. G. Master referred to the death of the late Provincial Grand Master Brownrigg, and paid a high eulogy to his memory. He observed that when they were appointed in 1871 there were ten lodges and five chapters. Since then 24 new lodges and seven new chapters had been consecrated in the province, and now they had 34 lodges and 12 chapters. A great deal of their success was, he said, due to the enthusiasm thrown by their deceased brother into the work. Their late Grand Master was a strict disciplinarian; but, notwithstanding that, his kindness and geniality won affection for him which did much towards the success of his Masonic career in Surrey. He concluded by moving a vote of condolence with the family of the deceased, which was carried. The balance in hand was reported to be £283 18s. 10d. Twenty guineas were voted to the Boys' School, and ten guineas each to the Girls' School, the Benevolent Institution, and the Widows' Fund, and to the rector of Caterham for the poor of the parish.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was held subsequently to the above meeting for the despatch of ordinary routine business, and the appointment and investiture of the following companions as Grand Officers for the year ensuing, viz., Comps. Dr. Thompson, P.G.J.; G. Price, treas.; J. D. Langton, registrar; C. Greenwood, scribe E.; G. D. Lister, scribe N.; Dr. W. H. M. Smith, principal sojourner; F. Honeywell, 1st asst. soj.; F. T. Mullett, 2nd asst. soj.; R. Bird, Swd. Br.; T. T. Phillips, Std. Br.; T. Weaver, D.C.; C. M. Pochin, Asst. D.C.; J. O'Connell, org.; and R. Potter, janitor. Upwards of 150 of the brethren and companions sat down to an admirable banquet, which was well served up by Mr. Preston, of the Railway Hotel.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LEBANON LODGE No. 1326.

The nineteenth installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middlesex, on the 20th inst., when W. Bro. Edwin Charles Smith, under whose genial rule during the past year the lodge has greatly prospered, installed as his successor Bro. Chas. William Baker, an initiate in the lodge of 1874, and a very highly esteemed member. In consequence of there being so many as four passings and a raising before the all-important business of the day, the lodge was opened at the early hour of one in the afternoon, and after the reading of previous minutes and the auditors' report, which was of a very favourable character, Bros. Winslow Harry Davey, David Moss, Samuel Henry Platten, and John Exton were admitted to the second degree, and Bro. Benjamin George Andrews to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and his officers with that care and exactitude which at all times distinguish the work in the "Lebanon," and the outgoing master is to be congratulated on the style and manner of his ceremonial performances. After a brief interval the installation ceremony took place, and Bro. Baker having been presented, his predecessor, Bro. Smith, most ably carried out the beautiful ceremony of the installation, and received investment as Immediate Past Master, and subsequently the P.M. jewel voted by the lodge, and collar and jewel presented by the members as a special gift in acknowledgment of high deserts. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Baker, having been saluted and greeted in accordance with ancient practice, appointed such of the officers as the regulations of the constitution permitted him to appoint, and invested the whole in the following order, viz., Bros. John A. Wilson, S.W.; James C. Goslin, J.W.; S. Page, treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., sec.; S. Wheeler, S.D.; Fred. Dunstan, J.D.; A. Robertson, D.C.; John Amey, org.; W. H. Davey, C.S.; G. H. Eaton, W.S.; W. Kite, A.W.S.; and John Gilbert, tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were effectively delivered by the Installing Master, who, amidst applause, completed a year of good Masonic work upon which the lodge may be congratulated, and its members have occasion to reflect with satisfaction. Some excellent material has been supplied for the continued construction of the building, and it is to be hoped that the newly-admitted may have the advantage of seeing the Master who "entered" them affording their fellow workmen his counsel and assistance for many years to come. Some routine business followed the conclusion of the installation ceremony; letters of regret for unavoidable absence from the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; the Dep. Grand Master, the V.W. Bro. Raymond Thrupp; Bro. Woodward, P.G. sec., and many others were read; propositions for initiations at next meeting were taken; and after "hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until the 17th August. The brethren then separated for a time, and enjoyed a ramble over the adjacent country, spending a very pleasant hour until again assembling for banquet. This was served in the large and well ventilated assembly room attached to the Railway Hotel, and Bro. H. P. Harris, the landlord thereof, merits recognition for the taste with which the table was prepared, and the more than ordinarily good quality and abundant supply of viands placed before the company. There was no lack of service, and in every respect satisfaction was afforded. The Lebanon is more of a "working" lodge than a talking one, so that, on the clearance of the cloth, the disposition to harmony was more predominant than a desire for lengthy addresses. Of course all honour was paid to the customary toasts precedent to that of the W.M., W.Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G. org., replying to that which related to the Grand Officers, and W.Bro. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., to that of the Provincial Rulers and Officers. In the course of his speech Bro. Osborn explained to his hearers how it is that the province of Middlesex is but a small one in comparison with many others, a large portion of the county being absorbed in the Metropolitan Masonic district of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, and his remarks were interesting. W.Bro. Lawrence, Prov.G.D.C., P.M., also responded, remarking as to the reputation the lodge must hold in the province to have secured so many representatives amongst the officers thereof. "The health of the W.M." was proposed with brevity, received with cordiality, and responded to with earnestness. To that of the "Past Masters," which was acknowledged by such as were present, Bro. Marsh, P.M., more fully responded, directing attention to the fact that already the lodge had representatives for forthcoming festivals of the Masonic charities, as stewards, in the persons of Bros. P. Lodge, John Amey, and the W.M. for the R.M.B.I.; W. H. Davey for the R.M.I.G.; and W. Kite for the R.M.I.B., all in 1890; and Bros. S. Page, treas., and W. H. Davey for the R.M.B.I. in 1891. Bro. Marsh very naturally considered that such an exhibition of earnestness in the cause of our several charities reflected credit on the lodge, and upon those brethren who undertook the stewardships. So do we, and we could heartily wish that all the lodges would take example by the "Lebanon." Nothing more important than Bro. Marsh's intimation occurred in the way of speech during the evening, which was pleasantly spent in utmost harmony, with frequent song and interesting recitation, until the inevitable parting to "catch the trains" became absolutely necessary.

Amongst the brethren who were present on this occasion, in addition to those above named were: Bro. James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Mem.; B. G. Andrews, E. Whelan, W. H. Davey, Sen., G. T. Bailey, P. Bick, T. W. Kingston, and other members; and visitors Bros. J. Tanner, P.M. 1457; Henry Forss, P.M. 917; J. B. Sorrill, P.M. 176; J. Smithe, W.M. 193; Vincent Larni, 157; J. Blackburn, 1449; E. H. Gilbert, 172; T. Borer, 15; A. Hamblin, 1637, &c., &c.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Somerset, which was to have been held at Clevedon yesterday (the 24th inst.) has been postponed to a date (not yet fixed) towards the end of August or the beginning of September.

BURGOYNE LODGE—No. 902.—Summer outing. A very pleasant day was spent by the members of this lodge, their wives, sweethearts, and friends, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when a trip to Virginia Water was arranged and conducted by a committee formed for that purpose, and whose efforts proved successful in a high degree and were greatly appreciated. The lodge was well represented as to numbers. At the dinner, which was served at the Castle Inn, Bro. John Cross, the W.M., presided, and Bro. Smith, W.M. Elect, occupied the vice-chair. Bros. Sadler, Price, Gabb, Mark Gill, Harvey, Rashleigh, White, Norrington, Prince, and others, were conspicuous for their attention to the comfort and convenience of their guests, and with Bro. George, as steward, contributed largely to the successful proceedings of the day.

CHARITY.—"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Such was the language of an eminent apostle of the Christian Church, and such is the sentiment that constitutes the cementing bond of Freemasonry. Charity is the chief corner-stone of our temple, and upon it is to be erected a super-structure of all the other virtues, which makes the good man and the good Mason. The charity, however, of which our Order boasts, is not alone that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Like the virtue described by the apostle, already quoted, its application is more noble and more extensive. "It suffereth long, and is kind." The true Mason will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by gentle admonition, and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slanderers, and will close his lips against all reproach. His faults and his follies will be locked in his breast, and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins. Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those who are bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone, but, extending them throughout the globe, he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the broad canopy of our universal lodge.—*New Zealand Mail.*

"The Masonic Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE NOBLE ORDER.

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146 (Bolton), P.Z.

Tunes—"The Sea is England's Glory," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," "Jerusalem the Golden," &c.

I.

THERE is a Noble Order
Selected from all men,
From Earth's remotest border,
To Britain back again:
From ev'ry northern nation—
From ev'ry circling zone—
From ev'ry southern station
This Order hath its own.

II.

From widely distant regions—
From hills beyond the wind,
It draws its loyal legions
To benefit mankind.
Brave chiefs with bronzen faces—
Fair sons of ev'ry tongue—
All tribes, and clans, and races
This Order proudly throng.

III.

This noblest of all Orders,
Most ancient and most free,
Is known to Earth's bright bor-
As fair "Freemasonry." [ders,
Then wave her flags all prouder,
On ev'ry hill and shore;
And sing her praises louder
Than we have done before.

IV.

"The Noble Order!" brothers,
Let lips of yours reply;
The star of all the others
Beneath the starry sky.
Earth's princes bear its banners,
And to its mandates bow;
Then drink, with all our honours,
"The Noble Order!" now.

HAIL, MASONRY, THOU GLORIOUS ART!

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146 (Bolton), P.Z.

Tune—"The Hardy Norseman."

HAIL, Masonry, thou glorious Art!
In beauty may'st thou shine,
While life glows in the human heart,
Or love in the Divine!
Chorus—May Friendship, boundless as the sea,
And Love, pure as the snow,
With Truth, in heavenly harmony,
Delight our Lodge below.

Alas! we do not—dare not—say,
Our Mason-Brethren, all,
Are perfect as the light of day,
And never know a fall.
Chorus—Our rules are good, our laws are grand,
Our precepts are divine,
And we, indeed, might spotless stand,
Could we but toe the line.

But this we boldly do declare,
In front of earthly hosts,—
Who nearest works up to "the square"
Our "Constitution" boasts,
Chorus—He is a Mason and a Man
As noble as the best—
One, who, when busy life be done,
Deserves Eternal rest.

Then, Brothers, pledge we in a draught,
With pride the most profound,—
Success and honour to the Craft
The spacious earth around!
Chorus—May e'en the world outside its gates
Confess, as ages roll,—
Our noble Art both elevates
And purifies the soul.

Written for the MASONIC STAR; *Words may be reproduced ("with credit").*

FREEMASONRY IN PERSIA.

We extract the following from *The Masonic Record of Western India*, as likely to prove of interest to the English Craft, in connection with the present visit of the SHAH to England:—

"Persia is one of the few countries where the holding of Masonic lodge meetings is forbidden by the law and it is, therefore, with with much interest that we have received news from that part of the world. There is in Persia a number of Freemasons, chiefly of the nobility, who enter the Craft while serving on the staff of the embassies of their State in the capital cities in Europe; some, however—how many is not known—were admitted into the Fraternity in their own country. Up to within about twenty years ago, a Freemasons' lodge—believed to be very ancient—was regularly held in Teheran. By beginning to build a Masonic Hall in the Persian capital, the brethren attracted the notice of the Shah, who, not being a Freemason, and having many scruples about entering a lodge in the usual manner, stopped the work and issued a proclamation forbidding the lodge meetings. It is generally believed that since that time there have been no meetings in Persia; but a brother who has visited that country (and was recently in Madras) tells us he has reason to believe Craft Lodge meetings have been held there, at irregular intervals, up to the present day. Those brethren were most careful to preserve their secrets, having used in their lodge neither printed nor manuscript rituals, and it is extremely probable that the records of the old lodge and its meetings have been carefully preserved. Reports which have recently reached us *via* Bushire inform us that our Persian brethren hope that during his coming visit to England, the Shah will acquire a better opinion about the craft—sufficient at least to give them permission to recommence their halt, and begin holding regular meetings again. It is not yet known who among them will be selected to accompany the Shah upon his tour as he is constantly changing his mind about the details; and he seems to have resolved upon making the journey. We are told some of the brethren in Teheran are of opinion, that their ruler will when in London, join the Craft; but although possible, we think it likely that this is mere speculation. However should Nasr-ud-din, Shah of Persia, be initiated into Freemasonry, it would bring about a Masonic renaissance within "the land of the Rising Sun and the Red Dragon," one of the earliest strongholds of Freemasonry in the world, which would be for that country a step in the right direction. It is interesting to notice that in Persia a Freemasons' lodge is called a *Feramosh Khana* (meaning literally "forgetting house,") but understood to imply "house of oblivion and silence," as everyone who enters it "forgets" apparently all that has taken place within its doors. When pronounced by a Persian *Feramosh Khana* does not sound very unlike "Freemasons'" (*Khana*) or Hall.—*Madras Masonic Review.*"

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418, HANLEY.

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the W. M., Bro. H. Windle, in the chair. Considering that it was a summer meeting the attendance of members was good, nearly 40 being present. The lodge was honoured with a visit from the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, Colonel Foster Gough, *LL.D.*, P.G.S.B., who was escorted into the lodge-room by the past and present provincial officers in attendance. The P.G.M. took the chair and gavel whilst the minutes were read and confirmed, after which he requested the W.M. to return to the chair and proceed to the business of the evening. Bros. Forester and Rushforth were then examined as necessary, and passed to the second degree by the W.M., the charge being delivered by the S.W., Bro. J. Robinson. After the usual fraternal greetings from visiting brethren, a resolution was proposed by Bro. G. V. Greatbatch, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., and seconded by Bro. W. Tunnecliff, I.P.M., that the sum of fifty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys out of the amount realized by the *conversazione* in February last. The proposer and seconder referred to the fact that they had taken an active part in bringing about and assisting at the recent inquiry into the management of the Boys' School, from which they hoped and believed excellent results would arise, and they had the greatest pleasure in asking the lodge to strengthen the hands of the Provisional Committee by a handsome subscription to the funds. Some discussion took place as to the desirability of increasing the amount, so as to constitute the lodge a vice-patron, but subsequently the resolution was carried, the hope being held out that 'ere long sufficient additional money would be found to enrol the lodge amongst the list of vice-patrons.

The R.W.P.G. Master complimented the W.M. and officers of the lodge upon the excellent manner in which not only the passings, but the entire business of the lodge had been conducted; it left little, very little indeed to be desired. He had found every officer, from the W.M. downwards, at his post and well up in his duties, which gave him very great pleasure. He also expressed his gratification at seeing the resolultion carried with respect to the Boys' School, showing, as it did, the truly masonic spirit of the lodge. Some, and probably most, of the members of the lodge had thought that some improvement might be made in the management of the School; but, at the same time, they were not going to withhold their aid—they recognised the fact that the boys were there and must be provided for. He was truly glad that a Staffordshire lodge was doing its duty so nobly in the matter, and he sincerely hoped that the example of the "Menturia" would be noted even beyond the borders of his own province. He also referred in eulogistic terms to a paper on Voting in Lodges (as to candidates) which had been read by Bro. Greatbatch to the members of the "Menturia" and a copy of which he had received. He thoroughly endorsed the principles suggested in the paper, and thought it a very useful and commendable contribution. He expressed his regret at having to leave the lodge before it was closed, but his train compelled him to do so. After the departure of the R.W.P.G.M. the lodge was closed by the W.M.'s and the brethren adjourned to light refreshment in the ante-room of the lodge.

We Notify that:—

——The Euston Council of Royal Select and Super-Excellent Masters, No. 4, The M.I. Comp. the Earl of Euston, G.M., T.I.M., will assemble at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion Square, this day (July 25th), at 5.45 p.m., for election and reception of approved Mark Master Masons, and for election of Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

——The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge for Esssex will be holden at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, *M.P.*, on Tuesday, the 6th prox., at 2 p.m. Preparations have been made on a liberal scale to make the occasion an extremely pleasant and interesting one to such as may be privileged to be present.

——The consecration of the Scots' Lodge, No. 2319, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, W.M. designate, is appointed to take place on Saturday next, the 27th inst., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, E.C.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Society; The Canadian Craftsman, July, Toronto; *South African Freemason; Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney; *The Masonic Record of Western India*, May, Allahabad; *The Liberal Freemason*, July, Boston.

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R. M. I. B.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Kindly permit me to assure "Master Mason" upon the three points he now suggests. 1st. When I want to attack the Secretary, or anyone else, there will be no room to doubt the fact. 2nd. When I have no case I will not abuse the plaintiff; and, 3rd. I do not flatter myself that I am capable of sarcasm.

He may therefore, I hope, rest assured of my sincerity, and trust himself to enter upon the subject "freely and at length" (without fear of me), if he thinks he can benefit the Institution, at the recent success of which I am moderately well pleased.

Yours fraternally,
A VICE-PRESIDENT.

INSTALLATION OF W.M.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I observe that nearly every correspondent in reference to this subject compare their diversities with what is briefly known as "Emulation working." I would like to see some remarks by some brother who knows something of the "Stability working."

I have it under the authority of Bro. Fenn that "both 'Stability' and 'Emulation' modes of working about the time of the Union, received either the direct or indirect sanction of the Grand Lodge and the Duke of Sussex." He does not say that other modes were submitted and sanctioned also, but I think it is an undoubted fact that other modes did exist, more or less localised; and it is also an undisputed fact that some of the oldest lodges in the Constitution still preserve a form of ceremony, which they do not recognise the "power of any man nor body of men" to cause them to alter—it is, in fact, one of their ancient landmarks.

Not many years since a distinguished P.M. of this province (since gone to the great majority) was being severely criticised by a brother from London (since made a Grand Officer) for constituting or opening a Board of Installed Masters, and the discussion went so far that the brother from London threatened to report our Lancashire brother to the Board of General Purposes, to which he somewhat indignantly replied to the effect that "he did not regard even the opinion of the Board of G.P. in the matter." I quite agree with him. We have no Board or Committee qualified or authorised to interfere or dictate in such matters, not even the entire Grand Lodge combined; nor can I see how anything can be done definitely tending towards uniformity of the observances in this respect, until a Grand Board of the I.M.'s of the entire Constitution is summoned by the G.M. to meet him in council on the subject. At such a conclave the differences could be discussed, and the probability is a very appreciable approach could be arrived at, if not a quite uniform system.

The time to effect this would necessarily be very lengthy, as the *proving* would have to be done by lodges, then by provinces and districts, and finally by a fair and equal delegation of representatives duly selected, especially for districts and provinces at a distance from London. The question is, would the result be commensurate with the trouble, time and expense? One thing is certain, some of us would get to know something we do not know now or can only vaguely guess at. Yours very fraternally,

W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T., E.L.

QUALIFICATIONS OF W.M.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Under the above heading in your issue of July 4th, you had a "communicated" article with which I was very much pleased. Doubtless it was unpalatable to many, but all must admit that it places before us a matter of great importance.

Some months ago an active mason, who has the welfare of the Craft at heart, was talking to me on this subject. He suggested that all W.M.'s and P.M.'s passing an examination proving their ability to work our beautiful ceremonies should have the privilege of wearing a distinctive mark—a specially designed bar on the ribbon of his P.M. jewel. Under the present system the P.M. jewel is almost worthless.

Seven Past Masters or W.M.'s, not more than three being members of the same lodge or lodges as the candidate, should constitute an examining board. They, having witnessed an Initiation, Passing or Raising, either in a regular lodge or at a lodge of instruction (or indeed a special meeting held for the purpose), if they unanimously agree that the ceremony was well and properly worked, should sign a paper or certificate to that effect. A W.M. or P.M. having obtained such papers or certificates for all three degrees, including opening *and closing* in the three degrees also, should be entitled to wear the specified bar.

Later on it might be required that the examining board must be *bar holders* or *certified masters*. The bar might be of any design containing the word "Certified," or "Certified Master," or "By Examination," or of a special design without words.

Surely no one could object to such a scheme—except on the ground that it is not stringent enough—for it would in no way interfere with the present system. It would simply allow those who had really *earned* the honors of the chair to show that they were duly qualified.

While placing before you the above suggestions I wish you to understand that I thoroughly agree with your previous article—that no one should be allowed to occupy the chair until he had proved himself qualified. Yours fraternally,

T. W. RICHARDSON, P.M., 2029, J. 141.

Clarence Road, Wood Green, N.

PENSIONS OUT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you or any of your readers inform me under *what rules* pensions have been granted from the funds of our charities; and out of what funds these can be *legally* paid?

So much attention having been given to the affairs of our Boys' School, it behoves us to see that our finances are managed strictly according to "rule and line," otherwise, any dissentient brother has the power of upsetting any pension by obtaining a rule in Chancery compelling the committee to apply the funds entrusted to their care strictly to the purposes for which they were contributed.

I myself believe such payments to be entirely "*ultra cires*," and hat it would be so ruled by the Court of Chancery; and having taken up a considerable amount as steward, I am anxious to assure those kind brethren who helped my list, that the funds entrusted by them *to me* for the R.M.I.B. will be sacredly devoted to their intended object; viz.: the *sustenance* of the R.M.I.B. *during the* current year, which certainly implies that no money shall be paid out of these funds except for services rendered or to be rendered during the year for which their monies have been contributed.

Yours fraternally,

20th July, 1889. SEMAJ.

THE R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

On the 10th of January last, you publish a letter of mine which drew attention to certain matters connected with the above Charity. This letter (as well as others) was referred to in violent terms of reprobation at the time by your contemporary *The Freemason*. Subsequent events have shown in the case of the Boys' School that much information was required, and the attention which was drawn thereto was based upon no frivolous pretexts, but on lamentable fact.

I find that the accounts, &c., of "Benevolent Institution" have recently been criticised by a brother (who, by the way, is not described as "silly," "stupid," &c.) who takes hold, *inter alia*, of some of the points my letter drew attention to, which criticism is dealt with at some length in an article in the current number of *The Freemason* with the view of, as the late Bro. Birch said, "endeavour being made to correct flagrant abuses." I now again venture to address you, repeating some of my former observations.

We are told that the Collector's commission is £512 19s. (It figured as £639 odd for the previous twelve months.) Now, sir, I again say, it would be interesting if the secretary would make known the *actual* amounts received *through the collector*,

and the rate of commission allowed him. It is all very well to put down an amount such as this, and say it is "in accordance with the terms and conditions on which his appointment to the office of collector was made," but unless there is something to be *ashamed of*, why should not we know what those terms and conditions are, and if nothing beyond them is accorded it becomes a serious question whether those "terms and conditions" should not be materially altered. £510 seems a very heavy sum as commission and collection, and, even though paid conformably to arrangement, others as well as myself cannot conceive that it arises from absolute "collection" on the part of the collector. It is possible that when he was engaged, it was never contemplated what rapid strides would be made in the interests of the charity through the agency of the "associations" which are really the backbone of the Institutions, and thus commission is levied on these contributions, the work of which is carried on by voluntary agency, and money paid into the coffers of the charity which the collector has no more "collected" than I have.

Assuming the collectors's commission to be as high as 5 per cent., it would require a "collection" by him of £10,000 odd to give him the £510 with which he is credited, the whole amount subscribed being some £15,000. It would thus appear that only £5,000 reaches the charity intact. Now, Sir, the stewards' lists represent nearly the *whole* of the money given to the charity ("they are the brethren by whose efforts the major portion of the year's income is raised.") I conclude that "votes of thanks, &c.," are recognitions of the stewards' efforts in having collected the various sums. If this is so, what claim can the "collector" reasonably lay to any commission thereon? If, on the other hand, the stewards and their lists are nothing more than ornamental, wrongly self-glorified dummies, the "collector" being the real Deus ex Machina, what use are they? No Sir, it is quite clear to anyone that commission is paid on the bulk of the sums represented by stewards' lists, *remitted direct to secretary, and uninfluenced and untouched by the collector*, he, in these instances, belying his title.

In regard to the large sums raised by the association, I may in passing remark that a great deal of their success is due to the hard work of the hon. secretaries thereto—brethren who give no end of time and labour to the execution of their self-imposed tasks. With them, however, it is a real labour of love, and amongst those with whom I am acquainted a strong feeling exists that it is a scandalous shame that after the tedious work (which it must be), of getting hundreds and thousands of pounds together practically by *shillings*, their contributions should be sweated down in the way they are by commissions, &c.

I firmly believe that as much money would be got together as well without a collector as with one; but in any case it is preposterous to pay anything like the sum now figuring in the accounts, which would suffice for the relief of 15 or 16 more old people annually.

I would venture seriously to draw the attention of all concerned to the foregoing. It is a matter which will sooner or later, and I believe sooner, have to be gone into and settled in accordance with right, justice, and common sense. Subscribers to this charity, as well as others, have been negligent long enough, and right and proper enquiry cannot now be ignored, if not stifled, by officialism, no matter what shape it may bear.

"Votes of thanks to stewards, entertainment of stewards, &c., £119 17s. 6d." This is charged to the institution, but I fancy if the brethren who discharge the office of steward were polled, they would, by a large majority, devote the sum remaining, after expenses, from the £2 2s. subscription to this purpose, rather than, as was done in 1888, getting rid of it by presenting £100 to the secretary and dividing the balance among the clerks. The late Bro. Birch, in his letter to the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of the 5th January, said, "entertainment of stewards and annuitants it is generally supposed in the provinces is covered by the stewards' fees." Well, that general supposition is incorrect; but as this sum is *not* charity funds, no law is broken by giving it in the way it has been given, but to vote the secretary (beyond, of course, this £100) the sum of *one hundred guineas* out of the FUNDS OF THE CHARITY, as an "honorarium," was a diversion which many consider absolutely illegal. I stated last January the "money was subscribed in the cause of charity, but was *not faithfully* applied," and this I repeat.

I notice that Bro. Letch Mason says that *he* has never seen a statement as to how the stewards' fees are disposed of; well, if he will refer to my letter in your journal of 10th January last, paragraph IV. of same will enlighten him as to 1887 (the sum remaining after expenses was about £160). I am not aware how the balance this year has been, or will be dealt with, but should not be at all surprised at its journeying the same road.

"Provincial and other expenses £169 14s." What this item represents is vague. "Travelling" expenses being included, £3 a week seems heavy without any details as to the "other." Detail is wanted, surely no difficulty can arise in supplying it; to say that as the "statement of account from which these figures are quoted is only a summary, fuller particulars are not necessary," is evasive and valueless."

By the way, there is an error somewhere in Bro. Letch Mason's tabulated account so far as receipts Male Fund is concerned, his addition is £15,188 14s. 11d., his items only adding up £11,488 14s. 11d.

The Freemason endeavours to prove that the percentage of expenses of management to income is much less than Bro. Letch Mason shows it to be, and mentions a sum of £5,325 "disbursed in the purchase of stock." I cannot imagine how purchase of stock can entail any other expense than stock broker's commission; what "management" is requisite for this, or what expenses can be incurred in such "management" is a puzzle. It may be good or bad, but this sort of special pleading would not go down with an actuary, so why try to foist it upon us.

No matter how the accounts may be manipulated, the total of "grants to annuitants," male and female, is £14,610, and expenses £3,329 16s. 1d.—it is a mere attempt at jugglery of account, when approximating the percentage of expenses per head, to include items such as Balances forward—Grand Chapter and Lodge Grants—Dividends—Legacies—Cash Withdrawn at Call and Interest thereon—but I don't think many will be taken in by it. I purpose having these accounts dissected by a first rate firm of chartered accountants, for publication. I fancy the "percentage" will not tally with that so curiously arrived at by your contemporary, who I notice states that "the Asylum . . . . . is entirely unprofitable as regards the main purposes of the Institution." What in the name of goodness does this mean? Is it intended to convey that the Institution is effete? If so does it not show how greatly a searching enquiry is needed?

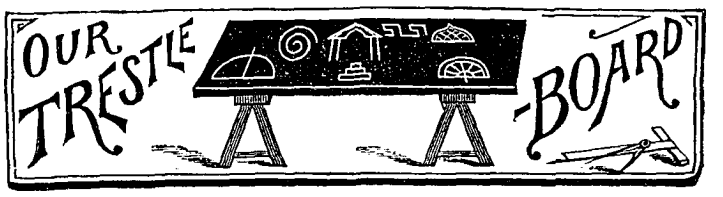
"We have no fear as to the result of an enquiry into the management of the institution." Your contemporary thus concludes his article on above subject. Now, sir, I recollect in one of your issues you made use of the word "inspired"; this was duly resented by those to whom it was applied. May I now venture to ask if you can elucidate the meaning of this sentence? "We have no fear." Why this identification of newspaper with charity? Why on earth should your contemporary volunteer the information to its readers that "they have no fear." Fear, forsooth! a curious statement to make, to say the least of it; but are we really likely to have the enquiry hinted at? The only room for fear that I can conceive is that without such enquiry the shrinking process, already in active progress, will continue until the collector finds that the sum it is "his duty to collect is in itself" so small as to have reduced his commission to the vanishing point.

I fear I have been somewhat lengthy in my remarks, but my excuse must be the interest I take in this charity, and my desire to see the funds subscribed in its favour, applied to the best advantage of those for whom they are intended. Vital reforms are necessary, and so far as my assistance can be utilised in securing same I shall freely give it, no matter what bigoted opposition may endeavour to prevent them. Fraternally yours,

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Answers to Correspondents.

W.M., EXETER.—The subject is worth consideration at a future opportunity.
ALPHA.—Please observe our requirements at head of Correspondence Column.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Home news from abroad again! The *South African Freemason* is published at South London. That's in Africa. It can, however, tell us that "A conference of preceptors of lodges is about to be held in London, with a view, we presume, of discussing points of ritual." The London it refers to is the capital of England. Have any of our metropolitan brethren heard anything of this suggested conference! We have not, although on the spot and quite ready, indeed eager, to have a hand in any movement which will afford opportunity for discussing points of ritual, if only there be a prospect that such discussion might lead to an agreement in respect of unity of essentials and uniformity of practice.

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The *World* says: "It will interest Freemasons to hear that Dr. Kynaston has been appointed by the Bishop of Durham to succeed the late Canon Evans in the Greek Professorship at Durham University, to which a canonry is attached. The new Canon will find a D.P.G.M. in one of his brother canons. Canon Tristram."

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We have received from Bro. C. G. Cutchey, of Buckhurst Hill, I.P.M. 1685, &c., a proof copy of a photographic group of brethren attending the recent consecration of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, No. 2318. The picture is a very excellent one, the likenesses extremely well defined, and the grouping natural. It forms a very interesting memorial of an important event in connection with the present progress of Freemasonry; and by those who had the satisfaction of witnessing the proceedings connected with the consecration of the lodge it will doubtless be much appreciated.

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We have received a copy of the Third Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Society known as "The Old Masonians," to which we shall take an early opportunity to refer in respect of many interesting particulars relating to the old scholars of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the encouragement given for the continuance of friendship amongst them whilst pursuing the avocations of daily life after their entrance into the world of commerce. Both the report and balance sheet are of a highly satisfactory character.

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The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, has appointed Viscount Valentia Grand Master of the province of Berks and Oxon, in the room of the Earl of Jersey, who recently resigned the office. Viscount Valentia will be installed by the Earl of Jersey at the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held a short time hence at Oxford, when an address will be presented by the Mark brethren to Lord Jersey on his retirement.

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At the moment of going to press we are in receipt of a packet, "*viâ Frisco*," from the New Zealand Masonic Union, per Bro. Thomas W. Kitt, P.M., which shall have our attention next week.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE—RUNCORN—ELLESMERE LODGE—No. 758.—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Runcorn, on the 17th inst., when Bro. George Summerfield, the W.M., ably installed his successor (Bro. A. Linater) into the chair of K.S., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were invested with the collars of their respective offices:—Bros. J. Cooper, S.W.; J. Littler, J.W.; C. W. Phillips, S.D.; T. S. Burgess, J.D.; W. Hankinson, I.G.; W. R. Wass, P.M., treas.; T. Sharrock, sec.; W. E. Lancaster, org.; J. Le Couteur, almoner; and G. Hayes, tyler. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual masonic toasts were duly honoured, and subsequently a Past Master's jewel was presnted to Bro. Geo. Summerfield for his services during his term of office, and also a life governorship on the Cheshire Masonic Education Institution.

DEVON—EAST STONEHOUSE—THE WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED LODGE—No. 2258.—*The installation meeting of this lodge* was held at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline Place, Stonehouse, on the 17th inst., when Bro. Col. J. Philips, *C.B.*, was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing by his predecessor, W. Bro. Major M. Tracy, *R.A.*, P.G.S.W., assisted by W. Bro. Powell, P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters amongst whom were W. Bros. S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.M.; H. S. Best, P.M.; E. Binding, P.M.; G. S. Strodes Lowe, W.M. 1855; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, *M.A.*, P.J.G.W.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. P.P.G.D.; Thos. Gibbons, P.P.G., org.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. Allsford, R. Dickson, H. E. Sitters, R. Selmon, W. Bartram, A. Trout, W. H. Lister, R. C. Wyatt, S. J. Daniels, W. H. Hamlyn, and James Gidley. The officers invested by the W.M. were Bros. Serg.-Major A. Revill, S.W.; Major N. Page, J.W.; Rev. J. Black, *M.A.*, chaplain; D. Cross, P.M., treas.; W. Powell, P.M., sec.; Major C. B. G. Dick, S.D.; Lieut. and Quartermaster W. E. Donohue, J.D.; Lieut. Bowman, I.G.; Quartermaster-Sergt. A. Jones, D.C.; Captain and Adjutant J. H. Swanton, A.D.C.; Bandmaster C. F. H. Froehnert, org.; Lieut. and Quartermaster T. Reynolds, Lieut. H. M. C. W. Graham, and Lieut. J. H. E. Allen, stewards; and James Gidley, P.M., acting tyler. W. Bro. S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T., was elected representative on committee of petitions. Prior to the closing of the lodge three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. The installation banquet was served at the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Philips, *C.B.*, and a very enjoyable evening was passed, the usual loyal and masonic toasts being given and heartily responded to. Several songs were rendered by Bros. Kennedy, Hadley, Revill, and others, and during the evening excellent music was provided by Bros. Sergeants Lidiard and P. Elford, Miller, and other members of the Royal Marine Band. Among the brethren present, in addition to those above named, were Bros. Captain Skipworth, 2258; Captain Geldard, 455; Captain Hadley, 2258; Captain Kelly, 2258; W. Bro. E. Littleton, P.M. 230; Bros. J. H. Williams, 1247; J. Holland, 1205; T. Lillicrap, 223; J. Hayes, 1205; C. Coombes, 954; and H. T. Worth, 954.

DURHAM.—DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CROOK.—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Babington Boulton, No. 111, Restoration Lodge, P.P.G.T. and Acting-Deputy Master, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for the province of Durham, in a most impressive manner solemnly consecrated and dedicated a handsome building in Church Street, Crook, to the services of Freemasonry. The Crook Lodge, No. 2019, of which Bro. E. Milburn is W.M., is in a very prosperous and thriving state, there being now a membership of over sixty since its formation seven years ago. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards partaken of.

ESSEX.—ROMFORD.—The Francis White Chapter, No. 1437, held a convocation at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on the 18th inst., Ex-Comp. H. Mason, M.E.Z., presiding. Ex-Comp. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.G.C.Eng., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. Bro. James Wild was exalted to the supreme degree, and after routine business the chapter was closed until October.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORD.—PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.—The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the banner of the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243, Baron de Ferrieres, Prov. G.M. Master, presiding. Amongst the brethren present were the Deputy P.G.M.M., Bros. O. Shellard; W. Forth, P.D.P.G.M.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Balcomb, P.P.J.G.W.; W. C. Heane, P.P.J.G.W.; W. R. Porcher, P.P.G.M.O.; Geo. Norman, P.G. Sec.; Dr. E. Gregory; G. Caldwell; J. L. Butler, P.P.G. Pur.; E. Lea, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Milligan, P.P.G.S.O.; W. C. Ferris, P.P.G.M.O.; Blinkhorn, Chance, Norton, and others. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the accounts of the treasurer and other reports adopted, Bro. J. Balcom, P.M. No. 10, was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, in place of Bro. Bain, who retires owing to ill-health. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Bain for his long services. Bro. Henry Phillips was appointed Tyler. The roll of lodges was called, and the brethren responded for their respective lodges. The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. M. F. Carter, P.S.G.W.; W. R. Porcher, P.G.M.O.; R. T. Hughes, P.G.J.O.; J. Balcom, P.G.Treas.; J. Owner, P.G.S.D.; W. R. Felton, P.G.D.C.; Charles Roberts, P.G.Std.B.; Edward George, P.G.Std.; John Naysmith, P.J.G.M.; H. Clark, P.G.S.O.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.G. Chaplain; George Norman, P.G.Sec., R. of Mks.; J. Barns, P.G.J.D.; J. Davies, P.G.Swd.B.; C. Caldicott, P.G.Org.; T. G. Chance, P.G.P.; and Henry Phillips, Tyler. Letters of apology and telegrams for non-attendance were read from the P.G. Chaplain and others, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening an excellent banquet was capitally served in the dining room, and was presided over by the R.W.P.G.M.M. (Baron de Ferrieres). The toast list was interspersed with songs and recitations, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

SOMERSETSHIRE—WESTON, NEAR BATH.—ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD LODGE—No. 906.—On the 10th inst. the Dep. G.M. of the Province of Somersetshire, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, installed Bro Arthur Wadoux into the chair of K.S., in succession to W. Bro George Henry Bartlett, P.P.J.G.W., who as I.P.M. was presented by the members of his lodge with a portrait of himself in recognition of his valuable masonic services.

SUFFOLK.—SOUTHWOLD.—MARTYN LODGE, No. 1983. On the 12th inst. the Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall Southwold. The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. (Eng.), assisted by Bro. P. M. Canova, P.M. 388, performed the installation ceremony, placing Bro. Thos. Sargeant in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were present:—Bros. E. M. U. Adnams, W.M.; W. J. Brown, I.P.M.; W. J. Griffiths, J.W.; J. M. Canova, P.M. 388, 1983, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; T. H. Jellicoe, P.M., Sec; O. G. Rackham, J.D.; R. Barker, P.P.G., Asst. D. of C.; the Rev. Proby L. Cautley, P.P.G.C.; W. Porter, Tyler; W. G. Jackson, G. E. U. Adnams, J. Jarvis, D. R. Gooding, and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. S. J. Woodward, P.P.G.S.; W. J. Lee, 1777; Bro. H. F. Martyn, 1224; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Sec.; and H. S. Strange, D.C., 1223. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. T. Griffiths, S.W.; W. H. Elmy, J.W.; J. M. Canova, Treas.; T. H. Jellicoe, Sec.; O. G. Rackham, S.D.; R. J. Allen, J.D.; W. J. Browne, P.M., D. of C.; W. G. Jackson, I.G.; W. Porter, Tyler. After the installation the brethren proceeded to the Centre Cliff Hotel, where they were photographed in a group. A banquet followed at 6.30. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded for "The Grand and the Prov. Grand Officers," and proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Sergeant. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. W. J. Brown, and responded to by Bro. N. Tracy. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Woodward, H. R. Stanford, H. F. Martyn, Lee and Strange; "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bros. Cautley, Chap., and O. G. Rackham, S.D.; and "The Ladies" by Bros. W. Gooding and W. Smith.

YORKSHIRE (WEST)—THORNE—ST. NICHOLAS LODGE—No. 2259.—The installation of Bro. A. L. Pearce as W.M. of this lodge took place at Peace Hall, on the 17th inst., W. Bro. Gardner, P.P.G.D.C., inducting that worthy brother into the chair of K.S. with perfect ceremonial. Subsequently the newly installed W.M. presided at a dinner at the Town Hall in honour of the occasion.

METROPOLITAN.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD—No. 1805.—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., on Tuesday, July 16th, at 8.30 a.m. Business of a formal character having been soon disposed of, the brethren, with their ladies and non-masonic friends proceeded in saloon carriages attached to the 10.25 express to the quaint old town of Arundel. Banquet had been ordered for 2.30, and opportunity was taken to visit St. Philip's R.C. church, the old parish church, the quiet dales of Arundel Park,

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(THIS DAY) (4th) THURSDAY, JULY 25th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
Mark. 13	Hiram	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
	(4th) FRIDAY, JULY 26th.	
	QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
780	Royal Alfred	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
	(4th) SATURDAY, JULY 27th.	
	QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 12.	
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541	Alexandra Palace	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(5th) MONDAY, JULY 29th.	
	Nil.	
	(5th) TUESDAY, JULY 30th.	
	Nil.	
	(5th) WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st.	
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
R.A.C. 13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William St., Woolwich
	(1st) THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st.	
1799	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon

the country seat of the Duke of Norfolk, and other places of interest. At the hour named, a very appetising and substantial spread was placed before the company by Bro. Charles Barkshire, of the Norfolk Hotel, to whom great credit is due for his care and attention. Full justice was soon done to the "fourth degree," the W.M. Bro. Henry Johnson presiding, supported by Past Masters Peterkin, Forbes and Bailey. After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honored, advantage was taken of the gathering to present a very handsome silver salver to Bro. Henry Bracey Forbes, P.M., and a gold keyless watch to Bro. Joseph Bailey, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem and recognition of their valuable services rendered during the time they respectively occupied the chair of K.S. Bros. Forbes and Bailey acknowledged this further honour in most appropriate terms. The toast of "the W.M.," proposed by I.P.M. Bailey, was responded to by Bro. Henry Johnson, who assured the ladies and friends of the great pleasure it afforded him to see so many present. Bro. Ben. Johnson, P.M., also in proposing the toast of "the Ladies," thanked them for coming in such strong force, and trusted that the occasion would be followed by many such. Bro. Roberts, S.S. replied, thanking the officers and brethren for the enjoyment afforded, a repetition of which would be always welcomed by them. T. A. Murray Macdonald, Esq., replying to the toast of "the Visitors," proposed by Bro. R. Toole, S.W., said they were very pleased to meet the members of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge at all times, and especially on such a very enjoyable occasion as the present, when all seemed desirous of "being happy and communicating happiness," and he trusted ere long he would have the pleasure of being received as "one amongst them." W. Bro. Peterken, P.M., thanked the friends for remembering the P.M's, the old veterans in the cause, and Bro. Mead, sec., having responded for the officers, the company separated to enjoy the remaining time in such pursuits as pleased them best, as well on land as water. Soon after 8 p.m. the party re-assembled, having enjoyed most heartily this the first summer outing of the lodge. Great praise is due to the committee and Bro. Mead, sec., for the very admirable way the arrangements were made and carried out. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Johnson, W.M.; R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; John Collier, treas.; W. Maxfield Mead, sec.; G. E. Warn, J.D.; C. Leweys, I.G.; W. Barnes, D.C.; W. J. Roberts, S.S.; W. J. Potts, J.S.; A. Peterkin, H. B. Forbes, J. Bailey, P.M's; Bros. Oates, Hambridge, Flynn, Chinery, Pealling, Horne, Bird, Davis, Marriott, Mark Liell, Griffith, Thompson, Howard, Fennell, Hutcheson. Visitors—J. A. Murray Macdonald, Esq., Bro. R. Hirst, Mrs. D. Annan, Mrs. Forbes, Bro. March, Miss Mead, Mrs. Liell, Miss Marriott, Bro. and Mrs. Hayns, Bro. and Mrs. Goodey, Mrs. Warn, Miss Howard, Mrs. Hambridge, Bro. J. W. and the Misses Gibbs, Mrs. Flynn, Bro. and Mrs. Bown, Mrs. H. Johnson, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. and Miss Lewsey, Mrs. and Miss Oates, Miss Carraher, Miss Pealling, Mrs. Chinery, Mrs. Hutcheson, Bro. W. F. May, Mr. Peterken, junr., and Mr. Ashton.

Bro. Brackstone Baker has been nominated as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the United Grand Lodge of England, and has received a similar appointment from the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Michigan. Bro. Baker is now the accredited delegate of twenty United States' Grand Lodges, besides two of the Dominion of Canada, viz., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

THEATRICAL.

By the kind permission of Mr. George Edwardes, Mr. George Stone will take his first benefit at the Gaiety Theatre, on Saturday morning, July 27th, when, in addition to an act from *Faust up to Date*, and one from *Esmeralda*, most of the prominent artistes on the London stage will assist.

GLEANINGS.

Masons that have the right stuff in them can certainly afford a few shillings a year for a Masonic journal. Ignorance has ever been the bane of Masonry. It is the few well-informed and intelligent who are lifting the order above the common head, and giving it the character and usefulness it possesses. It is the reading Mason that gives vitality to the order. Masons who are allowed to rust, to go to sleep, satisfied with their own ignorance, are a millstone round the neck of the order, dragging their companions to their level of arrogance and stupidity.—*Exchange.*

THE TYLER.—We have some where seen the statement that the word Tyler is given to that Masonic Officer because he covers or seals in the lodge as if with tiles, closes it from the outside, the idea being also a Masonic one—he completes the Masonic building by tiling it, as roof covers in, protects and completes the house. It may seem strange, but it is nevertheless the fact that the two words "Tyler" and "detective" both come from the same root; not that the word Tyler means a detective, though the Tyler detects imposters seeking admission. The prefix *de* prevents that interpretation. The word "detective" comes from the Latin root *tegere*, to cover—while *detegere*, is to uncover or detect. Tile comes from the same root *tegere*, but by way of the Gothic or German, and Anglo-Saxon whence our ancestors got it. One of its meanings is to cover, but a more prominent one is to protect, presumably to protect by covering, not in the sense that we roof or protect a house by covering it with tiles or covers, but in the sense in which the word is used when we say that we cover a man with a pistol, or when a man is said to cover another with his body—that is stands between him and the danger, and so protects him. The Tyler is not the finisher of the complete Masonic structure. He is not furnished with a roofer's kit, as working tools or emblems of his authority. He is the protector of the Masonic body as his drawn sword would imply.—*Theo. C. Knauff, in Keystone.*

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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 Friday, the 26th day of July, 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive and approve a list of Sixty-nine Candidates (or Seventy in the event of a deferred case being accepted by the Court) on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Sixteen Boys shall be elected on Friday, 25th October next, to fill that number of Vacancies.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,
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16th July, 1886. *Secretary.*

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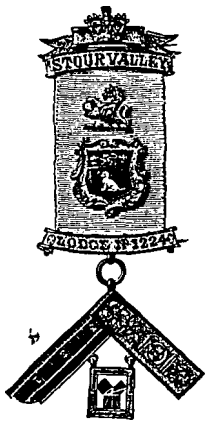
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Grand Mark Lodge and its Benevolent Fund.

THE two principal Masonic events of the past week have been the holding of a Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, to receive a communication from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the Festival of the Benevolent Fund connected with the degree. We shall append hereto a brief report of each meeting. The proceedings associated with the first named were brief in character, but full of interest to the members of the Mark Degree. The special communication from the M.W. Grand Master formally notified the acceptance of the resignation of V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes from the Grand Secretaryship of the Order; the approval of the recommendations of the General Board for the grant to him of a retiring allowance of £125 per annum; and the appointment of V.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier to fill the vacant office. The resignation of Bro. Binckes has not come upon the general body of Mark Masons as a surprise. It has, however, occasioned considerable regret on the part of many of the older members of the Mark degree who are familiar with the steady progress which it has made of late years, and some of whom were associated with that worthy brother nearly a quarter of a century ago in laying the foundation of its subsequent prosperity. There will be reasons presently for remembering with much gratitude the eminent services which the late revered Past Grand Master Canon Portal rendered to Mark Masonry, and which may be said to have culminated in securing for the business purposes of the degree the new Grand Mark Lodge premises in London, which will shortly be opened. At such a time, as now, the remembrance of the talent and zealous labour with which the retired Grand Secretary supported and carried into permanent effect the plans and designs of his chiefs, should accompany the rejoicings which may be reasonably anticipated on that auspicious occasion. Then should be remembered those who, when the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters could be amply accommodated in one small room in a moderately sized house, bore the heat and burden of the day, inspired with energy and hope by the lately deceased Past Grand Master and the lately retired Grand Secretary. We have nothing to say of the latter in his connection with Mark Masonry but what is in the very highest degree commendable, and we who write, probably the only survivor, excepting Bro. Binckes, of that small band which comprised the General Board of 1869, can vouch for a thorough conscientious service in his official position. Therefore we consider that the retiring allowance, though perhaps as much as so comparatively young an organization could be expected to afford, is not one whit more than has been eminently deserved. It is further satisfactory in that the allowance can be taken from funds which have not been accumulated for one specific purpose, but for management unconnected with any charitable object, and we feel sure that we but echo the sentiments of every Mark Master Mason under English jurisdiction in wishing our brother in his retirement long years of health and capacity for the enjoyment of that which he has honourably won.

The new Grand Mark Secretary has by his indefatigable exertions of the past few years as Assistant Grand Secretary, and his zeal in promoting the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund, fairly "won his spurs," and enters upon his increased duties with every good wish from the general body of Mark Master Masons, and their fullest confidence that he will persevere in his discreet and able management of the affairs of the Order. We heartily join in the congratulations which attended his appointment and investiture.

The departure from the rule which governs the proceedings of a Special Meeting, and forbids the introduction of any other business matter than that expressed on the notice or agenda, which departure consisted in the reference by the M.W. Pro. Grand Master to the then approaching, and since consummated, marriage of the eldest daughter of the Most Worshipful Grand Master—the Princess Louise—with the then Earl, and now Duke, of Fife, was an exception which, although it may establish a precedent in connection with future great and important events of a cognate character, was amply justified by the surrounding circumstances. The cordiality with which the Pro. Grand Master's address was received, and the applause accompanying the unanimous acceptance of the resolution he proposed, were unmistakable evidences that

the "exception to the rule" was welcome to the Mark Grand Lodge, affording as it did an opportunity for testifying their loyalty and devotion to their Chief Head and Ruler, and their desire for the welfare and happiness of the contracting parties more immediately concerned. That the circumstance must be considered and observed as an exception only was made manifest by the instant recognition of the rule, on W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland rising to call attention to a matter which should have the attention of the General Board at once, and in respect of which their agreement with the views he briefly expressed, and action consequent thereon, may prevent the necessity of discussion elsewhere, and publicity affecting what should be kept undisclosed from those who have no acquaintance with the esoteric working of the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

With regard to the Twenty-first Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolence Fund it will be sufficient for us in this place to remark on the highly successful character of the celebration of its majority, and to accord unstinted praise to the stewards and the executive who together so ably contributed to that result. Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., J.G. Warden, who presided as Chairman, very aptly explained in his address when proposing "prosperity to the Fund," a difference between it and the Craft Masonic Institutions, in that, with the exception of but a trifling outlay,—partly in recognition of secretarial services, and partly in necessary expenses of office requirements,—the whole of the subscriptions to the fund were applied to masonic benevolence. The "Fund" has no occasion to provide for the erection and upholding of large buildings, and the accompanying necessity of maintaining an expensive staff of officials and servants; and we trust it never will have. To do all the good it can in the present to the greatest number of those who are unfortunately compelled to seek its assistance, and to increase its reserve so as to secure a continuance of its beneficent operations in the future, are the great and important purposes of this particular association; and it is to be hoped its managers may not at any time be led into the error of thinking that the establishment of a material "Institution" for the reception of the recipients of its bounties will add to the benefits the fund can confer. The amount contributed last week, the second largest return yet made, sufficiently indicates the favour in which the Mark Benevolent Fund is held by the Craft; and we venture to prophecy that if its management and the disposition of its effects are continued on the same lines as heretofore, the sum of £2,084 will be greatly exceeded at ensuing festivals.

SPECIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday, the 24th ulto., at No. 8a, Red Lion Square. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W.Pro.G.M., presided, and amongst those present were—Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W., acting as G.S. Warden; Sir Lionel Darell, G.J.W.; W. G. Lemon, G.S.O.; H. Kynaston, G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; Frank Sumner Knyvett, G.S.D.; H. E. Cousans, G.J.D.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; J. B. Bridgeman, A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, A.G.D.C.; T. B. Purchas, G.S.B.; J. Mainwaring, G.I.G.; J. W. H. Thompson, S. Knight and J. M. Collins, G. Stwds.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; C. F. Woodall, P.S.G.D.; J. L. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; N. T. West, P.G.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O.; Walter Adlard, P.G.M.O.; Geo. Allen, P.G.O.; Geo. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; John A. Lloyd, P.G.C.; John Ramsey, P.A.G.D.C.; Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; R. I. Emmens, P.G.M.O.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Cubitt, P.S.G.O.; E. T. Hoare, P.G. Org.; J. S. Cumberland, P.J.G.O.; G. Powell, P.G.S.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; Jabez Church, P.G.S.; A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; Lord Euston, P.G.S.W., P.G.B.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Org.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd.; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M.M. Hants; and others.

The object of the meeting was to receive a special communication from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., approving of certain recommendations made by the General Board in relation to the resignation by V.W.Bro. Frederick Binckes of his official position as Grand Secretary, which the Grand Master had been pleased to accept, and that the sum of £125 per annum should be voted to that brother from the Funds of Grand Mark Lodge, as a retiring allowance; and, further, that the office thereby vacated should be filled by the appointment of W.Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary. The communication having been read by the Prov. Grand Master in due form, and motion made by the R.W.Bro. Lord Euston, seconded by W.Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, as President of the General Board, that the recommendations submitted to, and approved of by, the Grand Master, should be adopted, resolutions to that effect were carried unanimously. Bro. Robert Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies, then conducted Bro. Matier to the East, where he was invested by the Prov. Grand Master with the collar and jewel of office, and amidst congratulations from the president and brethren, commenced his duties as Grand Secretary and was saluted in ancient form. After a brief address from Bro. W. J. Hughan, presenting, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the Grand Mark Lodge of England, greetings and good wishes from that Grand Chapter, the Prov. Grand Master rose and said:—Brethren, there is no other business on the paper, but there is one event which is about to happen which I think, although there is no previous notice of it, I should be justified, standing in the position I do, in bringing before you, and I shall ask you to give it your favourable reception. I allude to the approaching marriage of the eldest daughter of our Grand Master, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. I am sure that an event like that which affects so closely the welfare of our Royal Family, and the welfare and happiness of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master must be recognised by all Mark Masons, will give every satisfaction to you, and I am sure Mark Masons would also like to testify their loyalty and affection to their Grand Master on such an occasion as this. I think, therefore, that it would not be inappropriate, without giving notice, that I should on this occasion move that an humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, congratulating His Royal Highness on the auspicious event of the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. I am sure you will all agree with me that we should not allow this opportunity to pass by without expressing our great joy and sympathy with His Royal Highness on such an interesting occasion. We know also that Her Royal Highness, like all the members of the Royal Family, has been well known to Masons on various public occasions, and has shown her interest in all Masonic events. We also know that Lord Fife has taken a prominent part in Scotland in Masonry, as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, and he is also known as a Royal Arch Mason in the Scottish Order. We have, therefore, every reason also to congratulate ourselves as Masons that the eldest daughter of our Grand Master is about to ally herself to a distinguished Mason. I have much pleasure in moving this resolution, and I trust it will be received as cordially by Grand Lodge as I move it. The resolution was as follows:—"That a congratulatory address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, on the auspicious marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. of Banffshire."

The Earl of Euston: I beg to second the motion. I think that no words are needed from me after what the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master has said to you. I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion. We are all loyal, and we wish every happiness to our Grand Master and his family.

The motion was carried unanimously and amidst loud applause.

Bro. Tomlin, No. 147 (Victoria), tendered to the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Mark Lodges in Victoria, congratulations on the appointment of Bro. Matier as Grand Secretary, remarking that Bro. Matier's name was as well known to those lodges as that of any mason, and that his appointment would give them great satisfaction. Bro. J. S. Cumberland referred to a matter connected with official routine, and to which he took strong objection, but as his remarks were evidently leading up to a formal resolution, the Prov. Grand Master reminded him that it could not then be discussed, and it would doubtless have the attention of the General Board. The special Grand Lodge was then closed.

THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 21st annual Festival was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at Freemason's Tavern, when a large company of ladies and brethren, presided over by Sir Lionel Darell, Grand Junior Warden, attended. Among those present were Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., G.J.W., Lady Darell and Miss Darell; Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, President Gen. Board; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.W.; Major A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O., and Mrs. Cook; Seva Ram and Mrs. Ram, of Lahore; E. X. Leon, P.G.D., P.G. Sec., Jamaica; Frank Richardson, G. Reg., Vice-President Gen. Board; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., Sec. M.B.F.; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.; G. W. Marsden, Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R. Secret Monitor; Alfred Williams, P.G. Overseer; Col. Marmaduke Ramsey, D.G.M. Mediterranean; A. F. Godson, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; Dr. Purchas, G. Sd. Br.; R. J. Emmerson, P.G.O.; Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.G.O.; Horatio Ward, P.G.D.; Percy Wallace, P.G.D.; A. Woodiwiss, Mayor of Derby; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.O.; James Terry, P.A.G.D.C., &c., &c.

After an admirably served banquet, during which an excellent string band performed a choice selection of music, Grace was sung by the professional artistes, under the direction of W. Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Grand Organist, and the customary toasts were then introduced. In proposing "The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Chairman remarked on the services he rendered to the Order, and the fidelity and strictness with which he discharged the onerous duties he had to perform; and continued: "On the present occasion, especially as the festive board was graced with the presence of ladies, he must allude to the happy event which was about to take place in the family of the Grand Master, viz., the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. They were assured by their Grand Master that this marriage was one of love and affection. Lord Fife was a mason; he was a Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire; he was also a Mark Mason. On this occasion, in drinking the health of the Grand Master, he must couple the Princess of Wales and the Princess Louise and Lord Fife, the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life, health, happiness, prosperity, and God speed. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

To the toast of "The Pro Grand Master and Past Grand Masters,"

as named on the toast list, in proposing which the Chairman expressed the regret of M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton that he was unable to be present, a very hearty reception was given: as was also to that in honour of the "Deputy Grand Master the R.W. Bro. the Most. Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," on behalf of whom the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, R.W. Bro. Rev. T. Robinson, responded.

The health of the Chairman, "Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., R.W. Grand Junior Warden," was proposed by R.W. Bro. Lord Euston, P.G.S. Warden, who spoke of Sir Lionel as a "thorough good mason from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot," and ever earnest in whatever work he engaged himself in. He had brought his interest and influence to bear in every possible manner to secure the success of the present festival, as he felt assured his audience would well believe when announcement was presently made of the Stewards' lists. He expected that they would find the total of contributions only second in amount to any collected at former festivals. The Chairman on rising to respond was received with much enthusiasm, and thanked Bro. Lord Euston and the company generally for the introduction of the toast and the manner of its reception. He expressed his thorough appreciation of Freemasonry, and declared that to him the word "Mason" had always a good metallic ring about it. He now had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund," for the future of which he now appealed. The Fund was founded some 21 years ago. It differed from other Masonic Institutions in that it had no houses to keep up and was at very little expense; in fact, with the exception of printing and postage and a grant to the Secretary of £50 a year, all the money that was subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund went for actual benevolence. It was divided into three branches, the benevolent, the educational, and the annuity. Sums for the benevolent were given in relief every month by the General Board, and since the year 1869 these sums amounted to considerably over £2000. The educational branch was established only in 1879, and since that time 40 children had been educated at their own homes under the care of their parents and guardians, and in the year 1886 it was resolved that £5 be annually given to each pupil for clothes. This required a yearly expenditure of something like £450. The annuity branch was founded in the year 1885 by the liberality of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who as a nucleus to the Fund gave a sum of £105. The Fund now gave to five old brethren £26 a year each, and £5 extra was given at Christmas. There were three candidates now seeking relief, but it would depend upon the liberality of the Stewards to extend those benefits. He might say that at the first Festival the Benevolent Fund realised a sum of only £50, and in the year 1887 it reached the substantial sum of £2,220. The brethren would see from this the excellent work this Mark Benevolent Fund was doing, and he called upon the company one and all to do everything in their power to increase and augment that Fund. It was that night celebrating its majority—its 21st year. They looked upon a man as not having come to full age till he had become 21 years old; then as a general rule he grew in strength and generally in size. So he trusted it would be with this Fund. He hoped that Mark Masonry would grow in strength by the increase of its members, and that it would increase in size by reason of the increase in its funds. He really did not think he need say anything further about this most excellent fund, which commended itself most heartily and cordially to each and every one of them. He now had the pleasure of making the announcement, which he was sure would be a most popular one. Most of them were aware that Bro. Binckes had resigned the office of Grand Secretary, and it had been the pleasure of the Grand Master to confer that office on their good and worthy Bro. Matier. Some of the brethren had that afternoon had the opportunity of seeing that brother invested with the collar of the office by Lord Egerton of Tatton. It would be invidious on his part, in his presence, to speak of what Bro. Matier had done for the Mark Benevolent Fund, because they all knew his good works as well as he (the Chairman) did. He should therefore content himself with asking the company to drink the future prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund. With that toast he would couple the name of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, who, for the first time that night, appeared in that capacity before them. He should ask them to drink his very good health, long life and happiness to him, and to congratulate him on the honour which had been conferred upon him, an honour which he so richly deserved. The toast was honoured with every manifestation of pleasure, and Bro. Matier on rising to respond was greeted with loud cheers. After a modest but earnest expression of thanks for the kindly sentiments which had been uttered and endorsed, and an assurance that his best efforts should be exerted to promote the prosperity of the Order and the extension of its Benevolent Fund, Bro. Matier proceeded to announce the Stewards' lists. We again regret, as we have, unfortunately, had to do on similar occasions, the want of space which precludes publicity being given to the names of individual brethren deserving of the highest commendation for the energy of their appeals for contributions from their respective lodges, and the members thereof, and we must be content to approach the total of all their efforts by stating that the 37 stewards representing London contributed £491 19s., and the 122 stewards representing the Provincial Lodges £1,594 19s. 6d., together producing the handsome sum of £2,086 18s. 6d., which as Bro. Lord Euston expected is but second in amount to that contributed at the Festival held in the Jubilee year, 1887. After the applause with which Bro. Matier's announcement was received had subsided, the R.W. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, P.G. Master Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in proposing the health of the Board of Stewards, referred to the record of the evening, and remarked that for the comparatively small body of Freemasons who were members of the Mark degree, the sum of £2,000, which appeared to be about the annual average subscription, was a large sum, and one of which the Order might well be proud. It was to the Board of Stewards, the machinery by which the collection was made, thanks were pre-eminently due: and he felt certain that those thanks would be readily accorded. This toast was also most cordially received, and was responded to by Lord Euston, as Chairman of the Board, and Bro. Murray, of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, Wigan, whose list represented a contribution of no less than 200 guineas as a gift from Lancashire. Bro. Major A. Bott Cook, P.G.M.O., proposed in a humorous and respectfully gallant speech, the toast of "The Ladies," for whom Bro. F. S. Knyvett responded in pleasing terms. With the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. the Earl of Euston, with many expressions of hearty welcome and wishes for their prosperity, the name of Bro. Leon, P.M., G. Sec. Jamaica was coupled, and with that worthy brother's effective response, the proceedings at the banquet table terminated, and the company dispersed, most of them however again assembling in the drawing-room for the conclusion of the concert. We cannot fairly close this brief report without a tribute of praise to Bro. E. M. Lott for the excellence of the musical entertainment under his direction. It was far above the average of after-dinner performances, and every lady and gentleman who took part in it is equally entitled to recognition. These were Madame Larkcom, Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Minnie Kirton, and Bros. Reginald Groome and Stanley Smith. Miss Kate Chaplin, accompanied at the pianoforte by her sister, Miss Nellie Chaplin, charmed the company with her delightful violin solos. It would be invidious to select any special performance for prominent notice, where each and all merited the highest appreciation of their services, and it was gratifying to observe that such appreciation was expressed by frequent encores in some instances, and unmistakable applause in all.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

A most enjoyable trip, which even the showery weather of the forenoon was unable to seriously mar, was undertaken by this lodge on Saturday, the 20th ult. We have it on good authority that "absence makes the heart grow cold," and the chief object of the brethren in undertaking the excursion was possibly to break the long interval between the stated lodge meetings in June and October; thus by a timely outing, renewing the pleasures of social intercourse. True, however, to the antiquarian tastes and studies encouraged by the lodge, a spot of abiding interest to Freemasons was chosen, the city of St. Alban, England's proto-martyr and the traditional founder of the craft in these isles. Does not the Grand Lodge MS. of the "Old Charges" (which is dated 1583) state distinctly "Inglande in all this season stoyde voyd of any chardge of Massonrie untill St. Albons' tyme and in his dayes the Kyng of Ingland that was a paynym he did wall thee towne aboute that is called St. Albons. And St. Albon was a woorthy knyght and stewarde of the kyngs householde and had the gou'ment of thee realme and also of thee towne walls and loved massons well and chirished them muche and he mayde their paye right good (standing as the realme did) for he gave them ijs vjd a weeke and three pence to their cheire, for before that tyme throue the land a masson toke but a peny a daye and his meate untill St. Albone amended it and gave them a charter of thee kynge and his counsell for to houlde a gen'all counsell And gave it the name of an Assemblye And was thereat himself and healped for to make massons and gave the chardges as yee shall heare afterwarde right sone."

Bro. W. Simpson, the W.M., was unfortunately detained at Balmoral on business, and a few other brethren who rarely miss a lodge meeting were unavoidably absent, but the following members assembled at St. Pancras under the S.W., Bro. Col. S. C. Pratt, viz.: Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, J.D.; G. W. Speth, sec.; Professor W. Mattieu Williams, and Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley (of Dublin). With these were the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Bros. Dr. W. B. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; S. Richardson, C. B. Barnes, F. A. Powell, J. S. Cumberland, C. E. Ferry, Col. J. Mead, and G. H. Piper (of Ledbury), D.P.G.M. Herefordshire; and the following visitors, Dr. Benj. W. Richardson, F. Pegler, Sydney T. Klein, C. Bowley (of Belfast), Mahaim (of Liege), and Reg. T. Webster (of Margate).

A saloon carriage attached to the 11.10 a.m. train took the party comfortably to St. Albans, where a frugal lunch awaited them at the "Pea Hen" Hotel; after which a visit was first paid to the church of St. Peter's. Here they were met by the curate, Bro. Rev. Valentine Faulkner, under whose auspices the church was inspected, the chief point of interest being the monument of Edward Strong the elder, for whom Dr. Anderson claims the honour of having been appointed Junior Grand Warden, under Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren, in 1685. The truth of this can scarcely be admitted, but the Strong family appeals to our sympathies as masons in a high degree. Timothy Strong was a quarry owner and builder, in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. His son Valentine was a notable builder in his day, and on his tomb at Fairford, Oxfordshire (1662) is described as "Valentine Strong, Freemason." Valentine's son, Thomas, was engaged at Trin. Col., Oxon, in 1665, under Sir C. Wren, and in 1675 made the first contract with the commissioners for re-building St. Paul's. According to the family memoirs, written in 1716, he laid the first stone in the foundation with his own hands. Dying in 1681, he was succeeded by his brother Edward, buried at St. Peter's, St. Albans, who associated with himself his son Edward the younger. The "memoirs" state "about the year 1706, Edward Strong, junior, began the lanthorn on the Dome of St. Paul's, London, and on the 25th Oct., 1708, Edward Strong, senior, laid the last stone upon the same." This last claim is re-asserted on the monument in question.

Skirting the city, the old church of St. Michael's was next visited.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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OUR BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Some kind friend has sent me extracts from your journal of the 10th and 31st January last, and of the 25th inst., all bearing on the subject of our Benevolent Institutions, for which I am much obliged.

The error to which your correspondent "Subscriber" refers in his letter of the 25th inst. is a misprint. The balance brought forward should be £4,108 7s. 11d., not as printed, £408 7s. 11d. That part of my statement was an exact reprint from the published accounts of the Institution. A similar misprint has been made in my letter of the 22nd inst. to *The Freemason*. The cost of investing the £5,325 should be stated as £13 6s. 3d., not £136 3s. as printed.

I consider it the duty of all of us who are interested in the welfare of our Masonic Charities, however painful and unpleasant it may be, to insist on them being worked as economically as possible, and I consider it monstrous when the getting up of the festivals form an integral part of the work of the secretaries, that they should be voted sums of money for doing their own proper work, and that then the cost of "votes of thanks" and "entertainment of stewards" should be thrown on the general funds of the charities.

As stated in my letter to *The Freemason* of the 22nd inst., I consider the "collector" an unnecessary luxury, and I trust the committee will see the advisability of abolishing the office as soon as possible. Faithfully and fraternally yours,

July 29th, 1889. C. LETCH MASON.

STEWARDS' FEES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I should be obliged if you will kindly allow me to enquire through the medium of your valuable columns whether it be the wish of the majority of the stewards for this year's festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that some £120 of the surplus amount from the steward's fund of this year should be voted to the secretary of the above institution?

I attended to-day at the final meeting of the stewards for the Boys' Institution (at which there were not 20 stewards present), and learnt that there is a balance from the stewards' fund of more than £200. After voting sums for the clerks in the secretary's office, for the band of the Boys' School, for the hon. treasurer to subscribe to the institution, and for the expenses of the stewards' visit to Wood Green—in all about £100—there remained as above stated a balance of over £120. It was proposed that this balance should be granted to the secretary, and to this proposition there were but three dissentients, of whom I had the honour to be one. I proposed that the £120 be given to the Boys' Institution, but my proposition did not find a seconder.

I think that it is right that the large number of stewards who were unable to be present at to-day's meeting should know what was done there, and how their money is spent, especially as I learn that no balance-sheet is ever published of the stewards' fund, even though so considerable a balance as that of this year may remain to be distributed.

At the general meeting of the subscribers to the institution a few weeks ago, the consensus of opinion was certainly not in favour of voting extra pay to the secretary for the discharge of his regular duties. Furthermore, there has been this year an urgent appeal for funds for the institution. Why then was not this balance applied for its benefit? Your obedient servant.

Hampton Court, July 24, 1889. HERBERT W. SEAGER, M.B.

*** *Those who pay the piper have a right to call the tune. This question does not affect in any manner the disposition of the sums collected for a specific purpose in aid of the Institution. Into a general fund to cover all expenses of the Festival a certain sum of money is paid by certain brethren acting as Stewards, and they have a perfect right to dispose of that money as they will. There is nothing to prevent their acknowledging the services of secretary, clerks, band or other auxiliary aid, so long as not a penny of the charity fund is touched for any purpose whatsoever connected with the Festival. The fact that but few attended the final meeting of the Board of Stewards, and that amongst them there was but one dissentient to a general desire, may be deplored by many brethren unable to be present, but cannot render the determination arrived at in any way improper.*—ED. M.S.

"OFFICERS' FEES OF HONOUR."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

W. BROTHER,

I shall be glad to take advantage of your columns for a few lines respecting the above. Is it the "Rule" for the Officers in Craft Lodges to pay "Fees of Honour?"

I am the W.M. of an old lodge, and it has its "Benevolent Fund" made up of the Officers' Fees of Honour, five per cent. of the lodge receipts, and contents of the charity box. This fund is disposed of by a vote of the lodge, so that after filling all the offices and paying about £6 6s. in fees, the W.M. at the end of his year of office gets "no credit" for this support.

When one of the last "lists" were out for the elections, you commented upon the hopelessness of some of the cases, and said "that in 8 or 9 of them the brothers, although they had been connected with the Craft for several years, had not supported any of our Institutions. You may or may not have caused some uneasiness, for if any of them had paid "Fees of Honour," they would have certainly supported the charities. Would it not be well, to make the lists complete in the future, to give that "information."

If you think the above worth a place, I feel sure some of your readers will be able to give the information required.

Yours fraternally,

T. B.

*** *We shall be glad of the opinions of brethren on this subject, and will refer to the matter in our next issue.*—[ED. M.S.]

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Apart from its high architectural interest the church is noticeable for containing the body and statue of Lord Bacon, "the wisest, greatest, meanest of mankind."

Sauntering through the fields, along the banks of the river, and under the spreading elms, a typical scene of English rural beauty at its best, the brethren made their way to the Abbey, where they were met by the Rev. W. Urwick, who has made the registers and archives of the edifice his special study for years. Under his capable guidance every part of the structure was visited and its history explained, the old work admired and the restoration criticised. Some difference of opinion was apparent as to the taste, but none as to the solidity and thoroughness of the restored parts, or as to the public spirit and generosity of Lord Grimthorpe, who for years has borne the enormous cost of what is more than restoration, for it was necessary in many parts to entirely reconstruct. Lord Grimthorpe himself now joined the party, and kindly submitted to a course of "heckling," the reasons for this and that alteration being fully explained by his lordship in answer to home questions, and he incidentally supplied many details as to the structure of the Abbey, its foundation, vaults, &c., which were of great interest. The party having been generously admitted by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, free, thus entailing a loss on the restoration fund, a collection was made, which, we are glad to say, considerably more than covered any charge for admission, Lord Grimthorpe was thanked for his explanation, and there being still an hour to spare before dinner, the brethren struck once more across the fields, visiting the old Roman walls and moat, and reached an eminence whence a beautiful view of the Abbey and its surroundings was obtained.

Dinner was served at the "Pea Hen," at 6 o'clock. After which votes of thanks were moved and carried to Bro. Rev. V. Faulkner and to the Rev. Mr. Urwick for their kindness in affording the brethren so much instruction and the pleasure of their company, and suitably acknowledged, Mr. Urwick eloquently pointing out that St. Albans was the scene of more than one martyrdom, interesting in ecclesiastical history. Bro. Speth was thanked for making the arrangements, and indicated that Bro. Klein would be their guide next year through a district of great interest around his own residence at Stanmore, whilst in 1891 he (Bro. Speth) hoped to introduce them to Sandwich, the city of the dead, the Roman ruins of Richboro' Castle, Minster Church and Abbey, Dandelion Gateway, near Margate, and other monuments in the Isle of Thanet. The party returned by the 8.32 train, to which a saloon carriage had been added for their separate use, it being unanimously admitted that the day had been most enjoyable.

PROPOSED UNITED GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

In a recent issue (July 18th) we published particulars in relation to the movement in New Zealand for the formation of a Grand Lodge in that colony. In support of that movement a "New Zealand Masonic Union" has been established, from the Auckland Branch of which we have received, through its secretary, Bro. Thomas W. Kitt, a copy of a circular addressed to the several lodges in the district, accompanied by financial statements, which cannot fail to be of interest to the Craftsmen generally of the three constitutions, English, Irish, and Scotch, and especially to those of the United Grand Lodge of England. The circular sets forth reasons for the establishment of the proposed Grand Lodge of New Zealand under the following heads:—(1.) The amalgamation of the three constitutions; (2.) In such amalgamation lies the only true hope of stimulating and fully carrying into effect the charity of the Craft; (3.) Disadvantages of being governed from a distance, instead of by a local governing body; (4.) Evils of concurrent jurisdiction; (5.) Rivalry of Constitutions; (6.) New lodges and small lodges; (7.) Numerical comparison; (8.) Cost of maintenance of United Grand Lodge; (9.) First Grand Master; and (10.) The constitution of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand is a duty which (in the interests of Freemasonry), the brethren of this colony owe to the rising generation. The arguments under these respective headings are very fair and reasonable in favour of the project, and we should have been glad, in the interests of our colonial brethren, if we could have found space for them *in extenso*. Failing such reproduction, we can, however, and do, express our opinion that the framers of the circular, in legal phraseology, "prove their case." To strengthen their arguments the following financial statements have been compiled, setting forth in a practical form the result of Freemasonry under its present divided government in the Auckland district, and to show that, "as at present constituted, it is an utter failure in carrying out that '*Charity*' which should be the leading characteristic of every Freemason's heart, and is the foundation and copestone of the whole Masonic structure." These statements have been prepared by W.Bro. W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.Z., &c., of Auckland, a Past Master of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Lodge of West Lancashire, and the contrast which he submits is certainly most interesting and important.

Practical results of Freemasonry as at present constituted under three Grand Lodges in Auckland.

Receipts and Expenditure of the three Grand Lodges as per their Balance Sheets for 1888.

Grand Lodge.	Number of Craft Lodges.	Receipts 1888.	Expenditure.			Accumulated Funds and Assets, 1888.
			Secretaries' Salaries & Expenses.	Remitted Home.	Charity.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
English -	19	197 13 10	108 16 11	19 17 6	10 3 0	846 0 0
Irish - -	15	145 1 10	53 15 0	58 11 6	3 1 0	99 6 2
Scotch -	17	189 8 8	110 19 3	51 19 6	0 12 0	418 10 4
Totals -	51	532 4 4	273 11 2	130 8 6	13 16 0	1,363 16 6

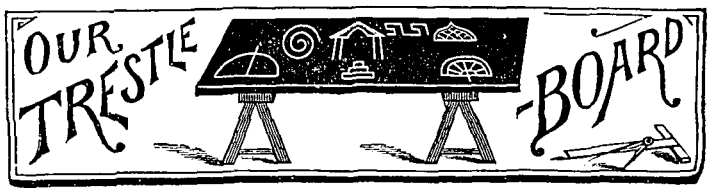
These figures are contrasted with the following:—

Synopsis of Charitable Funds subscribed by Masons of West Lancashire in year 1886. 64 Lodges.

Local Masonic Charities.	Income.	Working Expenses.	Funds.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
West Lancashire Educational Institution educated, clothed, maintained and advanced in life this year 189 orphan children of Masons. Established 1850	2,030 0 0	62 0 0	19,526 0 0
Hamer Benevolent Fund for distressed and aged Masons. Established 13 years ..	589 0 0	18 0 0	2,457 0 0
West Lancashire (Alpass) Benevolent Institution for relief of widows of Masons. Established 1 year ..	1,344 0 0	27 0 0	1,344 0 0
Provincial Grand Lodge. [Income this year, £685] ..	360 0 0	..	2,506 0 0
	4,323 0 0	107 0 0	25,833 0 0

In addition, a Relief Committee meets every Friday for the purpose of granting assistance and forwarding to their homes destitute Masons of all countries and Constitutions. There are no paid Secretaries to any of these charities, and West Lancashire is a munificent subscriber to all the London charities.

Next week we shall hope to set before our readers an "estimate of saving" which it is thought will be effected by the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and also a statement showing the annual receipts and expenditure of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges under the three Constitutions it is now sought to bring into union. In the meanwhile we note with surprise that "the three existing Grand Lodges (with their funds of benevolence), having an annual income of £532, with accumulated assets of £1,363 in a year of great distress like 1888 only contributed to the aid of distressed Masons, widows, and orphans, the pitiable sum of £13 16s. 0d." Surely such a state of things calls for some measure of reform, and if be that nothing short of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand will effect it, that in itself is an all important and imperative reason for its establishment.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Several of our correspondents, and others whose esteemed communications are always acceptable, may be disappointed by the omission from this number of their contributions. We must express our regret, and appeal to their kind consideration. They shall have attention next week.

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In our advertisement columns will be found a letter addressed to the Patrons, Governors, and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, by Bro. R. F. Tomlin, surgeon, of Lordship Lane, Wood Green, close to the Schools, who is a candidate for the appointment rendered vacant by the recent resignation of the medical officer of the Institution.

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Our attention has been called to an omission in our notice of the summer outing of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, in our last week's number, and which we desire to rectify. This the more readily as we recognise an injustice in not mentioning the names of brethren who zealously strive to carry out the end we should all have in view, "the being happy and communicating happiness," and succeed in the endeavour. The pleasures of the day recorded were materially enhanced by the energetic labours of Bros. Jeffery and W. Batty, both Past Masters of the lodge, and the former its greatly esteemed secretary; and to them we express our regret for the perfectly unintentional absence of their names from the report.

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A very pleasant relief from editorial labour was afforded us on Saturday last by a visit to our esteemed Bro. Augustus Harris, who entertained a large party of private and public friends, including many members of the Craft, "At Home," at his charming residence, The Elms, Avenue Road, Regent's Park, on that afternoon. A very delightful hour or two was spent as well within as without doors, the *al fresco* portion of the festivity being, however, somewhat marred towards its close by the heavy storm which passed over the locality between 6 and 7 o'clock. Good fellowship and hospitality were nevertheless paramount to meteorological influences, and the distinguished company evidently appreciated the hearty welcome which the genial host and his amiable wife gave to each and all.

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The jubilee of the Sutherland of Unity Lodge, No. 460, Newcastle-under-Lyme, was celebrated on the 26th inst. by a banquet. We have been favoured with a very interesting account of the lodge since its constitution in 1839, and to such of our readers as take note of masonic progress in our several lodges, and thereby obtain much valuable information, recommend a perusal of the columns of the *Staffordshire Advertiser* of Saturday last. The length of the article precludes re-production in our paper, but it will remain for awhile on our "Trestle Board" for useful reference.

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We hear of the purchase of a piece of vacant land at Deptford Bridge, S.E., as a site for the erection of a new Masonic Hall. We hope this rumour is true, and shall be glad to congratulate the brethren in that district interested in securing for themselves a temple fitted for the purposes of masonic work. May we express the hope that they will never permit that portion of the building to be set apart for esoteric work to be desecrated by use for any other purpose.

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The contiguous premises of the *Kentish Mercury* were also sold we are informed, and upon the ground will be erected district offices for the London School Board. The proposed masonic hall will therefore be "in good company."

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.—The annual summer entertainment to the residents of the Asylum, at Croydon, took place on Thursday last, and was fairly attended by brethren and ladies interested in the institution. Amongst those present were Bros. C. J. Perceval, who officiated as chairman of the day, W. Eckersall, C. H. Stone, T. Cubitt, J. G. Tongue, G. F. Cook, E. S. Boulter, J. Newton, C. F. Hogard, W. W. Morgan, G. Plucknett, J. S. Fraser, C. G. Hill, H. G. Thompson, Hugh Cotter, A. H. Tattershall, W. Massey, H. M. Hobbs, James Stevens, A. T. Faull, F. E. Terry, J. A. Farnfield, E. Terry, H. A. Lovett, &c., and Mesdames and Misses James Terry, E. Eckersall, James Stevens, W. W. Morgan, Stone, Newton, Tongue, A. R. and C. Massey, Hill, Clara Cooke, Cissie Crutch, K. S. Terry, M. Rucker, Aïda Crutch, Jessie Terry, Lillian Rucker, Cotter, Angelina Hill, Lovett, &c., &c. The majority of the party left Charing Cross and Cannon Street Railway Stations respectively at 3.22 and 3.32 p.m., and after the customary renewal of visits to the residents to the mutual satisfaction of all, partook of high tea. Subsequently, under the direction of Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Miss Emily Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Frances Grahame, Mr. John Crosse, and Bro George Cronin, a very successful musical entertainment was given before the residents and their friends. The performances of all concerned were meritorious and much appreciated, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to them at its termination. Bro. Pritchard gracefully acknowledged the same on behalf of his company and himself, and shortly afterwards the visitors took leave of the residents and separated *en route* for their respective homes.

We Notify that:—

——The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held in the Town Hall, at Weston-super-Mare, on Friday next, the 2nd inst. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, will preside. Lodge will be opened at 1 p.m.

——The Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, held at the Sir Garnet Wolseley Tavern, Warndon Street, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., has adjourned until the 1st Thursday in September.

——The Annual Provincial Lodge of the Province of Essex will be holden in the library at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of the R.W.Prov.G.M., the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, *M.P.*, on Tuesday next, at 2 p.m. The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2.30 p.m. Brethren should attend in dark morning dress, and no jewels are to be worn but those appertaining to Craft Masonry. Carriages will be in waiting at Dunmow Station. Railway fares, single for double journey, on production of summons.

——THE UBIQUE LODGE—No. 1789.—Bro. W. R. Arnold, Royal Artillery, Worshipful Master, will hold its usual quarterly meeting at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, W., on Monday, the 12th inst., at 5.30 o'clock p.m. The agenda paper shows that the following brethren will be balloted for as joining members, viz., Bros. Capt. A. Crawford, *R.A.*, Ockenden Lodge No. 1465; Capt. E. H. Elliot, *R.A.*, Friendship Lodge No. 6; Lieut. V. F. W. A. Paget, *R.H.A.*, J.W. Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge No. 1971; Lieut. W. Jarvis, *R.A.*, P.M. 491, P.P.G.J.D. of Jersey, and the Military Jubilee Lodge No. 2195—and to initiate the undermentioned gentlemen (if approved) viz., Capt. S. W. Lane, *R.A.*, and Sergt. Major G. Allen, *R.A.*: to pass Bro. Capt. W. V. Faber, *A.D.C.* to General Williams, Commanding the Woolwich Garrison, and Capt. T. Y. Osmond, *R.A.*; and to raise Bro. Lieut. R. J. Wilson, *R.A.* Bro. Geo. Mason, *R.A.*, P.M., 139, Alderney Street, S.W., is now the secretary, to whom all communications concerning the lodge should be addressed.

——The next General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on the 10th inst., and not on the 3rd as per calendar.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South African Freemason: Report of Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Scotland, 2nd May, 1889.

W. Bro the Rev. T. W. Lemon, *M.A.*, Prov. G.J.W. of the Masonic Province of Devon, P.S.G.W. of Prov. Mark Grand Lodge of Devon, and Prov. Prior of the Knights Templar of Devon, presented on the 26th inst. a donation of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and completed his gift of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He had previously constituted himself a vice-patron of the Masonic Institution for Girls, and by his recent donations is now vice-patron of all three of the London great masonic charities.

ALLIED DEGREES. — Metropolitan Council, T.I. — The usual meeting of this Council was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at 8a, Red Lion Square. The chair was occupied by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Loveland Loveland, as S.W.; W. G. Lemon, J.W.; Thomas Cubitt, C.: Geo. Powell, Treas.; T. C. Walls, as Sec.; and various other members of the Order of St. Lawrence. Bro. Poore was elected a joining member. The treasurer's accounts were produced and approved. Bro. Sweeney was appointed auditor, and after transacting the business of the Council the brethren adjourned to refreshment at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Quarterly General Court of the subscribers to this institution was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.Treas., presiding. The provisional committee appointed in June last to manage, temporarily, the institution made a further report, in which they stated that since their last report Miss Harcome, matron of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's Society, had been appointed matron of the institution; and that they had appointed Dr. J. J. Lough medical officer to the school for two months, during which time advertisements inviting applications for the more permanent appointment would be published The committee had conferred with Bro. Binckes, the secretary, in regard to the terms of his retirement, but the matter was still under consideration. Bro. Beevir proposed that the report of the provisional committee should be received, that its recommendations should be sanctionod and confirmed, and that the Quarterly Court should authorise them to carry the same into effect. After some discussion the resolution was carried by a large majority.

CONSECRATION OF "THE SCOTS LODGE," No. 2,319.

This newly-founded lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet Street, by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W. as S.W.: Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P., as J.W.: the Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G. Chap., as Chap.: and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C. Amongst the large assembly present were Bros. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All India (Scottish Constitution), Mullet, P.G.D.; Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.; W. B. Fenwick, Grand Registrar of Queensland; Tilden, from America; R. Berridge, P.M.; C. O. Driver, P.M.; Shoppee, P.M.; Levick, P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M.; R. H. Dillon, P.M.; Col. T. Tully, W.M., 1,718; Capt. C. Probyn, P.M., 18; J. R. Stacey, P.M., 1,541; W. W. Snelling, P.M., 1,541; J. Edmeston, P.M.; P. H. Jones, P.M.; D. Forbes, P.M.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.; Pozatti, 756; Gilbert Marsh, 1,185; E. Massey, P.M., &c., &c. Amongst the founders were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master Norths and Hunts., W.M. designate of the new lodge; Vero Shaw, S.W. designate; John Whitehead, P.M., 1425, J.W. designate; George Shaw, P.M. 59, treas.; George Henderson, sec. designate; John Page, W.M. 753, S.D. designate; Thomas Grant, J.D. designate; Charles F. Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer, who was appointed D.C., and James Thomson, steward. Amongst the other founders of the lodge who were at the ceremony were Bros. D. F. Gellion, P.M. 1425, D. Charteris, J. Plenderleith, and Roderick Mitchell, but unfortunately Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. George Edward, and Bro. H. Campbell-Beaver, I.G. designate, were prevented from taking part in the proceedings. The lodge having been duly consecrated, and the Earl of Euston having been installed as W.M., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir John Monckton, Thos. Fenn, the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Frank Richardson, R. Berridge, Capt. Sir Henry Morland, and D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Scots Lodge. The W.M., on behalf of the Founders, presented a Founders' jewel in 18-carat gold to the Grand Secretary as a memento of the ceremony, and the Secretary, Bro. George Henderson, having read a letter of apology from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, who was prevented at the very last moment by his masonic duties from attending, the lodge was closed in due form. A most *recherché* banquet, accompanied by the music of the pipes, was served in the lower hall, the menu including a variety of Scotch courses, such as the traditional cock-a-leekie, hotch potch, sheepsheads, and haggis. The usual patriotic toasts having been drunk with enthusiasm, the Grand Secretary of England, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Euston," took the opportunity of congratulating him upon the brilliant prospect that lay before the Scots Lodge, and most heartily drank his health as its Worshipful Master. —Sir Henry Morland, in replying for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, expressed his profound conviction that a great future lay before the lodge, which has for its main object the drawing closer of the bonds that bind English and Scottish Masons together, and Colonel Clerke having responded for the Consecrating Officers, and the S.W., V. Bro. Shaw, for the officers, a most enjoyable and instructive evening was brought to a termination. In fact it may safely be prophesied that a great future lies before the Scots Lodge, which, it may be observed, is the only central lodge in London that can boast of having its own premises, kitchen and cellar of wine. It may, however, be added that the *cuisine* on Saturday was in the hands of Messrs. Hill and Son, of Bishopsgate Street, as the large number of guests necessitated special arrangements being made for the occasion; whilst the music was superintended by Bro. E. Bryant, of Messrs. Novello's, with the happiest results. It should likewise be stated that Bro. Charles Thomas, Provincial Grand Tyler of Herts, was elected Tyler of the Scots Lodge.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following, amongst other communications, are in type, but must stand over for next number:—Review: "Constitutiones Artis Gemetriæ Secundem Euclydem." Questions and Answers:—M.M.M. and R.A.; J.G.R., W.M., 697, "A Masonic Glee."

UNITED MILITARY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, 29th ult., at the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich. Present—Bros. Wheeler, W.M.; Bilton, S.W.; Sayle, J.W.; Sinnette, S.D.; Carr, J.D.; Benstead, I.G., and Charlie Woods. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Woods candidate, after which the lodge adjourned till Monday, 12th inst.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
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1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th., nr. Croydon
	(1st) FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd.—Nil.	
	(1st) SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd.—*Nil.*	
	(1st) MONDAY, AUGUST 5th.	
	Bank Holiday.	

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th.	
	COLONIAL BOARD, AT 4.	
171	Amity	Ship Hot., Greenwich
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th.	
	GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6.	
	(2nd) THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th.	
1073	Copper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street

MARRIAGES.

Mr. Thomas Sangster, *C.C., M.R.C.V.S.*, &c., of Hayford House, Kennington, whose name is well known to a large number of our readers in connection with "Ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners," was married on the 27th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, to Mrs. Rosa Riches, sister of Bro. George Skudder, P.M. of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, and of Arundel House, Belmont Park, Lee. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of the contracting parties present at the ceremony and subsequent breakfast and garden party which was given at Bro. Skudder's residence. Amongst other members of the Craft present with their respective wives, and in some instances daughters, were Bros. John Lobb, *C.C.*; J. Greenaway, *C.C.*; James Stevens, P.M.; Harper, J. Eidmans, &c. A heavy downpour of rain somewhat marred the *al fresco* portion of the day's enjoyment, but in every other respect the newly wedded pair and their numerous guests had reason to be satisfied with all the arrangements made by Bro. Skudder for "communicating happiness."

Bro. Charles A. Itter, J.W., of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, also well-known in swimming circles, was married on Thursday, the 25th ult., to Miss Horton, second daughter of Mr. T. G. Horton, of St. Paul's Lodge, Camden New Town, in St. Thomas' Church, Wrotham Road, N.W., before a large gathering of friends of the two families, several brethren being also present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the wedding party adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Horton for breakfast, and later in the afternoon the newly-wedded pair left for Lowestoft on their honeymoon.

"WHITE FOR—BLACK AGAINST."

IN a recent issue we made mention of a paper on Voting in Lodges, bearing the above attractive title, prepared by W. Bro. E. B. Greatbatch, P.M. 418, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Staffordshire, and read by him before the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, No. 416, at Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, on the 14th May, 1889, the W.M., Bro. H. Windle, in the chair. By the kind permission of Bro. Greatbatch, we purpose to re-produce this very interesting and valuable address in parts as may be convenient, and of which the following is the first:—

There is an old saying that "Familiarity breeds contempt," and possibly the frequent recurrence of the duty and privilege of Voting in Lodge may have caused us sometimes to cease to remember how much hangs upon what we are then about to do. The constitutions of our Craft lay it down as a law that every candidate shall be submitted to the acceptance or rejection of the Brethren through the medium of the ballot, or more strictly speaking, "Secret Voting," by means of two balls, one white and one black, and our traditional style is to proclaim "White for, Black against." The constitutions further set forth that in *every* case of *three* black balls being deposited the candidate shall be rejected, but it is left to each individual Lodge to decide, when framing its bye-laws, whether or not less than three black balls shall establish the negative. Up to now, in the "Menturia," two black balls have been held to be sufficient, but I believe some Lodges go a step further and accept one black ball as decisive. This method of Voting was no doubt adopted in order to secure absolute freedom of action on the part of every brother present, so that each might silently record his vote without necessarily indicating how he voted, and moreover, to prevent any brother being prejudiced by having voted in any particular direction—by this means every man is left to his own course and to his own conscience—the power is absolute and unrestrained, though the effect is great and far reaching.

At the outset, brethren, before we consider the effect of our votes, I think we may study the initial factor, and reasonably submit ourselves—as Voters—to some consideration and thought, because I fear that we do not always remember, whilst we are availing ourselves of the privilege of Voting, that we are performing a *Masonic duty*—a duty to the Craft in general. Whenever a deacon puts in our hands a black and white ball, they are entrusted to us as *Freemasons*, that is, as "Just and upright men, of sound judgment, mature age and strict morals," and it is then our bounden duty to vote strictly upon Masonic lines, viz., "By acting towards our neighbour on the square, and doing unto him as in similar cases we would wish him to do to us." This power to vote is not accorded to us to be flippantly, lightly, or maliciously used, but calmly, thoughtfully, honestly and honourably. As members of the great body of Masonry, it calls upon us to decide whether or not—in the case of a proposed initiate, he is a fit and desirable person to become a member of the Craft—as members of an individual Lodge it calls upon us to decide whether or not he will probably strengthen our Lodge and become an advantage to her generally. The Craft calls upon us, as far as we are able, to restrict her secrets to "Worthy men, and to worthy men alone,"—our Lodge calls upon us to protect her harmony, welfare and prosperity, and to guard her portals against improper admissions, but at the same time we must remember that we owe a further duty to the Craft and our Lodge. Whilst it behoves each and all of us to keep improper persons outside the Craft, it is also incumbent upon us not to close the door against any suitable candidate—if we believe Masonry to be good, then we ought to do all we can to extend its borders, on safe and good lines, and gladly to admit to its ranks every person of whom we have reason to believe that "He will ultimately reflect honour on our choice." As just and upright men we are bound to exercise our vote fairly and squarely. It is quite true that the black ball is put into our hands to be used, if circumstances demand it, but it is not to be used for private pique, or without calm deliberation. Each and all of us ought to remember that it is an extremely serious matter to black ball a candidate, and consequently we ought to weigh it over well with ourselves before we proceed to that extreme step—it is our plain duty to black ball an unsuitable Candidate *if he is forced upon us*, but I think it would be well for us to reserve the black ball as a final issue. Certainly, we ought never to use it of malice aforethought, or without carefully remembering that the result of the vote may affect very many besides ourselves; and whilst we are bidden to remember "That peculiar moment when we were admitted into Masonry, poor and penniless," we might also with advantage think, as we vote, of the time when our name was submitted to a similar ordeal. The vote is ours by right, and the power to use or abuse it rests with us, but when we have put the ball in the box our power over it has ceased. Not so the result—that may make its mark in a manner totally beyond our ken or desire, and on it may possibly depend the prosperity or misfortune of our Lodge, and whether or not in time to come the genuine tenets and principles of our Order shall be transmitted pure and unsullied through the medium of our lodge.

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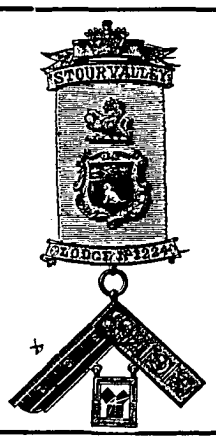
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Proposed United Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

SINCE our last issue we learn, by our advices, that the number of Lodges in favour of the proposed formation of a Grand Lodge for New Zealand is steadily increasing, and that the agitation being now vigorously worked in that Colony is establishing a confidence that, before the close of the present year, an independent Sovereign Grand Lodge will be an accomplished fact. The advocates of the change are amongst the leaders of the Craft, and have the successful examples of other Colonies to guide and encourage them. They consider that no solid arguments have been adduced by those who are at present opposed to their proposal. There seems to be a fairly warranted anticipation that the advent of so experienced a brother as Lord Onslow, and the knowledge that he has discussed the matter with H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master of England, whose prompt and generous recognition of other Colonial Grand Lodges goes strongly to prove that the Masonic autonomy of the Colonies under the Southern Cross is really desired by English rulers, will prove a potent factor in securing the success of the organisation. And the same may be said of the Scotch and Irish rulers; so that altogether it would appear that in the face of such evident desire for a peaceful separation from the Mother Grand Lodges, the opponents of this widespread movement in New Zealand cannot be congratulated on their wisdom or foresight. They may delay its advent for awhile, but as surely as the Moa existed in the land of the Maori, or that there earthquakes do occasionally alter the face of Nature, so surely will Masonic self-government in New Zealand speedily become an established fact, and then, when its many solid benefits manifest themselves, the wonder will be that anybody, even old-time brethren, ever opposed it.

The Executive Committee of the Auckland Masonic Branch of the proposed Union state that while Freemasonry has been in existence in the Colony for nearly half a century, it has been found impossible to establish Masonic Charities of any character upon a broad and permanent basis, on account of the unfortunate division of the Craft into a number of Constitutions; and that the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand would obviate the difficulty by concentrating the Charity of the Craft into one channel, and the foundation and endowment of local Masonic Benevolent Institutions would have, as in other Colonies, a decidedly beneficial effect in stimulating and promoting the Charity of the Brethren.

In our former remarks we referred to and appended a financial statement, which set forth the practical results of Freemasonry in the Auckland district in relation to working expenses and products in aid of Charity, and contrasted the same with the income, expenses and subscriptions in connection with the Benevolent Institutions of our "home" province of West Lancashire. The following statements accompanying the circular we have cited, afford an amount of interesting information meriting the consideration of Freemasons generally, and particularly of those who desire to stimulate and carry into effect the Charity of the Craft. They will also instruct many of our "home" brethren as to the spread of the Order in a Colony wherein they have attachments of relationship or friendship, in regard to which the bond of Masonic union is rather strengthened than weakened by distance and prolonged separation.

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STATEMENT showing Annual Receipts and Expenditure of District and Provincial Grand Lodges, with Number of Lodges under each Jurisdiction, and Approximate Number of Members.

DISTRICT AND CONSTITUTION.	Lodges.	Approximate Number of Members.	RECEIPTS. Balance at end of 1887.	Receipts during 1888.	Totals.	EXPENDITURE. Remitted to Grand Lodges.	On Benevolence.	On District and Provincial Grand Lodges.	Balances at end of 1888.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland, E.C.	19	929	340 13 7	198 13 10	539 7 5	19 17 6	10 3 0	108 16 11	400 10 0
Auckland, S.C.	17	821	274 8 2	215 17 2	490 5 4	51 19 6	0 12 0	129 3 6	308 10 4
Auckland, I.C.	15	810	69 11 10	145 1 10	214 13 8	58 11 6	3 1 0	53 15 0	99 6 2
Wellington, E.C.	19	869	73 10 1	202 1 0	275 11 1	21 13 6	21 17 0	199 12 0	32 8 7
Canterbury, E.C.	20	1243	100 3 6	304 7 8	404 11 2	11 2 6	85 10 0	137 7 0	170 11 8
Canterbury, S.C. (Estimated)	9	652	145 4 11	114 5 6	259 10 5	27 10 4	0 6 4	68 7 9	163 6 0
Otago and Southland, E.C.	14	737	73 4 5	149 12 0	222 16 5	31 19 10	25 10 0	87 13 1	77 13 6
Otago and Southland, S.C. (Estimated)...	22	1152	355 2 4	279 5 9	634 8 1	67 5 1	0 15 6	167 1 0	399 6 6
Westland, E.C.	7	250	72 4 0	64 3 3	136 7 3	7 5 0	...	30 2 0	99 0 3
Nelson and Marlborough, E.C.	6	237	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	148	7700	1504 2 10	1673 8 0	3177 10 10	297 4 9	147 14 10	981 18 3	1750 13 0

We may add to the foregoing that when in Sydney, on a late occasion, the Grand Master of New South Wales proposed the health of Lord Onslow as a Past Grand Warden of England, and expressed the hope that he might see a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand soon; to which Lord Onslow replied that he could not then say anything in reference to the movement, though his sympathies were with unity—solid and harmonious—in Masonry. We read between the lines, and join with our Auckland brethren in hoping, that when the change does come, as it surely will, Brother Lord Onslow will be unanimously elected the first M.W. Grand Master. We believe that the punning motto of his lordship's family is "Festina lente," and we recommend it for adoption by the promoters of the proposed Masonic Union.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held in the library at Easton Lodge, and at half-past two o'clock the Provincial Grand Master, preceded by his officers, entered the Provincial Grand Lodge which was afterwards opened in due form. In the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, the position was occupied by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted, according to ancient form. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and all the lodges were fully represented. The auditors' report and the report of the Charity Committee were then fully discussed. The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren, expressing his satisfaction at the progress that had been made in the province since he was elected their Provincial Grand Master, and commented upon the satisfactory manner in which the business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been carried out without any disputes or disagreements of any kind, and how pleased and proud he was at its being held under his roof.

The next business was the election of Treasurer, this being the only position the brethren have the privilege of electing, and although the present treasurer has occupied the position for the last ten years, to their entire satisfaction, they have arrived at the conclusion it ought be held only for one year (like the Treasurer of Grand Lodge). There were therefore three candidates, viz.: Bros. Durrant, the late treasurer; Joseph Sadler, W.M. of the St. Peter's Lodge, 1024 (and Mayor of Maldon): and Bro. Edward James Acworth, P.M., Epping Lodge, 2077. The Provincial Grand Master thought as there were three candidates the election had better be by ballot. In the result Bro. Sadler obtained the highest number of votes, and was duly elected.

The Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year, and they received the usual salutations. The Provincial Grand Master then stated that, considering the extra amount of work that devolved upon the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Malling, P.A.G.D.C., England, he should recommend his annual fee be augmented to 20 guineas, which was carried unanimously: also that in recognition of his services for the last year a sum of 10 guineas be presented to him, which was also carried unanimously. A committee was then formed to revise the bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge; and afterwards sums of 10 guineas each were voted to the three charities, and a sum of 10 guineas to the Farmers' Benevolent Fund, in consideration of the agricultural distress, particularly in that part of the province.

Letters were then read from Lord Euston, Sir Francis Burdett, Lord Alg. Lennox, Marquis of Hertford, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, and several other distinguished Freemasons, expressing their regret at not being able to attend.

A vote of thanks was unanimously carried for the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master and Lady Brooke for allowing Provincial Grand Lodge to be holden at Easton Lodge, which was duly acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form. A banquet took place in the marquee erected in the grounds, which was admirably served, there being an abundance of everything (champagne Moet, Perrier Jouet and Giesler), and the menu had the words "A good digestion to you all, and once more I shower a welcome on you, welcome all!" The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by several distinguished Freemasons. A very humorous speech was made by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, responding to the toast of the Grand Officers of England, which elicited hearty applause from the brethren. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was drank with great enthusiasm, finishing with that old-fashioned English ditty, "He's a jolly good fellow." Other toasts followed. The Band of the Northumberland Fusiliers played a selection of music during the banquet.

In the evening a short concert was given on the lawn, with some capital recitations, Lady Brooke joining the assembly, and whose presence caused great satisfaction.

The grounds were prettily and tastefully illuminated, and just before leaving there was a display of fireworks, the set-piece being "Welcome to the Freemasons," thus ending one of the most pleasant meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, and which will never be forgotten by some 200 brethren who had the pleasure of being present. We must not forget to mention that the thanks of the brethren are due to the Great Eastern Railway Company, in connection with this meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire was held at the Town Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, under the presidency of the M.W. the Prov. G.M. the Right. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master of England. The apartment had been decorated for the occasion by a committee from the receiving Lodge (St. Kew, 1222). The officers of the P.G.L. were received with due honours at 1.30, and, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Else) the formal part of the business was proceeded with. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the audited accounts of the treasurer produced, the same showing a balance in hand of £93 11s. 11d. as against £143 4s. 1d. at the corresponding period of last year. The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. C. L. F. Edwards) explained that at first sight it would appear that they had lost £50 during the year, whereas their ordinary receipts had exceeded their expenditure by £48, as their disbursements included £89 5s. to the Girls' School, and £18 7s. 6d. annuity to Bro. Woodward. The revised bye-laws were produced, the principal alteration being to the effect that every officer of the P.G.L., on his appointment to office—except that of steward—shall provide himself with and retain the same as his property, a full dress collar and apron of the regulation pattern. This alteration was suggested to save the Province the cost of a new set of office emblems, which are sadly needed. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The M.W. the Prov. G.M. entered the Lodge room at 2.30, accompanied by Bros. Ffarington, W.M., and G. H. Perrett, I.P.M. (officers of the receiving Lodge) preceded by the G.S.B. and P.G. Deacons. His Lordship, having apologised for being late—owing to the crowded traffic on the railway—thanked the D.P.G.M. for having proceeded with the business. He then invested the following brethren with collars of office for the ensuing year:—P.S.G.W. George Ernest Alford, P.M., 1222; P.J.G.W. Arthur Duckett, P.M., 291; P.G. Chap., F. S. Byrde, 1296; assist do., F. W. Macdonald, 329; Treasurer C. L. Fry Edwards (re-elected); P.G. Reg., W. Fuller, 53; P.G. Sec., J. C. Hunt (re-appointed); P.S.G.D., F. W. Warren, 1953; P.J.G.D., A. S. Ashcroft, 1296; P.G.S. Works, G. B. Laffan; P.G.D.C., S. Spill, 793; Assist. do., S. W. Pusey, 437; P.G.S.B., C. E. Pearce, 261; P.G. Standard B., W. E. Bennett. 2038; assist. do., F. Wood, 1199; P.G. Organist, W. E. Sparrow, 906; P.G. Purst., P. Manning, 285; assist. do., T. E. Wilton, 241; Stewards: G. H. Perret, 1222; C. Lockyer, 976; J. Gill, 1966; E. P. Palmer, 772; G. Barry, 814; P.G. Tyler, A. J. Salter; assist. do., C. Bidgood.

The M.W.P.G.M. thought the whole of the large assemblage that day would agree with him in a resolution expressive of their deep regret at the lamented death of Brigadier-General Adair, P.P.G.M. of Somerset, and their sympathy with the bereaved members of his family. The resolution was unanimously carried.

The P.G.M. then proposed that a similar resolution should be recorded in the case of the late Bro. Sumner Toms, who had died during his year of office as P.G.J.W. This was also unanimously carried.

On the proposal of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. P. Ashley,

P.P.G.S.W., was elected as a trustee of the property of the Province in the place of the late Bro. Adair, and the sum of £100 was ordered to be drawn from deposit and invested in consols.

Bro. S. R. Baskett, 329, then proposed "That this Provincial Grand Lodge is of opinion that it is desirable to have a Benevolent Fund for local charitable purposes for the Province of Somerset, and that the matter be referred to the Charity Organization Committee, or to a Committee specially appointed by this P.G.L. to consider the question, and report at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd seconded the proposal, which was spoken to by Bro. White. After some discussion, it was resolved to omit the latter part of the resolution, leaving it to the P.G.M. to determine whether, after consultation with the Charity Organization Committee, it was desirable to convene a special meeting of the P.G.L.

Alms were then collected, amounting to £7 14s. 3½d., which, on the proposal of the W.M. of St. Kew Lodge, seconded by the I.P.M., was voted to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital, and acknowledged by the P.G.S.W. as one of the officers of that institution.

An adjournment was subsequently made to the Grand Atlantic Hotel, where a large number partook of a repast, served in elegant style, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was pleased to express his entire approval of the arrangement made, and congratulated the town on Mr. Drinkwater's extensive undertaking.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business which at the time of our going to press will be submitted for the consideration of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England at the Quarterly Convocation of the 7th inst. (last evening), and which will doubtless have been accepted and approved. After the minutes of the previous Quarterly Convocation have received confirmation, the Committee of General purposes will report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th April to the 16th July, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

To Balance Grand Chapter ...	£123	13	7	By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£304	14	0
„ Balance Unappropriated Account	192	19	7	„ Balance	175	3	7
„ Subsequent Receipts	358	11	6	„ „ Unappropriated Account ...	195	7	1
	£675	4	8		£675	4	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

They also report that they have received the following petitions :—

1st. From Comps. Bro. Henry Platt, as Z.; Donald Cameron, as H.; William Hugh Thomas, as J.; and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, to be called the Star of Gwynedd Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, in the Province of North Wales.

2nd. From Comps. George Joseph Westbury, as Z.; Thomas Edward Lucy, as H.; Edward Arthur Hicks, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, to be called the Semper Fidelis Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, High Street, in the City of Worcester.

3rd. From Comps. Alfred Rixon, as Z.; Walter Galt Gribbon, as H.; Thomas Blanco White, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London, to be called the Moriah Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Comps. Jehanghir Kursetji Rustomji Cama, as Z.; Nathaniel John Goodchild, as H.; Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London, to be called the Regent's Park Chapter, and to meet at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee also report that they have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters, and being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned, viz :—

(1.) The Joppa Chapter, No. 188, from the Albion Tavern to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, London.

(2.) The Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, from St. John's Wood to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

(3.) The Phœnix Chapter of St. Ann, No. 1235, from the Court House to the Town Hall, Buxton.

The Committee further report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, there are, with the exception of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which have not yet signified their intention of joining the Grand Lodge of Victoria, no longer English craft lodges in that colony to which the chapters meeting in the District of Victoria can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the undermentioned chapters be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter :—Nos. 474, Australasian, Melbourne; 530, Victorian, Melbourne; 641, Royal Golden of Bendigo, Sandhurst; 692, Eureka, Castlemain; 713, Yarrowee, Ballarat; 727, Collingwood, Melbourne; 728, St. John, Beechworth; 747, Melbourne, Melbourne; 930, South Yarra, Melbourne.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 17th July, 1889.

"The Masonic Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE HOURS WE SPEND TOGETHER.

BROTHERS assembled here to-night
To give each other greeting,
I find such seasons a delight,—
Brother with Brother meeting;
Strengthening the bond of unity
That time doth fail to sever,
So this my chosen theme shall be—
The hours we spend together.

To our beloved honored guests,
Whose presence gives much pleasure,
Did I fulfil my heart's request
I'd praise them without measure;
But will refrain, and only say
That even wintry weather
Shall pleasant seem as flowers in May
In hours we spend together.

Nor will we silently pass by
Departed ones so near us;
Their spirits may be hovering nigh,
Just nigh enough to cheer us!
Then here's to those we oft have met
In cold or pleasant weather;
Oh, may we never once forget
The hours we've spent together.

And here's to Masons everywhere
Who by Masonic living,
Guided by compass, rule and square,
Are good example giving;
Our hearts are bound in closest tie,
And so—no matter whether
In happiness we meet, or die,
The hours we'll spend together!

Sydney Freemasons' Chronicle.

A MASONIC GLEE.

The "Fairy Tale" which appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1800, is after the style of the subjoined "Masonic Glee" (music by Stepforth), which was published in the *Monthly Review* for 1797, three years earlier.

LIGHTLY o'er the village green,
Blue-eyed fairies sport unseen,
Round and round, in circles gay;
Then at cockcrow flit away:
Thus 'tis said, tho' mortal eye,
Ne'er their merry freaks could spy,
Elves for mortals lisp the pray'r—
Elves are guardians of the fair.
Thus like elves in mystic ring,
Merry Masons drink and sing.

Come, then, brothers, lead along,
Social rites and mystic song;
Tho' nor madam, miss, or Bess,
Could our myst'ries ever guess,
Nor could ever learned divine
Sacred Masonry define,
Round our order close we bind
Laws of love to all mankind!
Thus like elves in mystic ring,
Merry Masons drink and sing!

Health, then, to each honest man,
Friend to the Masonic plan;
Leaving cynics grave to blunder,
Leaving ladies fair to wonder,
Leaving Thomas still to lie,
Leaving Betty still to spy.
Round and round we push our glass,
Round and round we toast each lass.
Thus like elves in mystic ring,
Merry Masons drink and sing!

Newcastle Weekly Chronicle. ANO. INNO, Heaton.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth, on the 1st inst., under the banner of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457. The brethren assembled at one o'clock, and the Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master (Col. Lyne), with the assistance of the following officers :—Capt. S. Homfray, Deputy P.G.M.; Capt. J. A. Bradney, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. L. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. J. Osman, chap.; Rev. H. M. T. Bidwell, assist. chap.; Bro. W. Pickford, treas.; Bro. W. Barnett, regis.; Bro. A. Taylor, sec.; Bro. J. Straker, S.D.; Bro. A. Miller, J.D.; Bro. J. P. Fowler, supt. of works; Bro. J. Stemp, D.C.; Bro. D. R. Jones, assist. D.C.; Bro. R. W. Jones, sword bearer; Bro. J. H. Pethengale, standard bearer; Bro. J. C. Brooke, assist. sec.; Bro. W. B. Jones, organist; Bro. H. Faulkner, pursvt.; Bro. T. L. Preece, tyler; Bro. H. Fletcher, assist. tyler; Bros. Samuel Dean, C. C. Powell, A. Thornton, E. Winfield, and J. Jones, stewards. Afterwards a very *récherché* banquet was provided at the Rolls Hall by Bro. J. Thomas. Over 100 brethren sat down. The hall was beautifully decorated, ladies were present on the stage, and the band of the R.M.E.M. discoursed selections in the gallery.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

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R. M. I. B.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Apropos to your remarks on the subject of the disposal of the surplus of the fees contributed by the stewards, I wish to point out that the final meeting of the stewards at which that surplus was disposed of, was held on the same day and at the same hour as the Special Grand Mark Lodge, a circumstance which no doubt prevented many stewards from attending.

Considerable comment has been made on the fact that the summons for this meeting was issued after that for the Grand Mark Lodge, and had the two not clashed in the way they did, I believe the attendance would have been much larger, and the destination of the surplus probably different.

Yours fraternally,

5th August, 1889. "404."

STEWARDS' FEES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Your editorial note is in no point an answer to my letter. It is precisely because I pay the piper that I insist upon my right to call the tune. My contention is that the money subscribed to the Stewards' Fund of any charity is just as much the money of the charity as any other subscription contributed to it; and that those brethren who accept the office of steward do so with the view of benefiting the Institution for which they are stewards, and not of increasing the income of any paid official.

I consider that it is in every way "improper" for a small number of stewards to divert money subscribed to a charitable institution to a purpose for which it certainly was not given.

Your obedient servant,

HUBERT W. SEAGER, M.B.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. W., CROYDON.—We cannot, at present, give to your letter insertion. It must be thought over in connection with another subject, and just now we have no time to give to it.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Freemasons' Journal, New York; *South African Freemason; Society; The Buddhist*, Colombo; *Latomia; Lifeboat Journal*, August.

MARK MASONRY.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the province of Berks and Oxon was held at Oxford, under the banner of the "Alfred" Lodge, on Wednesday, *31st ulto*, when the Earl of Jersey, who recently resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master, installed his successor, Viscount Valentia, in accordance with the prescribed rites. The event brought together a numerous assemblage of the brethren, including several holding high offices in the Grand Mark Lodge. Lord Jersey presided, supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Chas. Stephens), Bro. Tomkins, P.G. Treasurer and Past Grand Steward; Bro. Ravenscroft, Prov. Grand Secretary, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. Among those present were :—

The Earl of Euston, President of the Board of General Purposes and Past Grand Senior Warden; Sir Lionel Darell, Grand Junior Warden; Major Cook, Bro. H. E. Cousans, Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. C. T. Matier, Grand Secretary; Bro. Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Capt. Airey, Grand Steward; Bev. J. H. Jukes, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. E. X. Leon, Past Grand Deacon; Bro. Pulley, Past Grand Senior Deacon; Rev. J. M. Guilding, Rev. R. W. Pope, Bro. Stephen Knight, Grand Steward; Bro. Margrett, Past Grand Senior Deacon; Bro. Baynes, Past Grand Master Overseer; Bro. W. Sowdon, Past Grand Deacon (Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. H. Lewis, P.G. Chaplain; Bros. Creed, Colville Smith, W. W. Ridley, Stransom, Slaughter, Dormer, Harrold, Graham, Kidd, Kersley, Cosburn, King, Park, Hughes, Marychurch, Simpson, Sherwin, Horne, Nicholson, Arrowsmith, Hewitt. Fenton, Spender, Jackson, Phillips, Crane, Jenkins, and other brethren.

After the usual formalities had been gone through, the P.G. Secretary presented his report, showing a total membership in the province of 252. During the past year there had been ten advancements, but deaths and removals had left the strength of the province much the same as at the last annual gathering. Bro, Ravenscroft added that it was only fair to explain that this province partook somewhat of the character of a nursery for the extension of Mark Masonry, as many of the brethren who resigned membership went elsewhere and spread the Mark Degree, and they might congratulate themselves that the province was not only holding its own, but was really making good headway.

Bro. Margrett presented the report of the committee, who carried out the arrangements for the testimonial to Bro. Pulley on his retirement from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary.

Lord Jersey expressed the pleasure they all felt in seeing Bro. Pulley among them again. They were much indebted to Bro. Pulley, who would no doubt regard the presentation as a small token of their gratitude for all he had done for the good of the Province.

Bro. Pulley thanked the noble Earl for his kind remarks, and for all the consideration shown during the period he held office as P.G. Secretary, and assured the brethren he should never cease to feel a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Province.

The financial report was then presented and adopted, and on the proposal of the Deputy P.G. Master, seconded by P.G. Senior Warden, Bro. Tomkins was unanimously re-appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Lord Jersey read a letter he had received from Marlborough House, expressing the thanks of the Prince and Princess of Wales for the address of congratulation presented to them by Lord Jersey on behalf of the Province on the marriage of their eldest daughter.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. Matier) having reported that Viscount Valentia had been appointed Provincial Grand Master, his lordship was admitted, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Berridge) read the patent of approval and appointment.

Lord Jersey then addressed the P.G. Master-designate on the nature of his duties, expressing his conviction that the noble Viscount would not only observe those written regulations which were intended to advance the welfare of Mark Masonry, but also those unwritten laws which bound the brethren together by the closest ties of friendship. On leaving that chair, which would be honoured by Viscount Valentia filling it, he felt that the future prosperity of the Province was fully assured. Viscount Valentia would bring to the office an amount of energy, and a desire to do his duty, which could but have the happiest and best results. He felt confident from the experience which he had himself gained in this chair, that Viscount Valentia would receive that cordial support and co-operation of the brethren, which was of such great value to a Provincial Grand Master. He hoped Lord Valentia would long be spared to fill the office.

The installation ceremony was then performed, and Lord Jersey invested Lord Valentia with the handsome regalia, and inducted him into the chair.

The newly installed Provincial Grand Master having been proclaimed and saluted, his lordship proceeded to appoint and invest Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested for the ensuing year.

The P.G. Master said that one of his first duties, and a very pleasing one, was to present an address on behalf of the Province to the retiring P.G. Master, Lord Jersey, and he felt quite sure he echoed the feelings of all the brethren when he expressed regret that they had lost the services of so good a man as Lord Jersey as their P.G. Master.

The P.G. Secretary then read the address, which was as follows :—

"Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Berks and Oxon.

To the Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, the Right Honourable, the Earl of Jersey.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—With most sincere regret this Provincial Grand Lodge has to record your resignation of its chief office, and in so doing the hearty wish of the brethren is, that expression shall be given to the deep sense felt by all as to the able, efficient, and genial manner in which your lordship has carried

out the duties devolving upon you during the past ten years in the capacity of Grand Master, contributing thereby so largely to the prosperity enjoyed by the Province from its formation in 1879, until the present time. We beg, therefore, respectfully, that you will accept this address as testifying our grateful appreciation of your rule over us, and ever hope and trust that it may please the G.O.O.T.U. long to spare your life, and if so it may be that we may long retain your interest and influence among us. On behalf of the Province, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

VALENTIA, Prov. Grand Master.
C. STEPHENS, D. Prov. Grand Mas.
July 31, 1889. W. RAVENSCROFT, Prov. Grand Sec.

Lord Jersey said he felt extremely grateful to the brethren of the province for the kind presentation they had just made. He, too, had felt regret in relinquishing the office of Provincial Grand Master, partly because he was aware that he had not carried out its duties so ably and efficiently as the terms of the address might lead them to suppose. They had always had, however, very pleasant and successful meetings whenever the Provincial Grand Lodge had assembled. Although he had vacated the office of P.G. Master, he should still have the pleasure of being a member of the P.G. Lodge, and his feelings towards the brethren would remain exactly the same as during the period he held the more exalted position of P.G. Master. As they were probably anxious to return to the open air, he would content himself by simply thanking them, with a warmth even greater than that of the atmosphere, for all the kindness which had been shown him during the ten years it had been his pleasure to rule over their province, and he heartily reciprocated their kind expressions of goodwill.

The P.G. Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from Lord Carnarvon, Past Grand Master; Bro. Beach, *M.P.*, Past Grand Master; Bro. the Rev. J. S. Studholme Brownrigg; Bro. C. T. Murdoch, *M.P.*, and others.

Bro. Tomkins invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble under the banner of the Abbey Lodge, at Abingdon next year.

The P.G. Master thanked Bro. Tomkins for the kind invitation, and promised to communicate with him on the subject.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and many of the brethren subsequently drove to Woodstock, and by permission of the Duke of Marlborough, inspected Blenheim Palace, and also the orchid houses. They afterwards returned to Oxford and sat down to a banquet, when the customary Mark Masons' toasts were honoured. The weather was delightfully fine, and the brethren spent a most pleasant day.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 1st inst. In the absence of the Grand Master Mason, the throne was occupied by Bro. Elliot, of Wolfelee, G.S.W.; Bro. James Dalrymple Duncan, G.S.D., acted as G.S.W.; and Bro. Colonel John Campbell, as G.J W. There were also present: Bros. the Rev. R. Henderson, G. Chap.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Major Allan, P.P.G.M., of Gibraltar; James Caldwell of Craigielea, P.G.D.; ex-Provost Christie, Stirling; David Hume, P.G.B.B.; James Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., G.M.M.; Lord Haddington, Lord Saltoun, John Graham, of Broadstone, Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; James Berry, Prov. G.M. of Forfarshire; D. Reid, G.B.B.; Rev. Thomas Somerville, G. Chap.; W. Officer, S.S.C., representative from the Grand Lodge of Pensylvania; James Crichton, G.J.; Dr. James Middleton; Prov. G.M. of Berwick and Roxburgshires.

On the motion of the Acting Grand Master, the Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare and forward a loyal and dutiful address to Her Hajesty the Queen in reference to the marriage of the Duke of Fife and the Princess Louise, and also to the Prince of Wales, and to the Duke of Fife and his Royal spouse.

Reports were submitted from which it appeared that the income of Grand Lodge during the quarter ending 20th July had been £1,235, showing an excess of £672 over expenditure. The number of entrants to the order had been 1,300. The income for the first eight months of this year has been £3,686, as compared with £3,416 in the corresponding period last year. During the last quarter £90 had been granted from the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. The annuity fund now amounts to £3,211. A report by Bro. Bringloe, C.A., to the board suggested that it was desirable to keep within safe limits, so as to avoid the necessity of withdrawing any annuity for want of funds, and the keeping in view the liability incurred on existing annuities and the expenses attendant upon the management and administration of the fund, that the total annuities should be restricted to £400 for the first two years until the capital accumulates, and the working of the fund is more thoroughly tested.

Grand Lodge resolved to issue charters to the following new lodges:—"Taurus," Mersina, Syria; "The Golden Light," Potchefstroom, South African Republic; "St. Andrew," Kumara, New Zealand; and "Sir William Wallace," Queensland. On the recommendation of the Grand Master, Lord Clanmorris was appointed as representative of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Communications were submitted from the District Grand Secretary showing that the District Grand Lodge of Victoria under Scottish constitution had been dissolved, and that the lodges under its jurisdiction had transferred their allegiance to the newly formed United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge had announced its establishment, and asked for the grand body official and fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with an interchange of representatives, and that the lodges heretofore hailing from the Scottish constitution be allowed to retain their original charters as memorials of their Masonic connection with Scotland. Grand Lodge resolved to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Victoria, and to accede to the request of the seceding Scottish holding lodges as to the retention of their charters.

A report was submitted from the P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire, Bro. Martin, of Auchendennan, stating the completion of another round of provincial visitation of the twelve lodges of that province. Everywhere he found work being carried on energetically and enthusiastically, and in strict accordance with the constitution and laws, and in hardly an instance was it necessary to suggest improvement, even in subordinate details. The accession of numbers in some of the lodges had been astonishing, and in all substantial. He believed Masonry to be at present in a more satisfactory position in this province than at any time within the recollection of their oldest brethren.

In reference to the subject of issuing circulars, Grand Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:—"Grand Lodge fully recognises the inalienable right of all Master Masons to meet, discuss, and petition Grand Lodge on any matter connected with Masonry; but, when a communication is to be addressed to the whole craft, the sanction of Grand Committee must first be procured."

Bro. Caldwell suggested that the finding should be more explicit, so as to guard brethren from unwittingly infringing the rule, and the matter was sent back to Grand Committee.

The other business was routine.

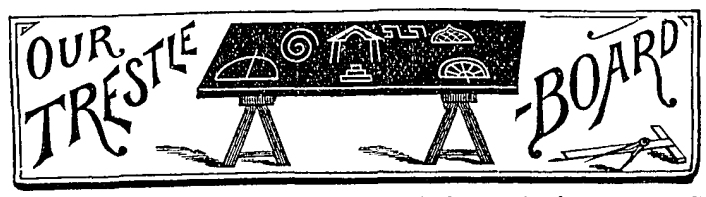
ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

On the 29th ulto. the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Ex-Comp. Major G. C. Davie, Prov.G.S.E., officiated as Prov.G. Supt., *pro tem.*, with the following officers:—Ex-Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G.P.S., P.P.G. 3rd P., H. *pro tem.*; J. S. Hersteman, J.; F. B. Westlake, 70, P.G.S.E. *pro tem.*; W. S. Hearder, 105, P.G.S.N. *pro tem.*; W. Taylor, 328, P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G.R., P.G.Reg. *pro tem.*; G. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.P.S., Prov. G.P.P.S. *pro tem.*; G. R. Barrett, 189, P.P.G.P.S., P.G. 1st A.S. *pro tem.*; J. J. O. Evans, 303, P.G. 2nd A.S.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T., P.G.S.B. *pro tem.*; R. F. Kingdon, 106, P.G.St.B.; W. Gregory, 1284, P.G.D.C.; R. Pengelley, 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.G.A.D.C. *pro tem.*; E. Murch, 202, P.P.G.O., P.G.O. *pro tem.*; F. Shooter, P.G. Janitor. There was a large attendance of the companions, and among those also present were:—Ex-Comps. R. H. Rae, 189, P.P. 3rd G.P.; J. R. Lord, 70, P.P.G.T.; J. Kinton-Bond, 70, P.P.G.T.; W. K. Michell, 156, P.P.G.Reg.; J. Du Pre, 70, P.P.G.P.S.; Major J. S. Swann, 847, 494, P.P.G.S.B.; P. B. Clemens, 156, P.P.G.A.S.; C. Watson, 954, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Harris, 1138, P.P.G.A.S.; J. Allen, 1099, P.P.G.St.B.; F. C. Hallett, 303, P.P.G. St.B.; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Miller, 223, P.P.G.St.B.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.O.; E. Binding, 202, P.P.G.O.; George Whittley, 156, P.P.G.O. Ex-Comp. Davie apologised for the absence of Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the P.G. Supt. His lordship, he said, had made every arrangement to attend that convocation, and had arrived in the West for that purpose, when he was unexpectedly recalled to London to attend to his Parliamentary duties. Ex-Comp. W. G. Rogers, P.G.H., was also unavoidably absent through a meeting of the Exeter City Council being held that day, which he had to attend as city treasurer. The acting P.G.S.E. reported that twenty-seven chapters had forwarded their returns and dues. The P.G. Treas. reported that the receipts for the year had been £97 15s., and that the present balance in hand available for the votes of the chapter was £42. Ex-Comp. Kersteman proposed, and Ex-Comp. Du Pre seconded, that 20 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for widow-, the sum to be placed on the steward's list of Ex-Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. Ex-Comp. Lord proposed that £7 10s. each be voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Ex-Comp. Cornish seconded, and both propcsitions were unanimously adopted. On the proposition of Ex-Comp. J. Kinton Bond, seconded by Ex-Comp. Du Pre and supported by several other members, Ex-Comp. J. W. Cornish was elected the treasurer. Ex-Comps. J. R. Lord and J. Kinton Bond were elected the auditors. The acting P.G. Supt. then invested the officers for the year:—Ex-Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112, 2nd P.G. Principal; Major J. S. Swann, 847, 3rd P.G. Principal; Major G. C. Davie, 251, P G.S E.; F. B. Westlake, 70, P.C.S.N.; J. W. Cornish, 223. P.G. Treas.; J. Bradford, 1358, P.G. Reg.; W. Allsford, 202, P.G.P.S.; J. Moysey, 223, P.G. 1st A.S.; D. Cross, 1205, P.G. 2nd A.S.; C. Croydon, 189, P.G.S.B.; J. Gifford, 2025, P.G.St.B.; J. R. H. Harris, 230, P.G.D.C.; A. Pidsley, 106, P.G.A.D.C.; W. S. Hearder, 105, P.G.O.; and F. Shooter, P.G. Janitor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

A convocation of the Staffordshire Grand Chapter was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on the 2nd inst., the principal business being the installation of Col. Foster Gough as Provincial Grand Superintendent. The ceremony was admirably performed by Ex-Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The following provincial appointments were made by the Grand Superintendent:—Comps. J. Bodenham, 726, H.; A. G. Prince, 546, J.; H. Kitson, 519, E.; E. Kempton, 482. N.; C. A. Newnham, 419, treas; A. Caddick, 482, registrar; W. Brickil, 546, P.S.; E. S. Hildick, 539, 1st asst. sec.; J. Mottram, 726, 2nd asst. sec.; H. Windle, 418, swd. bearer; H. Jenkins, 482, std. bearer; G. H. Stanger, 419, D.C.; Frederick Taylor, 726, A.D.C.; F. Willmore, 539, org.; Capt. G. W. Walker, 419, A.S.E; D. Jones and G. Vaughan, stewards. After the closing of the chapter a banquet was held, and was presided over by Col. Gough.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Brethren, kindly send in your renewals! It takes money to print a newspaper when lodges are called off in summer, as well as during the rush of labour when the different bodies are at work. We want all the assistance our friends in the craft can give us, as well by introductions and subscriptions as by contributions of general interest to the fraternity. Advertisers who are Freemasons, should also give us what aid they can. "It is the hope of reward that sweetens labour," and we shall not be forgetful of our programme and promises if such reward is meted out to us liberally, as amongst such a community as constitute our order it ought to be, if our paper is not altogether worthless.

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Our "questions and answers," we are pleased to note, attract the attention of several of our foreign exchanges, notably that of the *South African Freemason*, which quotes at length. We appreciate the compliment, and greatly esteem the acknowledgement of the source of information.

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There is great advantage to be obtained in most instances by "taking time by the fore-lock," and the recently appointed Grand Secretary of Mark Masons of England, &c., appears to understand the value of early preparation in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund, for we learn that even within the short period which has elapsed since the festival of the 24th ult., some important arrangements have been made for that which is appointed to be held on Wednesday, the 23rd July, 1890. At this date there are already forty-two accepted stewardships, and amongst the brethren whose names have been forwarded, are those of some of the most distinguished noblemen and gentlemen connected with the order. It is also interesting to learn that several ladies of high degree, whose interest has been greatly excited by companionship with the brethren at former festivals, will aid the fund by association with the stewards' lists, and we may be sure that the result of their persuasive canvass amongst relatives and friends, will have no unimportant effect in swelling the amount of the general contributions. We trust that many of our fair sisters will follow the example set them, and share in our "grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness."

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We stated in our last issue that a site had been secured at Deptford Bridge, S.E., for the purpose of erecting thereupon a Masonic Hall, for the convenience of the numerous members of the Craft residing in that district; and we are now informed that a meeting is to be held in furtherance of the project at New Cross Hall, near the station, on the South Eastern Railway, at 8 o'clock *to-morrow* (Friday) evening, when Bros. Roberts and Wall will submit a sketch plan of the proposed building, with an estimate of the probable cost thereof. The assistance and advice of brethren connected with the several lodges in the neighbourhood is invited, and communications from those who may desire to be present will be esteemed by the secretary, *pro tem.*, Bro. N. Brokenshire, of 86, Lewisham High Road, New Cross, S.E.

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A new Masonic Hall is also about to be built at St. Ives, Cornwall, for the Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272. Operations were commenced by the contractor (Bro. Robert Toy), last week. The lodge will have a magnificent suite of rooms, and from the healthy state of Freemasonry in Cornwall, we trust other lodges in that province may be enabled to follow the example of the Tregenna Lodge in their respective towns.

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The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of Cornwall, has fixed Tuesday, the 27th August, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It will he held at Liskeard, under the banner of Lodge "St. Martin" (570), the brethren of which met on Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., and appointed various committees to carry out all the arrangements necessary to give to the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge a thoroughly cordial welcome. The Grand Lodge meeting will be held in the Town Hall, and at the conclusion of the business the brethren will dine together in the Market House. The usual service will be held in the parish church.

LANCASHIRE.—WESTERN DIVISION—GARSTON.—LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 220. The annual summer meeting of this Lodge was held on the 29th. ult. when a picnic party was arranged for a visit to Llangollen. The train started from Lime Street, Liverpool, at 7.40, calling at Allerton to pick up the bulk of the party, and arrived at Llangollen at 10. The first place visited was Plas-Newydd with its quaint surroundings, after which dinner was provided at the Royal, the chair being occupied by Brother Lawton, W.M., who was supported by the I.P.M., Brothers T. F. Hill, P.G.S.B., W. S. Vine, D.C. and P.G.D.C., H. Hatch, P.M., William Olver, P.M. The Vice-chairmen were Brothers Fisher, S.W., and Billingsley, J.W. The party were afterwards photographed on the lawn of the hotel. They then drove in wagonettes to Corwen, a drive which all thoroughly enjoyed. On returning tea was served, after which several ladies and gentlemen ascended to Castle Dinas Bran, whilst others visited Berwyn and Valle Crucis Abbey. The return journey was commenced at 9.20, and on arriving at Allerton omnibuses were waiting to convey the party to their respective destinations, all having spent a very pleasant day.

Questions and Answers.

*** *Querists will please note that we decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—*Why are objections raised to the wearing of Mark Master Masons' Jewels by visitors to Craft Lodges, seeing that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Mark Master as well as M.W. Grand Master of United Grand Lodge in Craft Masonry?*—M.M.M. and R.A.

A.—Only such jewels as are appropriate to "pure and ancient" Masonry, which consists of the respective degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, can be legally worn in Craft Lodges. The Mark degree, important and valuable though it is, and the proper complement of the F.C. as the R.A. is that of M.M., is not "recognised" by the United Grand Lodge of England, although a large number of the most distinguished members of the latter, are also connected with the former. To permit the introduction of the Mark Masters' jewel into a Craft Lodge would open the door to the admission of similar decorations belonging generally to what are termed "side" degrees; and the W.M. is bound to take notice, if his attention is called thereto, of any infringement of section 289 of the Book of Constitutions, and to require strict obedience therewith.—ED. M.S.

REVIEW.

Constitutiones Artis Gemetriæ Secundem Euclydem: a fac-simile of the Early Poem on Freemasonry, from the original MS. presented by King George II. to the English Nation in 1757, now in the British Museum (Bibl. Reg. 17, A 1). London: Spencer & Co., Great Queen Street; Boston, U.S.A.: Clarke & Carruth, 340, Washington Street—1889. (See advertisement for description and price.)

THE HALLIWELL MS.—There has been recently published, the exact size of the original, and *fac simile* in type and binding, the admittedly oldest genuine record in connection with the literature of the Craft, and to which attention was in the first instance drawn by the late Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillips. The MS. which is known amongst the *literati* as "Constitutiones Artis Gemetrie Secundem Euclidem, a poem of Moral Duties," formerly belonged to Charles Theyer, a collector of the seventeenth century, and is No. 17 A 1 in the Bibl. Reg. British Museum. The poem, which is supposed to have been written about 1390, or earlier, is extremely interesting throughout, and quoting the excellent preface to the reproduction by Bro. H. J. Whymper, *C.I.E.*, P.D.D.G.M., Punjab, "commences by stating that ancient books relate how lords and ladies of high position were once in difficulties as to choosing a profession for their children, and employed learned men to educate them, so that they might be able to secure an honest livelihood. 'Gemetry' or Masonry was most in repute; it was 'the moste oneste craft of alle.' The greatest teacher or clerk was Euclid. 'Hys name hyst spradde ful wondur wyde.' He inculcated the principle of mutual instruction, and taught that a brotherly love should govern the actions of his scholars. The most worshipped should be called Master; but amongst the craft generally no other name than fellow should be used, even if one excelled another in ability. He enjoined this from the social equality of all. 'For cause they come of ladyes burthe.' This appears to convey the very earliest indication as to why *Free*mason was adopted later on. The poem then recites the history of the introduction of masonry into England in the time of 'good King Adelston,' * * * * and many quaint and curious allusions to customs and proverbs now current will be found in the articles and points, or in the divisions of the duties of the craftsman." The study of this valuable work, which is reproduced in the original writing of the 14th century, with a transcript in language of lesser antiquity, is facilitated by a glossary which forms the third portion of the entire volume. We commend it to the earnest consideration of all members of our ancient Craft desirous of tracing back our ritual and observances to the remotest period which appears to connect operative with speculative Freemasonry.

"WHITE FOR—BLACK AGAINST."

(*Continued from page 309.*)

Having said this much of ourselves as Voters, I purpose, in order to prevent myself from rambling discursiveness, to consider the *effect* of our votes.

1st—With regard to the Candidate.
2nd—Upon his supporters.
3rd—Upon the Lodge in General.

1st—WITH REGARD TO THE CANDIDATE.

Although the Candidate is not a brother amongst us, and has not the claims of the Craft upon us, yet he has the broad claims of right—his application to join us does not confer upon us any moral right to go outside or beyond the first principles of equity—rather as members of a Craft "Founded upon the purest principles of Virtue;" and we ought to approach the consideration of his application with the exactness of Truth, the dignity of Honour, and the excellence of Virtue. Let us never forget that we are deciding the petition of an absent man, powerless to defend himself, absolutely helpless in the matter, and unable to seek any reparation if we, intentionally or unintentionally, injure him; if an unworthy act is done he knows no one person in the matter, he can only regard it as a wrong done by the Craft in general, and our Lodge in particular. By his proposer and seconder he has made known his desire to become one of us, and there his individual action has to cease, he cannot plead or argue with us, nor can he *demand* admission.

He prefers his request and we sit in judgment on him; this helplessness on his part surely ought to influence us to let "Prudence direct us and justice be the guide of our action." It is always an invidious and unpleasant position for a man to find himself black balled in any society or club, and often carries with it a social stigma totally undeserved. It frequently brands a man with unnecessary severity, as no reasons can be demanded or explanations sought; the bare, bald fact lies there, he has been rejected—the reasons may be good. bad or indifferent, he cannot compel the divulgence of them—he has submitted himself to a silent tribunal, and though conscious of his own rectitude he cannot take a single step to prove the decision wrong. Surely, therefore, as right thinking men, we ought to be very carefnl to do that which is equitable to a man who has placed himself so unreservedly in our hands. I hold that it is utterly unfair for us to declare that a man is unfit to join our Craft except upon the most powerful reasons. On this head I know that I go further than some of my brethren, for I am of opinion that my personal likes or dislikes ought not to be allowed to influence me in voting. Individually, I feel that all that ought to weigh with me is whether or not the Candidate is an honourable upright man, likely to become an honour to the Craft and an advantageous member of the Lodge. Though I do not like him, I would never oppose a Candidate on that ground alone, still less would I wound his self-respect and his social status by a black ball. A man who asks to become one of us pays us the compliment of thinking us a body of which he would like to form a part, thereby indicating "A favourable opinion preconceived of the Institution," if nothing else. In many cases he has friends or relatives in our ranks—in others the associations of past days carry remembrances of those whom he knew to be Masons, whose life he honoured and whose death he regretted. Such a man cannot conceive other than that his desire to join us will meet with fair consideration and an equitable decision—his ideas of our integrity are high—he believes us to be bound together by bonds invisible to the outer world, but which are evidenced by their results, and he feels safe in awaiting the decision of such a Court. To my mind, whatever it may be to others, it is a supreme height of cowardice and cruelty to hit an absent, defenceless man with a black ball, unless we are convinced that he is unfit to be a Freemason, and that our duty to the Craft demands that we shall reject him.

Rightly or wrongly, Freemasonry is generally held to be a respectable and reputable association, and the fact that a man has been ignominiously rejected therefrom carries with it, to very many people, a serious stigma—at any rate, brethren, we may take it as a general principle that to black ball a man is to inflict a wound upon him personally, sometimes upon those who are near and dear to him, and not unfrequently to seriously prejudice him in many ways. As I have before said, no man has a right to *demand* admission amongst us; through the voice of one of our brethren he *asks* us to receive him—willing to join us in all good faith—knowing little or nothing of the nature of our Institution, but, assuming the good, he desires to cast in his lot with us. Let us then, brethren, take heed that no man suffers injury at our hands improperly by closing our door in his face, unless, after due thought and strict examination, we feel impelled to do so in the interest of the integrity and welfare of our Craft, in the prestige and prosperity of our Lodge.

And now, brethren, in the second place, we go on to consider our votes in connection with the

PROPOSER AND SECONDER OF THE CANDIDATE.

As in the former case we are, at the outset, face to face with *responsibilities*, viz., those of the Proposer and Seconder, and those of the Voter. None of us ought ever to forget that on his entrance into the Lodge the Candidate has to pledge himself that he is "Unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends," which clearly carries home to us that we ought to be very guarded not to unduly influence any man to seek to join us. We ought never to tempt a man to join us in the hope of pecuniary gain in any way or shape, or simply that our Lodge may benefit to the extent of his fees. Every Candidate ought to know that Freemasonry *is not* a benefit society, and we should be cautious how we lead men to seek admission into our ranks under any other idea than that honour and integrity are our bond of union, and no man out to be allowed to ask to be made a Freemason in the expectation that he will get absolutely 20s. or more, in meal or malt, for every sovereign he pays to us—this is a responsibility which meets us as between Craftsmen and those who have a desire to become so—do not let us even by implication mislead those who wish to join us. I think we may take it that, generally speaking, it is a great pleasure to any earnest member of a Lodge to propose for initiation a worthy man, and we cannot conceive a good Mason proposing any other; at the same time it is a pleasure which carries with it a serious responsibility, because if once admitted the nominee must always remain a Freemason, and may largely make or mar the happiness of our Lodge—he may bring disgrace upon us, or he may attain "The highest honour the Craft can give or the Lodge bestow." More especially does this responsibility heavily rest upon brethren who are matured members of the Lodge, or have attained any rank therein—and, generally speaking, it is considered desirable to have propositions made by brethren who have been members of the Craft sufficiently long to have acquired a knowledge of the landmarks, as well the unwritten laws which are recognised. In many cases it must needs be that the person proposed is totally unknown to some of the brethren—possibly to the greater part—and then it necessarily follows that those brethren have little or nothing to guide them in their decision but the remarks made by the Proposer, Seconder and Supporter (if any). Here then is the responsibility which rests upon the sponsors of a Candidate—they are the only guarantees of the fitness of the Candidate to those brethren to whom he is unknown, hence it is the duty of every man before he prop ses a Candidate to satisfy himself, as far as may be, as to his moral fitness and general reputation. To most brethren it would be a matter of grief and regret if a Candidate they had proposed ultimately brought disgrace upon himself and the Craft, and if such a Candidate had been recklessly and incautiously introduced, a certain amount of regretable blame might attach to the proposer. More especially does this apply to Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge—their position demands that they shall exercise the greatest possible care and scrutiny before they submit a proposal to the Lodge. They are men of leading amongst us, and their influence is too great to be used lightly. In the case of a brother held in high esteem in the Lodge proposing a Candidate, the simple fact of his doing so would, by many, be accepted as sufficient evidence in itself of the entire suitability of the nominee for election. Therefore, brethren of Masonic rank and position are under the gravest responsibility not to propose any man until they are able to speak with perfect confidence that to their knowledge he has not done anything unfitting him for the honour of election. When a brother proposes a Candidate in whom he has implicit confidence. he naturally expects his election—he looks forward with pleasure, possibly with pride, to the introduction of his nominee, especially if that gentleman is a personal friend. The Proposer anticipates with gratification the pleasure of having his friend one of us, proud that he has been able to swell the ranks of the Lodge, and well satisfied that he has been the means of enabling his friend to gratify a laudable desire. All at once, unexpectedly and undeserved, he sees all this shattered to the winds. He has to tell his nominee that he is rejected, though he cannot tell him why, and instead of having been a friend to his friend he suddenly feels conscious that he has brought his name to a place where it can be tarnished cruelly and mercilessly without resistance, without appeal, without a word of sympathy, silently, effectively, irresistably the bolt is shot—no heed is taken that it wounds a man with his hands tied and his mouth closed. Brethren, from my heart I pity the man who has to tell his friend that all this has been through the medium of himself—it is an uncalled for hardship, but if I pity the Proposer in such a case, what about the brother who has black balled from childish, thoughtless, or unworthy motives. I pity him, too, that he has so little true manhood about him, he is a Mason in name, but that is all. Nothing but an overpowering sense of duty could render such an action tolerable, let alone justifiable. The effect of black-balling not based upon equity must have a serious effect on the Proposer, Seconder and Supporters of a Candidate—to most men it would be a matter of deep chagrin and disappointment, others, conscious of the rectitude of their nomination and the entire suitability of their Candidate, might think it a side blow at themselves, others might suspect an unworthy combination to thwart the prosperity of the Lodge, but to one and all where the rejection has no foundation in equity the result must be untoward, as it destroys the feeling of repose and safety which a consciousness of existing equity inspires. If we cannot feel that our brethren will mete out to us perfect justice (at least in these matters), our confidence is impaired, an atmosphere totally foreign to that of fraternity is introduced amongst us, and comparative discord takes the place of accord. The Proposer and Seconder feel that a slight has been put upon them, and in the case of unexpected black balling they feel that an injury has been done to them and their nominee, inasmuch as no one was good enough to "Timely warn them of approaching danger." Every proposer of a Candidate, in perfect good faith, and with due care, is efficiently performing one of his Masonic duties, viz., that

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge and Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
	(This Day) (2nd) THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
	(2nd) FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th.—Nil.	
	(2nd) SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4 (by adjournment from 3rd inst.)	
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
	(2nd) MONDAY, AUGUST 12th.	
1789	Ubique	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
	(2nd) TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th.	
1769	Clarendon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.	
1228	Beaconcree...	Pri. Room, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone
1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1586	Upper Norwood	White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood, S.E.
	(3rd) THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th.	
R.A.C. 507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.

of maintaining and extending the principles of the Craft, and adding to the usefulness of his Lodge—this being so he is entitled to the thanks of the Craft and Lodge, and he ought not to be put to the unpleasantness of his Candidate being black balled if it can be avoided. Rebuffs of this kind check the zeal of brethren, wound their susceptibilities, and for a time at least deprive them of the pleasure they formerly felt in meeting their brethren in open Lodge assembled. Their motives and intentions have been good, and as such are entitled to our cordial respect; it ill becomes us, therefore, to meet such actions with an ill-timed blow or an unworthy or thoughtless rejection of the Candidate they propose to us.

(To be continued.)

GLEANINGS.

RITUALS IN FREEMASONRY.—Are rituals essential to the preservation of the practical unity and universality of Freemasonry? This question comes naturally when one hears the flippant sneers of certain brethren who seem to find nothing so utterly useless and reprehensible as an absolute fidelity to the ritual. "The parrot-like repetition of the ritual" comes easily from the lips of those who, having a ready flow of language, seem to believe that they are the only thoughtful and intelligent men in the fraternity, apparently unmindful of the fact that many a long address contains but a grain of thought in a great mass of verbosity. The men who have left their impress on the great institution from the earliest times have believed in, and been active in favour of, a ritual in every Masonic body of either rite. Not that the ritual is all there is to Masonry by any means, but that a ritual is essential, if the institution is not to be allowed to degenerate into a mere series of social clubs, thereby losing that which more than any other one thing has preserved its real unity throughout the whole civilised world. It is easy for the fluent and indolent man to talk of the uselessness of committing the ritual to memory, when the great trouble is that he is too indifferent to learn, though his assurance is so great that he thinks his own weak words will convey more meaning than the language of the ritual. Too many men of this class are in the institution, and they do it injury by their vapourings. The fact is that the ritual, carefully learned and earnestly rendered, will always make an impression, even though the officer has not had the advantage of a college education, or the gift of oratory. Wherever and whenever the officers of any Masonic body render their work with fidelity to the ritual, there always, and without exception, will be found a prosperous body, with good attendance, even when the officers are not men of brilliant attainments, for the earnestness and thought they have given to memorising the ritual manifests itself in the rendition of the work, and real earnestness is always impressive. Any Mason who has been an attendant on the meetings for many years can instance from his own recollection the truth of this statement, and he may also remember where the prosperity of such a body has been seriously injured by having at its head some naturally brilliant man, too indolent to learn the ritual, who substitutes his own flashy and vapid utterances for the stately, solid and thought-inspiring language of the ritual. It is not claimed that the phraseology of the ritual in any of the degrees is absolutely perfect by any means, but it is the language that the great mass of the Craft has decided should be used, and no man has any right to accept office unless he means "in good faith and conscience, and to the best of his ability" to give the work correctly. A paper was quite recently read before a Masonic assemblage in which the author took occasion to speak sneeringly of Grand Lecturers and of their efforts to have the officers of subordinate bodies endeavour to conform to the ritual as adopted by the Grand body. The oft-repeated statement was made that the officer who repeats his ritual correctly gives it in a "meaningless and parrot-like manner." Among those who were present as listeners on the occasion referred to, were a considerable number of brethren who have been careful, painstaking and accurate ritualists, who have for years been noted among the Craft, not only for their fidelity to the ritual in the various bodies which they have served, but also for the intelligent and effective manner in which they worked, conveying to the thoughtful listener the deep meaning of the spoken words. Yet the author of the paper referred to, made frequent and uncalled-for allusions to Grand Lecturers and their work, as though a man ought to take upon himself this most important and laborious office and teach, not the ritual, but whatever might suggest itself to his mind. And after all this talk against correct rendering of the ritual, stated that he was much in favour of a "General" Grand Lodge in order that there might be a greater uniformity of work throughout the country. Those who have for years been active and painstaking in behalf of uniformity in ritual, believe rather in encouraging careful and earnest study among the office bearers, firm in the faith that those who know the ritual thoroughly are those who may be depended upon to teach the lessons which the work is intended to convey, in the most intelligent manner, impressing candidates and members with the beauty of Faith, Hope, and that Charity, which is synonymous with Brotherly Love, strengthening in the minds of all a firm belief in the great and fundamental truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.—*Bro. Seranus Brown, in the Liberal Freemason.*

To the oft repeated question, "If the secrets of masonry are replete with such advantage to mankind, why are they not divulged for the general good?" It may be answered, were the privileges of masonry to be indiscriminately dispensed, the purposes of the institution would not only be subverted, but our secrets, becoming familiar like other important matters, would lose their value and sink into disregard. It is a weakness in human nature that men are generally more charmed with novelty than with the intrinsic value of things. Innumerable testimonies may be adduced to confirm this truth. Do we not find that the most wonderful operations of the Almighty, however beautiful, magnificent, and useful, are overlooked because common and familiar! The sun rises and sets, the sea ebbs and flows, rivers glide along their channels, trees and plants vegetate, men and beasts act; yet these, being perpetually open to view, pass unnoticed. The most astonishing productions of nature on the same account escape observation, and excite no emotion, either in admiration of the great cause, or of gratitude for the blessing conferred. Even virtue herself is not exempted from this unhappy bias in the human frame. Novelty influences all our actions; what is new, or difficult in the acquisition, however trifling or insignificant, readily captivates the imagination and ensures a temporary admiration; while what is familiar, or easily attained, however noble or eminent, is sure to be disregarded by the giddy and the unthinking. Did the *essence* of masonry consist in the knowledge of particular secrets or peculiar forms, it might, indeed, be alleged that our pursuits were trifling and superficial. But this is not the case; they are only the keys to our treasure, and having their use, are preserved; while from the recollection of the lessons which they inculcate, the well-informed mason derives instruction; he draws them to a near inspection, views them through a proper medium, adverts to the circumstances which gave rise to them, and dwells upon the tenets they convey. Finding them replete with useful information, he prizes them as sacred; and, being convinced of their proprietary, estimates their value by their utility. Vain, therefore, is each idle surmise against the plan of our government. While the laws of the Craft are properly supported, they will be proof against every attack. Men are not aware that by decrying any laudable institution they derogate from the dignity of human nature itself, and from that good order and wise disposition of things, which the Almighty Author of the world has framed fer the government of mankind, and established as the basis of the moral system. Friendship and the social delights can never be the objects of reproach; nor can that wisdom, which hoary time has sanctified, be a subject for ridicule. Whoever attempts to censure what he does not comprehend, degrades himself, and the generous heart will pity the mistakes of such ignorant presumption.—"*Freemasonry*," *by Thomas Lewis Fox, C.S.*

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Our Second Volume.

WITH this number we complete the Second Volume of THE MASONIC STAR. It affords us the opportunity for thanking those members of the Craft who have given us encouragement during the past year; and especially those connected with our District Lodges, whose larger proportionate assistance is somewhat remarkable when comparing the respective home and foreign sections of our subscribers' lists. That we have supplied to a considerable extent the expressed want of our Colonial brethren for masonic home news, at a minimum of cost, is a source of much gratification to ourselves; and we shall hope to be enabled to continue to merit further and increased support from them. It would not be altogether truthful in us to say that our fullest expectations have been realised, in respect of the furtherance of our work, by the more general patronage of the Lodges and their members in this country. There is much wanting in this respect. Nevertheless we have reason to be satisfied that so much has been done in our behalf, and in that of extending the literature of Freemasonry amongst all classes of our brethren. At the moment we have before us an attempt to increase the sphere of our usefulness, and much will depend on the response which may be given to the proposals made in connection with this journal as to our immediate and future course of action. We have it in contemplation rather to enlarge than diminish our pages, and the present issue must not be considered as by any means a sample of past or future numbers. In view of preparations for intended extension, the lessened interest in all masonic work during the vacation, the dearth of any masonic news of importance, and other cognate reasons, amongst which may be fairly taken into account relaxation for ourselves, we have ventured to close our second volume in a somewhat contracted form, reserving sundry communications, correspondence and essays for the opening of Volume Three.

Masonic Halls.

WE have noted with much satisfaction, during the past twelve months, an evident and very laudable desire, on the part of individual lodges in some instances, and by the aggregation of several lodges in the same town or district in others, to secure for the especial purposes of the esoteric work of Freemasonry, accommodation distinct from that afforded by buildings erected or utilized for other objects. It has long been a growing evil, if not a scandal to the Craft, that association with premises of a public character has been more or less encouraged. Whether or not these are connected with businesses subject to supervision under the licensing laws of the country, or applied to other objects which adversely affect the absolutely necessary privacy of lodge working,—in other words, if the place of meeting be one of general public resort,—it is injurious to Freemasonry, the inviolable secrecy connected with which should ever be considered as paramount and essential to its vital interests.

Amongst other projects for the erection of masonic halls, some of which have been carried to a successful issue, and others are now in course of development, we have had occasion to record since the first day of October, 1888, the following. On that date the foundation stone of a new masonic hall was laid at Howden, Yorks. (East Riding), in connection with the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 630, by the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. and Deputy Grand Master of that Province; on the 3rd of the same month the same distinguished brother opened and dedicated a similar building at Hull, Yorks. (E. and N.) for the accommodation of the Kingston and De la Pole Lodges; on the 22nd of October a new Freemasons' Hall, formerly Club premises, in Castlegate, York, was dedicated by the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting there for that purpose; on the 25th of the same month the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire and P.G.D. (England), opened a new Masonic Hall at Rotherham under the banner of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, and "for the use of the local Freemasons"; on the 2nd of January, 1889, a new Freemasons' Hall and Club was opened in Plymouth, and the Hall dedicated in Provincial Grand Lodge by Viscount Ebrington, *M.P.*, Prov. G. Master of Devon; in the early part of May last an influential committee were promoting under favourable auspices the erection of a Masonic Hall at Blyth, Northumberland, for the use of the members of the Blagdon Lodge,

No. 659, then meeting at a Mechanics' Institute in that town; on the 7th of July a handsome building in Church Street, Crook, Durham, was solemnly consecrated and dedicated to the services of Freemasonry; just previously (June 25th) a company was registered for the purpose of erecting a new Masonic Hall at Dawlish, in Devon, and we believe it is satisfactorily progressing; recently, a similar building has been opened at Sittingbourne, Kent, by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master; contractors have commenced the erection of a Hall for the Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272, at St. Ives, Cornwall, and though last not least, the Freemasons of the South Eastern District of London have now before them a proposal for the formation of a company to erect a spacious Masonic Hall at Deptford, an announcement in respect of which will be found in another column.

The foregoing have come under our direct notice and there may be many others of which we have no cognizance. These are sufficient in number and importance, however, to encourage efforts in other localities towards the same good end. The latest project above referred to appears to be surrounded by fortuitous circumstances which should attract attention from the South Metropolitan brethren. An admirable site has been secured near the Broadway, at Deptford, and the erection thereon of a handsome building would be of inestimable public advantage in many respects, though in none more, from our point of view, than in providing ample accommodation for the numerous Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Instruction which abound in that largely populated locality.

It has been said that "Masonic Halls do not pay," and probably in some instances, in years gone by, there may have been reason for the statement. But we believe that in most of those it could be ascertained that mis-management has been the cause of disappointment. In the present day, however, the anticipations of those who have united in the design of securing for themselves special places of meeting, and solemnly consecrated Temples fitted in every respect for the proper performance of Masonic Rites, kept distinct from any profane use, and dedicated, as all such places should be, to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U. and the welfare of our fellow creatures, have been but seldom, if at all, mis-calculated. We hear of several such buildings which have been most successful as commercial ventures, irrespective of which there must be to each and all who participate in them a gratifying consciousness that they have not witheld their assistance from the good work of promoting the welfare of the Order.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D. Treas of the Institution, in the Chair, and Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., C. H. Webb, John Jones, H. Dickey, Gordon Smith, W. W. Morgan, A. E. Gladwell, H. Massey and Fredk. Binckes, Sect.

As it was arranged at the July Meeting that, on account of the Naval Review on Saturday and the August Bank Holiday on the following Monday, very few brethren being likely to attend this meeting, the business to be transacted should be postponed till Saturday, the 10th inst., the only work done was to read and confirm the minutes of the July meeting.

Bro. John Jones suggested that the adjournment should be advertised in the newspapers. He did not think the brethren generally understood that there was to be an adjournment. The business to be transacted was very important. The Provisional Committee was to bring up its further report, and he desired that the action to be taken upon that report should not be adopted at a small meeting. He hoped that no one would be able to say that it was done at a hole-and-corner meeting. He therefore trusted the meeting would be advertised in the usual way.

Bro. Binckes said it could not be in the usual way, because the meetings of the General Committees were not advertised. He thought the brethren knew of the adjourned meeting, and, although it had not been advertised, he had seen it noticed in some newspapers. However, there would be no difficulty about advertising. All that Bro. Jones had to do was to make a motion that the adjourned meeting for the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., be advertised, and if it was seconded and carried, he (Bro. Binckes) would send the advertisement out at once.

Bro. Jones then moved, and Bro. James Brett seconded, that the adjourned meeting be advertised.

The motion was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The adjourned meeting was held at the same place on the 10th inst., when the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master Norths and Hants, presided, and there was a large attendance. His lordship reported that the provisional committee had asked Mr. Frederick Binckes, the secretary, to resign, and having regard to his long and valuable services, recommended that he should be granted a pension of £350 per annum. They further suggested that the salary of the gentleman to be appointed to fill the secretaryship should not exceed £300 a year. Bro. J. S. Cumberland moved the adoption of the report. He testified to the valuable services which Bro. Binckes had rendered, not only to the school, but to the order, and described him as a pioneer in the interests of masonic institutions. Bro. Dr. Morris seconded the motion. Bro. John Jones moved as an amendment, that the amount of the pension be £200 a year. This did not find a seconder. Bro. James Stevens said he should be glad to support the resolution of Bro. Cumberland if he could be satisfied that money subscribed towards a charitable purpose could be legally employed in providing a pension. Bro. Scurrah said he was connected with one of the largest hospitals in London—which was, of course, a charitable institution—and some years ago an executive officer belonging to that institution, after counsel's opinion had been obtained, was granted by the committee a pension of £300 for the remainder of his life. The resolution to adopt the report of the provisional committee was then put and carried. The usual routine business of the committee was then proceeded with, and applications from candidates were received and granted. Sixteen vacancies were declared for the October election. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. We may state here that there will be no meeting of the General Court in September.

We Notify that:—

——The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Bro. Charles William Baker W.M., will meet on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., at the Railway Hotel Feltham, Middlesex. There are four raisings on the agenda, and a candidate for initiation is also proposed.

——The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, which meets at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps, is greatly interested in the candidature for election in October to the privileges of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of John Francis Besly, aged 8 years, the orphan son of the late Bro. G. H. Besly, a much-respected member of the Lodge. Bro. Besly was a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and a Life Subscriber to that of the Boys'. The lad's case is supported by several well-known Freemasons.

PROPOSED MASONIC HALL AT DEPTFORD.

A meeting of Freemasons resident in the neighbourhood of Deptford, S.E., and interested in the several lodges, R.A. Chapters, and Lodges of Instruction in the district, was held on Friday evening last, at New Cross Public Hall, Bro. J. G. Thomas presiding. Considering the time of year, and the many "out of town" engagements of numerous brethren, the attendance was reasonably good. Amongst those present were:—Bros. J. J. Pitt, Vinberger, Roberts, Geo. Skudder, Wall, Geo. Bolton, Walter Martin, J. Stevens, Dawkins, Kipps, Dennant, Bax, Pakes, N. Brokenshire, &c., &c. The meeting was of a purely preliminary character, and chiefly for the inspection of designs and plans submitted respectively by Bros. Roberts and Wall, who conjointly received the thanks of the brethren for their gratuitous services in the preparation of perfect details, which afforded much satisfaction. It was also to learn from sundry others important information as to existing Masonic Halls, the particulars of their arrangement, cost, management, and productiveness, and some very useful and interesting discussion resulted thereupon. In the end, it was resolved that sufficient data had been obtained to justify the calling of a general meeting of the Craft in the locality, and consequently the 6th of September (Friday), at 8 p.m., at the New Cross Public Hall, was fixed upon as the date and place for further consideration of the project. We will not anticipate what will then be set before the Freemasons of the south-eastern district. There should be a large attendance, and we feel certain none who attend will be disappointed in respect of the certain interest which will attend the proceedings.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 13.—On Thursday, 8th inst., at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich. Among those present were Bros. Chasteaneuf, W.M.; Barnes, S.W.; Willingshall, J.W.; Cox, S.D.; Lackland, J.D.; Maisey, I.G.; Davis, P.M., Preceptor; Carter, P.M.; Woods and Pirie. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed with Bro. Pirie as candidate. Two sections were worked by Bro. Carter, P.M., assisted by the brethren.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS.—We believe it sound policy to retain a thoroughly good officer until his equal can be found and elected. However gifted and learned a new officer may be, every companion, even slightly observing, knows that it requires not a little time for him to get used to his new place, and acquire the skill necessary to discharge his duties without balk or halt. This being the fact, what should be expected of one whose gifts are not great, whose learning is faulty, whose business so overwhelms him that he cannot possibly discharge official duties; or what can be expected of one whose sole recommendation is "He is a right good fellow?" The truth is that he only is fit to govern and direct the work of a Masonic body, Grand or constituent, who has a genius for government supplemented by sound available knowledge, and is so far master of himself that every obstacle will yield to his sway, and genuine harmony prevail. If such a companion is found and elected to office, let him be retained until one like, or nearly like him, is prepared to fill the station; then if the first will retire, the body may be reasonably sure that the good work done will not be marred by one whose mark is a zero."—*Masonic Record of Western India.*

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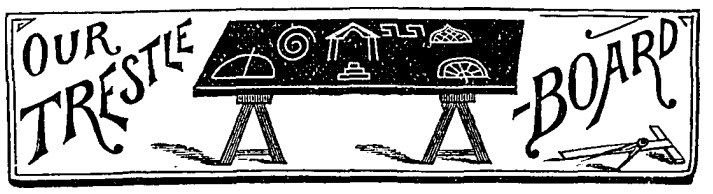
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"The united circulation of the three Masonic papers published in this country proves that less than one per cent. of the Brethren of the United Kingdom purchase them." This statement is made by a fourth Masonic paper "published in this country." On what data the information is obtained we are at a loss to conceive, and we certainly have reason to doubt its correctness. Nevertheless there may be, in fact there is, much assurance that the circulation of the Masonic press, not only in this country but elsewhere is not what it should be in connection with the honourable Fraternity of Freemasons. A body of men who have pledged themselves individually to make a daily progress in scientific attainments, and which body may be fairly calculated to consist of over one hundred thousand intellectual men in England alone, should be strong and sufficient supporters of as many journals devoted to the interests of their Craft as are now set before them. It is somewhat of a scandal, if the statement could be true, that but one per cent. of all their number have any care for acquaintance with the every-day proceedings connected with the working of the Order, and that the remaining 99 per cent. have yet to be encouraged, whether by quality of literary merit or by any kind of bribe outside the general practice of the most respectable journals, to do that which it should be equally their pride and duty to perform in pursuance of the pledges they have given on their entrance into Masonry.

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Mr. R. F. Tomlin, *M.R.C.S. Eng.*, presents himself, with testimonials of a high character, for the vacant post of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green.

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The foundation stone of the new premises to be erected in connection with the ancient grammar school at Newchurch, East Lancashire, was laid last week with full Masonic ceremonial, by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire.

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At the last examination for the degree of Doctor of Science at the University of London only one candidate passed in MIXED MATHEMATICS, namely, R. Bryant, an old pupil of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he is the only man in England who has taken the D.Sc. in this branch of the Doctorate. On On leaving the Institution Mr. Bryant was placed by Dr. Morris under a "wrangler" for two years. At the end of this time Mr. Bryant gained an exhibition at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. But the funds at Dr. Morris's disposal were exhausted, and the youthful aspirant for mathematical honours at Cambridge had to give up the idea of a University career and take to private teaching. Mr. Bryant did not give up the idea of taking a degree, and in 1881 he matriculated at the London University, and in two or three years afterwards graduated as B.A., B.Sc. In June, 1889, he took the degree of D.Sc., and sent in as his thesis a work on the "ORBIT OF THE COMET SAPPHO." Dr. Bryant is a Fellow of the Astronomical Society, and has read several valuable papers at its customary meetings.

"The Masonic Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

OUR EMBLEMS.

THE *Lambskin* reminds us to lead a pure life,
The *Gauge* to divide well our time ;
The *Gavel* divests us of envy and strife,
And prepares us for joys more sublime.

The *Plumb* to walk upright before God and man,
The *Square* is morality's guide ;
The *Level* directs us through life's fleeting span
To the Land over Death's darkling tide.

The *Compasses* circumscribes all vain desires,
Restraining each passion in bond ;
The *Trowel* speaks kindness—affection inspires
Wherever a sufferer is found.

These, these were our *emblems* in days now grown old,
All others are Shadow and Show,
Whether Emerald, or Agate, or Topaz, or Gold ;
The Amethyst, or Cameo.

Then, Brethren, don't wear them—your emblems should be
Most deeply engraved on the heart ;
Truth, Temperance and Virtue, and sweet Charity
The true emblems of our Ancient Art.

Sydney Freemasons' Chronicle.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The Newcastle Chronicle says :—It is probably because he has false notions about the character of the Craft, that the Shah of Persia has forbidden three distinguished men of his suite from being made Freemasons in Paris. And yet one would say there must be another reason, inasmuch as he has allowed Mirza Mattaleb, his Postmaster-General, to be initiated. The interesting ceremony took place, two evenings ago, at the lodge, "La Clemente Amitié."

Bro. John Edwards was installed W.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, on Thursday last, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. The newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows :—W. Rawsthorne, S.W. ; A. Morris, J.W. ; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., treasurer ; W. F. Ferguson, sec. ; W. R. Parkinson, S.D. ; R. Tunnicliffe, J.D. ; D. Lowthian, I.G. ; J. T. Shutt, S. ; J. H. Mills, S. ; H. B. Wright, Org. ; and A. Barclay, P.M., D.C. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet served in Bro. Casey's best style. A capital musical programme was contributed to by Bros. H. J. Nicholls, W. Sweetman, W. Lewis, and others.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to be held at Liskeard, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., under the banner of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, in that town. It is eight years since a meeting was held at Liskeard. The Province is, however, favoured with the same Provincial Grand Master, who has acted in that capacity from 1873, and also the same Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart, who has been appointed from the year 1880 by the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe. The W.M. of the St. Martin's Lodge is Bro. George Hallet, of Liskeard. "St. Martin's" was formed in 1845, and has its own Masonic Hall and appointments.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, Vol. ii., part 2 ; *Sydney Freemasons' Chronicle ; South Australian Freemason*, Adelaide ; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati ; *Masonic Review*, London ; *London Freemason ; Freemasons' Chronicle ; Masonic Orations*, by Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. (England), edited by Bro. John Chapman, P.P.G.D. Devon ; *Voice of Masonry*, August ; *Australian Keystone*, Melbourne ; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis.

"WHITE FOR—BLACK AGAINST."

From "A Paper on Voting," read by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, P.M. 418, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Staffordshire, before the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, at the Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, May 14th, 1889.

(*Concluded from page 322.*)

Let us now consider the effect of

VOTING UPON THE LODGE IN GENERAL.

Upon every Lodge collectively rests the onus and responsibility of maintaining its own purity and prestige. Grand Lodge has laid down certain broad constitutions outside which we may not travel, but it has left each Lodge to define its own laws (subject to the approval of the G.M.) suitable to its peculiar circumstances, and in addition, there exists honourable traditions of the Craft and unwritten laws of a Lodge which often wield sound influence. Up to now our Lodge has permitted two black balls to bar the entrance of a candidate which, in a numerically strong Lodge like the "Menturia" where we have an average attendance of 30, or nearly 30 brethren, is placing a mighty power in the hands of two, though I do not at the moment take upon myself to say that such a power is misplaced or too great. Still the fact remains that the power of the black ball is relatively far greater than that of the white ; and with increased power comes increased responsibility, so

that before a man uses his black ball he should be justified to his own conscience and his Masonic obligations before he wields his power. Though the right to use a black ball at his discretion is accorded to every Master Mason, there still exists his pledge to adhere to the principles of the square and compasses, viz., the practice of every moral and social virtue, and of rendering to his neighbour every kind office which justice (and I here emphasize the word justice) and mercy may require. This power of two silent votes to nullify the effect of say 26 or 28 others, ought in itself to compel every right thinking man to wield that power with very great care and thought, and not to let caprice or whim be the impelling motive. As a general rule we Englishmen cheerfully recognise the right of the *majority* to decide a question, but in this Masonic matter we permit a *minority* of very small proportions to govern—that minority knowing the immensely disproportionate strength of their position ought to be satisfied to the silent judgment of their own rectitude that they are not prostituting their power to unworthy motives. The responsibility is a great one. Of course, there is a vast difference between two brethren being *agreed* to black ball, and two deciding to do so unknown to each other; in the former case it is probable that one will, in some degree, consciously or unconsciously have yielded to influence, or at least have looked at the Candidate from a standpoint not absolutely his own; but where two brethren, unknown to each other, arrive at the conclusion for reasons known to themselves individually, their conclusions are the result of two separate minds and consequently more unbiassed. And now, brethren, to come close home, what has been the result to the Lodge generally of black balling. Those of us who have been present on such occasions have observed that immediately the result is made known the thrill of an unexpected event rushes through the place, you may see consternation, anger, regret, and disappointment pourtrayed on the brethren present, but *nowhere* can you see any indications of pleasure. For the time the even tenor of our way seems disturbed, the feeling of "Hand to hand I greet you as a brother" seems to tremble in the balance, wonderings and questionings arise, sympathy for the friends of the Candidate shows forth here and there, a general perturbation disturbs the solemnity of our ceremonies, and an under current of disquietude acts unpleasantly upon all of us. Afterwards, as days roll on and brother meets brother, the how, and the why, and the wherefore of the black balling is discussed—the origin of the black balls is apparently the one point at which each and everyone seems desirous of arriving. Speculative analysis is made of the brethren present, and sometimes even of the absent ones, as to their reason for being absent—brethren are classed amongst the likely and the unlikely at the option of the thinker, with the result that the blindest injustice is done. Men who are all that is straightforward and honourable are unfairly suspected of having played falsely. On one occasion I know some eight or ten names were canvassed, not one of whom had any part or lot in the matter; and on another occasion I know that a great injustice through incorrect suspicion was done to a brother of repute and high esteem amongst us. All this, brethren. is bound to work ill in a Lodge, brother looks askance at brother, coteries and circles are formed (fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind), sympathy with the injured and distrust of the suspects form knots and groups where all ought to be one undivided whole, and if pushed to an extreme the gravest results, Masonically, will follow. Of one thing we may rest assured, viz., that the black balling of a Candidate never added unity, strength, or prosperity to any Lodge. On the contrary, instances exist around us where the black balling of a Candidate has shaken a Lodge almost to its foundations, and caused it to linger abjectly for years. Our own Lodge has had comparative immunity from this danger, though it has not escaped scot free. As a general rule an all round feeling of "give and take" exists amongst us, respect for the honest convictions of each other marks our association generally, and for a long time there has been a conspicuous absence of contentious matter amongst us—we know we differ, and we agree to do so. Let us cherish and retain this position, giving each other credit for sound motives and refraining from administering an unfair rebuff to any brother who has, to the best of his skill and ability, sought to increase our members, strengthen the Craft, and make him self more extensively serviceable to his fellow men by legitimately increasing the ranks of Freemasonry. Let us waive minor objections whilst holding firmly to our principles, and keep our Lodge a thoroughly harmonious whole.

Having said so much, Worshipful Master and Brethren, I shall have wasted your time, unless we can get out of all this something of practical service to the "Old Menturia"; but lest I may have been misunderstood let me here say that I do not for one moment, nor can any one, deny, the absolute unfettered right of every brother to use the black ball. I claim it for myself, and should not hesitate to avail myself of it when other efforts to keep out an objectionable Candidate failed, but I hold it as the last resort. If milder methods fail we must maintain our principles at all hazards, but I hope I may never be driven to that extremity, because I am conscious that the black ball is not the pioneer of peace and prosperity in the Lodge, but the reverse. My object to-night has been to draw the attention of the brethren, and more especially those who have more recently joined us, to a full consideration of this subject of voting, and in the interest of the Lodge to reduce to a minimum—if not entirely do away with—black balling in the future, but without asking any brother to sacrifice aught of his privileges or independence, these are the inherent right of each and every one of us and must be held sacred. What then have we to submit as a step whereby an objectionable Candidate may be prevented gaining admission without the use of the black ball. Simply this—there has for years past existed an honourable understanding amongst us that any brethren having objections to a Candidate who has been, or is about to be proposed, shall tell the W.M. that such objections exist; it is optional whether or not the grounds of the objections are stated, though personally I should specify them myself. The W.M. then informs the Proposer that an objection or objections exist, and that consequently his nominee may not be accepted; after that it is for the friends of the Candidate to decide whether or not they will force him to the ballot. If they do so it is done with their eyes wide open—they know the indisputable right of every brother to emphasize his objection in a way not to be resisted, so that if the Candidate is then taken to the ballot by his friends they must accept the result, and the blame, if any, afterwards rests upon their shoulders. It is also far better when a brother has a Candidate in view to mention it beforehand to the W.M. and Officers, whereby the feeling generally of the Lodge is somewhat tested. I have always found that the Lodge, as a rule, has an objection to a Candidate being *sprung* upon it unexpectedly whilst the Lodge is sitting; this is a small matter, but it reaches farther than is apparent. I know, brethren, that it is alleged that these objections have not been held sacred by a W.M. or W.M.'s, but I think that must be due to a misapprehension of facts. I cannot conceive any brother whom I have seen in the chair of this Lodge so far forgetting his own self-respect, not to mention his Masonic obligations, as to disclose a confidential communication made to him *as W.M.* Every brother on his Installation solemnly pledges himself faithfully and impartially to administer the Office of W.M. to the best of his skill and ability—as you know, he has previously, as a M.M., obligated himself that his breast shall be the safe and sacred repository of a brother's secrets; bearing all this in mind it is impossible to imagine a W.M. betraying a matter of Lodge interest and moment, which had been confidentially entrusted to him. My own experience is that the existence of these objections is generally made known wide-spread by the objector himself. He talks of it, he airs his objections here and there to this man and to that, he consults his friends, and thus the matter becomes common property. Now, if brethren wish to raise objections to a Candidate, let them do so to the W.M. *as* W.M., and *as a confidential communication;* but let them, at the same time, set a guard upon their own lips, and speak to no one else about it; then, brethren, you may rely upon it being silent as the tomb, of that I am quite sure. If the objectors wish to discuss the objection so as to have another idea of it besides their own, let them do so with the W.M.; for the time being he is on a raised platform, from which he will endeavour, as far as in him lies, to consider every point of Masonic matters calmly, dispassionately and equitably. As you know, I have been permitted to occupy the chair of this Lodge, and I can assure you I never occupied a position which inspired such a strong desire and determination to act with the utmost judicial exactitude and right.

The primary object which I have had in view, brethren, in standing before you to-night, has been the peace and prosperity of the Menturia Lodge. I desired to make each and all of us weigh well our all-round responsibility in the matter of Masonic voting—to see and feel what was due from us to the Candidate, to ourselves, to the Craft and to our Lodge. To enable us, as far as may be, to *maintain the prestige and principles of the Craft,* the peace and harmony of the Lodge, to extend our borders upon safe and sound lines, but whilst doing this not to injure the good name or self-respect of any man. By so doing, brethren, we shall make Masonry respected by those who can only judge it by results. Do not let us object to or reject Candidates except upon good and sufficient reasons, but if we have sound Masonic objections let us maintain them through thick and thin. We must not admit unworthy men to our ranks, but let us act straightforwardly, generously and justly. It is the duty of each and all of us to keep our Lodge pure as far as we can, but it is equally our duty to keep our Lodge united, harmonious and prosperous.

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The Fifth Point of Fellowship.

THE Third Volume of the MASONIC STAR is commenced, as the Second Volume was concluded, with a diminution of reading matter which may probably occasion some disappointment to many of our readers, but for which there are abundant reasons. Amongst these is the prominent fact that during the height of the Masonic vacation, August and September, when Lodges and Craftsmen generally "cease from labour and go to refreshment," there is a dearth of events in which the Craft generally can or will take interest. It is better, therefore, for the journalist to merely record with brevity such items of masonic information as may suffice to keep his paper before his subscribers during a recess, and strengthen his potentiality for more energetic and vigorous work when labour shall re-commence.

But a much more important reason is, at this juncture, the necessity for reducing the first cost of our paper until we can secure a much stronger support than has, as yet, been afforded us. Frankly, we consider it advisable to appeal to the brethren generally to do more than they have hitherto done if they desire to see the MASONIC STAR a larger and more useful weekly magazine than we now present to them. A *succès d'estime* is all very well in its way, but a *succès d'argent* is far more profitable, and is, as times go, a necessary, as well as a somewhat stronger incentive to improvement, as a "reward which sweetens labour." The Craft should certainly not expect to have the benefit of a cheap periodical devoted to its interests on any other basis than that which ordinarily affects commercial undertakings. "'Tis for money, 'tis for money!" is now the refrain of the universal song; and the MASONIC STAR must be made to pay, or it must cease to shine. It should become a very important organ of the Craft if it is but fairly well supported; and it will be for the members of the Masonic Order themselves to decide as to its continued existence or more or less early dissolution.

We have now the past year's experience to guide us, and from that we learn the necessity of seeking greater encouragement from the brethren than we have yet received, if we would attain to the position we aim at, and they would have the benefits we could give in return for their favours. To jog along as at present is no difficulty, considering the support already accorded, and for which we are grateful; but that is not, nor should it be, enough for us or them. We are integral parts of a progressive whole, and in this age of progress should be content with nothing short of the utmost perfection attainable. In so large a body as that of Freemasons should there be difficulty in that respect? Surely not! Is it too much to ask that each Lodge in England should afford us even the unit of support which is comprised in a *Lodge* subscription? We cannot think it! But whatever may be the case in regard to brethren generally dispersed, we have but very few Lodges, *as Lodges*, on our subscribers' lists as yet.

We had contemplated the enlargement of our paper on the commencement of this Volume, with a view to afford more lengthy reports of some of our principal Lodge meetings in London and the Provinces during the approaching session, and devoting space to other interesting matters of Masonic importance and even of amusement; and the formation of a Company with that object appeared to some of our friends as the most likely method for that purpose. But whether or not we have put forward the project at an unfortunate season of the year, or there are other causes of which we are not cognisant, it does not seem to meet with sufficient support to justify a continuance of the effort at present. The few brethren who made application for shares have therefore had their deposits returned, and for awhile the matter will remain in abeyance; probably to be revived at an early opportunity, with a modification of the original proposals. It may be thought that our friends, the promoters, were wrong in their judgment as to the probable successful outcome of Company association; but if we take account of results which have attended similar undertakings in other parts their anticipations were certainly justified, although for the present they have been disappointed. In another column will be found interesting particulars relating to such an association in connection with one of our Colonial contemporaries. We submit the same for consideration of all our home brethren who can take an interest in Masonic journalism; and we have yet hopes that they in turn may share with us in a similar manner whatever profits may arise from future endeavours to improve the MASONIC STAR, as a useful organ for the spread of Masonic information and a commercial success.

We want more subscribers, and to induce an increase of

our present list we will reduce the annual subscription to Six shillings payable in advance, and address and post direct to each subscriber without further charge.

And now it may be asked, what has all this to do with the title heading of the present article? Only this: we have endeavoured to shew that a necessity exists for the further support of our undertaking, and such support can be rendered only by those who are connected with us in the bond of Masonic brotherhood. As a class publication, and thereby debarred from catering for a general public, it is to members of that class alone that we can submit our requirements. It will be for them to determine the ultimate success or failure of the journal. For ourselves we can but say that our endeavours have been earnestly and sincerely devoted to what we believe is in the interests of Freemasonry, and we respectfully, on behalf of the MASONIC STAR, claim the privilege which is accorded to every Master Mason—a practical illustration of *the fifth point of fe lowship*.

MASONIC ORATIONS.

"*Masonic Orations*," by Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. (England) P.D. Pro. G.M. Devon. &c., delivered in Devon and Cornwall, from A.D. 1866, at the Dedication of Masonic Halls, Consecration of Lodges and Chapters, Installations, &c. With an introduction by Bro. Wm. James Hughan, P.G.D. (England), &c., on Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall. Edited by Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, &c. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, W.C.

It was a happy thought of the editor of this handsomely printed volume to gather together, in the life-time of the Orator, and to publish the Orations which, during a period of fifteen years, Bro. L. P. Metham, M.R.C.S., was accustomed to deliver to his brethren in the provinces of Devon and Cornwall on occasions of important public events, such as Grand Lodge meetings, the Consecration of Lodges and Chapters, and the Installation of the Grand Masters. These orations, which were heard with great pleasure by many of the older Masons of the two western provinces, were published at the time of their delivery in some of the papers, but hitherto they have remained uncollected, and were, of course, not available to the Masons generally. As each of the speeches, which were prepared by their author with great care, contains an embodiment of the high and lofty principles of Freemasonry, the whole of them may be read with interest and with profit, not only by those who are either old or young in Masonic life, but by the uninformed in the mysteries of the Order. Since the last of these orations was delivered by Bro. Metham, on the Installation of the R.W. Viscount Ebrington, as Grand Superintendent of Devon, on June 4th, 1881, we are not aware that any brother has taken the place which was so worthily filled by him from the date of the Consecration of H.R.A. Chapter "Harmony," in Plymouth, in February, 1866, down to the time that he, on account of increase of years, gave up the position which he so admirably filled. For fifteen years he should be regarded as the Public Orator of the two western provinces, and Masonic literature will be benefited, as will be intelligent brethren everywhere, by the collocation of this treasury of well-defined Masonic principles.

In the preface Bro. Chapman says "The wise counsel—the faithful caution—that marked the unstinted admonitions of the able orator, indicated how much he loved our fraternity: for while he dilated in glowing terms upon the distinctive basis of our society, he failed not to point out the dangers and difficulties attending those unmasonic elements that sometimes force their unhappy way into our institution." Having remarked upon the leaps and bounds of late years that have taken place in the increase of the Order, the Editor says it is most essential that the Rulers in the Craft should guard more closely the sacred precincts of the Masonic Temple from the approach of the unworthy and profane.

The Editor has had the great advantage of being able to associate with himself Bro. Hughan, who is the Masonic Historian of the West, standing probably second to none in England for the attention that he has given to the great historic past of the Masonic world, to whose study he has devoted a large portion of his life. He commences his account of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall with a few words on the Masonic career of the Orator, prior to a short history of the fraternity of the two counties. It appears that Bro. Metham was initiated in Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, on March 21st, 1844, and from thence he proceeded through various degrees till in 1867 the Earl of Zetland invested him as Junior Grand Deacon of England, "in commemoration of which the brethren of the Three Towns presented our brother with a full dress suit of Grand Lodge clothing." The further career of Bro. Metham is briefly stated, and his great work of honorary secretary of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, which has lately been so fully set forth in these columns, is ably condensed. The fraternal feelings and the high regard in which his brother Masons held his work is shown in their generous contributions towards the Asylum, amounting to nearly £1,800, while he has been equally regardful of the claims of the orphans of those who have died in the country's service by obtaining the election of thirty-five orphans into the Asylum. Bro. Hughan then gives details of the earliest of the Lodges of the two counties, the premier Lodge being formed in Exeter in the year 1732. We must leave the reader who is interested to consult the work itself for an account of the progress of the brotherhood in both counties. In 1866 the late beloved Rev. John Huyshe was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Devon. The Freemasons of the province subscribed for and presented him with a beautiful and costly gold chain, as an heirloom to the province, to descend from each retiring Prov. Grand Master to his successor. They also subscribed 500 guineas, at another period, to purchase the "Huyshe Presentation Fund" in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The gold chain is now worn by Lord Ebrington, who has, in the kindest manner, effected an insurance on his own life, so that the privilege of presentation to the Boys' School may be continued by his lordship's successor. We are obliged to be brief in our summary of these events; but what an amount of generous doing we have thus briefly chronicled! The Masons have certainly lived very much up to the great standards that they have set up, for their works are seen in many other benovolences to which we have not even alluded. We pass on to say there are lists of the Lodges and Chapters in the two counties and twenty-five orations. The book closes with a list of subscribers. The price of the work is five shillings, and whatever profit may accrue from its publication will be given to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, of which the distinguished Orator still remains the zealous honorary secretary. —*Western Daily Mercury*.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FREEMASON NEWSPAPER COMPANY, LIMITED.

The *South Australian Freemason* is an eight page sixpenny monthly journal, published at Adelaide, South Australia. In its July number it addresses the members of the fraternity in that province, in reference to the company which undertakes its publication, in language so well expressed and so entirely applicable to our own venture, that we are impelled to quote from its pages such portions of its allocution as are pertinent to the present position of the MASONIC STAR. The *South Australian Freemason* Newspaper Company held its third general meeting on the 18th June last, when the directors presented the following report:—

"Your directors herewith present their third report and balance-sheet for the half-year ending May 31st, 1889. At that date there was a credit balance of £148 8s. 11d., and so far as can be calculated after deducting a certain amount for printing expenses, commission for collecting, and making a small allowance for bad debts, there will probably remain, at the end of its second year of issue, a balance of £78. During the half-year thirty-two new subscribers have been added to the list, which now numbers 268—a very small proportion out of the 2,000 odd affiliated Masons in the colony. Less space is now devoted to advertisements to the gain of the reading matter, but there is still a wish on the part of your directors to enlarge the scope of the organ in this direction if proper inducement is offered. The *South Australian Freemason* continues to maintain its reputation as a high-class literary representative of the Craft in this colony, and has been very favourably reviewed by many of its contemporaries in various parts of the world."

Commenting on this report and the published balance sheet, which shows a dividend to the shareholders of twenty per cent., the *South Australian Freemason* says it marks a further stage in the history of the undertaking, ventured upon by a few brethren who volunteered their services in initiating and carrying on the required effort, and whilst recording this further stage it feels urged to bring before the subscribers and shareholders the need of making an increased and decisive effort to extend the circulation of the paper, to the end that funds may be provided thereby for its enlargement and improvement. Success so far has been achieved by the aid of the generous support of a minority of the Craft; it has made headway by the abnormally low ratio of cost and price, and the confidence and support already accorded is gratefully recognised. But it is by no means satisfied that it has reached the summit of its possibilities, and summarises its wishes as follows:—

"Firstly.—We want our circulation to be at once trebled.

"Secondly.—We want our subscribers to take a more active interest in the paper, by contributing items of news, original articles, and communications of interest.

"Thirdly.—We want our subscribers to relieve us of both the expense and work usually necessary for the collection of subscriptions, by remitting the small annual sum needed promptly, and without forcing us to make repeated applications therefor.

"All these requirements can easily be satisfied if the brethren will but give us the benefit of a little attention. If each present subscriber will make it a serious duty to get us two subscribers more, and see that the necessary remittances are forwarded at the same time, the end will be achieved. Once we reach that stage we may then hope to witness the realization of our wishes, namely, to increase the size and scope of our paper, and thus make it more worthy of the proud position held by Freemasonry in South Australia."

Can any words of ours add force to the foregoing arguments and requests? The circumstances under which they are made are so closely akin to those associated with our own journal, that we adopt them at once as an appeal to the English Craft on our own account, and trust that they will have sufficient weight with the large majority of intelligent brethren to secure for us that increased support which will be necessary to maintain the MASONIC STAR as the cheapest medium in England for obtaining general information in relation to current Masonic events.

Within the past few days enquiry has been made of us in reference to the late resignation of Bro. Binckes from the secretaryship of the Mark Degree which enquiry suggests that intrigue has had more to do with the retirement than "free will and accord." Our querist is amongst the dignitaries of the Craft, and the question itself affords food for reflection.

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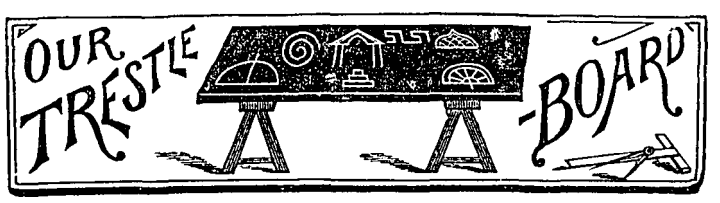
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"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

In order to prevent any misunderstanding amongst the brethren concerned in the approaching election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys we call their attention to the following law on the subject. It is No.71 of the code and provides that "the election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election."

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We hear that our Grand Treasurer V.W. Bro. Edward Terry is about to discourse before the forthcoming Church Congress, the subject of his address being the "Amusements of the People." In reference to this rumour *The Daily Telegraph* remarks—"We may frankly say that, even if the report, to which wide circulation has been given, turns out to be an unfounded one, we should not regard the possible hoax as being of an altogether silly nature, but should the rather choose to look upon it as a story of the class aptly described as "ben trovato," if not exactly "vero." It is precisely because Mr. Edward Terry knows a great deal about popular amusements, and because the members of the Church Congress and similar bodies have a great deal to learn on the topic in question, that an exhaustive and well-reasoned discourse from the genial comedian named might be of considerable moral and social value. . . . . Now Mr. Edward Terry knows his subject thoroughly; whereas a majority of his hearers are, in all probability, in the dark concerning the things on which he might propose to discourse, and should it even happen that a proportion of the members of the Church Congress are conversant with theatrical matters, their familiarity with things pertaining to the drama and the stage would be additionally valuable, since it would afford a means of checking the speaker's statements, and testing the validity of his arguments.

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At a trial in the Crown Court at Birmingham last week, before Mr. Justice Hawkins, and in which the defendant, a member of a Derbyshire Lodge, was honourably acquitted from a scandalously outrageous charge, an important part of the evidence in his favour rested upon proof of his whereabout on a certain evening. He was not only able to prove his attendance at his Lodge, but also the introduction of another brother as a visitor. But the colloquy which accompanied the proof surprises us. In answer to the Judge the defendant is reported to have said "Strangers who were Freemasons were admitted for the evening without introduction on going through their examination as Masons," and further that "in the case of any visitor entered in the Masonic Lodge book no name of any introducer is given." It is possible that the reporter is not a member of the Craft, and has got "mixed" over the questions and answers, for surely such laxity is not in accordance with the customary exercise of those who have been "taught to be cautious" in respect of admission to our Lodges, and none should be misled by the foregoing statement.

Of course there was on this occasion, as on most others when Freemasonry crops up in Court, the inevitable chaff. Says the prosecuting Counsel (*Q.C.* and *M.P.*) "Suppose I said I were a P.P.G.M.W., would they admit me?" (laughter): to which replies the defendant's Counsel (*Q.C.* only) "Oh, but you are only an *M.P.*" (loud laughter). Clever, perhaps, but somewhat foggy!—Can any member of our Order tell us what P.P.G.M.W. is meant to represent? We have had a pretty considerable acquaintance with the magical "caps," but this riddle we unhesitatingly give up.

"The Masonic Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

MY MOTHER LODGE.

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146 (Bolton), P.Z.

Tune—"Ye Banks and Braes." (Scotch.)

My Mother Lodge! a hymn of praise
And gratitude I'll sing to thee;
For in thine arms I first was raised
To life Masonic, full and free.
The cowan-crowd outside the doors—
Thy doors so closely prov'd and tyl'd—
Know not of joy the secret stores
Thou hast for ev'ry faithful child.
Chorus—My Mother Lodge! My Mother Lodge!

May all within thy walls be blest—
Thy labours all in love abound;
May ev'ry son thou dost invest,
One true Freemason more be found.
My Mother Lodge inspires my muse,
To sing with filial love unfeign'd;
Nor would I her sweet favour lose
For all that monarchs ever gain'd.
Chorus—My Mother Lodge! My Mother Lodge!

There first I learn'd our sacred signs,
And how to "act upon the square;"
And saw throughout our grand designs,
The hidden truths of Nature fair.
Can happiness on Earth be found,
Or blissful harmony like thine!
Thou art a bit of holy ground,
And thy good spirit shall be mine.
Chorus—My Mother Lodge! My Mother Lodge!

Written for THE MASONIC STAR.

We Notify that:—

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Lewis Jones, *M.D.*, W.M., will hold an Emergency meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Tuesday next, the 27th inst., at 6 p.m., for work in each of the three degrees. A supper will be served after labour.

——The Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, now meets at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, every second and fourth Thursdays, at 8 p.m. throughout the year. Up to a recent date it met at Greenwich on Fridays and the change of dates and place of meeting is for the better. Royal Arch Masons in the S.E. district should avail themselves of the excellent instruction its members can afford them.

——The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire is to be held at Hyde, on the 18th September. The R.W. Bro. Egerton, of Tatton, Provincial Grand Master, is expected to be present. There will be the usual investure of Officers for the ensuing year. A motion for a grant of Fifty Guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be made and considered.

——The foundation stone of the new Church of St. John, at Barmouth, which will cost £15,000, is to be laid by Princess Beatrice, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and the ceremony will be conducted with full Masonic honours. Prince Henry of Battenberg it is expected will accompany Her Royal Highness, and the Royal party will be received at the station by Lady Londonderry, Lord and Lady Harlech, the High Sheriff of Merionethshire (Mr. Wood), the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop of London (who is staying at Dolgelly), and the clergy and leading laity of Barmouth and district. A guard of honour will be formed by the Carnarvon Naval Artillery Volunteers. Lord Harlech (Provincial Grand Master of North Wales), with many of the brethren, will be present at the ceremony. (*See page 6.*)

The "Paper on Voting 'White for—Black against'" which, by permission of Bro. Greatbatch, of Hanley, Staffordshire, we have reproduced in our latest issues, has attracted considerable attention. We have several letters enquiring if it is printed in a separate form. It is.—by the New Press Printing Company, Foundry Street, Hanley. We have no particulars as to price, or indeed whether or not it has been printed for private circulation only, but doubtless all information can be obtained from the printers.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Monday, 19th inst., at the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich. Among those present were Bros. Gooding, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; Bilton, S.W.; Sayle, J.W.; Sinnett, S.D.; Lackland, I.G.; Godden, Abrehart, and Woods. The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. Godden answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the third degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed with great care and exactness, Bro. Godden personating candidate.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Guildhall, Andover, on the 13th inst., R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M., presiding. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, who subsequently dined together at the Foresters' Hall.

Lord Skelmersdale, the eldest son of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, was married at Britford Church, near Salisbury, on the 15th inst., to Lady Wilma Pleydell Bouverie, daughter of Lord and Lady Radnor. Among the bridal presents were handsome gifts from the M.W. Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Fife, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales.

The *Western Mercury* ably reviews the "Masonic Poem" of A.D. 1390, which under the title of "The Halliwell MS." we noticed in our impression of the 8th inst., and concludes its criticism thus:—"We use only measured language when we say, that this volume should be in the library of every Freemason who has any desire for culture. It is handsome, it is curious, it is valuable—to our mind one of the most valuable mongraphs ever issued on Freemasonry."

As a memorial of the late Canon Portal, Past Grand Chaplain, Craft, Past Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons of England and the Colonies and the Dependencies of the British Crown, and for many years rector of Burghclere, the M.W. Pro-Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, himself a Past Grand Master in the Mark Degree, has presented a site for the erection of a reading and coffee room at Burghclere, near Newbury, towards the construction of which liberal subscriptions have already been made.

Bro. R. F. Tomlin, a candidate for appointment as medical officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is a West of England man, hailing from Devonport, where his family have been for many years well-known. He was an articled pupil of Mr. Joseph May, a celebrated practitioner in that town, whose testimonial in his behalf heads a very creditable list of similar recommendations. The *Western Mercury* remarks that amongst the qualifications Bro. Tomlin puts forth is one that should not be overlooked—"that he resides close to the institution," whilst as regards testimonials those he submits speak highly of his ability as a surgeon and general practitioner. . . . His friends in the West will be glad to hear of his being successful in his application.

COLONIAL ITEMS.

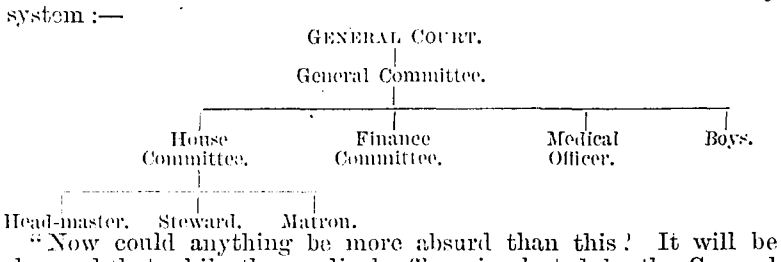
From Brisbane we learn that Lord Carrington was installed for the second time as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, at Sydney on the 24th June last. Upwards of 300 Freemasons were present. Bro. C. F. Stokes was installed Deputy Grand Master.

At Bathurst, New South Wales, Lord Carrington, on the 9th July, laid a memorial stone, from the celebrated Cow Flat, amidst general rejoicing, and with full Masonic ceremony, of a new Masonic Hall in Keppell Street, one of the main thoroughfares of that city. The building is estimated to cost at least £4000, and when finished will be second to none in the colony. In celebration of the event a public holiday was proclaimed and general festivities added greatly to the importance of the occasion.

From Chicago, under date of 30th July, we learn that an action has been commenced in the District court at Marion that will startle Masonic circles more than anything else perhaps of late years. Judge Preston, of the Eighteenth Judicial district, on the petition of C. E Barnes, of Burlington, J. C. Graves and Henry Bennet, plaintiffs, and grand officers of the Iowa consistory of that branch of Scottish Rite Masonry commonly known as the Cerneau, ordered a temporary injunction against the Grand Lodge of Iowa Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, restraining them from putting into effect the legislation of the last session of the grand lodge, referring to the Cerneau bodies, and which commanded Master Masons to leave the consistory of Iowa of that rite, under punishment of expulsion. The petition states that as the body represented by the plaintiffs does not confer the blue lodge degrees and the Grand lodge or its subordinate lodges do not confer the twenty-nine higher degrees, the Grand lodge has no jurisdiction whatever, and its action is illegal, arbitrary, oppressive, proscriptive of their individual consciences and Masonic relations and hurtful to their standing as good and reputable citizens. This is the first time a masonic body has appealed to the State courts and the action of the Supreme court to which it will finally go will be a precedent for other States. The time for hearing the argument for a perpetual injunction will be in the October term of Court at Marion.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

From an article in *School* for this month on Reform of the Masonic Boys' School, we extract the following:—"That the work of reform will not be accomplished until the governing body is constituted on a more satisfactory basis is proved by the following facts:—The whole body of subscribers to the charity is convened once quarterly as the *General Court*. We need hardly say that very few subscribers would be likely to appear except such as had 'an axe to grind' in the matter, either from good or from dubious motives. The *General Court* elects the *General Committee*, which meets monthly, and appoints the medical officer, the *House Committee* and the *Finance Committee*. It also elects the boys on the foundation. The *House Committee* meets at the School once a month; it elects the head-master, the steward, and the matron, and has the management of the School. The *Finance Committee* meets quarterly, and we will speak of its work hereafter. A table will best illustrate the hierarchical order of this extraordinary system:—



"Now could anything be more absurd than this? It will be observed that while the medical officer is elected by the General Committee, the highest body actually concerned in the management of the School, the head-master, who is by far the most important of all the officials, is, like the upper servants (steward and matron), appointed by a sub-committee, the only other important function of which would appear to be that of dining monthly at the cost of the institution. . . . . .

"Of the *Finance Committee* it would be gross flattery to say that it does nothing. It does much more than that. It tolerates the absence of cash books and of details of payments into the bank; when it spends £145 on refreshments, it allows this expenditure to be thrown in with some small items, and recorded as "Visit of stewards, distribution of prizes, £178"; and finally it spends on each boy two-thirds as much again as the Board of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, and twice as much as that of the Yorkshire Society's School.

"It is well that the matron and steward, who were appointed under a misunderstanding that ought not to have been allowed to exist, who assume independence of the head-master, and who absent themselves at their discretion, should go. It is a matter for more satisfaction that the secretary, who has so long lain heavy as a nightmare on the School, should go. It is even still more pleasant to learn that the distinguished head master and his able staff are not only retained, as common justice required, but will be placed in a clear and fitting position. But before the School can be worked properly it is absolutely necessary to get rid of the cumbrous and complicated system which has allowed so much evil to grow up, and to appoint a single indivisible governing body of moderate size, which shall really work and be really responsible."

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Canadian Craftsman for August; *Sydney Freemasons' Chronicle* for July; *Latomia*; *South African Freemason*; *Society*.

As we go to press we learn that contradiction is given to our notification on page 3, in reference to the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. John's Church at Barmouth, in so far as relates to Masonic Ceremonial.—*Ed. M.S.*

FREEMASONRY.

To MEMBERS of the various LODGES in the SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the Members of the Craft will be held at the New Cross Hall, on Friday, the 6th day of September next, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to consider the advisability of forming a Masonic Company for the purpose of erecting a Hall upon a site which has been purchased situate on Deptford Bridge, adjoining Holland & Co.'s Distillery.

All members of the Order are cordially invited to attend.

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