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## OUR FIRST VOLUME.

WITH this number we complete the first volume of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We naturally regard this event with some degree of pride and satisfaction, and now avail ourselves of the opportunity to address a few words to our readers with reference to our future policy and aims. We do not deny that our task has been a grave one. We have had to contend with the usual difficulties which invariably beset a new aspirant for the confidence and support of the public. Our brethren are not generally slow to appreciate the efforts of those who seek to advance the best interests of the Order, and we have to express our thanks for help which has been afforded, and for prompt official recognition of our claims to be considered an exponent of the opinions of the Craft. Hitherto we have not felt justified in unduly pressing THE CHRONICLE upon the attention of our brethren. We had determined at the outset of our career to allow the paper to push its way by virtue of its own intrinsic merits. We felt assured that if we were faithful to our mission our claims would not pass unrecognised or our labours remain without reward. We may say without egotism that the pledges which we gave in our preliminary address to the Fraternity have been religiously kept. We promised our brethren a journal of a high class, which should discuss the broad principles of the Order in a reverent and enlightened spirit. Our work is before the world, and we are content to be judged by it. Our brethren have had no occasion to be ashamed of us. If it were necessary we could refer to the high encomiums which we have received from distinguished Masons, who have generally appreciated our labours in the cause of the Order. These flattering testimonials, however, we shall not further dwell upon. We rather prefer to deal with this matter in a practical manner, and venture therefore to suggest that the time has now come when we can fairly claim a larger measure of substantial support than we have hitherto received. If the Order generally is really interested in the literary as well as in the practical aspect of Masonry, it should now come forward and aid us in the arduous task which is still before us. Masonry in this country has entered upon a brilliant epoch in its history, and a journal with the scope and aims of ours is absolutely necessary to meet the growing requirements of the Craft. In France and America the periodical literature of the Fraternity has been greatly developed in recent years, but in this country very little attention has been given to Masonic journalism. In the United States the vast and unprecedented growth of the Order is mainly to be attributed to the efforts of the admirable press organs which keep the doings of the brotherhood constantly before the eyes of the world. Here, however, a vague distrust of publicity is harboured by some of our brethren, who fear that Masonic journalism may do harm, by imprudent advocacy, or an unwise display of zeal. These fears we regard as wholly unfounded, and we do not think they are entertained by the highest dignitaries amongst us. It would be useless to deny that some of the existing press representatives of Masonry have not striven to maintain a high standard of literary or journalistic excellence. They have been content to exist on the mere dry bones of the Order, and have commonly passed by, as of no moment, the vast mass of Masonic lore which has been accumulated since the memorable revival of the Order in this country. We indeed fully appreciate the practical side of Masonry, and our pages show that we have kept pace with the demand for information of a purely practical nature. But we have

justly, as we think, held that the literary, the antiquarian, and the speculative aspects of the Craft are worthy of a wider and fuller treatment than they have yet received at the hands of English periodical writers. Our labours in this wide field, we are glad to say, have been generally appreciated. We have endeavoured to show that the Fraternity is not merely based on the broad principles of Charity and Brotherhood, but that it rests likewise upon scientific and metaphysical truths that are as old as civilisation. Men of cultivated minds who think of seeking admission to our ranks naturally desire to be assured that Masonry is not what it has been described by its enemies—a mere eating and drinking society, with the brandy bottle as its most potent symbol, and a few “friendly toasts and sentiments” as its most cherished watchwords. As far as it has been possible in the pages of a newspaper, we have endeavoured to remove these erroneous impressions. We have defended the Craft alike from the shafts of sneering detractors, and from the heavy blows of enemies who are seeking to discredit its claims. We have crossed swords more than once with the skilled dialecticians of that Church which is so hostile to the Order, and we leave our readers to judge whether or not we have successfully met and refuted calumny and hostile argument. With reference to the future, we may say generally, that the principles which have guided us in the past will continue to influence our policy. We shall spare no pains to make THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE worthy of its name, and of the support of all good and true Masons. But, while aiming to make the paper worthy of the Order it aspires to represent, we shall be strengthened for our task, if we find that our friends adequately support us. English Masonry is, we are proud to say, at the head of the vast organisations which are scattered throughout the world. It is for English Masons to show that they are not insensible to the advantages which would accrue to the Order from the possession of an organ able adequately to represent it. They have accomplished grand and noble work in the past; we ask them to make an effort in the cause of Masonic literature. We have done our part of the work, it is for them now to do theirs.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WE have received a copy of the report of this School for the past year, and save in one or two important points, we have nothing to say which is not of a congratulatory character. As it is better, perhaps, that we should deal with the disagreeables first, we shall draw attention to these matters forthwith, reserving till afterwards such other observations as we may feel it our duty to make.

First, then, as to the finances of the Institution. The year 1874 opened with a small balance in hand, amounting to £78 19s 11d. It closed with a balance on the wrong side of the account of £151 11s 4d. These are the figures. On the Receipt side:—opening balance, 1st January, as stated above £78 19s 11d; donations and subscriptions £9,222 12s 7d; annual grants by Grand Lodge £150, by Grand Chapter £10 10s, together £160 10s; sale of lists of subscribers £2 4s, donation—special to “Prize Fund”—£105, grant from Grand Chapter of £500 Consols—£465, together £572 4s, and musical fees £98 14s; total receipts £10,133 0s 6d. The per contra side of the account shows the following figures: Interest on advance £3 10s 7d

and transfer to "Sustentation Fund" £500=£503 10s 7d; building account, including contractor for additional buildings, £1,757 19s 9d, together with engineer £82 3s 7d; Architect's commission £83 10s, and furniture and fittings £47 3s 6d=£1,970 16s 6d; special expenditure—annual grant to, and provincial travelling expenses of, Secretary, Collector's commission, examination fees, recreation for boys during holidays, gratuities to ditto on quitting school, gratuities to late Head Master and Chaplain, &c. &c.—£736 18s 5d; musical account—purchase of pianos, instructors, and music £216 13s 2d; framing presentation pictures £16 3s 6d; and ordinary expenditure—including general office expenses £959 10s 10d; salaries of establishment at Wood Green £943 6s 8d; wages of servants at ditto £342 16s; provisions £1,963 16s; clothing £1182 7s 6d; and household £1,448 12s 8d=£6,840 9s 8d. Total expenditure £10,284 11s 10d, leaving, as we have said, the account indebted to the extent of £151 11s 4d. We note, of course, among the items of this expenditure, that a sum of £500 has been transferred from the General to the Sustentation Fund, but, even allowing for this transfer, which, be it remarked, was absolutely necessary, it is unsatisfactory to find the Institution in debt, even to a comparatively insignificant extent. A more serious subject of regret is that, whereas in 1873 the donations and subscriptions amounted to £9,873 18s 7d, for 1874 they reach only £9,222 12s 7d, or, in round figures, are less by £650. These points we reserve for further comment. Our one other subject of regret is that changes in the *personnel* of the educational staff have again been deemed necessary. The report says: "Important changes have again taken place in the Instruction Department, including the resignation of the Head Master, the Assistant Masters having also been replaced by new appointments." Last year we were told: "A due regard for the important interests entrusted to their care, has forced upon the Committee the imperative necessity of introducing changes in the Educational department." Now the veriest tyro in such matters must be aware that no school can attain even a fair standard of excellence, in which there are frequent changes of masters and tutors, and especially of the head master. On him it depends entirely whether a wholesome state of discipline, and a high tone of conduct shall be maintained, not only among the boys, but also among the subordinate members of the staff. Different masters, moreover, have different methods of imparting instruction. All have the same end in view, but all employ not the same means to attain that end. It takes some time for the junior masters, as well as for the boys, to familiarise themselves with any new plan of instruction, and it is peculiarly unfortunate if, when this familiarity has been attained, a further change is deemed imperative. We feel assured the Committee will give these views their most anxious consideration, and that, in the new selection they are about to make, they will strive most earnestly to secure, as Head Master, a gentleman who is not only well qualified by his high educational attainments to fill so important an office, but one who will be likely to retain his position for many many years.

But to pass to other and more agreeable matters. The Sustentation Fund shows a balance at the bankers of £212 16s 2d, the receipts, including a balance from last year of £94 6s 11d, and the aforesaid transfer from the General Fund of £500, with sundry small items, being £609 3s 10d, while the expenditure, incurred mostly for repairs, there being also a sum laid out of £100 for relaying play ground with asphalt pavement, amounts only to £396 7s 8d. "The Fund for the advancement of Boys on leaving the Institution," shows a balance in Savings Bank of £10 4s 5d and the stock account, a balance, being profit estimated at £233 18s 6d. It is further gratifying to note that the average cost per boy is reduced from £45 1s 0d, in 1873, to £43 16s 11½d, being a decrease of £1 4s 0½d, three-fourths of which have been effected in respect of "office" expenditure. This is evidence that the Committee do their utmost to keep the expenses of management as low as possible. It is also gratifying to learn that of the eighteen candidates who went in for the Cambridge local examination, in December last, sixteen passed the test imposed, viz., two seniors, that is, above sixteen years of age, and fourteen juniors. As to the education afforded, this "comprises a sound English commercial education, with the addition of French and German, and in the upper the classics and advanced mathematics." Drawing also is taught, less "as an *accomplishment*" than "as a valuable assistance in after life."

We note also with considerable pleasure that "similar considerations have induced the Committee, in conjunction with the Head Master, to determine on the introduction of vocal and instrumental music, and for this purpose a qualified instructor has been appointed." Here then is a course of education which meets the requirements of every class. Those who purpose following some industrial or commercial occupation will, if they have taken advantage of the training offered, be prepared to enter at once on the duties of some minor appointment. Those who desire to enter one of the learned professions, will find themselves sufficiently advanced in classics and mathematics to prosecute their studies, either privately, or in some such College as King's, or University, London, whence, ultimately, they may go to one of our Universities, and there, perchance, graduate with honours. A knowledge of French and German is now-a-days essential to almost every business man, and these may be acquired thoroughly, if a boy will only bring his mind to their study. Thus our Boys' School is quite on a par with the average collegiate or proprietary schools of the metropolis, a fact on which the Committee in particular and the Craft generally have every reason to congratulate themselves. It may not be out of place to add here, that the Canonbury Gold Medal, the gift of Bro. Edward Cox V.P., the recipient of which is elected by the votes of his school-fellows, has been awarded to Richard Newton Carter, and the Silver Medal for good conduct, the gift of the Institution, to Francis Dalrymple Lane.

It now becomes our duty to revert to the financial side of the report. In doing this we shall deal with three facts, the accuracy of which is indisputable. These are the deficit of £150 on the past year; the falling off in donations and subscriptions, as compared with 1873, to the extent of £650; and the *entire absence of invested funds*. We should attach no material importance to the first of these facts if it came alone. The accounts include a sum of nearly £2,000 extraordinary expenditure, for additional buildings, and additional buildings will not always be needed. But the very considerable falling off in the donations and subscriptions is far more serious, for it betokens a culpable laxity on the part of the Craft in the fulfilment of one of its most sacred obligations—*charity*. Now, assuming there are 1,000 Lodges in England, with an aggregate membership of 60,000, and supposing each member contributes annually, say a lawyer's fee of six shillings and eightpence to each of our three Charities, that is, one pound sterling per annum for the three together, each of our institutions would be in the receipt annually from this source alone of £20,000, or, taking the lower sum of five shillings in each case, each of our Charities would receive £15,000 per annum. Is there any doubt as to the ability of English Freemasonry to achieve so light a task as this? If so, our case as submitted falls through; but we doubt if there is a single member in the whole body of English Masons who could not, by the exercise of a very little self-denial, contribute to the trifling extent we have suggested. We have once before quoted some remarks on this point by our late M.W.G.M. the Marquis of Ripon, made only last year, at the Annual Festival of this Institution, but they will bear re-quoting here. "What I want to impress upon you to-night is this, that it is far better that these institutions should be supported by small subscriptions, from large numbers, than that they should be supported by large subscriptions from a few. You who can subscribe and do not, have no right to say that the Boys' School is a credit to Freemasonry; it is a credit to its subscribers; it is no credit, but a discredit to those who do not subscribe." And again, "Do not let any brother be ashamed to give a small subscription! A great many small subscriptions will in the end come, as you well know, to a great deal more than a few large ones, and what you want is, that these Institutions should rest upon the widest possible basis." The words we have italicised fully bear out the hypothesis started out with, that if every member will contribute annually only six shillings and eight pence, or even five shillings, to each of our charities, the yield to each will very far exceed the aggregate of the present donations and subscriptions. It will be observed that we have omitted from our calculations the numerous Lodges in our Colonies and Dependencies which owe allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England. We do not mean by this to ignore them, nor do we imagine our colonial brethren are in the slightest degree less ready to contribute than the members of our English Lodges. On the contrary, we feel assured of their readiness to fulfil their

duty towards our common institutions. But to resume. An annual subscription from each member of only five shillings to each charity, means a certain income to each of £15,000. And what might not be done with this amount. The present ordinary expenditure of the Boys' School is in round figures £7,000, office expenses £1,000, extraordinary expenses, say on an average, and allowing for increasing accommodation, £1,500. There remain £5,500. Of this £3,500 might be invested, and bring grist to the mill in the shape of interest, while the other £2,000 would, even at £50 per head, allow an addition to be made to the school of forty boys. Let our English brethren, between now and the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, ponder on this simple fact, *an annual subscription of five shillings per English Freemason means £15,000 per annum.* The wealthy brother can still give, as he has given in past years, according to his wealth.

We make no apology for having dwelt so long on the claims of this Institution on Freemasonry; they are too self-evident to need one. We may add, in conclusion, that in Bro. Binckes the Boys' School has an advocate who possesses untiring zeal and energy; no amount of personal inconvenience ever steps between him and the fulfilment of his arduous duties. But Bro. Binckes is not even like Sir Boyle Roche's famous bird. He cannot be in two places at once, much less is he ubiquitous. Yet all that can be done he does, to promote the success of the institution with which he is associated. Nor, we feel convinced, will the Stewards elected for the coming Festival be wanting in energy. On the contrary, a feeling of honourable rivalry will no doubt excite in them a desire to outdo the efforts of their predecessors, successful as have been those efforts. What is needed is not more energy on the part of the Secretary and the Stewards, but that the bulk of the Fraternity should be more alive to its obligations. Is it too much to hope that, in these halcyon days of English Freemasonry, when our Order is becoming daily more and more numerous, and rising higher and higher in public estimation, the claims of our charities to increased support will be more fully recognised? We have every faith in the answer that will be given, if only the Craft generally will be more mindful of its duties.

### THE LATE REV. GEORGE OLIVER, D.D.

WE feel that we owe no apology to our readers for bringing under their notice the eminent services which the late Dr. Oliver rendered to Masonry, and, if a comparison be possible under the circumstances, his still more eminent services in connection with Masonic literature. Few among us may hope to equal him even in his simple character of a just and upright Mason, while to approach him in knowledge of Masonic lore, or in his many able and eloquent expositions of the many beauties that adorn our symbolism—this, we trow, must be looked upon as well nigh impossible. Whatever the present or future ages may bring forth in the way of Masonic *littérateurs*, it is certain that most of them will owe the greater part of their knowledge, and, perhaps, all their enthusiasm to the influence of his fervent teachings. Many have risen, and will yet rise, to the same rank as he did. Let us hope that some may write, if not as ably and voluminously, at all events with the same admirable purpose in view. But the majority of Masons present and to come can only strive to imitate his virtues and draw inspiration from his works. That what we have said thus far is no mere figure of speech, let the following sketch of his honourable career bear witness. The facts have been culled from the Memoir, by the publisher, Bro. R. Spencer, prefixed to the new edition of Dr. Oliver's "Origin of the Royal Arch Order of Masonry, Historically Considered," which appeared within a very few weeks prior to his death in 1867.

The late Dr. George Oliver, descended of an ancient Scottish family of that name, was the eldest son of the Rev. Samuel Oliver, Rector of Lambley, Notts, and was born 5th November 1782. After attaining his majority, in 1803, he was appointed Second Master in Caistor Grammar School. In 1809, he became Head Master of Grimsby Grammar School. In 1813, he was ordained deacon, and took priest's orders the year following, when he was presented by Bishop Tomline to the living of Cleve. In 1831, Bishop Kaye presented him to the living of Scopwick, and in 1834, the Dean of Windsor bestowed on him the Rectory

of Wolverhampton, with a prebend's stall in the Collegiate Church in that town. In 1836, he graduated as D.D. In 1844, shortly after the Lincoln "Oliver Offering"—of which hereafter—he was presented to the Rectory of South Hykeham. At the age of seventy-two his voice began to fail him, and henceforth he lived in dignified retirement at Eastgate, Lincoln. He died, 3rd March 1867, full of years and honours, respected of all men, and beloved and esteemed by his friends and brethren.

As to his Masonic career, Dr. Oliver was initiated in 1801, in St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, by special dispensation from Grand Lodge, being passed and raised the year following. In 1803 he was congratulated as Mark Mason. Soon after his settlement at Grimsby, in 1809, he procured a warrant for the establishment of a Lodge—the Apollo—of which he was the first W.M., a position he held for fourteen years. In 1812, the honour was accorded him of laying the first stone of the Masonic Hall at Grimsby, a town where, previous to his residence, Masonry could hardly boast a single representative. In 1813, he was exalted a R.A. Mason in the Chapter attached to the Rodney Lodge, Kingston-on-Hull. In 1814—according to the learned doctor's own statement, in his speech acknowledging the Lincoln offering, in 1813—he served the office of Prov. Grand Steward. In 1815, he attained the Rose  $\boxtimes$ , the 18th degree. In 1816, he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain by Prov. G.M. White. In 1833, Prov. G.M. D'Eyncourt selected him as his D.P.G.M. for Lincolnshire, and this office he held for nine years. In 1838, he became a joining member of the Witham Lodge, Lincoln, from the Apollo Lodge, Grimsby. In April 1841, he assisted in laying the foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall, Saltergate, Lincoln, and preached the sermon in St. Peter's Church, while in June of next year, he assisted at the dedication, and delivered an oration appropriate to the ceremony. "On this occasion were present Dr. Oliver's father, his son, and his son's sons—four generations of Masons in one family." Two years later he was chosen an honorary member of the Witham Lodge, and continued so till his death. In 1845, he became S.G.I.G. 33rd degree; in 1846, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by diploma, and in the same year, by patent, M.Ill. Lieut. G. Commander of the Supreme Council H.E., for England and Wales. In 1851, he rose by succession to be M.P. Sov. G. Commander of the said Supreme Council. At his death, a dispensation was at once granted by Bro. Smyth, D. Prov. G.M., for his interment with Masonic honours. Accordingly about ninety brethren followed the body to its last resting-place in St. Within's Cemetery. The order of procession being as follows:—

Two Tylers.	
Visiting Brethren.	
Witham Lodge.	
Band.	
Brethren out of Office.	
The Deacons.	
The Secretary with Roll.	
The Treasurer.	
The Senior and Junior Wardens.	
The Prov. Grand Officers.	
The Holy Writings.	
The Grand Pursuivant.	
Steward with wand.	The Worshipful Master.
	Steward with wand.
	The Officiating Clergyman.
	THE BODY.
	Mourners.
	Two Stewards.
	Tyler.

As an author, Dr. Oliver, very early in his Masonic career, set himself seriously and earnestly to the study of the science, and but a very few years elapsed ere his researches bore fruit. In 1820, he published his "Antiquities of Freemasonry." This was followed by "The Star in the East." In 1826, appeared "Signs and Symbols," and then his "History of Initiation." In 1829, he edited a new edition of Preston's "Illustrations of Masoury," and subsequently there appeared at divers times a series of most valuable treatises and lectures, of which we enumerate the following: "Historical Landmarks and other Evidences of Freemasonry Explained," in 2 vols; an edition in 5 volumes of the "Golden Remains of the Early Masonic Writers;" one of "Hutchinson's 'Spirit of Masonry;'" and one also of "Dr. Ashe's 'Masonic Manual;'" "History of Freemasonry from 1829 to 1841;" "A Mirror for the Johannite Masons;" "The Book of the Lodge, or Officer's Manual;" "The Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence;" "The Theocratic Philosophy of Freemasonry;" "A



Dictionary of Symbolical Masonry;" "The Symbol of Glory;" "The Revelations of a Square;" "The Freemasons' Treasury;" "An Apology for Freemasonry;" "History of the Witham Lodge;" and "The Origin of the Royal Arch Order of Masonry." The preface to a new edition of this last work was written in the very year that he died (1867), and only a few weeks, therefore, before his demise. Nor must we omit to mention that in the catalogue of sale of Bro. R. Spencer's Collection of Works on Freemasonry to be disposed of by auction by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge, on the 27th July next, will be found several unpublished MSS. of the late Dr. Oliver's, among them "The Discrepancies of Freemasonry Examined," "Dissertation on the Grand Hermesian Anaglyph," "The Pythagorean Triangle," "A Lecture on the Various Rituals of Freemasonry, from the 10th Century to the Present Time." This bare enumeration of his principal works will afford no true conception of their value. The list will give us some idea of his unrivalled energy, but we must become familiar with the contents of the most important—of his "Landmarks" for instance, his "Star in the East," or his "Signs and Symbols," ere we can appreciate his true worth as a Masonic teacher. As an incitement to young Masons to learn what this eminent brother has done for our Order, we take leave to quote one or two opinions, expressed in reference to one or other of his works at the time they appeared, and likewise those of eminent members of the Craft, who were his contemporaries and friends. Thus, *a propos* of "The Symbol of Glory," *Bell's Messenger* writes to this effect: No member of the Masonic body has done more to advance the principles of the Order than the writer of this book, who has proved that this fraternal system is based on the noblest principles, and calculated when carried out according to its primeval intentions, to be the handmaid of true religion. We will not attempt to explain the object of this, the last, as we regret to hear, of the many excellent treatises which Dr. Oliver has written. This much, however, we must say; first that whoever reads it, be he a member of the mystic tie or not, will derive much pleasure from its researches, and a large amount of instruction." The *Gentleman's Magazine* describes the "History of Initiation" as "learned, curious, and ingenious," while of "Signs and Symbols" it says, "it is well written, and merits a place in every gentleman's library, whether he be a brother or not." The *Freemason's Quarterly Review* writes of "The Star in the East"—"Of all Dr. Oliver's works, we cannot but consider this is THE gem, contained in a casket of sterling value, of which the lock and key are of superior workmanship. The authorities which Dr. Oliver has brought, not so much in aid, as corroborative proof of his clear and undeniable truths, are placed in honourable position. It is impossible to offer any other opinion on the *Star in the East*, which we have read with a grateful sense of the obligation conferred on the Craft, than that it is a shining light, by which the apprentice, the Craftsman, the Master, and the perfect Master, may equally see their way." Of the same and another work, Bro. Spencer—to whose memoir we have already said we are indebted for the facts contained in this article—writes: "Such a work as the "Star in the East," when put in the hands of an uninitiated candid enquirer, has a marvellous effect. We have frequently tested it. We have lent them the above work, and almost invariably found that the perusal of it has had the effect of converting the former enemy into a friend, and not unfrequently into a candidate for initiation." So also his "Apology for the Free and Accepted Masons," has "induced the clergy, in a great many instances, to cease from their opposition, and to open their churches to our yearly gatherings." Here is the opinion of the late Dr. Crucefix, himself an eminent Mason. Writing in January 1842 to Bro. W.A. Nicholson P.G.S.W. for Lincolnshire, Dr. Crucefix describes the effect on himself of his earliest personal relations with Dr. Oliver, and refers to the many kindnesses he had received from the latter. He proceeds thus: "I am aware that the Witham Lodge has paid our friend a compliment,"—they had presented to him a handsome silver salver in 1839—"but I am morally assured that an expression of the Universal esteem in which he is held by the world of Masons will be regarded by him with feelings of justifiable pride; he cannot be unconscious of his own exalted merit. Lincolnshire, his homestead, should lead, London should adopt, and the world confirm the testimony of our Order to its most distinguished member, by the purest wreath that should grace the brow of the Freemason of all times . . .

There should be a provincial Committee in Lincoln to co-operate with a London Committee, and all foreign and district Grand Lodges should be addressed."

The proposal was carried out, and the testimonial took the shape of a magnificent cup and a service of plate, which were presented to him on 9th May 1844, and formed the "Oliver Offering," to which allusion has already been made. The formal presentation took place at the Witham Lodge, adjourned to the City Arms Hotel, in the presence of a considerable number of visiting brethren from Lincolnshire and the adjoining provinces, as well as from London, in addition to the members of the Lodge. As Dr. Oliver passed up the room, escorted by the Committee, all rose simultaneously, and greeted him with the heartiest enthusiasm. The cup and parts of the service were borne up to the dais by four P.M.'s, namely, Bros. W. H. Adams 339, W. A. Nicholson 374, Pashley 611, and Dr. Barton 612, preceded by Bro. R. Goodacre P.M. 347 and A.G.D.C. for the province. Bro. Goodacre having formally delivered the testimonial to the chairman, the latter, (the Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne) addressed Dr. Oliver at considerable length. In the course of his remarks he offered an apology for Masonry, and concluded "These facts"—certain to which he had alluded—"and, above all *these books*"—Dr. Oliver's Works "have set our Order in its true light. And who wrote these books? Our friend and brother and guest, whom we are now assembled to honour! They are the witnesses to his exertions, they are the vouchers for his services. Our Brother Goodacre has aptly alluded to the spreading of Masonry in the East, and, indeed, over the world. Wherever our principles have gone, thither also has passed the name of Dr. Oliver, the historian and the sage of Masonry; and contributions to this offering from the distant climes prove in some measure that his labours are not unrecognised." Dr. Oliver replied most feelingly to this kind address, sketching his Masonic career at some length, and concluding with these words, "I have told you how I began, I have told you how I continued—I have no occasion to tell you—for you all know too well—how I ended. There are many brethren present whom, it is highly probable, I may never see again in this world. But there is another and a better. There, I trust, we shall all meet, never to part again. There, amidst the systems of Heaven's High Arch, we may practice our system of universal love, and rejoice in the blessings of unadulterated Masonry for ever and ever! Brethren, farewell, and may God be with you all."

The following is a translation of the inscription on the Cup:—

TO GEORGE OLIVER,  
Doctor in Divinity and Fellow of the Society of Antiquarians,  
Edinburgh.  
Vicar of Scopwick, Incumbent of Wolverhampton,  
Lately in the County of Lincoln  
Of Freemasons  
Deputy Grand Master,  
Also of the Witham Lodge, 374, a member and Chaplain,  
A Philosopher and Archæologist  
Second to None,  
In Historical subjects most learned,  
An Orator, whether in the Church or in our Councils,  
Both in knowledge and in eloquence most excellent,  
Of the Mystic Union,  
Founded in Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,  
For forty years the most Erudite Expositor,  
A Brother of Reverence unceasingly most worthy:  
The Brethren throughout the whole surface of the earth,  
Celebrating the rites of Freemasons;  
For the sake both of Honour and of Love,  
Have given this  
Offering.

A.D. 1844.

A.L. 5848.

Comment on a career so grand, yet so simple, so energetic, and so successful in its labours, were needless. It tells its own tale. The best conclusion we can offer to such a sketch, is the earnest hope, "*O si sic omnes!*"

## DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, NEW YORK.

ALL accounts are agreed that the recent Dedication of the new Masonic Temple at New York, to which we briefly referred last week, was one of the grandest and most impressive ceremonies which modern Masonry has ever witnessed. In one respect it differed from the

ceremony attending the late Installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England. On the latter occasion there was no public procession, no public display of Masonic emblems. The brethren found their way to the Royal Albert Hall in the manner most convenient to themselves. Once there, and proved, they arrayed themselves in the Masonic clothing to which their rank in the Order entitled them, and found their way, as noiselessly as possible, to the places assigned to them. But in New York a grand procession of over 25,000 of the Craft marched in serried ranks through some of the leading thoroughfares of the city, and naturally enough there were tens of thousands assembled all along the line of march to witness so imposing a spectacle. At 8 a.m. the brethren fell in; at 9 the firing of three guns in rapid succession was the signal for the head of the column to move. There were in all twenty-six divisions, of these the first seven were Templars, in their bravest apparel, with banners waving and plumes nodding. The eighth division comprised the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Grand Chapter, &c., together with aged and infirm brethren, all in carriages. Divisions nine to twenty-five, both inclusive, were composed of Blue or Craft Lodges, while the twenty-sixth division, before whom all the others filed past in review, was confined wholly to the Grand Lodge of New York State, headed by R.W. Charles Roome, Grand Marshal, and his aids. Every division had its band—in some cases more than one—and the van and rear of the whole consisted of platoons of mounted police. From a few minutes after the hour appointed, till past two o'clock, the processional part of the pageant lasted, and then the several divisions having been dismissed, the Grand Lodge and brethren invited to be present entered the Temple, and the more important ceremony of the day commenced. M.W. Elwood E. Thorne, preceded by Grand Marshal Roome, took his place on the throne, and while the brethren were seating themselves, and the visitors were paying their respects to the G.M., first a number of pieces were played on the organ, at which Bro. George W. Morgan presided, and then followed a selection from "I Martiri," for orchestra, organ, and chorus, under the direction of Bro. P. S. Gilmore. The Reverend J. P. Webster, one of the Grand Chaplains, then offered up an appropriate prayer, which was followed by sacred music, including a Grand Masonic Hymn for baritone and full chorus:—

Thou who art God alone,  
Accept, before Thy throne,  
Our fervent prayer.  
To fill with light and grace  
This house, Thy dwelling place,  
And bless Thy chosen race.  
O God, draw near.

As through the universe,  
All nature's works, diverse,  
Thy praise accord,  
Let faith upon us shine,  
And charity combine  
With hope, to make us Thine,  
Jehovah, Lord!

Spirit of truth and love,  
Descending from above,  
Our hearts inflame,  
Till Masonry's control,  
Shall bind in one the whole,  
A temple of the soul,  
To Thy Great name!

The Grand Master next addressed Grand Lodge briefly, but in most eloquent terms, justly laying great stress on the fact that the Hall "is not so much for the convenience and comfort of our working, in the ordinary acceptation of the word, as it is for the benefit of the aged and needy brother, the destitute widow, and orphans of our household." Deputy G.M. James W. Husted then advanced, and, on behalf of the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, requested the G.M. to "Dedicate and set apart this Hall to the uses of the most ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and its revenues to the endowment and perpetual maintenance of our system, for the relief of the poor, oppressed, and distressed of the Brotherhood." The architect and master builder, Bros. N. Le Brun and John T. Conover, having been formally presented, a procession was formed by Grand Marshal Roome, in the following order:—

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, with Drawn Swords,  
Grand Sword Bearer, with the Sword of State,  
Grand Standard Bearer,  
Four Past Masters, with Great Lights,

Four Past Masters, bearing the Ark,  
Grand Chaplains,  
Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon,  
Grand Lecturer, Grand Librarian,  
District Deputy Grand Masters, two abreast,  
Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,  
Grand Junior Warden, with Vessel of Corn,  
Grand Senior Warden, with Vessel of Wine,  
Deputy Grand Master, with Vessel of Oil,  
Two Grand Stewards, with Rods Crossed,  
THE GRAND MASTER,  
Grand Steward, Rod Erect, Grand Steward, Rod Erect.

The procession having moved slowly round the Lodge, returned to the dais, when R.W. Bro. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Grand Chaplain, offered the Consecration prayer. The usual form of service was then performed, and Bro. M.W. John L. Lewis, D.G.M., delivered the dedicatory address. This is too long to give *in extenso*, but one or two passages are worth quoting. Thus, as to the time when the first decisive steps were resolved upon, and the proposed scheme for building the Hall was settled, Bro. Lewis said:—

"It was on the 7th day of June 1843 that the first decisive and finally successful step was taken. On that day a memorial was presented in Grand Lodge, praying that measures might be taken for the creation of a fund for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall and Asylum. This memorial was subscribed by 100 brethren, each of whom pledged himself to pay the sum of 300 dols., and a continuous annual contribution. For ever honoured be their names and memories by all, and they should be inscribed the first and highest upon the sacred roll of honour."

As to the first dollar subscribed, Bro. Lewis narrated the following:—

"It has been said that an humble brother, of limited means, and dependent upon his daily labours for his daily bread, inaugurated this enterprise, by laying a silver dollar upon the altar, as the first gift to the Hall and Asylum Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York. If this be so, deaf must be our ears, mute our voices, and deadened our hearts to every generous emotion, if we do not, on this day of jubilee, pronounce the name of Greenfield Pole, of the City of New York, then Grand Tyler, as the first true-hearted donor of that which equals the widow's mite, since expanded into thousands upon thousands of dollars."

Comparing Masonry now with its condition a quarter of a century ago, the orator remarked:—

"At the period denoted there were about 100 Lodges in the State, with a membership not exceeding 15,000, including the large number of unaffiliated within their range; to-day there are about 700 Lodges, with a registered membership of over 87,000. Then there were differences among the Masons of our State, as to the question of regularity and jurisdiction; to-day there is cordial and unbroken union."

As to the scope and aim of Masonry, the justice of Bro. Lewis's observations is to be commended. "With questions of State, or the administration of governments, and with religious sects or their peculiar creeds, our institution in its sphere of duty has no part or lot. Tolerance to all and bias towards none are its cardinal principles of belief and action; leaving every brother free to act according to the dictates of his own conscience, only requiring him to be loyal to his country, true to his fellow-men, and obedience to his God. But we are deeply concerned in that which affects the character and stability of Governments, and the peace and purity of Churches, in their effects upon the happiness of mankind. The advocates of peace, we have avowed before high heaven that the sword shall not devour for ever; that toleration shall be the practice, as it is the rule in this free land, and that art and science shall receive that protection and encouragement which they so eminently require in their struggles with a worldly spirit."

After a few closing sentences, in which the orator fervently besought the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the solemn labours of the day, the Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation, in South, West, and East, as follows:—

"In the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose unnumbered blessings we humbly acknowledge; by Order of the M.W. Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master of Masons; under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and the

brethren owing it fealty and allegiance, I declare this new Masonic Hall dedicated."

Some congratulatory telegrams were then read, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

The architecture of the Grand Lodge room is "Roman Ionic, with a double row of columns, which add much to the embellishment of the room, and there is a seating capacity of about 1,200." The throne is "in the Pompeian style, and is fifteen feet high; it rests on two winged lions, and the canopy over the throne is supported by Ionic pilasters. The whole is carved in black walnut, and upholstered with blue velvet." In the corridor of Grand Lodge room is a panel, bearing the following inscription:—

THE CORNER STONE  
of this  
Masonic Temple  
Was Laid  
June 8, A.L. 5870, A.D. 1870  
by the  
M.W. JAMES GIBSON G.M.  
assisted by  
John H. Anthon, D.G.M.; Christopher C.  
Fox S.G.W.; Edmund S. Judson,  
J.G.W.; John W. Simons, G.T.  
James M. Austin, G.S.  
and  
this Edifice was  
Dedicated  
June 2, A.L. 5875, A.D. 1875,  
by the  
M.W. ELWOOD E. THORNE, G.M.  
assisted by  
James W. Husted, D.G.M.; Jesso B.  
Anthony, S.G.W.; Levi M. Gano,  
J.G.W.; John W. Simons, G.T.;  
James M. Austin, G.S.;  
Building Committee:—  
John J. Crane, Charles Roome,  
John T. Conover, Charles D. Brown,  
Zachariah Dederick,  
Architect  
Napoleon Le Brun.

Among the many eminent Masons present at the dedication, Bro. Albert G. Mackey, the great Masonic writer, was perhaps the most eminent, while the object in the procession which most attracted attention, and which was the greatest source of pride to the Fraternity, was the Bible on which the illustrious Bro. General George Washington had taken his oath of office.

Grand Lodge afterwards held a banquet in honour of this great event. Of this Delmonico had the supreme direction; so that those of our readers who are acquainted with New York City may draw the conclusion that everything was in harmony with the occasion. Other banquets were held generally throughout the city, all the New York Lodges devoting themselves most cordially to the fraternal duties of hospitality. Among these, the most conspicuous was that held in the Great Hall of the Tammany Society, where the Manhattan Commandery of New York, No. 3 entertained the most prominent Southern Commanderies, covers being laid for nearly 800.

Proud, indeed, must be our brethren of New York State of the grand success which has marked the Dedication of their new Masonic Temple. Right heartily and fraternally do we congratulate them, and we trust most sincerely the G.A.O.T.U. may speed them well in their future course, whether as Masons or in the ordinary business of life.

### THE CASE OF THE RETIRING MASTER OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, the receipt of whose Report to the Yorkshire Vice Presidents of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys we acknowledged last week, will, we feel assured, excuse us if we decline plunging into matters controversial. Doubtless he will recognise how imperative it is we should avoid anything that can be construed into partisanship. He is, of course, aware that his statement is nevertheless an *ex parte* one. The case as submitted on behalf of the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, the retiring Head Master, may be true, but its truth has not yet been proved. There is the counter case yet to be heard, before judgment can be pronounced. Two points there are, however, on which we feel that we may express our opinion. 1. The rule which places the supreme power in the hands of the Head Master, is both just and necessary. If he is to be of any service to the school over which he

presides in name, a real absolute power over the whole school establishment—of course within the limits of his prerogative—must be vested in him. He is responsible to the Committee who appoint him, but to them only. All others are subordinate to him, and it would only be a bare act of justice if the Committee suspended or, in a very flagrant case, summarily dismissed any inferior officer who should wilfully break this law. We fear the case of Dr. Hayman at Rugby is already bearing fruit. 2. We think, on further reflection, the D.P.G.M. will agree with us, that his remarks at p. 14, as to the expenditure and management of the school, are uncalled for. Nor is he just towards the Secretary, who he thinks might do the duties of clerk or collector as well as his own, and "consider himself well paid into the bargain." Few men work harder than Bro. Binckes. The greater part of what, with other men, is leisure time is, in his case, devoted to advocating, in our Lodges, the cause of the School. That he is a painstaking, obliging, and successful Secretary, is matter of notoriety throughout the Craft. To depreciate the work which Bro. Binckes does, and, indirectly, the labours of the Committee, in whose name he acts, must damage, rather than improve, the case of Mr. Perrott.

Since writing the above, we have received a communication from Bro. Binckes, with a request that it may be inserted in our columns. As we have not thought it worth while to print Bro. Tew's Report, it is needless to insert Bro. Binckes's explanation. No doubt many of our readers, who are interested in the controversy, will be able to obtain copies of Bro. Tew's Report and Bro. Binckes's Letter on application to these gentlemen.

### "AN OLIVER SCHOLARSHIP."

DR. Ace's letter, which we published last week, contains a suggestion which is well worthy of consideration. The £200 raised for an Oliver Memorial, together with a further £200 recently voted by the Pro. G. Lodge of Lincolnshire, or, together, £400, form an excellent nucleus for an Oliver Scholarship, and we trust the hope is not ill-founded that such additional contributions may be forthcoming as will make the memorial worthy of the Order of which Dr. Oliver was so great an ornament. The objection that Dr. Ace's scheme would raise a poor lad out of his sphere is, to say the least, frivolous. Some of our most eminent men—the late Lord St. Leonards is a case in point—have raised themselves into a sphere far above that in which they were born. Many a poor student by the aid of the scholarship or exhibition, which his early talents enabled him to win, has passed with the highest honours through one or other of our universities, and attained eminence in one of the learned professions. But should there be an insufficiency of means to endow an "Oliver Scholarship" at Oxford or Cambridge, "Oliver Medals," or "Oliver Prizes" might be established at our two schools. Taking the present sum contributed of £400, this at 5 per cent. will yield £20, which is sufficient to endow two prizes—either a gold medal or books—of £5 each, given at each of the Masonic Schools. One of them might be given for "general conduct," and the other for "general proficiency" in the subjects taught. The name of Dr. Oliver and his connection with our Order would thus be perpetuated, in a manner worthy both of his high character as a man and of his great learning as exemplified in his Masonic writings. Dr. Ace's scheme shall have our warmest support.

### A ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR SCOTLAND.

IN one of our earliest numbers we drew attention to an appeal by Bro. Geo. R. Harriott, Prov. G.M. of Wigton and Kirkcudbright, in which he urged on our Scottish brethren the necessity for establishing a Benevolent Institution, that should combine the objects of our three English Masonic charities. Captain Harriott, indeed, is the promoter and originator of the scheme he so strenuously advocates. We rejoice to hear that there is every likelihood that the proposal will meet with that measure of success which it deserves. Among those whose support has been promised we may mention Bros. W. C. H. Bickerton and Captain Shanks for Glasgow and Renfrewshire; Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Ayrshire; Bros. Dr. W. Cowan and

J. Young, Perthshire; Bros. G. H. Pagan LL.D., Fifeshire; Bros. Col. Acheson and Alex. Henry, Dundee; Bros. Beveridge M.D., Capt. C. Leith Hay, and W. E. Grandfelt, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire; Bros. G. Laurie G. Sec., Major Ramsay, H. D. Copland, G. Murray, and J. B. Douglas, Edinburgh, together with all whose assistance had been already promised. Others there are, too, in the Colonies, who are both able and willing to work, and whose services may prove invaluable. All we can say—may the scheme prosper. Its object is worthy of the support of the whole Craft in Scotland, and we, as far as lies in our power, will do our best to further the project.

## REVIEWS.

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

Record of the Installation of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edward, Bart., D.L., J.P., P.M. No. 61, Probity, as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, at Halifax, 21st April A.L. 5875. Also the Installation of His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, London, on Wednesday, the 28th April A.L. 5875. Edited by Thomas William Tew J.P., P.M. No. 910, and D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire. Dedicated by permission to Sir Henry Edwards. Pontefract: R. Holmes, Printer, Market Place, 1875.

THE events of which this pamphlet is the record are among the most important that have occurred, of late years, in English Freemasonry. One, indeed, cannot be surpassed in the annals of all Masonry. There may have been greater gatherings, as at the dedication of the Masonic Hall in Philadelphia, and at that of the New Masonic Temple New York, on which we comment elsewhere, but the ceremonial in the Albert Hall stands alone, and far above all other Masonic ceremonials. Nor is the election of Sir Henry Edwards to the Prov. Grand Mastership of Yorkshire without its significance. It was of this province that our late M.W.G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, was G.M. It is a large and important province, with 59 Lodges, and an aggregate membership of 2,885. Yorkshire, too, is foremost among our provinces in its support of our Charities. It is quite natural then that our Yorkshire brethren should desire to possess some lasting record of the last election, and as that of the Prince of Wales followed so closely upon the heels of the former, it was equally natural that members should desire an account of the Royal Albert Hall to be embodied in the same pamphlet. We do not think the task could have been entrusted to better hands. Bro. Tew has faithfully completed his task of compilation. Taking the most trustworthy accounts he could obtain, he has extracted from them a plain and lucid narration of the two Installations. The narrative, in fact, is eminently readable, and the facts are marshalled in their proper sequence, so that no confusion can possibly arise as to the character or regularity of the proceedings. It is needless, of course, for us to select any evidence in support of these statements, for we should only be reproducing what, in another form, has already appeared in these columns. Nor need we say more as to Bro. Tew's task. He has done his work well, and we feel sure he will reap the only reward to which he aspires: the thanks, not of Yorkshire brethren only, but of the Craft generally.

The *Masonic Review* for June (Cincinnati, Ohio) opens with an article from the pen of the Editor, entitled "A Stupid Atheist," Mr. Charles Bradlaugh as a Freemason being the text. We quite agree with the editorial comments. Assuming that Mr. Bradlaugh has been regularly initiated—a question we shall certainly never trouble ourselves to discuss—it was in France, not in England, that the mistake occurred; such, at least, is the current story. English Freemasonry is free from the taint of having admitted "a stupid atheist." We respectfully object, however, to Mr. Bradlaugh being set down by the Editor as a "distinguished" Englishman. He may be a "notorious" one, in a not over complimentary sense, but that is all. A most valuable item in this Review is a "Masonic Bibliography," by Bro. Enoch T. Carson. This appears to be very carefully compiled, and cannot fail to be of the utmost value to Masonic students and writers. We trust that, when completed, this Bibliography will be published in a connected form. From the "Editorial Department" we extract the following note:—

"HUGHAN AND NORTON.—It is a mistake to couple these brethren in an attempt to ignore the age and traditions of Masonry. Norton is a kind of Arab,—his "hand against every man" who deems Masonry older than 1717; while Hughan is a scholar, a historian, a man of extensive reading and research. He has done more to develop the true history of the Order than any man who ever wrote on the subject. He has spent years in the examination of old documents and ancient records, and proves beyond a doubt that speculative Masonry was practised long anterior to 1717. That he should discover changes in our rituals, forms, ceremonies, etc., is not strange; it would be strange if there had been no changes. In the long lapse of centuries, among so many nationalities, and worked in so many various languages, it would be a miracle if Masonry had not been modified. And when we remember that the landmarks and essentials are few, and the largest portion of our verbal ceremonies are of modern growth, we ought to rejoice that we have it as pure and unchanged as we have. No, no; never couple the names of Hughan and Norton as engaged in a crusade against the life and truths of Masonry."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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### AN OLIVER SCHOLARSHIP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

23A Great Queen Street,  
22nd June 1875.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust the noble initiative of the Rev. Bro. Daniel Ace, D.D. (one who is never weary in well-doing) will speedily awaken the response it deserves. An University Masonic Scholarship will be worthy alike of the Fraternity, and of the memory of Dr. Oliver.

I have already had the honour to contribute to the Oliver Memorial Fund, but now that it expands into so appropriate and honourable a project, I feel double satisfaction in offering another Five Pounds for the purpose.

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD SPENCER,  
Past Grand Steward.

## REPORTS OF LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Queen's Hotel, Cardiff.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is surprising in these enlightened days, how frequently old Acts of Parliament, bye-laws, and other matters crop up to disturb the even tenour of our way.

I was rather taken by surprise at a discussion I heard last week, in a Lodge far from here, in connection with a circular received from your office, soliciting that reports of the Lodge be forwarded for your paper.

It appeared to me that the W.M. and P.M.'s were as well read in the Book of Constitutions as they were good workers, for they not only rendered the first section of the lecture in a beautiful manner, but pointed out, in the Book of Constitutions, that no member of a Lodge was empowered to send a report to any paper of the proceedings of any Lodge without permission of Grand Lodge, or Past Grand Master; consequently, it was unanimously voted that no report could be sent, and I regret from such a cause that I cannot give further publicity to the evening's proceedings, but hope that some brethren of Grand Lodge may see this letter, that such a clause, although no doubt useful at the time it was made, may be brought before its members for their opinion, under existing circumstances.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

M. M. M.

## ROYAL INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Attentive consideration of the conclusions drawn by the Masonic historian, "Dr. Findel," from his investigations, suggests to me the following reflections.

The German Steinmetzen may have changed the signification of what they inherited from the Roman Collegia, but the English Freemasons have undoubtedly preserved it. There seems no possibility of our having taken the customs of the Steinmetzen for models, we must have inherited them from elsewhere. The ideal of the English Freemason was evidently independent of that of his brethren of Strasbourg or elsewhere in Germany. The connecting link for us would be the annual assembly at York and the Athelstan Charter, and the open question remains:—Is the former unfounded tradition and the latter a lie? I believe not, and hope to see full evidence for my belief before long. Dr. Findel does not admit the possibility of links for us, because his theory denies all our connection with antiquity.

One cause of the vitality of old formulae and symbols in Masonry, may be pointed out. The Dionysiacs threw off travelling branches, the Pythagoreans did so too; stray initiates from the East must have been ever turning up wherever (in the West as elsewhere) branches existed. These stray brethren from the fountain-head would powerfully aid the maintenance of the old traditions. Thus, with the survival of the similar Druidical mysteries, travelling Roman initiates would amalgamate; even so wandering Steinmetzen, and Syrian artificers brought back in the wake of the Crusades.

In the bosom of the Masonic Associations originated the "Platonic Academy" of Florence, in 1780, the "Company of the Trowel," in 1512, and the Famossissima Campagna della Lesina at Venice, in 1600, all having for object the reformation of morals, by the practice of speculative Masonry.

I would not seem to underrate the labours and the critical acumen of Dr. Findel, though I cannot follow to his conclusions; one passage on page 22 of his "History" opens a loophole through which his theory must ebb away, he there admits:—"Several Roman authors and some monumental inscriptions furnish undeniable proofs that these associations of artists and artisans, continued among the Romans for a considerable period. That they were in Gaul and Brittany is beyond a doubt, and that a certain connection existed between them and the building corporations of later date can scarcely be disputed."

I am new to discussions on this subject, though I have attentively perused the matter of your pages; I am not controversially disposed, but have derived decided impressions, which I have much pleasure in placing at your service, should you think them worthy of a place.

Yours, &c.,

Sevens Oaks, Kent, 21st June 1875.

BEOWULF.



## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—This evening, LE NOZZE DI FIGARO. On Monday, LOHENGRIN. On Tuesday, ROMEO E GIULIETTA. On Wednesday, L'AFRICAIN. On Thursday, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. On Friday, FRA DIAVOLO. At 8.30 each evening.

**HER MAJESTY'S OPERA, DRURY LANE.**—This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, SEMIRAMIDE. On Tuesday, MIGNON. On Thursday, LOHENGRIN, at 8.30 each evening, except on Thursday, when the Opera will commence at 8.0. On Monday morning, at 2.30, and Friday evening, at 8.30, HAMLET. On Wednesday evening, at 8.30, OTHELLO.

**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, A FAIR ENCOUNTER, DAVID GARRICK, and A REGULAR FIX (last night of the season). On Monday, BRIGHTON and the ZOO.

**ADELPHI.**—At 8.45, PAINLESS DENTISTRY, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY and FUN IN A FOG. On Monday, BENEFIT of Mr. CLARKE.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.15, HEARTSEASE. At 9.15, ROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS. Last night.

**LYCEUM.**—At 6.50, FISH OUT OF WATER. At 7.45, HAMLET. On Saturday, a morning performance at 2.30 only. Tuesday next, last time.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, FAMILY JARS, and THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN.

**STRAND.**—At 7.30, AN EARNEST APPEAL. At 8.0, WEAK WOMAN and PATIENT PENELOPE.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, MONEY.

**GAIETY.**—At 8.0, FRENCH OPERA.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, EAST LYNNE and BLUE BEARD. (Last Nights.)

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 7.30, A PRACTICAL MAN. At 8.30, TOM COBB.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG, OUR BOYS and A FEARFUL FOG.

**CHARING CROSS.**—At 8.0, A CURE FOR THE FIDGETS. At 8.40 CATTARINA. 10.45, THE MAGILTONS.

**MIRROR.**—At 7.0, NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS. At 8.15, THE DETECTIVE.

**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.15, THE ARTFUL DODGE and CHILPERIC.

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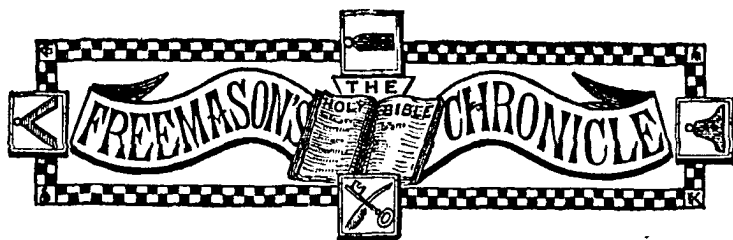
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## OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

THE week in Parliament has been one, for the most part, of sheer hard work. Early and late sittings are the rule now, and will be so, we presume, to the end of the Session. But still more might be done if motions that can lead to no legislative action, at all events this Session, were dropped out of the "Orders of the Day." On Friday, in the House of Lords, Lord Oranmore and Browne drew the attention of the House to the subject of Irish Education. After a tolerably long discussion, the subject dropped: The Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Bill was withdrawn. The Bishopric of St. Albans Bill passed through Committee, and other measures were advanced a stage. The greater part of Monday's sitting was occupied in considering whether Messrs. Moody and Sankey should be allowed to hold a meeting at Eton, for the benefit of Eton scholars, but after a solemn debate, this subject also dropped. On Tuesday there was only a short sitting, at which several measures were read a third time and passed. On Thursday, the second reading of the Canada Copyright Bill was proposed by Lord Carnarvon, and carried. The Pollution of Rivers Bill, the dimensions of which, as Lord Salisbury pointed out, have been considerably reduced, likewise passed its second reading. Other Bills having been advanced a stage, the House adjourned a little after seven o'clock.

In the Commons, on Friday, the Committee on the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill was resumed at the morning sitting. But slow progress was made, the discussion being renewed on clause 9, and clause 12 had not been agreed to when the Chairman reported progress, and the House resumed. In the evening Mr. R. Yorke, in a long and able speech, drew the attention of the House to the present condition of Turkey, and moved for certain correspondence relative to certain conditions agreed to between the English and Turkish Governments in 1856. The debate occupied the whole sitting, and was, in the end, negatived, Mr. Under-Secretary Bourke, on behalf of the Government, resisting the motion. Further, and, indeed, considerable progress was made in Committee, on Monday, with the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill, various



clauses, up to 20, being discussed and agreed to, sundry amendments being accepted by the Government. Much valuable time was wasted at the morning sitting on Tuesday by discussing arrangements for the conduct of business during the rest of the Session, the debate on the subject being ultimately adjourned. In Committee, sundry amendments to the Friendly Societies Bill were discussed, the Bill, as amended, being in the end agreed to, and ordered to be reported. At the evening sitting, Mr. Hanbury Tracey introduced the subject of Heavy Guns, but nothing came of it beyond "ventilation." On Wednesday afternoon the discussion related to the Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal Bill, which was rejected, on the second reading, by 308 to 126. On Thursday, Mr. Disraeli addressed the House at considerable length on the adjourned debate as to the Business of the House. Several others followed, among them being the Marquis of Hartington. The premier then moved the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill. A long debate ensued, and in the end the motion was agreed to. After passing the Friendly Societies Bill through its last stage, the House adjourned.

Her Majesty returned to Windsor Castle from Balmoral on Saturday morning. On Monday she received His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, who, from all accounts, appears to have been highly gratified with the gracious reception he met with. The Queen had previously been present at the inspection of the Royal Horse Guards in Windsor Great Park, by Major-General Sir Thomas M'Mahon, to whom H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught acted as Brigade-Major on the occasion. On Saturday there was a grand ball at the Russian Embassy, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and other members of the royal family were present. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh start next week on a visit to St. Petersburg, *en route* Copenhagen, at which they will rest a few days.

The Sultan of Zanzibar appears to be turning his visit here to excellent account. On Friday last he visited the Post Office, over a part of which he was conducted by Lord John Manners and Mr. Scudamore. That which most attracted His Highness's attention was the working of the Electric Telegraph, and when answers to questions addressed to Zanzibar were received almost instantaneously; it may be imagined the Sultan was quite as astonished as the Persian. On Saturday he visited the Crystal Palace. Here a special programme was provided, and, as a matter of course, there was a grand display of fireworks, which likewise appears to have astonished him. On Monday he was received in State by the Queen. On Wednesday he was present at the State Concert, held by command of Her Majesty, at Buckingham Palace, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, surrounded by several members of the Royal family, receiving their distinguished guest, the Queen of the Netherlands being also present. Of other places, he has visited the "Zoo," St. Thomas's Hospital, Her Majesty's, Drury Lane, the Mansion House, where he was entertained by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Bank of England, the Mint, &c. &c.

At the Alexandra Palace each succeeding week brings with it some new entertainment, and visitors seem to be increasingly pleased with the energy of the directors. The Rose Show on Thursday and yesterday, with an exhibition to-day of roses and other plants in pots, being the principal event of this week. Thursday being a half-crown day, the attendance was select rather than numerous, but doubtless we shall hear of a grand success yesterday and to-day. On Monday there was a grand display of fireworks, and this drew a large concourse of people. On Monday there is to be a trotting match, and on Saturday next the first day of the Royal Dramatic College Fête. We doubt not this will be one of the most successful gatherings of the season. Many will go, if only to see what a live actor is like in mufti.

In the world of sport, cricket has been, as a matter of course, in full swing, and several interesting matches have been played. Cambridge has been beaten by the M.C.C. and Ground, and the result of the Oxford *v.* same club bids fair to be similar. On Monday, the Universities play their annual match at Lord's, where, as usual, there will be an immense gathering of enthusiastic 'Varsity men, past and present. A special interest attaches to the contest this year. Each University has won the same number of games. Who, then, will win?—there's the rub. The chief aquatic events have been the Royal Cinque Ports

Regatta at Dover, from Saturday to Wednesday, and the Royal Henley Regatta on Wednesday and Thursday. The most noticeable feature on the former day was the First Heat for the Grand Challenge Cup. Three eights entered, Leander, stroked by Goldie, ex-Cantab, with six other old University oars behind; London, stroked by Gulston; and Thames by Hastie. The first-named won, being three yards clear of Thames, second, London a third of a length behind. On Thursday the final resulted in the victory of Leander, for the first time these five-and-twenty years; Mousley, B.C. and First Trinity, Cambridge, being the other competitors. London Rowing Club won the Thames Challenge Cup. Herbert and Chillingworth, of the Ino Club, carried off the Silver Goblets. A. C. Dicker easily won the Diamond Sculls. Oxford U.B.C. beat Dublin Trinity B.C., second, for the Visitors' Challenge Cup. Thames won the Wyfold Cup; London the Stewards' Challenge Cup, while Dublin were loudly cheered for their victory over First Trinity, Cambridge. The weather was unusually fine, and the attendance large.

The collections on Hospital Sunday appear, thus far, to have reached somewhat over £20,000, but there are still a great number of lists outstanding. While, as the day was wet, the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to receive subscriptions from those whom the unfavourable state of the weather prevented from attending church. We trust the amount subscribed this year will not fall short of expectation. London Hospitals do good work, and deserve to be liberally supported by the public.

The most sensational event of the week has been the appearance of Messrs. Moody and Sankey at Eton. The spot originally selected for their address was changed at the last moment, and the address was delivered in a private garden, several Etonians and some of the tutors being present. Nothing unusual occurred, so that the hubbub created by the public discussion in the daily papers and in Parliament, as well as the protest of sundry M.P.'s, would appear to have been unnecessary. But while we have no wish to question the good intentions of those American Revivalists, we question very much the good taste of the whole proceedings. Their proper sphere of action is among the lowest classes, who sadly need more light, not among those who are already most carefully tended as regards religious instruction. We regard this as merely another illustration that Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and their assistants, exercise far more zeal than they do discretion.

We have received a copy of the Prospectus of the Victoria Park Swimming Club, which this year has entered on its second season. The President is Mr. John Holms, M.P., the Vice-President Mr. Geo. Croxton, and the Secretary Bro. T. Hadley Prestage, of 531 Hackney Road. Among its many distinguished patrons are included Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Mr. O. E. Cooper, M.P., Mr. Fawcett, M.P., Mr. J. Samuda, M.P., Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., Sir Sidney H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., Sir John Bennett, Sir Antonio Brady, Alderman Lawrence, Sir Charles Reed, and Messrs. E. H. Currie, J. H. Heeps, and John MacGregor. Last year the Club held several successful meetings, the most noteworthy being the opening day, and the Bank Holiday on 3rd August. On the latter occasion twenty-one prizes, given by Mr. E. H. Currie, were swum for by boys under 14 years of age. The great object of this Club is to extend, as far as possible, what may almost be described, in the case of Englishmen, as the indispensable art of swimming. Not that swimming is an ordinary accomplishment in this island of ours, but every one ought to be taught to swim, and a Club which, like the Victoria Park Swimming Club, holds out every encouragement to people to learn, deserves to be liberally supported.

The Summer meeting of the London Athletic Club came off last Saturday, the attendance being far larger than usual, and reaching nearly 5,000. The chief events of the day were the quarter mile and mile. The former resolved itself into a contest between Elborough and Griffin, the former of whom won in 51¼ seconds. In the mile, Slade accomplished the shortest time on record, namely 4 minutes 24½ seconds. At the conclusion of the sports a testimonial was presented to W. Sydenham Dixon, for his long service on behalf of the London Athletic Club and other clubs, as Handicapper. Among other athletics, Polo has been pretty prominent; last Saturday there was a match at the Hurlingham Club Ground, between the Scots Greys and the 5th Lancers, the former winning by three games out of four. The Hurlingham Club then played the Monmouthshire team, and were victorious by three games to

one. On Wednesday the Life Guards played against the Horse Guards, and were so evenly matched that neither side proved superior to its opponents, each scoring a goal. To-day the 12th Lancers play the Blues, on the same ground. At Lillie Bridge, on Tuesday, the Polo Club and Monmouthshire had a hard and exciting tussle. The Club obtained the first goal, and the next was captured by the Monmouthshire. In the third struggle, the play was very even, and it was only when both men and ponies were exhausted that the match was pronounced a draw.

We have not had much to boast of in the way of seasonable weather till within the last few days, but though certain of the usual evidences of summer have been wanting as yet, one sign of the time of year is forthcoming. Our various public schools are holding their speech-days and prize-meetings, and these are followed, as a matter of course, by the summer holidays. The other day it was Merchant Taylors', who held their first speech-day in the new schools, opened for them in April last by the Prince of Wales. On the 18th instant, the anniversary of Waterloo, Wellington College followed suit, and, since then, St. Paul's, which had its "apposition" on Wednesday, when the friends of the boys mustered in strong force. The Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop Claughton, Dr. Vaughan, and others, were present to do honour to the occasion; the ladies, however, as regards numbers, were in the ascendant. The distribution of prizes at our own school is not very distant; indeed, in the course of a few weeks, there will be an end, for some time, at least, to the declension of *Dominus*, who, we hope, will have recovered his strength by the end of his rest. The chief subject of discussion amongst the youngsters till schools re-assemble will, doubtless, be for the most part fruitful of satisfaction to those interested.

Messrs. Alderman Knight and Mr. Deputy Breffit were elected Sheriffs for the ensuing year on Thursday. Mr. John Jones, as usual, created infinite amusement among those present by his urgent mode of delivery respecting the rights of the living. Mr. Benjamin Scott was re-elected Chamberlain.

Abroad, politics remain pretty much in *statu quo*. In the Russian journals there is a discussion being carried on as to an Anglo-Russian alliance, being among the eventualities of the future. In the French Assembly General du Temple was the cause of a tremendous scene, by his attacks all round, and especially on Marshal McMahon. So great was the commotion that the General was voted out of the Tribune—a most unusual proceeding, amounting, in fact, to a vote of censure. The excitement has since, we hear, calmed down. There are rumours of more fighting in Spain, but which of the two parties, Carlists or Alphonists, has gained the victory seems doubtful.

The Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 24th inst., Bro. H. Browse P.G.D. in the chair. Bro. Little, Secretary, read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. Major Creaton P.G.D. proposed that Miss Davis be re-instated in her former position as Head Governess, which was unanimously confirmed, the lady who had been selected gracefully returning to her former position. It was then announced that on the next election there were 30 candidates to be placed on the list, but only 6 to be elected, while one was to be admitted on purchase. The report of the House Committee was read, and the meeting adjourned to the following month.

In another part of our columns we call attention to the fact that, so far, the claim to the Masonic Patriarchy rests with Bro. John Millward, now of the Phoenix Lodge, of St. Ann, Brixton. He was initiated December 1810, took his Master Mason and Royal Arch degrees 6th February 1812, in the Love and Friendship, Macclesfield. Bro. John Millward is now 84 years of age, and we hope he may yet live many years to enjoy his honours.

The Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bro. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. in the chair. Bro. J. Hervey G.S. read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. Grants were confirmed from the last meeting, amounting to £170, and twenty-three new cases were relieved, and sums amounting to £350 were granted. The Grand Lodge of Benevolence was then closed. Among those present were Bros. S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, W. Smith, J. Clabon P.G.D., J. Ross, J. Brett, H. Dicketts,

H. Garrod, H. Massey, J. M. Stedwell, C. Hogard, S. Hickman, J. Smith, H. W. Hemsworth, Webster, Jardine, A. C. Burrell, W. Mann, Crick, J. Diprose, H. Bartlett, H. M. Levy, J. Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss, Pendlebury, J. Stephens, &c.

A very graceful act was performed at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, when, at the special invitation of the Lady Mayoress, the whole of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were invited to luncheon. The pupils, accompanied by Miss Davis and Miss Jarwood, were received by her ladyship in the State Rooms, and afterwards proceeded to the Long Parlour, where an elegant repast was served, after which a tour was made over the Mansion House, and, at parting, the Lady Mayoress presented each of the Girls with a work basket filled with sweets, as a souvenir of their visit.

Bro. M. Syers, the proprietor of the Oxford, having been refused permission by the Lord Chamberlain to hold morning performances, commencing at 2 o'clock, a special Act of Parliament was passed, and has now received the royal assent, whereby morning performances can commence at 12 o'clock at noon. A numerous and respectable audience met on Saturday last, to witness a capital entertainment, under the direction of Bro. Jennings. These morning performances will be held every Saturday morning, commencing at 2, and closing at 5 o'clock. The ordinary performances will take place as usual at 7 o'clock.

Mr. E. M. Lott, Fellow of the College of Organists, and Organist of St. Peter's, gave an evening concert on Thursday, 17th instant, at the Victoria Hall, Archer Street, Bayswater, which was in every respect a success. The artistes engaged acquitted themselves admirably. Bro. Geo. Fox sang the air from the "Lily of Killarney" very sweetly. Miss Edith Shield sang "Le Partate d'Amor" and "Esmeralda" charmingly. Miss Sophie Ferrari sang the songs of "My Angel Lassie" and "The Fairy Wedding" with great effect. Mr. Frank Vernon sang one of Molley's songs artistically, and Madame Talbot Cherar delighted the audience with her celebrated song "The Nightingale's Trill," composed by Bro. Ganz P.G.O. She subsequently, in conjunction with the before-mentioned artistes, in the quartette of "Honour and Glory," composed by Bro. Sir Michael Costa, met with deserved applause. Messrs. Sidney Naylor and C. E. Stevens acted as conductors. Mr. E. Lott exhibited great ability as a soloist.

The account for erecting and fitting the new Masonic Temple at New York presents the following figures:—Total receipts to 1st May 1875, 1,098,682 dollars 76 cents. The payments being as follows:—Real Estate, 340,000 dollars; furnishing and setting granite, 254,901 dollars 75 cents.; masons' material and labour, 187,952 dollars 18 cents.; iron work, 96,400 dollars; architect, 23,900 dollars; architectural iron works, 45,638 dollars 15 cents.; carpenters' work, 33,000; heating apparatus, 26,631 dollars 96 cents.; furnishing 32,791 dollars 7 cents.; for interest on bonds and accounts, taxes, leases, water assessments, printing, &c., &c., 147,172 dollars 74 cents. The revenues from rents paid by 91 Lodges amount to 35,000 dollars, while stores and Grand Lodge, at present, pay a rental of 14,700 dollars.

On the occasion of the late Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was presided over by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Board of Stewards had a Balance in hand of Thirty Guineas. It was unanimously voted that it should be given for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a day's holiday for the girls. This holiday will take place at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, the 29th inst., and it is to be hoped that a numerous assemblage of the brethren and ladies will be present. A cold collation and tea will be provided, tickets 3s 6d, which can be obtained of Bro. R.W. Little, Freemasons' Hall. Trains will leave Clapham Junction at 9.42 a.m.

We learn, from the Cape of Good Hope, that the funeral of our late Bro. Sir Christoffel Josephus Brand, Ex-Speaker of the House of Assembly, who was buried with Masonic honours, was most imposing, the funeral procession extending nearly a mile in length. Our late brother was very generally respected, both in the Colony and by his colleagues.

## GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masons of Devon and the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the R.A. Masons of the Province was held on Wednesday, 23rd June, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess Place, Plymouth. Business commenced at 10.30 a.m., when the Committee of Petitions for the Province assembled. R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D. D.P.G.M., the chairman of the committee, presided. The various Lodges of the Province were well represented. The petitions received were read and discussed. £5 was voted towards the support of the aged widow of a brother for forty-three years a subscribing member to Lodge Harmony 156, and a recommendation to advise her continued support by the Provincial Lodge, instead of endeavouring to get her elected an annuitant on the charities, was favourably received, on account of her great age. £5 was voted towards the present support and education of the orphan daughter of a brother, late member of Bedford Lodge 282; and a similar sum was voted towards assisting in supporting a Bro. of Lodge St. George 112, rendered helpless through an attack of paralysis. A letter of thanks was read from the widow of a Bro., expressing her gratitude for the committee having secured her election as an annuitant on the Masonic Fund for the Relief of Widows, at the recent election. This closed the business of the committee.

The special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was to have been opened at eleven a.m., but through the arrival of the P.G.M. and other brethren having been delayed by the accident that occurred on the South Devon Railway, business did not commence until near noon. The P.G.M. (the Rev. John Hayshe M.A. Past G.C.) presided, supported by R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D. of England D.P.G.M.; V.W. Bros. Colonel John Elliott P.G.S.W. *pro tem*; I. Latimer P.G.J.W., and a large muster of officers.

The business of this special meeting was the Constitution and Consecration of the new Lodge "Prudence," No. 1550, to be held at the Hayshe Temple, Princess Place, Plymouth. This Lodge is the pioneer of some new arrangements in connection with Masonic working in Devon. Its principal promoters—Bros. R. G. Bird and J. P. Rogers—contemplated the convenience of brethren who are business men. All the other Lodges in Plymouth hold their meetings earlier in the week, and it was thought that to the class of brethren referred to Friday would be more suitable. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the P.G. Secretary announced that the W.M. and members of the Prudence Lodge desired to be constituted and consecrated in ancient form. He then read the warrant for opening the Lodge, granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, Albert Edward Prince of Wales. The Past Grand Master then called up the brethren of the New Lodge to signify their assent to the officers placed over them by the warrant, which was given.

The following is a list of the officers with which the Lodge was opened:—Bros. R. G. Bird W.M., J. T. Avery S.W., J. P. Rogers J.W., J. J. Avery Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, W. Whittley Chaplain, B. Westcott S.D., J. G. Keverne J.D., F. Bond I.G., W. Garland D.C., C. Philip A.D.C., G. H. Emery O., R. R. Pengelly S.S., W. B. Hambley J.S., T. Smith Tyler.

R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, the D.P.G.M., delivered an eloquent oration, after which the Master and members of the new Lodge were pledged to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge. The P.G. Master then declared the "Prudence" Lodge, No. 1550, to be a regular and constituted Lodge. The ceremony of consecration followed. At its close the P.G. Master delivered the final benediction, and the P.G. Lodge was closed. The correct working of the new Lodge by its officers during the proceedings were much admired; and the installation of Bro. R. G. Bird as the W.M. for the ensuing year took place subsequently in an adjoining room.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at 1.30 p.m. The chairs were filled as follow:—The Provincial Grand Superintendent, the Rev. John Hayshe M.A. Past G.J.Z.; Ex-Comps. L. P. Metham H.; W. G. Rogers J.; W. T. Maynard P.S.; R. H. Rae 1st A.; J. Baxter 2nd A.; W. K. Mitchell G.D.C.

The P.G. Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form. The minutes of the last P.G. Chapter, held at Teignmouth, 30th October 1873, were read and confirmed. The constitution and consecration of the Hayshe Chapter, No. 1099, to be held at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, was the next business. In reply to the P.G.Z., the members of the new Chapter signified their approval of the officers named in the charter:—Ex-Comps. J. Brown Z., W. H. Gillman H., T. H. Blackell J. The P.G. Superintendent stated that at that late hour no oration would be given by P.G.H. The major part, if not all, of the Comps. present had heard the able one he had just delivered in the P. Grand Lodge, and he prayed them to give it their earnest attention. The three principals, officers, and brethren of the Hayshe Chapter were then presented, and the P.G.Z. declared the Chapter duly constituted. The consecration of the new Chapter followed. Comps. G. H. Emery and T. Goodall, with an efficient choir, rendered the musical services with great taste and ability. At the close of the consecration the ordinary business of the P.G. Chapter was next considered. The report of the Treasurer, which showed a balance in hand of £63, was read and confirmed. Ex-Comp. W. Joll was elected P.G. Treasurer, and Ex-Comps. J. Harris and T. W. Bayly Auditors for the ensuing year. Fifteen guineas were voted to the Masonic Boys' School, and entrusted to Comp. J. E. Curteis as a Steward for that charity, ten guineas were voted to the Masonic Girls' School, twenty guineas to the Fortescue Annuitant Fund, ten guineas to the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, and two guineas to the Masonic bed at the Royal Albert Hospital. The P.G. Superintendent appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Ex-Comps. L. P. Metham H., Captain J. W. Keyworth J., W. G. Rogers S.E., J. N. Burden S.N., J. P. Phillips P.S., S. Willoughby 1st Ass., Dr. Woodgates G. Reg., R. B. Twose D.C., C. Godtschalke Gt.B., G. H. Emery G.O.

In the evening the members of the Hayshe Chapter and the Prudence Lodge, with several other Companions and brethren, in all a

large party, dined together at the Globe Hotel, Ex-Comps. the Rev. J. Hayshe, L. P. Metham, W. G. Rogers, the P.G. Principals, presided, supported in the vice chairs by Ex-Comp. J. Brown, the P.Z. of the new Chapter, and Bro. R. G. Bird, the W.M. of the new Lodge.

## MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN AT WORMHILL TO JAMES BRINDLEY, THE ENGINEER.

ON Friday, the 18th June, the officers and members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, of Buxton, with several brethren from other Lodges, met at Wormhill, by the kind invitation of Brother the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Vicar of Wormhill, and Rural Dean, to assist in laying the foundation stone of a fountain to the memory of James Brindley, the eminent engineer, who was born in the parish, at Tunstead, about a mile from Wormhill. The plans shows a very elegant stone structure for the springs near the centre of the village, and which, in the most droughty summers, were never known to fail. The architect is Bro. Robert Griggs, of Gray's Inn-square, London, and the fountain is expected to be finished and opened for the use of the village, about the end of July. The following brethren were present on the occasion:—Bros. Wm. Smith W.M., E. C. Milligan S.W., E. J. Sykes J.W., A. J. Harrison D.D. Chaplain; Wm. Boughen Treasurer; A. Barnett Secretary, J. H. Lawson S.D., Jos. Whalley Superintendent of Works, Charles Adams D.C., George Marsden Organist, W. Goodwin I.G., George Goodwin Steward, C. Gwinnell Steward, Frederick Turner P.M. P.G.S.D., Robt. R. Duke P. M., Josiah Taylor I.P.M. P.G.S.B., Augustus A. Bagshawe P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.P.G. Chaplain. Members: J. M. Cranswick, W. H. Newton, Charles Wilkinson, G. F. Barnard, J. C. Bates, Samuel Taylor, Thos. Griffiths, W. Millward, James C. Hyde, J. G. Meggison.

The following brethren from other Lodges were also present:—Bro. Robt. Bramwell (Peveril of the Peak Lodge) J.W. No. 654, George Shaysles (Clifton Lodge, Blackpool) J.W. 703, S. W. Ready (Peveril of the Peak) P.M. 654, John Cockshott (Concord) W.M. 343, Thos. Roper (St. John's Wigton) P.P.S.W. for Cumberland, Jno. Comyn (Commercial Lodge) 411, P.P.S.W. for Notts, Jno. D. Simpson (Peveril of the Peak) 654, John Yarker (Integrity, Manchester) P.M., R. H. Holt (Peveril of the Peak) 654, Joseph Wright (Peveril of the Peak) S.W. 654, &c.

The Lodge, adjourned from the last regular Lodge night, met, under a dispensation from Bro. Okeover D.P.G.M., in the School-room, Wormhill, the foundation stone of which was laid with similar honours in 1871, and after opening in the first degree, the brethren formed in due order, and proceeded to the site of the proposed fountain, where Bro. Wm. Smith W.M. laid the foundation stone, assisted by Bros. E. C. Milligan S.W., E. J. Sykes J.W., J. Simpson, &c., and after the position of the stone had been tested by the various tools with which an operative mason completes his work, Brother Smith declared the stone properly laid, newspapers and coins having previously been deposited beneath it. The symbolical corn was sprinkled, and wine and oil were poured upon the surface with the usual ceremonies. Brother the Rev. A. J. Harrison D.D. Chaplain, then delivered a very able biographical address on Brindley, which appeared to interest all present. "God save the Queen" was then sung, and the brethren returned to the school-room, and the Lodge was closed. From these pleasant labours the brethren went to refreshment at the Vicarage, where the Vicar and his estimable wife entertained them in the hospitable and sumptuous manner for which they are so well known, and a most agreeable and happy day was spent.

So far we copy from the *Buxton Advertiser*, and we need only add thereto that the utmost delight was expressed by all the members and visitors at the unbounded hospitality of that "Fine old English Gentleman," Bro. Augustus A. Bagshawe and his Lady; and as well with the beautiful scenery of the grounds of the Vicarage, and of Wormhill Hall, the adjacent old residence of the Bagshawe family, situate in the midst of the Derbyshire Hills.

Much regret was expressed by the members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, at the absence of the father of the Lodge and Freemasonry, Bro. John Millward, but his son, Bro. Wm. Millward, gave some very interesting information as to his father's Masonic career, and exhibited certificates in evidence. From this it appears that Bro. John Millward will be 85 years of age in November next, that he was initiated in the Lodge at Macclesfield, in the month of December 1810, was made a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason on 6th February 1812, in the Love and Friendship 101, and his certificate from the Chapter was signed by Thos. Barnshaw Z, Anthony Wildgoose H, Benj. Holmes J. Received the Grand Lodge certificate of Bro. W. H. White in 1812, and was a member of the Lodge of Reconciliation. Bro. Millward states that the Lodge at Longnor was chartered by Prince Charles Edward Stuart in the rising of 1745, and he gives the P.M.'s secrets as derived therefrom somewhat different to what we now have them, but this seems only traditional. The fact that Bro. John Millward has been 64 years an apprentice, and 63 years a Master and Royal Arch Mason is undeniable.

## Obituary.

BRO. J. W. HILL.

IT is our painful task to inform the brethren of the very sudden death of Bro. J. W. Hill, J.D. of the Burdett Contts Lodge, 1278, and Quarter Master Sergeant of the Tower Hamlets Volunteers and Secretary to the Hackney Masonic Hall. His remains were interred at Abney Park Cemetery, on Saturday last, in the presence of about 300 brethren. He was in his 48th year, and was loved and highly respected by all who knew him.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## MONDAY, 28th JUNE.

- 45—Strong Man, Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead-on-Tyne.  
 388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 K. T. St. James of Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton.

## TUESDAY, 29th JUNE.

- 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford, Kent.  
 K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, Manchester.  
 K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne.

## WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE.

- 193—Confidence, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 187—Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds.  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone. (Instruction.)  
 1083—Townley Parker, Stag Inn, Bradford, near Manchester.  
 R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough, near Rochdale.

## THURSDAY, 1st JULY.

- 24—Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
 110—Loyal Cambrian, Bush Hotel, Merthyr Tydvil.  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 362—Doric, Private Rooms, St. Peter-street, Grantham.  
 412—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees.  
 637—Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent.  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Banks-street, Horncastle.  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Swan Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.  
 R. A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden.  
 R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.

## FRIDAY, 2nd JULY.

- 1278—Burdett Cutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. Georges, Town Hall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, 23 Albion-street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.  
 M.M. 159—Starkie, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.

## SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 1458—Truth, Royal Archer Inn, Dale-street, Manchester.

## IRELAND.

- THURSDAY—32—Royal Shamrock, Lodge Room, Olave's Place, Waterford.  
 " 111—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Belfast.  
 " 555—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Francis-street, Formoy.  
 FRIDAY—97—Hiram's, Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast.  
 " 110—Kilrea, Kilrea, co. Derry.  
 " 164—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Londonderry.  
 " 223—Gorey, Gorey.  
 " 891—St. John's, Town Hall, Enniskillen.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Lodge of Relief, No. 42.**—A regular meeting of this time-honoured Lodge was held at the house of Bro. Lord, the Albion Hotel, Bury, on the evening of Thursday, 17th inst., when there was a good average attendance. Among those present were Bros. Edmund Eccles W.M., Alfred Buckley S.W., Joseph Skerrett J.W., Thomas Carter S.D., Thomas Barker J.D., Samuel Mosley I.G., J. Thorman Tyler, E. Simpkin Secretary; Past Masters, Bros. Harry Grundy, Fred. Anderton, and J. W. Kenyon; Visitors, Bros. Henry Taylor J.W. 286, Thomas Nuttall 1012, John Grime P.M. 128, Robert Hall 1392, and Thomas M. Owen (Manchester) 7, Union of Colorado U.S. The pedestals of Lodge were placed in mourning, in consideration of the death of Bro. J. S. Redfern, P.M. 42, and P. Prov. G.P. East Lancashire. The Lodge was duly opened, and last meeting's minutes approved, after which an advance was made to the second degree for the purpose of crafting Bros. John Redfern (son of late Bro. J. S. Redfern) and Wm. Hewitson (of the *Bury Times*), who, having acquitted themselves satisfactorily in the preliminary interrogatories, were approved and invested, and duly raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, by Bro. Harry Grundy. The Lodge was afterwards transposed to third degree, when Bro. Andrew Hagerty was advanced from the intermediate probation to the rank of Master Mason, Bro. John Grime raising him in most effective style. Bro. Grime's working is evidently copied from good patterns, and for so comparatively young a craftsman, he is certainly entitled to rank well among the local expositors of speculative Masonry. He will always find himself a "welcome guest" at Lodge 42. The Lodge was subsequently closed to the first degree, when some business of a miscellaneous nature was transacted. The Worshipful Master said, that since they last met together, Bro. J. S. Redfern had most unexpectedly gone to his last resting place, and, considering the long and honourable connection there had been between him and Masonry, in his association with

that Lodge in particular, and the other Lodges in the town generally, he (Bro. Eccles) thought it would be only a seemly and a graceful act if they were to open a subscription list, with a view of raising funds for the erection of a memorial stone over Bro. Redfern's grave. Bro. Redfern had been connected with that Lodge between 40 and 50 years, for five years he was W.M., and for many a long year he was the Installing Master, and during his connection of nearly half a century with the Lodge there had not been a single present made him in recognition of his valuable services. Seeing that they had not had the pleasure of betokening in a material manner the warmth of their esteem for him during his life, he (the W.M.) thought they ought, at least, to leave some mark of their respect for his memory over his grave. (Hear, hear). Bro. Fred. Anderton gave his cordial approbation to the W.M.'s suggestion, and made some touching allusions to the departed brother, whose son was initiated at last Lodge meeting. He concluded by moving that a letter of condolence be written, on behalf of the Lodge, to the widow of late Bro. Redfern, and that a subscription list be opened, for the purpose of receiving contributions from the brethren in the town generally, for the purpose of erecting a memorial stone over Bro. Redfern's grave. Bro. J. W. Kenyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. On the motion of Bro. Barker, seconded by Bro. Carter, a committee was appointed, for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing resolution. On the motion of Bro. Mosley, it was resolved that a sum of £10 be allowed the widow of Bro. H., and that Bros. Anderton and Kenyon make an investigation of the case of the widow and children of Bro. B. (P.M.), with a view of ascertaining what method of assistance will be most serviceable. Bro. Anderton proposed Mr. Jos. Burrow, outfitter, &c., for initiation at next meeting. The Lodge was duly closed down, and the brethren afterwards edified the inner man by discussing a substantial repast, the W.M. gracing the seat of honour. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Simpkin gave the toast of the newly raised Bro. Hagerty, and Bro. Kenyon suitably proposed the health of the newly crafted brothers. Later on, at Bro. Kenyon's call, the brethren observed, in solemn silence, a toast in respect of late Bro. Redfern. The Tyler's toast and a verse of the National Anthem brought a genial spirited and successful meeting to a close.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—A Lodge of Emergency was held in the Lodge Room, Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday last, for the purpose of the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren having unanimously fallen upon the S.W., Bro. Alfred Welch, he was presented by the W.M., Bro. Chas. Cobb, and the ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive manner by the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.M. 1224, Past Grand Chaplain of England. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. G. Pye S.W., S. W. Crookes J.W., Wm. Slaney Treas., T. J. Ralling Sec., Rev. C. L. Acland Chap., Fred A. Cole I.P.M. D.C., T. S. Holroyd S.D., I. Harris J.D., J. Hanly I.G., W. W. Daniell and T. A. Middleton Stewards, and C. Gunner Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet *a la Russe*, under the presidency of the new W.M., and the pleasures of the proceedings were greatly enhanced by the vocal renderings of Bro. Donald W. King, F. H. Cozens and T. Distin. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk; Hugh D. Sandeman District Grand Master for Bengal; R. J. Spiers D.P.G.M. Oxon; Sir Edward Greathed K.C.B., Major-General Commanding Eastern District, &c.

**Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 4th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth. Present—Bros. Michael Little I.P.M. W.M. pro tem., Thomas Webber S.W., Arthur B. Harris J.W., Joseph Wallace S.D. pro tem., Wilson L. Fox J.D., William Johns D.C., Charles H. Williams Steward, Edward May I.G. pro tem., William Rusdin Tyler, William D. Rogers Secretary, Walter F. Newman P.M. P.P.G.S.D., &c. Treasurer. Past Masters, Bros. Francis Dennis P.P.G.S. and John Vivian. Business transacted: The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of last Lodge read and confirmed. It was unanimously resolved to prepare a memorial, to be signed by the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brethren, asking the R.W. the P.G. Master to appoint Falmouth as the town for holding the P.G. Lodge in 1876. Resolved that the following brethren form a committee to prepare the memorial, viz: Bros. M. Little I.P.M., T. Webber S.W., B. Harris J.W., W. F. Newman Treasurer, and Wm. D. Rogers Secretary, Mr. F. D. Broad, of this town, broker, a candidate for initiation, was balloted for and accepted; he was initiated in due form, and the Lodge was fully explained by the W. Master, Bro. Little. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired.

**Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 128.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the house of Bro. E. Whittam, the Bridge Inn, Bury, on the evening of Wednesday, the 16th inst. There was a good attendance, among the brethren being Bros. Warwick Wood W.M., W. S. Barlow S.W., J. Senior J.W., Samuel Wood (acting for Edward Robinson S.D.), Thomas Ramsbottom jun. J.D., John Loftus Chaplain, Jos. Wolstenholm I.G., Wright Greenhalgh Tyler, Thomas Ramsbottom sen. Secretary, Thomas Wood Treasurer; Past Masters, Bros. John Grime, Charles Wood, John Holt, Thomas Wood, John Clegg, Samuel Wood, William Halstead, Jonathan Davenport, and others; Visitors, Bros. Harry Woodcock 1012, John Olive 1392, Samuel Mosley I.G. 42, J. Hopkinson 1392, Thomas Sedgwick 42, and others. The Lodge was opened and sustained throughout in the first degree. Mr. John Pilling and Mr. Thomas Tattersall secured a clear ballot, and were duly inducted into the elements of 'prentice Masonry by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a most impressive and masterly manner, while Bro. Senior's explanation of the working tools was all that could be desired. Mr. Samuel Wrigley, contractor, was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed down, at 9.20.



**Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High Street, on Friday, 18th June. Present—J. T. Moss W.M., H. A. Dubois S.W., J. B. Langley J.W., Rev. P.M. Holden Chaplain, F. Walters P.G.P. (Middlesex) P.M. Secretary, J. Horton S.O., J. Johnson I.G., F. Walters D.C., &c. Bro. J. T. Moss W.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. H. C. Levander P.G.D.C. P.M. as a joining member. The W.M. then advanced Bro. J. Allsopp P.M. 879, J. McNaughton 871, E. Seville 1275, W. Underwood 1423, J. B. Shackleton 1326, &c., and he installed Bro. H. A. Dubois as W.M., who appointed the following as his officers:—J. T. Moss I.P.M., J. B. Langley S.W., Rev. P.M. Holden J.W. and Chaplain, T. H. Miller Treas., F. Walters P.G.P. P.M. Secretary, T. Horton Reg. of Marks, W. Hammond M.O., A. F. Loos S.O., J. Johnsons J.O., J. Allsopp S.D., W. Underwood J.D., J. B. Shackleton I.G., J. Wallis W.S., R. Y. Laing Tyler. A five guinea P.M. jewel was voted to Bro. J. T. Moss, for the able manner he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Spencer G.I.G., T. Dand P.G.J.D., Devon, Secretary 15, William Sugg P.M. Bon Accord. A banquet followed, provided by Bro. Spencer, after which harmony prevailed, and some very excellent speeches were given and responded to.

**United Lodge, No. 697.**—At the monthly meeting, held at Colchester, on the 11th inst., a handsome gold Past Master's Jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, on his retirement from the chair of K.S. The Jewel is inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, by the brethren of the United Lodge, No. 697, as a token of their appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. Colchester, June 1875."

**Crescent Lodge, No. 788.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held Tuesday, 22nd June, at Island Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. P.M.'s F. D. Kennedy, S. Larcomb, J. D. McDougall, G. Cordwell, W. H. Thompson, J. C. Hester, and J. M. Stedwell; Bros. F. Lane, H. Mead, E. T. Edwards, F. McDougall, J. T. Messom, G. Hinchcliffe, J. Bowyer, E. Downs, R. W. South, and S. J. Becton. Visitors, Bros. Fred. Kent P.M. No. 177, H. M. Levy P.M. No. 188. Bros. G. Hinchcliffe and J. T. Messom were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Levy gave an amusing entertainment at the banquet which followed.

**Unity Chapter, No. 1151, Tywardreath.**—The annual Convocation of this Chapter was held Tuesday, 15th June, for the installation of officers for the ensuing twelve months, transaction of the usual business and exaltation of candidates for this degree, &c. Comps. Guy M.E.Z., T. Stephens H., Dr. Davis J., &c. Two candidates appearing, were balloted for and exalted. The Chapter was then formed for the Installation, when Comp. the Rev. George Ross P.Z. proceeded, in his usual impressive manner, to instal Comps. T. Stephens Z., Dr. Davis H., W. Polkinghorne J., A. Elford Ser. E., W. Tonkin P.S., Collins Ser. N., J. Polkinghorne Treasurer, J. Martyn S.S., T. Walton J.S., and Elliott Janitor. After this the Companions adjourned to Bro. Cooks, where an excellent banquet was provided, given as a compliment to the St. Austell Companions, for their valuable services to the Chapter, after which the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were given and responded to enthusiastically.

**Warren Lodge, No. 1276.**—This Lodge met on 15th inst., at the Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire. Present—Bro. W. R. Bainbridge P.M. 721 as W.M., James Redehalg S.W., John Pemberton P.M. as J.W., Henry Skinner S.D., J. C. Lawrence J.D., R. W. Holt P.M. D.C., D. Gillet Steward, T. M. Pennington as I.G., J. A. Gamboll Tyler, W. H. Francis Treasurer; P.M.'s T. S. Jones, Holt, Pemberton. Visitors; Bros. James Harding 1393, William Beard 477; and twenty-eight members. Business transacted:—One initiation, three raisings, £3 3s voted for charity, £2 2s subscribed for a special gift to Chester Cathedral, three propositions for initiation received. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, Liverpool.**—On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., the annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, where there was a large gathering of the brethren of that and other Lodges. Bro. Crosby Leighton W.M. presided at the opening, and the chair was subsequently taken by Bro. T. Ashmore P.M. 823, who duly installed Bro. H. Ashmore as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were afterwards appointed:—Bros. F. Knight S.W., James W. Burgess J.W., C. Heden Sec., T. Leighton P.M., Treas., Davis S.D., T. H. Bradshaw J.D., G. D. Gilbert I.G., C. Leighton I.P.M. D.C., Anderson Steward, and P. Larsen Tyler. During the evening an elegant P.M.'s present was presented to Bro. C. Leighton I.P.M. as a mark of the esteem of the brethren.

**Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.**—This rapidly increasing Lodge met on Saturday, 19th inst., at the Red Lion Tavern, Hampton. Bro. W. Hammond P.G.P. Middlesex M.W., Gilbert S.W., C. W. Fox J.W., F. Walters P.G. Middlesex Secretary, J. W. Baldwin I.G., H. Potter P.M. W.S. The W.M. opened the Lodge, and ballots having been taken for the admission of Messrs. Adams, Graham and Knight, those gentlemen were initiated. Bro. W. Crnsh was then passed to the second degree. Bro. F. Walters P.G.P. Middlesex, by the courtesy of the W.M., then occupied the chair, and raised Bro. Lncop. The following brethren were recommended for Provincial Grand Honours:—Bros. Hammond and R. W. Williams, and E. Gilbert S.W. for Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School for 1876, showing that this Lodge, though but young, is not unmindful of the duties required of it. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. Dubois was elected. Bro. S. Wickens P.M. was re-elected

Treasurer, and J. Gilbert Tyler. The following brethren were elected auditors: W. Stanton, H. Gloster, J. B. Shackleton, and the audit meeting was announced to take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, at 7 o'clock. Bro. F. Walters P.M. P.G.P. and Hon. Secretary then gave notice of motion that the sum of 10 guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge, to be expended either in the purchase of a Life Governorship or a P.M. Jewel, for the manner in which Bro. Hammond had conducted the duties of the Lodge, and the esteem and regard he is held in by the brethren. It was announced on 8th July, with deep regret, that Bro. J. W. Jackson, who was present on the meeting 15th May, had died suddenly, of congestion of the lungs, on 15th June. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very capital banquet, where the usual toasts were given. The visitors were Bros. Hemming 1512, Kendler, E. H. Thiellay S.W. 425, 145, T. E. Walls I.G. 1503, &c. A very harmonious evening was passed, and the brethren separated.

**Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, Liverpool.**—The first annual picnic of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday the 16th inst., and although the weather was not of the most pleasant kind, the large party which started on the excursion enjoyed the "out" very greatly. The brethren and their lady friends started by 'bus from the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, where the meetings of the Lodge are held, and driving through Crosby, Sefton, Ormskirk, &c., arrived in due course at Lathom House, the seat of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who had kindly given the privilege of allowing his house and grounds to be visited. His lordship, besides consenting to allow his name to be given to the Lodge, at its consecration, also acted as the first W.M., and under his distinguished auspices it has had a career of prosperity. After an excellent dinner on arrival, provided by Bro. H. Brown, of the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, the party inspected the house and grounds, and then dancing was kept up with zest until tea was served, the return journey being made shortly afterwards. The rain on the way to Lathom House somewhat marred the complete pleasure of the picnic, but the weather cleared up during the afternoon, and the return by moonlight was greatly enjoyed. As a pleasant preliminary to the day's proceedings, the W.M. presented Bro. George Broadbridge with a very handsome dining-room timepiece and ornaments *en suite*, which were furnished by Messrs. Elkington and Co., of Church Street. The clock bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. George Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. W.L., by the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, as a mark of their esteem, and appreciation of his valuable services in promoting the prosperity of the Lodge since its formation." The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Broadbridge. The whole of the day's proceedings passed off very pleasantly, and every one present seemed to enjoy what is likely to be the first of a series of similar festivals.

**Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Town Hall, St. Albans, to appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and to invest the Secretary. Present—G. Askew W.M., A. Godson S.W., I. Edwards J.W., Kent, Venables, Marks, and P.M.'s Webster, Catbush, Terry, Lowthin, Wingham, and several brethren. The following gentlemen were appointed on the committee, to act as above:—The W.M., S.W. and J.W., Secretary and Treasurer, P.M. Lowthin, Bros. Marks, Parrott and Harding, with power to add to their number. The following brethren were recommended to receive Prov. honours, Bros. P.M.'s Lowthin, Harding, Webster; Bros. Godson and I. Edwards. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the "Peahen," where the usual toasts were proposed. The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Carter, was briefly and wittily responded to.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—A meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville Road, N., on Friday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. Michael W.M., Kingham S.W., Side J.W., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, Shand S.D., Willing J.D., Sainsbury I.G., Stiles Sec., and Bros. Rapkin, Read, Ormiston, Berrie, Carter, Reepe, Scales and Dawkins. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed; Bro. Stiles candidate. Bro. Berrie offered himself as candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Berrie passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Shand offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having duly qualified himself, was entrusted and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Shand raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Kingham S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at ensuing meeting. The Lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

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We confess we had looked for a few more "rarities," such as the "Post Boy," and the false revelations of 1717 to 1725, the "Cat Out of the Bag," &c.; but noticing the occurrence of some works in duplicates, we find cause to suspect that some of the rarer have been privately disposed of, and their places filled by duplicates of others. We have had the pleasure to inspect some of them occasionally at Bro. Spencer's, and have found them generally in excellent preservation, bound or half-bound, some sumptuously gilt and tooled, the various series of volumes being generally uniform.

We may here remark that of the works on Freemasonry in general, prior to 1717, mentioned by Dr. Kloss, some seem to be apocryphal, and others indirectly related to the subject—Van Helmont, to wit (see lot 437)—many early works of the latter description are in this Catalogue which were apparently unknown to the great bibliographer.

Commencing on the first page of the Catalogue, we find a number of extremely scarce books, both English and foreign, and one, *The Mystery*, probably unique. *The Relation apologique* was publicly burned at Rome. The complete sets of editions of the French revelations, *L'ordre trahi* and *Les Franches-Maçons égarés*, are notable. *Le secret* and *Le sceau rompu* are extremely scarce. We next come upon a congeries of peculiar rituals, *Solomon*, *Mahabone*, *Tubal Cain*, *Shibboleth*, *Three distinct Knocks*, and a wonderful series of the editions of *Jachin and Boaz*: many of these are useful for the *Lists of Lodges* they contain, and are sure to be eagerly sought after by those of us who cannot hope to get Freemasons' Calendars or Pine's Lists of corresponding years.

Of Rituals of Ladies' Masonry (which obtained a footing in this country during the latter part of the last century), there is a goodly number, scattered among various lots. *Freemasonry for the Ladies* (dedicated to H.R.H. the Duchess of York), *La vraie Maçonnerie d'Adoption*, *Vier Stücke über den Treymaurer und Freydamen*, *Ueber den Rosenerden* (on the ladies' Order of the Rose), *Manuel des Franches Maçonnes*, &c. Of the time (1770—1785), when the baffled Jesuits were making such persistent efforts to pervert the Order by the invention of high degrees, there are a number of works in illustration, culminating in *Les Jesuites chassés*, and the great *Starck Controversy*, for which see p. 100 of this journal. The philosophical controversy, consequent upon the dissemination of weird notions of Swedenborg and the dawning knowledge of magnetism, appears in Lot 98—*Erreurs et Verité*—a work which produced a remarkable sensation throughout Europe, *Tableau naturel*, &c., &c. On all these now forgotten discussions Bro. Findel, in his History, touches lightly; there is far more in them to interest and even to enthral the student. We next come upon a humble reflection from Bacon's *Atlantis*, the *Enthüllung des Systems der Weltbürger-Republik*, with the sequels and replies it elicited. Then we find various contemporaneous works on the notorious Cagliostro, most of them dictated by a strong bias of "hit him hard, he has no friends," which is regrettable, inasmuch as they contain unwilling evidence that he must have been a gifted mesmerist, apart from his charlatanic proclivities. Consult the impartial "Colmache's Reminiscences of Prince Talleyrand,"

chap. 4, pp 122-143 (2 vols. Colburn, 1848), in support of this view.\* The little that has come down to us concerning Schrepffer is contained in lot 177, in the scarce *Tombeau de Jacques Molai*, and similar tracts. The *Asiatic Knights*, the *African Architects*, and other degrees, well repay investigation; they were results of the mystico-philosophical craving spirit of their age. Of the ignorance of historians concerning them, the specimen page of a new Masonic Encyclopædia, now in the press, affords a case in point, as follows:—"Asiatic System, or Brothers of Asia:—A Masonic sect with somewhat mystical theories, which arose in Germany about the year 1780. It explained, somewhat fancifully, the symbols, rites and words of Freemasonry. There were several degrees all more or less tinged with the speculations of the Rosicrucians and Hermetic Masonry."

This does not evince much strain upon the industry of a compiler who has profited by the labours of Oliver and Mackey.

*Les Masques arrachés*, *Le voile levé*, *Le tombeau*, *Les Jacobins démasqués*, are all curious and to-day practically unattainable by booksellers. From these are derived the valuable notes to *De Luchet's Essai sur la secte des Illuminés*, to which members of the high degrees appeal for proof of the sanction of the Great Frederick. They pointed the way for Mounier, Barrnell, and Robison, and led statesmen to confound Freemasonry with all sorts of secret horrors.

The mysterious Unbekaunten, or secret commanders, appear in lots 88 and 153. The authors, Fessler, Velthusen, Thory, Laurens, Ragotzky, Krause, Heldmann, Chemin-Dupontés, Des Etangs, are all represented, and the history (*soi-disant*) by Lawrie is also there. The secret societies of the French Army, the Fehengericht, the Frères Pontifes, the Carbonari, the black brotherhood, and other secret societies of objects more or less laudable, appear in lots 188 and 199. The second Masonic controversy (of 1815) which raged hotly among Protestant Theologians (on the impolicy of State toleration of a secret society), commenced by the *Stimme der Warnung* of Conncillor Schmalz, and followed up by Niebuhr, is in lot 139; in 190 we find a work which is seldom quoted, but which contains a rich fund of Masonic interest, albeit of anti-Masonic tendency, "Mac Benac." No. 206 contains "Sandoval," a Masonic work of high order, in which romance subserves the end of history: from the pen of a Spanish refugee of rank, whose narrative is founded on fact, and "quorum i ars magna fui." It traces the progress of political Freemasonry in Spain, and its pictures of society and manners, apart from the deep interest of the story, would alone attest its worth. Other curious Masonic romances are found in lots 151, 170, 229 and 233. Many unobtainable books and tracts, published in British India, next claim attention (220, 231), and notably the *Handbook of Stapelton*, Calcutta, 1847.

A copious representation of Masonic Numismatics is the *Numotheca* in lot 218, without which no Masonic Library is complete. *Godwin's Marks on Stones* (227) will be useful to Mark Lodges. We hope to return to this subject, completing our survey, next week, for our space warns us to be brief. A review of the works in this Catalogue constitutes a history in itself, illustrating the vicissitudes and the vagaries of the Masonic idea in almost every clime.

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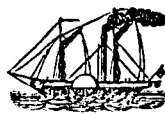
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