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NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

WE are indebted to the *Reading Times and Dispatch* for the following particulars respecting the laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Temple in that city. As far back as 1865 a Masonic Hall Association for the city of Reading was incorporated, but though the need of a building large enough to meet the ever increasing wants of the Masonic community was conspicuous, no active steps appear to have been taken till April 1873, when a considerable plot of ground was purchased. In July following the ground was broken, and subsequently the cellar walls were set up. In August 1874 work was recommenced, and so vigorously pushed forward that, on the 8th ult., the important ceremony of laying the corner stone was enacted, under the auspices of Grand Lodge Pennsylvania, and in the presence of some five hundred members of the Craft. The hour fixed was noon, and at that time the procession was formed, and moved off in the direction of the New Temple, in the following order. First came the Grand Marshal Jacob Laudenslager, with Assistant Marshal George W. Grant, and the following as aids: Bros. Jacob C. Hogg, 62, F. S. Bernhart, Chandler, 227, Peter Quaring, Teutonia, 367, and William A. Runkle, St. John's, 435. The Ringgold Band came next, and then the Lodges in their order, namely: St. John's Lodge, 435, Franklin Weaver, Marshal; Vaux Lodge, 406, Hamburg, J. Jerome Miller, Marshal; Teutonia Lodge, 367 John H. Fett, Marshal; Williamson Lodge, 307, Womelsdorf, William G. Moore, Marshal; Chandler Lodge, 227, John T. Craig, Marshal; Lodge 62, Levi Moyer, Marshal. Each Lodge marched as follows: Marshal, the Tyler, Entered Apprentice Masons, Fellow Craft Masons, Master Masons, Past Masters, Pursuivant, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer, Senior and Junior Wardens, Worshipful Master. Then came Bro. E. H. Shearer, Assistant Marshal, Grand Lodge, preceding the officers of the Grand Lodge, who were G. M. Alfred R. Potter, D. G. M. Robert Clark, S. G. W. M. Nesbit, J. G. W. S. E. Ancona, G. T. Thomas R. Patton, G. S. Charles H. Kingston, S. G. D. A. Robeno jun., J. G. D. H. P. John, G. M. Jacob Laudenslager, G. S. B. Henry J. White, G. M. C. James Morrell, jun., A. R. Hall, G. P. Horace Fritz, G. T. H. G. Clarke, G. C. Rev. Giles Bailey. On reaching the Temple the Lodge opened ranks and the Grand Officers were escorted to the front, the Ringgold band playing meanwhile a grand march.

The ceremony, which was very impressively rendered, was then begun, and lasted about an hour. When this was over, the G. M. introduced Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux P. G. M., of Philadelphia, who delivered a very appropriate oration, pointing out the connection between Freemasonry and the mysteries, Egyptian, Greek and other, of the ancients, the objects it has in view, and the grand work it achieves so unostentatiously so and continuously. The benediction was then pronounced by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Giles Bailey, after which the procession marched back, and the several Lodges were dismissed. The following, inclosed in a tin box, were placed in the centre of the corner stone:—

Copy of Holy Bible, donated by Ringel and Richards. Copy of the Ahiman Rezon. List of officers of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania. List of officers and members of Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall Association of Reading, Pa. List of Committee of Arrangements for the laying of the corner stone. Copy of Charter, By-Laws, and sketch of the origin and early history of the Association. Copy of ceremonies of laying of the corner

stone. Copy of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pa., for 1874. Copy of Masonic Register for 1875. Copy of Keystone. Copy of proceedings of Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pa., for 1874. Prospective view of the Temple building. Working implements of silver, made and presented by Rhode and Waterman. United States Coins: 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 20c., 25c., 50c., 1.00 dols. By-Laws and lists of members of Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, as hereinafter, namely: Lodges No. 62, A. Y. M., Reading, Pa.; Chandler Lodge, No. 227, A. Y. M., of Reading, Pa.; Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, A. Y. M., Reading, Pa.; St. John's Lodge, No. 435, A. Y. M., Reading, Pa.; Williamson Lodge, No. 307, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Vaux Lodge, No. 406, Hamburg, Pa.; Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Lebanon, Pa. Chapters:—H. R. A. Chapter, No. 152, Reading, Pa.; Excelsior H. R. A. Chapter, No. 337, Reading, Pa.; Weidle H. R. A. Chapter, No. 197, Lebanon, Pa.; of Creigh Council, of R. S. E., and S. M., No. 16, Reading, Pa.; and of Commanderies:—De Mo'ay Commandery, K. T., No. 9, Reading, Pa.; and Reading Commandery, K. T., No. 42, Reading, Pa., together with a Register of stated meetings of Masonic bodies stationed at Reading, and copies of daily and weekly papers published in Reading, Pa.

OUR LITERARY BROTHER.

IT has been truly said that the world knows nothing of its greatest men. Genius is often hidden in obscurity, and some of us, at least, are disposed to lament with the poet, over the mute inglorious Miltons who have lived and died without dropping one spark of their concealed fire. The anonymous system upon which journalism is conducted in this country is rather prejudicial to the interests and the fame of writers. A man may toil on the press for years, and beyond a small circle of literary men he may be as obscure as a simple villager, buried from the world in the heart of an agricultural district. Anonymity, indeed, has its advantages, and under its veil a journalist may write as an advocate, and hold a brief for the public, without fear of being charged with inconsistency. But there are scribblers amongst us who, in spite of the anonymous system, appear to make themselves tolerably well known to the public for whom they cater. False modesty is not one of their failings; they are not ashamed of confessing the authorship of an article or a paragraph, and are very willing to take all the homage a discerning circle of readers may feel inclined to lavish upon them. Such fame as this would be the death of us; but we are, perhaps, too sensitive of the shortcomings of our lucubrations, and too impatient of the half sneering adulation of our friends. We are glad to know that some of the scribblers of the press are possessed of an epidermis that is proof against the shafts of ridicule, and taste broad enough to be pleased with flattery, even when it is laid on with a trowel. The subject of this slight sketch is, in many respects, a remarkable man. Possessed of indomitable perseverance and amazing industry, and sheathed in triple steel, which no arrow of satire can pierce, he is ever ready to push himself to the front, and to spend and be spent in the cause he has at heart. Our Masonic friends would miss him sadly if, by any chance, he were to absent himself from an important anniversary. He is present at every Masonic event of any importance, and usually contrives to push himself into the higher circles of the brotherhood with a display of "cheek," which would be amazing to us if anything our

eccentric brother might do could amaze us. We frankly admit that he occupies no mean position in the ranks of Masonry, and that, barring his everlasting note-book, and his affectation of being a journalist, he is highly respected by the Fraternity. He is at home everywhere. You see him, without any feeling of surprise, chatting affably with Provincial G.M.'s, or shaking hands with the Lord Mayor, or pushing his way through the crush at a Civic ball. You go to the Opera, and you find him seated in one of the best places, looking as mystic and as profound behind his eye glasses as if he were the Editor of the *Times*. You visit the Albert Hall, for the pleasure of seeing a Royal Duke tickle a fiddle into convulsions, and our literary brother "spots" you, and rushes down from his place to shakehands and talk about Mansion House dinners. We know not what Protean garb he may assume when next we run against him in society, but we are certain that we have seen him assume the parts of art and dramatic critic, special reporter, descriptive writer, and paragraphist. He always tries to look the part he plays to perfection, but that horrible note-book, which is ever in his grasp, at once tells an expert that he is acting. An experienced press writer, who visits a public place for the purpose of writing a critique or a descriptive article, never needs the doubtful assistance of pencil and paper. His training has strengthened his memory, and his programme of the proceedings, or his play bill, help him to recal every point upon which he desires to dwell. There are occasions, of course, when it is necessary for a press contributor to note down every word that he hears; but we are not now speaking of mere reporting, but of those higher branches of journalism with which our friend sometimes playfully affects an acquaintance. To do him justice, he shines as a reporter of Lodge Meetings, and here his note-book is, of course, indispensable. He can, indeed, scent a Mason from afar, and even in such un-Masonic events as the swearing-in of the Sheriffs of London, or the election of Lord Mayor, he can find scope for the display of his fine bold Roman hand. In the City, and amongst Civic magnates, he is at home. The Mansion House flings wide its doors to admit our literary brother, and on the 9th November, when the streets are cleared for the Lord Mayor's Show, he can always produce a talisman which opens a way through the ranks of the police. We have seen him at the Lord Mayor's banquet, looking profoundly wise behind his spectacles, with the programme of the songs in his hand, apparently swallowing each note poured forth by the vocalists as if he intended to immortalise them in the next morning's impression of the *Times*. He has told us that he has passed the carefully guarded portals of the Guildhall without a ticket, and we have believed him. Indeed, if perseverance could enable a man to achieve anything, our worthy brother should be able to perform seeming impossibilities. He never takes "no" for an answer when he desires to pass anywhere. He is the very personification of good temper, and turns aside a harsh speech with a soft answer, like the good man of the Scriptures. Our Masonic friends may occasionally laugh at him, but they are sometimes glad of such fame as he can confer, and do not usually object to see their names in print, with an ornamental appendage in the shape of a string of well earned titles. He is, in truth, the Recording Angel of the Order, and such work as he does has a value of its own, which we gladly recognise. There are minds which can only take in the broad features of passing events, and others which look at everything through a solar microscope. Our literary brother is a man of this latter class, and we have reason to know that he sees much more with every sweep of those mysterious glasses of his, than we could possibly see if we were paid a princely sum to write proper names and Masonic titles by the column. Such a line of composition is, perhaps, not our special gift, but we are conscious of our shortcomings, and shall never dare to tread upon the preserves of men who are our masters in the literary art. We shall never forget our brother's appearance, during the summer months of last year, at a grand Masonic gathering, when the princes of the Order, with their ladies, were present. We were there merely to describe; he was in attendance to record. On the platform, in a post of honour, near the Lord Mayor, our hero, with spectacles on nose, and note-book in hand, was gravely writing down the name of each speaker, while we, content to take our place in the crowd, watched him with silent admiration. Such consummate coolness was indicative of positive genius, of a sort, and we mentally confessed that

our devoted brother was intended by nature to be a journalist. We expected that no personal fame would accrue to us from the article which we were commissioned to write; we felt assured that our brilliant Recording Angel would be regarded as the hero of the hour, nor were we at all disappointed. That note-book and those spectacles might have imposed upon any one but an expert. That look of profound wisdom was sufficient to convince the most sceptical that a journalist was present, possessed of talent sufficient for the composition of at least an *Edinburgh Review* article upon the *Talmud*, or any other of the abstruse questions, which only addle the brains of meaner critics. We need only add that we returned to our desk a sadder and wiser man. The lesson we learned that day has taught us that effrontery is the surest passport to notoriety, if not to an enduring fame.

MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

FROM THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NUMISMATICS.

WE copy, below, an article, originally published in "Norton's Literary Letter," No. 4, New York, 1859, to which we have added a few notes. The subject is an interesting one, and deserves more attention than it seems to have received. Within a few years several of the Masonic Lodges in and about Boston have adopted what is known as a "Lodge jewel," which is in nearly every instance a medal struck from a die belonging to the Lodge, and worn, suspended from the lapel of the coat, as a badge of membership. The "St. John's Lodge," established nearly a century and a half ago, have a medal in the form of a shield, bearing the Masonic arms and other significant emblems. "St. Andrew's," founded in 1756, the next in age in Boston, wear a jewel of gold and enamel, upon which is a St. Andrew's cross, and suspended below the medal is a dragon rampant, alluding to the famous old "Green Dragon Tavern," their ancient place of meeting. "Columbian," another very old Lodge, have a jewel of blue enamel and gold, containing a handsome head of Columbia, in high relief, surrounded by a garter, on which are the name of the Lodge, the date of institution, a square and compass, &c., and above are emblems of corn, wine, and oil. "Winslow Lewis Lodge," named in honour of the late distinguished President of the Boston Numismatic Society, wear a somewhat larger medal, on which is struck a device representing Jacob's dream, of the ladder to heaven; below, a scroll inscribed Faith, Hope, Charity; the whole within a ribbon, bearing the name of the Lodge, and the square and compass. Some other Lodges in this vicinity wear similar jewels or medals. In most if not all cases, these Lodge jewels have an obverse struck in a die, while the reverse is plain, or has the owner's name and date of admission to membership engraved upon it.

In the year 1868, on the 24th of June, the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was laid with appropriate ceremonies, and among the articles deposited in it were a copper Masonic Medal struck in 1790, commemorative of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master (described in the note appended), a silver Medal of Past Grand Master Peter Williamson, the thirty-fourth Grand Master, and at that time Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, "a gold Masonic Medal 'Keystone,'" and a "gold Masonic Medal (circle)." We have no information of what these last Medals were.

One of the most recent Masonic Medals struck in America, is probably that for the dedication of the new Temple in New York, 2nd June 1875. This is in the form of a shield, and bears on the obverse a view of the Temple (corner of Sixth Avenue and West Twenty-third Street). Above are the words, "Masonic Temple of New York," over them the All-Seeing Eye. Below the Temple, "Dedicated June 2nd, 1875." The reverse has the arms of the Grand Lodge of New York, with the motto, "Holiness to the Lord," and other Masonic emblems—the square, compass, plumb, &c.*

We have before us a curious Masonic Medal, belonging to Mr. Thomas P. Ritchie, of Brookline. It is of silver, apparently struck in a die, and then what would have been the field carefully cut out, leaving the various objects represented, so that they are equally to be distinguished on either side. It may be described as follows:

Obverse.—A circle bearing the words AMOR, HONOR, ET JUSTITIA. The rim is divided into quarters by the letters N. E. S. W. the E. coming at the top, between the words Honor and et. From the bottom of the circle arise two pillars; upon the top of these pillars rests a level; the square and compasses on the Bible, above; the top of the level, and the joint of the compasses being together nearly in the centre of the medal. On the right of these, the sun, a gavel and two crossed pens; on the left, the crescent moon, a plumb and a scroll perhaps representing a charter: from the top of the plumb diagonally to the foot of the right hand pillar is the twenty-four inch gauge. The same description of the objects inside would apply to the reverse, except that of course the objects are reversed relatively to each other. The reverse of the circle has at the bottom the words SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT, and at the top the All-Seeing Eye, between AM and 5763. It has a loop attached by which it was worn suspended from a ribbon.

* We are informed by a correspondent, Mr. I. F. Wood, to whom we are indebted for this description, that this Medal was issued by Messrs. D. B. Howell and Co., of New York, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in Gold, at dols. 30, silver at dols. 4.50, bronze at dol. 1, gilt dol. 1, and white metal 50 cents. It was attached to a clasp with pin, and very extensively worn in the dedication procession.

We have no knowledge of the history or origin of this medal. It is evidently upwards of one hundred years old; the motto AMOR. HONOR. ET JUSTITIA is the same as that which was used on the Prince of Wales medal, just alluded to, and also on the Masonic Medal in memory of Washington, struck in 1797*, and may enable us to trace it.

We believe that a catalogue of Masonic Medals would be found to possess considerable interest, and prove to be much more extensive than Mr. Norton seems to have thought, in 1859. Perhaps some one of the readers of the *Journal* will prepare such a list, or send description of any Masonic Medal he may have, that they may be preserved in your pages for the use of some future labourer in this interesting field.

W. T. R. M.

Mr. Norton's article is as follows:

Few persons, even members of the Fraternity, in this country are aware of the number of Masonic Medals which have been struck during the last hundred and twenty-five years, by the Lodges of Freemasons, or by individual members of the Society; nor of the interest taken in this subject, more especially by the European Lodges, many of whom have large and valuable cabinets. We propose to give a brief sketch of this branch of Numismatics.

The oldest Masonic Medal known, is mentioned by Schroeder, in his "*Materialen*," I. 37; by Ridel, in his article on "*Medals*," by Zacharias, in his "*Numotheca Numismatica Latomorum*," I.; and by Merzdorf, p. 116; and is a silver medal of Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, who in 1733, without authority, founded a Lodge at Florence, in commemoration of which event this medal was struck. Zacharias asserts that the Lodge Minerva, at Leipsic, was in possession of a specimen; but Merzdorf, who had a leaden copy of it, states that it has disappeared, and that the only original specimen is preserved in the Hammerstein Collection. Merzdorf also mentions a Roman medal of 1742. Hamburg next claims priority in regard to the antiquity of her Masonic Medals. The oldest, bearing the legend "*Facies supremi eadem*," has no date, but in the Essen Catalogue is attributed to the year 1740; a second dates from 1742, a third from 1743, and a fourth from 1745—all of silver. Besides these Hamburg medals, Merzdorf mentions a bronze Frankfort medal, of the Lodge "*Einigkeit*," of 1742; a Brunswick medal of silver and gold, of 1744; and one of 1745—which, under the name of "*Freemasons' Ducats*," appear to have been used as school premiums. He also mentions three from Halle, of 1744, 1745, and 1747, the only ones ever struck in that city. The above comprise all the German medals struck during the first half of the eighteenth century.

According to Merzdorf, the oldest English medals are—one of 1760, without name of place or coinage; one of Exeter, 1766; one of London, without date; and another of 1766.

France contributes four of Paris,—1760, 1769, 1773, and 1776; and one of Rheims, 1776.†

Belgium furnishes one of 1757, with the impress of Brussels.

Holland, one from the Hague of 1779.

Sweden has medals of 1746, 1753, 1762, 1768, 1780, 1785, 1787, 1792, and only two others since the commencement of the present century.

The Russian Medals are limited to four, of the dates 1775, 1780, 1781; and in Moldavia we find one struck at Jassy, in 1774.

Italy offers but two medals of the eighteenth century,—the Florentine medal of 1773 and the Roman of 1742, both before alluded to.

Two Spanish medals were coined at Madrid, in 1809 and 1811, according to Merzdorf.

North America has but one medal of the last century,—struck in 1797.‡

The Masonic Medals of Asia are all very modern, and are derived from the Lodges established by the English in the East Indies.

* This Medal is No. XLVII. in Mr. Appleton's catalogue, and is there described as follows:—"G. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT, 1797. Bust of Washington facing the left. Rev. AMOR. HONOR. ET JUSTITIA. G. W. G. G. M. A group of Masonic emblems. Brass. Size 22." The date 1797 has no Masonic allusion, but refers to his retiring from the Presidency. G. W. G. G. M. stands, perhaps, for George Washington General Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at a special meeting in January 1780, proposed to the other Grand Lodges Washington's election to such a position, but the suggestion did not meet with favour and nothing more was heard of it. This fact must have been known to any one likely to have produced a Masonic Medal in America, and we are inclined to think from the motto, that perhaps the dies for this as well as those for Mr. Ritchie's medal were made in England. Another Washington Masonic Medal is described in Mr. Appleton's List as follows:—"CXXXV. GEORGE WASHINGTON; head of Washington, facing the right, below G. W. G. M. all in a circular frame, outside which, at top an eagle, in his beak a long ribbon inscribed TALEM FERENT NULLUM SECLA FUTURA VIRUM; about the ribbon forty-five stars; at bottom a trophy of flags, guns, drum, cannon, balls, &c., on which is the shield of the United States. Rev. NON NOBIS SOLUM SED TOTO MUNDO NATI MDCCCLIX: a wreath of two palm-branches in which are Masonic emblems. Bronze. Size, 32." For whom was this struck?

† Mr. Appleton, in his list of Franklin Medals (*Journal of Numismatics*, Vol. VII., p. 49), describes a French medal of Franklin, as follows:—"IV. BENJ. FRANKLIN MINIST. PLENT. DES. ESTATS. UNIS. DE. L'AMERIQUE. SEPT. MDCCCLXXXIII; bust of Franklin, facing the left; below, BERNIER. Rev. DE LEURS TRAVAUX NAITRA LEUR GLOIRE; in exergue DES NEUF SEURS; at the right, F. B.; on a rocky hill a circular temple, within, and near which are the Nine Muses at work. Silver, size 19." We presume this is Masonic, and that the "*DES NEUF SEURS*" refers to the "*Lodge of the Nine Muses*" of Paris, who, in 1829, struck another medal in honour of Franklin, described in the same list;—"XII. BENJAMINUS FRANKLIN; bust of Franklin, facing the left. Rev. LES MAC. FRANC. A FRANKLIN M. DE LA L. DES 9 SEURS O. DE PARIS 5778. 5829 PINGRET F.; the Masonic emblem of Jehovah in a triangle, surrounded by rays, within a serpent coiled in a circle, and around this a pair of compasses and a square, entwined by olive-branches; above, are seven stars; at the left, a mallet, and at the right a trowel. Bronze, size 26."

‡ This, from the date, was the Washington Medal.

In regard to the total number of Masonic Medals, Thory, in his "*Histoire de la Fondation du Grand Orient de France*," p. 336, estimates it at 200, commencing with the year 1720. Zacharias, in his "*Numotheca*," gives drawings of 48 different medals. Merzdorf mentions in all 331, besides 9 others which cannot be strictly termed Masonic,—as, for instance, a medal of Melancthon. The total is made up as follows:—Germany, 96; England, 14; France, 161; Holland and Belgium, 26; Denmark, 1; Sweden, 11; Russia, 4; Moldavia, 1; Italy, 9; Spain, 2; America, 5; Asia, 4.

The first cabinet of Masonic Medals was commenced by the Lodge "*Eintracht*," at Vienna, about the year 1784. Other collections were subsequently made at Rostock, Leipzig, and Hamburg. Private collections were also in the possession of Bros. von Eck, Zacharias, von Hammerstein, and Merzdorf. The largest cabinet at present is that of the Prov. Gr. Lodge of Mecklenburg, at Rostock, and contains 324 specimens of medals, exclusively Masonic, besides a number of mystical and other medals. The next in importance are the cabinets of the Lodges Apollo and Minerva, at Leipzig. In this country, the Lodge Pythagoras, at Brooklyn, L.I., has a collection of about 200 specimens.

A Masonic Halfpenny Token, of 1790 commemorative of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master,* appears to have been in circulation as money, and is mentioned by Appel, Thory, and Zacharias. There are several varieties of it extant, four of which differ only in the inscription around the edge, viz.:—1. Masonic Token, I. Scotchley fecit, . . . x; 2. Half-penny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower-hill; 3. A Masonic Token, J. Sketchley, Birmingham, fecit; 4. Masonic Token, Nitchley fecit, 1794.

A fifth variety has on the obverse a square and compass, with the legend "*Pro bono publico*." On the reverse, the initials "*T. H. B.*" the date "1795," and the legend "*East Grimstead Half-penny*." Around the edge, "*Payable at T. H. Boorman*."

* This Token or Medal is illustrated by a cut in Mr. Norton's "*Literary Letter*." It may be described as follows: Obv. A shield bearing on a field gules a chevron between three castles argent. Crest, a dove proper on a sphere. Supporters, two beavers proper. Motto, on a ribbon beneath the shield, AMOR, HONOR ET JUSTITIA. Legend, 24 NOV 1790 PRINCE OF WALES ELECTED G. M. — This was doubtless intended to represent the arms of the Society of Freemasons, as used by the Grand Lodge of England, which, as given by Burke, differ from the above in having the field sable, and bearing a pair of compasses sable extended "*chevronwise*" on the chevron, but having no motto. The differences, except the last, may be owing to carelessness in the engraving.

Rev. A triangle, within which is an angel, resting his left hand upon a pillar, and pointing with his right to the letter G, within the upper angle, from which issue rays; behind the angel are clouds; in the lower corners of the triangle are the square and compass on the right and a book on the left; around the sides of the triangle WISDOM, STRENGTH & BEAUTY. Legend, SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT.

The regular Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 3rd November, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. Comps. S. Rawson as G.Z., H. Sandeman G.H., Capt. Platt G.S.E., Major Creaton G.S.N., J. A. Rucker G.P.S., W. Speed 1st Asst., R. Grey 2nd Asst., T. Fenn G.S.B., E. J. Macintyre G.R., J. Smith as G.D.C., B. Head, N. Bradford, A. Holman, J. Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, H. Muggeridge, J. Glaisher, J. Percy, Leith, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., R. Hollom, Hyde Pullen, W. S. Gover, John Boyd, J. J. Case, H. Massey, G. Newman, White, C. F. Hogard, G. Lemann, W. Stephens, Herbert Dicketts, W. Hammond, W. F. Nettleship, A. Ridgway, W. Young, Cochrane, C. W. Nohemer, J. Seex, J. L. Thomas, R. Spencer, G. Lambert, &c. The G.S.E. read the minutes of the former Convocation, which were confirmed. All the petitions placed on the agenda paper were granted; these were announced in our last issue. The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

The Emulation Chapter of Improvement will hold its annual festival at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Friday, the 26th inst., on which occasion Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, will preside.

A crowded and fashionable audience was present on Monday evening, at St. James's Hall, at Miss Emily Mott's concert. The popularity of the fair *cantatrice*, combined with a very attractive programme, explains this. Miss Emily Mott's singing is greatly improved, growing years bringing confidence and power to her vocalisation. She sang "*Flowers of Friendship*," "*The Minstrel Boy*," and "*Trust Her Not*," each song being deservedly encored. Miss Blanche Cole, Madame Lemmens-Sherington, Mr. Lewis Thomas, and Mr. Sydney Smith, solo pianist, contributed some excellent songs. Mr. Sims Reeves was never in better voice. His singing "*The Requital*," "*The Bay of Biscay*," and "*Tom Bowling*," created a furore. Bro. Fred. Godfrey's band, of the Coldstream Guards, was thoroughly appreciated, and was one of the great features of this enjoyable musical treat.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have received a number of letters on the subject of the Boys' School Management, and though we are the reverse of anxious to keep this controversy before the public, we feel it is only just to our correspondents to allow them the opportunity of expressing their views. With reference to the proposal emanating from one of them, that a testimonial should be raised for Bro. Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, we publish the letter out of regard for our esteemed correspondent, but we feel it our duty to point out the act of publication must, under no circumstances, be construed into a departure from that strict neutrality we have so carefully striven to observe.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

2nd November 1875.

SIR,—As a Steward of 1870, for the Boys' School Festival, and a Life Governor in virtue of my donation then made to the funds of the Institution, I received the current report, that for 1869; and have now examined it in order to find how far it bears out Bro. Tew's statement.

I regret to say that, as far as the expenditure on the maintenance of the School for the year 1869 is concerned, Bro. Tew's assertions are very far below the mark; so that, if the state of things at the Boys' School is bad now, it was worse, to a considerable extent, five years ago.

In the year 1869, the Secretary seems to have received as his personal share of the expenditure as much as £817! The items are as follow:—

Commission on "Surplus" receipts (p. 39)	£350	0	0
Provincial travelling expenses	67	12	6
To recoup office expenses	100	0	0
Salary	150	0	0
Commission (a second item, on p. 40)	150	0	0
	£817	12	6

This £100 office expenditure thus recouped must be increased by:—

Rent of office	£36	0	0
Clerk	78	18	0
Messenger	10	0	0
Petty Expenditure	75	0	0
Printing and stationery	215	3	5
Collector	170	0	0

Making a total of £1,402 13 11

spent in secretarial and clerical expenses during a single year; to which might fairly be added some of the following:—

Advertisements	£39	6	5
Pension to past Secretary	100	0	0
Examination fees	48	19	3
Recreation of boys during holidays	23	14	4
Hire of omnibus for Committee	19	10	0
Election expenses	18	11	0
Gratuities, grants and outfits to boys leaving the Institution	60	0	0

Making a grand total of £1,712 14 11

of actual solid expenditure confined specially to the year, and leaving nothing to show, as building does, but necessarily to be repeated to some extent every year.

This heavy office expense is very nearly a third of all the annual expenses of the whole establishment, large as they are. The following was the total expense of the year:—

Secretarial, clerical and miscellaneous office expenses, apart from the Institution	£1,712	14	11
Salaries of 5 Masters, 1 Matron, 1 wardrobe keeper, 1 Chaplain, 1 Medical Officer and 1 Drill Instructor	728	0	8
Wages of all the servants	281	9	0
Provisions	1,277	15	8
Clothing and repairs	703	18	7
Furniture, linen, &c.	78	3	1
Earthenware, glass, &c.	1	5	4
Coals, gas, and water	341	13	9
Rates and taxes (no rent)	154	17	3
Miscellaneous	177	17	6

Grand total £5,457 15 9

All this was money spent during the year for the purposes of the year; and on the then average of 106 boys amounts to £51 10s per head. Comment is superfluous.

Your obedient servant,

A WEST YORKSHIRE LIFE GOVERNOR.

[Our correspondent must bear in mind that his letter cuts both ways, and that as between 1869 and 1874 the figures in the two accounts show a marked reduction for expenses of management.—EDITOR FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Pontefract, 2nd November 1875.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The best reply to Mr. Binckes's assurances, that "the accounts of the Boys' School are stated and set forth in a manner sufficiently clear for any unprejudiced enquirer to spot expenditure under every head," is the subjoined letter in answer to a communication from the Secretary in last week's *Freemason*. That he should again commit himself to such blunders must be perfectly conclusive to the mind of every "unprejudiced enquirer" as to the manner in which the accounts are kept. We have no doubt the Secretary will assure your readers that we are in error; let the proofs be adduced.

The Secretary, in his letter, admits the correctness of our calculations, and we find from the Reports for the last three years, that the amount for "gratuities" (only 10s per boy), during this period comes to £31 viz: £9 in 1872, £4 10s in 1873, and £17 10s in 1874; whereas, in his letter of last week, the Secretary accounts for only £18 10s, and this, too, incorrectly, as only 37 boys, according to Reports, left between January 1872 and December 1874, two at least, of whom (there were probably more) did not receive the "gratuity," so that we have only 35 boys with the money award of 10s, or £17 10s: adding to this "the most unaccountable" (as the Secretary terms it) charge of £1 5s for silver medal, we have to subtract £18 15s from our correct total of £31 4 5s, which gives £295 10s to be accounted for, and not £294 10s as shewn in Mr. Binckes's last letter.

While the total of £9, £4 10s and £5 is, as proved, wrong; each item, according to the Reports, giving numbers of boys leaving from time to time is also wrong.

At the top of third column, page 481 in last week's "FREEMASON," we observe quoted together "Grants and Gratuities," whilst in the three Reports before us, "Gratuities to Boys on leaving Institution," are put down as one item, separate and distinct from "Grants and Outfits for Boys on leaving Institution," some three or four lines below the former item; we do not understand the reason for this confusion, of what hitherto had always been treated as quite distinct. The "Grants and Outfits,"

for 1872 were £110 according to 1872 Report and Sec.'s letter,

"1873 " 122 " 1873 " " "

"1874 " 51 5s " 1874 " " "

but according to Mr. Binckes's last letter were £62 10s, whilst the item for "Gratuities" only, according to 1874 Report, was £17 10s, which the Secretary now says was only £5; here, then, we have a difference of £12 10s.

A little lower down we are besought to attend to the thereto annexed statement, with an obvious inference from incorrect data. Now, the very first item of this statement is wrong, according to the Reports for 1872 and 1873 (two editions of the latter), for in these three books George Augustus Frederick How is credited with £5 5s, and the total of page 37 of 1873 Report, published in 1874, is £50 5s and not £50 as the Secretary gives it.

As regards four of the nine blunders pointed out by us, the Secretary styles them "Clerical errors," though perpetrated a second time in the June edition of 1873 Report; we hardly think your readers will be disposed to regard so lightly errors, involving a sum of £20, in so simple a matter as the account of appropriation of three or four hundred pounds, and we feel we were not far wrong in warning the readers of our Pamphlet against them. Still lower down we have a reference to page 48 of 1874 Report; we turn, accordingly, to the page and find, not £47 10s, but £67 10s for "Amount of grant not previously made or ascertained," to which sum we suppose must be added the £5 for marine outfit from "Fund for the advancement of boys on leaving the Institution." As one instance of proving an impossibility, "Samuel Collingwood's" grant is adduced; The Secretary informs us that £5 were granted on 6th June 1873, and, as we believe, all such grants are made by the General Committee, who always meet on a Saturday; this Committee, according to Mr. Binckes's date, see Calendar 1873, must, in the month of June of that year, have sat on a Friday; we find, moreover, that Samuel Collingwood is credited in the Report for 1872 with £5, so that, if the grant was not formally made till some day in June 1873, it must have been given to the lad without the proper sanction. We observe the Secretary admits a discrepancy of £3, even according to his own reckoning, in which, including dates, we have pointed out twelve inaccuracies.

In Report for 1874, under Stock account, a balance is stated as due to the Secretary, though not shown in the 1873 account: Bro. Cox's Canonbury Medal in 1874 Report is, in one place, page 41, put down at £4, in another, page 53, at £4 4s; in 1872 Report, pages 34 and 53, Bros. Winn and Cox's Prize Money is put down at £17 18s 6d, of which sum only £9 9s appear to have been awarded.

We could point out many other discrepancies did we not feel that we have already trespassed too much on the space available in your columns, and we deem it due to our correspondents to state that their valued assistance has enabled us to detect several errors.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

THOMAS HILL TEW.

O. G. D. PERROTT, M.A.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In all probability the majority of your readers will be of opinion that you have, on the whole, dealt tolerably fairly with both parties in the remarks you have thought proper to offer on the extraordinary Pamphlet of Messrs. Tew and Perrott. Equally probably you will think me very unreasonable if

I venture to state that, in some respects, I do not accept your strictures as satisfactory and deserved. This is more especially with reference to your unequivocal condemnation of the language of the two letters marked Nos. 5 and 6. To justify them requires, I admit, the existence of *very strong* provocation, and I contend that the provocation I received not only justified, but *demand*ed, the use of the strongest language I could employ. This leads me to notice the position advanced in Part I., p. 3, paragraph number 1, "The Masters have had a very bad time of it at the School, and that the Principal Master has been kept in entire subjection to the Secretary, by the Secretary." To the latter portion of this statement I can only give the most express contradiction, and I assert most positively that no attempt at "subjection" was ever made or contemplated. The first portion is true enough if referable to the duration of Mr. Perrott's rule, than which nothing can be imagined more harassing or tyrannical. This appears, to a great extent, from the letters of some of the Assistant Masters, copies of which I forward you, and which may be had on application by any one interested in the controversy.

You remark, with reference to my denials of the specious statements of Messrs. Tew and Perrott, that "assertion is not argument," that, "denial is not disproof." I say, with reference to the charges alleged against me, that "assertion is not proof." In what manner can you deal with an accuser who contents himself with iterating charges which have been thoroughly investigated and disproved? and who follows this up by denying the statement that "the Secretary put to each witness the questions that follow." Those questions, and the facts and circumstances connected therewith, will be found at pp. 7 and 8 of my "Reply," and the members of the Committee present at the investigation can best judge between the statement of Mr. Perrott (for his coadjutor could know nothing of these occurrences, save by hearsay) and myself. I repeat:—

That the questions were put as stated by me.

That the answers given were as recorded by me.

That Mr. Perrott's reply to the chairman, who enquired as to the reasons for such baseless accusations being brought by him against the Secretary, is given by me in the *ipsissima verba* used.

That immediately on the decision of the Committee being announced, Mr. Mallam (since then the champion of Mr. Perrott) proposed a vote of unabated confidence in the Secretary, which was adopted by acclamation.

That Mr. Mallam subsequently expressed to me the satisfaction he experienced at being able to propose such a vote, adding, "that he had come to the Committee *thoroughly prejudiced against me*."

In bringing this serious charge it will be at once apparent that Mr. Perrott took the initiative in hostility, by seeking to not only lower, but to ruin me in the estimation of those whose confidence I enjoyed, and this, I firmly believe, in pursuance of a set purpose formed by him from the date of his election, consistently followed down to the time of his retirement, and since then pursued with unrelenting and unscrupulous vindictiveness.

A few words on the question of the "missing" amount for outfits and the grants to "James Gasson."

As regards the latter, Messrs. Tew and Perrott, in their letter to you, say—"Mr. Binckes, unfortunately for himself, adduces the case of James Gasson." Why "unfortunately?" They evidently wish it to be believed that I entered the payment of £10, such payment not having been made. I explained the mode of payment in three sums of £5 each. Beaten upon that point, they now cite an acknowledged error in the date of his leaving the Institution as another charge. Granted that, in the Report for 1865, the date was given "28th October 1872," the mistake was subsequently ascertained and corrected to 1871.

My rule always has been, and is,—When I commit an error to acknowledge it at once, and amend it, not to attempt an elaborate, Jesuitical vindication, as is the practice of Mr. Perrott, when dictated in a wilful misstatement. (See note to letter 22, p. 38.)

With reference to the "outfits" and the "missing amount of £141 15s," which, by Messrs. Tew and Perrott, I am accused of misappropriating (nothing less can, by any possibility, be inferred from p. 29), I not only repeat my "indignant denial" of so foul a calumny, but am prepared with a statement of every particular of each grant, and to produce the receipt by each boy, or by the tradesman supplying him, for the amount of each grant. You say "a charge of financial mismanagement is a grave one to make," that "I must go a step further than denial, and adduce rebutting evidence." Will the production of all these vouchers suffice? Again you say, "it is in human nature that a man should defend his own honour warmly." What degree of warmth will you allow me, in repudiating the vilest slander that has ever been uttered to my prejudice? I only wish I had the power to "put in every honest hand a whip to lash the rascals naked through the world."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

London, 2nd November 1875.

FREDERICK BINCKES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few months ago you were good enough to insert a few remarks of mine about the lamentable condition of our Boys' School. Since then, according to the pamphlet written by Bros. Tew and Perrott, nothing appears to have been done by the Committee to vindicate their imprudent action, beyond the recent assurances of Bro. Binckes, "that all is well." The startling figures of the pamphleteers are either "wrong or right," and as you justly observe, in your able leader of last week, it is the duty of the Committee to prove them wrong. Part 3 clearly proves that the late Head Master had not fair play, and on this ground I feel sure the brethren of England will stand up as one man to protect a brother who evidently had much to contend with, and, feeling this,

well knowing the serious loss he must have incurred, I shall be happy to form some kind of monetary testimonial for Bro. Perrott, and would gladly subscribe my £10 10s for such a purpose, feeling assured others would follow on knowing the true facts of the whole case.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,

"A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge was opened on Thursday, 28th October, at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, by Bro. F. A. Barrow D.P.G.M., Wm. Bell R.W.M. 3½ S.W., G. McDonald J.W., A. Mc Taggart M.A. P.G.S., G. Sinclair P.G. Treas. of Benevolent Fund, J. Gilles P.M. 103 P.G.S.D., G. Thallon P.M. 362 P.G.J.D., R. Robb M., J. Frazer A.M., Jas. Balfour P.M. 332 P.G.D. of C., J. Millar P.M. 413 D. of M., Wm. Phillips P.G.S.B., A. Bain P.M. 103 P.G.B.B., J. W. Burns R.W.M. 87 P.G.I.G., and J. B. Hardie P.G. Tyler, with a full attendance of the Masters and Wardens of nearly every Lodge in the province. The Secretary read the minutes of the last quarterly communication, which were passed, after which Bro. G. Sinclair read the report of the Benevolent Fund Committee, from which it appeared that six widows had been relieved during the quarter. The P.G.M. wished to direct the attention of the members to two questions he was about to bring before the Grand Lodge, at the next meeting in Edinburgh; one was on the delegation of duties by some P.G.M.'s to inferior officers or private members, contrary to Grand Lodge laws; the other was the necessity of the Grand Lodge seeing that its bye-laws were properly observed. On the motion of Bro. Mitchell R.W.M. of 102, seconded by J. S. Scott R.W.M. 419, it was unanimously resolved to memorialise the Grand Lodge to see that all the Lodges conformed to the Constitutions, by not conferring more than one degree at one time. An opinion was also expressed that it was unmasonic to make gentlemen who were residing in another province, especially if it were done at a less fee than was charged in their own province. Several questions were asked as to the status of affiliated and honorary members in Lodges. The P.G.M. ruled that an honorary member could not fill any office, and affiliated members could only do so if they paid the full affiliation fees, according to the bye-laws of the Lodge. With respect to the status of Installed Masters, he held that it would be desirable to follow the example of their English brethren, but at present their position was not very clearly defined, the Grand Lodge not having passed any law on the subject. There being no further business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

MASONRY IN QUEBEC.

THE following is a verbatim extract from the *Quebec Daily Mercury* of the 9th ult.:—The Masonic Hall was last night the scene of an interesting ceremony: the presentation of a magnificent set of Masonic jewels and regalia to Mr. Dunbar, Q.C., whose term of office as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec has expired. The Past Grand Master's chain collar is of gold, beautifully engraved and chased, formed of broad open-work links of oblong form, alternating with pointed stars, each link containing a monogram of the initials of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The star to which the pendant jewel is attached has the raised letter, "Q," in gold upon it. The jewel itself is a gem of artistic workmanship, made of solid polished gold, and represents the compass extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points. The riband which attaches it when worn on undress occasions is of dark blue ribbed silk, about the breadth of those used for military medals, and it also has a gold clasp fixed in the same way. There are also blue satin gauntlets profusely embroidered in the richest gold lace, and having the insignia of the compass and segment of circle worked in bold relief on the front. The apron is the most gorgeous worn by any Masonic officer; it is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold, in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat in each corner and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery with fringe of gold bullion. The whole regalia came from the renowned Masonic furnishers, Spencer and Co., Queen-street, London. The cost was about 250 dols. The idea of testifying the regard in which Mr. Dunbar is held by his brother Freemasons in the district of Quebec and Three Rivers occurred when he so successfully took part in promoting the amicable settlement of the disputes which had arisen between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec. His recent elevation to the honourable and distinguished position of Grand Master caused those who had charge of the subscriptions to suggest the appropriateness of presenting him with the jewels and regalia his high office demands. The presentation was made in the presence of a very large number of the brethren, including many of the oldest Freemasons in the city. The recipient of the testimonial was addressed by Right Worshipful Bro. Thompson, who in eulogistic terms referred to his services to the Craft in organizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as Deputy Grand Master for four years, and lastly as Grand Master. Mr. Dunbar replied briefly, expressing his deep sense of the compliment paid him. He said he felt that no words could express his thanks for this generous kindness from those amongst whom he lived and who should know him best. After other complimentary addresses the large assemblage dispersed, and the occasion is one which will long be memorable in the Masonic annals of Quebec.

REVIEWS.

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Freemasonry: its Secrecy and Relation to Faith and Worship. An Oration delivered before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, on the occasion of the Dedication of the Masonic Hall, Bideford, 13th October 1875. By Brother Rev. Thomas Russell, P. Pro. G.C. Oxon., G.J.W. Devon, W.M. of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, Bideford. Printed by Request. The Gazette Office, High-street, Exeter.

We are by no means surprised that Bro. the Rev. T. Russell should have been invited to publish the address he delivered at the recent dedication of the Masonic Hall, at Bideford. Regarded merely as a composition, it is a most admirable essay. But in defending Masonry from the base aspersions of its numerous enemies, our Rev. Brother has adopted a tone that harmonises well with the purposes of the Craft. Admitting that our Charitable Institutions and our known loyalty to the Sovereign are worthy of the highest praise, he nevertheless points out that, after all, these are merely the ornaments of Freemasonry. The line of defence which should be universally adopted is placed on still higher grounds. Our secrecy, for instance, is not the secrecy which dreads the light of day. The State knows well enough who and who are not Masons, for the law requires that the members of our Order should be registered. Our laws are published to all the world, and if there are, or have been, backsliders among us, that should no more be cast in our teeth than the crimes of Christians in the teeth of individual Christians. We are loyal to the State, and believe in a personal God, to whom we shall be hereafter accountable for our actions. It is absurd, then, to hold that because we admit indiscriminately within our ranks those who profess this faith, though differently, we are therefore an irreligious body. We have more than once expressed ourselves similarly, and quite as emphatically, though the manner of our so doing has very probably been less happy and less ornate. We thank our Rev. Brother for having afforded us an opportunity of reading and commenting on his address, which deserves a high place in this class of Masonic literature.

The Craft that has Weather'd the Storm. Words by Bro. Dr. O'Macgregor Edwardes, 1107. Music by Bro. Sherwin, 1107, 913, 1076. Published by Bro. George Kenning, 1, 2 and 3, Little Britain, and 198, Fleet-street, London.

THIS is far above the average of Masonic songs, both as regards the words and the music. Our readers, who may bear in mind our frequent references to the general want of taste, and even, in many instances, of sense, in the various ballads, &c., &c., which, till now, have passed muster among the Craft—we presume in the absence of any better—will find, in this case at all events, a good song, worthy of a foremost place among the few that are really respectable. The words run smoothly and tunelessly; the air is melodious, and there is a good chorus, a matter of no small importance, considering it will be mostly sung at those agreeable gatherings which usually follow our Lodge meetings. This chorus is worth reproducing here; indeed, had we not so many claims upon our space, we should have given the song *in extenso*. However, its general merits may be gleaned from the evidence herewith.

"Then a song and a shout, let them gaily ring out,
As we drink in Masonic due form,
To the officers true, and the staunch gallant crew,
Of the Craft that has weather'd the storm."

We imagine "them," in the first line, must be a misprint for "us;" it certainly reads more in harmony with the next line—Then a song and a shout let us gaily ring out, As we drink, &c., &c. Any musical brother who may be on the look out for a new song will, we feel sure, derive much pleasure, if he purchases "The Craft that has Weather'd the Storm."

The Bye-laws of the York Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 236 (held at the Masonic Hall, Duncan-place, York); to which is added a short History of the Lodge and of the Ancient Grand Lodge of all England. York: Printed by F. R. DELITTLE, corner of Railway-street and Micklegate.

We think it very desirable that every Lodge that possesses records stretching back to any distance of time should entrust to some capable member the task of arranging and publishing them. The York Lodge, the case before us, is an illustration. This Lodge has nearly completed a century of existence, having been warranted in July 1777, by Sir Thomas Taucerel, Pro. Grand Master for the County and City of York, under the authority of the Grand of Lodge England. It was originally known as the "Union Lodge," but in 1870, it assumed, with the sanction of the M.W.G.M., its present title. There are now 140 subscribing members on the Lodge roll, and we cordially endorse the wish of the writer that "this representative of Masonry in the ancient City of York may long continue to flourish, and may be the instrument of disseminating the great and glorious principles of our noble institution to future generations." In addition, we have a history of the "Grand Lodge of England," and this contains much that is highly interesting to those members of the Craft who delight in studying the early history of our Order. The account of the York Lodge was, we are told, compiled by Bro. Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.S.G.W., and that of Ancient Grand Lodge by Brother William Cowburg P.M. P.P.S.G.W., who have accomplished their task with marked success. Certainly Yorkshire, and doubtless, the whole world of Masonry will regard the publication of these and similar records with great satisfaction.

CONSECRATION OF THE MASONIC HALL AT BARTON.

From the THE HULL AND LINCOLNSHIRE TIMES.

SOME five months ago we recorded the circumstances connected with the laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, which had been determined upon by the brethren of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1477, of Free and Accepted Masons; and on Wednesday 27th ult. we had pleasure in "assisting" at the ceremony of dedicating that building to the noble purposes for which it has been designed. It is not too much to say that upon the foundation laid last May a superstructure has been raised, perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builder. The site of the new structure is on the Brigg Road, where it will, in future years, be admired as an ornament to the town, and amongst the most handsome public buildings of which Barton can boast. Although a very "young" Lodge, the brethren of St. Matthew's boast of a long and distinguished line of ancestors; for, as a correspondent recently informed our readers, a band of brothers, bearing the name of the patron saint upon its banner, flourished here as far back as the commencement of the present century. In 1778 the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 406, was founded in Barton—being at the time the only Lodge in the province of Lincolnshire. It appears to have flourished for a number of years, in perfect conformity with the ancient usages of the Craft, most of the towns and villages in the northern division of the county being represented in its membership; but some years ago, for reasons which do not appear to be very distinctly set forth, the Lodge collapsed, and the name of St. Matthew's disappeared from the list of Lodges until October 1873. In that month Bro. Colonel Taylor, of Burnham Manor, undertook the laudable work of resuscitating the Lodge, surrounding himself with a trusty band of officers, who were readily assisted by experienced members of the Craft in Hull and various parts of the province of Lincolnshire. Under Colonel Taylor's Mastership, the Lodge meetings were held in the Volunteers' Hall; but so popular did the new movement become—especially since the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of England—that the brethren felt the necessity of casting about them for a more suitable "local habitation" in which they could more thoroughly and perfectly carry on their operations. The success which attended this effort is only what might have been expected from the energy and spirit which were thrown into the movement; and we congratulate Bro. Swallow, and the officers by whom he has been so ably supported, upon the completion of this excellent work before their terms of office have expired. The building, which on Wednesday week last was consecrated to the purposes of Masonry, is a credit to them and the town, and the possession of such a structure will, no doubt, give a fresh impetus to Masonry, which has already become so deservedly popular in the province. The building is of white stock bricks, with red brick pillars and arches, and contains on the ground floor a library and banquetting-room, 24ft. 3in. by 32ft. 9in., and a Tyler's residence, with spacious kitchens, fitted with suitable cooking apparatus, and other conveniences. There is also a cloak-room on the ground floor, and the whole building has been admirably fitted with a heating apparatus of the most approved description. On the first floor is the Lodge room, of the same dimensions as the banquetting room, and adjoining it are waiting and robing-rooms, and all other necessary offices. The structure is in the modern classic style of architecture, having a frontage to the Brigg Road of 25ft., and a depth of 44ft. Bro. W. H. Wellsted, architect, of Hull, was entrusted with the designs, according to which the building has been erected by Mr. Alexander Stamp, of Barton, and the whole of the work has been executed in a manner that is highly satisfactory to all concerned.

The brethren assembled in their new hall at half-past one o'clock, where they were joined by a number of visitors, the following Lodges being represented:—The Humber 57, the Lindsey 712, the Kingston 4010, the Bayons 1286, the Pelham Pillar 792, the St. Alban's 1294, the Ancholme 1282, the Alexandra 1511, &c. As soon as the brethren had taken their places in the Lodge, the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, and the Officers of the Lodge, entered in procession, when the chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Smyth W.D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, and the following officers of St. Matthew's were also present:—Bros. W. Swallow W.M., Colonel Taylor I.P.M., Henry Ashton S.W., W. H. Sissons J.W., R. Bedford Treasurer, John Fuller Secretary, James B. Swallow S.D., J. D. Waddingham J.D., W. Gray I.G., and Kenningham Tyler. The Provincial and other Grand Officers occupied seats upon the dais, and ably assisted in the ceremony of consecration. Bro. G. R. Welsh ably presided at the organ, and the musical portions of the ceremony were most efficiently rendered. The Lodge having been duly opened in the three degrees, the W.D.P.G.M. directed the P.G. Superintendent of Works to examine the appointments of the Lodge, which were pronounced satisfactory; and the sublime ceremony of Consecration, in accordance with the formularies of the Craft, was then proceeded with. At its conclusion the W.D.P.G.M. delivered an impressive and eloquent address on the duties inculcated in Freemasonry, advising the brethren to be discriminating in their admission of members, and wise in their promotion of the interests of the Craft. He then congratulated the W.M. on the completion of that magnificent hall, and wished for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. Bro. Swallow then took the chair, and presided over the remainder of the business, the working of all the officers being conducted in an eminently satisfactory manner.

At three o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mr. Taylor, at the George Hotel, the tables being adorned with a choice profusion of flowers, ornamental plants, and the whole of the arrangements were carried out in commendable style. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Swallow W.M., who was supported by the W. Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. H. Smyth;

Bro. Thomas Sissons, Prov. Grand Registrar of North and East Yorks.; Bro. the Rev. J. C. R. Saunders, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Lincolnshire; Bro. E. Locock, P.P.G.S.W., &c., and the duties of the vice-chair were admirably discharged by Bro. H. Ashton, the S.W. of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the repast the loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. alluding to the visit of the M.W. Grand Master of England to India, in which he said all Masons must take a deep interest at the present time. They all hoped his Royal Highness might have a successful voyage, and a safe return home. (Cheers.)

Bro. Colonel Taylor then proposed "his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire; W. H. Smyth, Esq., W.D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." (The toast was received with honours.)

Bro. Major Smyth, in responding, returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the name of the Duke of St. Albans had been received by the company. He could assure them that though his Grace was not present, his heart was thoroughly with them. (Hear, hear.) He frequently heard from the Duke, and sometimes saw him; and he felt convinced that his Grace took the deepest interest in, and was always desirous for, the welfare of Freemasonry in the province. (Cheers.) For his own part it was a source of great pleasure to him to visit the different Lodges and to see their prosperity: and he had never been better pleased than he had been to-day. In conclusion, Bro. Smyth proposed the "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," the former of whom, he remarked, was about the "best abused man in the whole country." To-day they had amongst them their worthy Bro. Saunders, who had attended several meetings held in Barton, and had shown a zeal in Masonry which must have obtained for him the respect and approbation of the brethren generally. He begged to couple the name of their Prov. Grand Chaplain with the toast he had just proposed. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. J. C. R. Saunders in responding, thought they had reason to be thankful that in this diocese they had such a man as their bishop to preside over them, for if they looked round the Episcopal Bench they would not find his superior, "taken for all in all." (Applause.) He was a man of transcendent talent, extraordinary energy, and persevering labours; and, above all, he was a thorough Christian gentleman. (Hear, hear.) He expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present on this occasion. He was present at the consecration of the Lodge, at the foundation-stone laying, and at the ceremony of to-day; and he must say he considered the Barton Lodge had done wonders. There was, in fact, scarcely another instance in the records of Masonry in England of a Lodge being formed, and within two years building a house of its own. Therefore, he congratulated his brethren of the St. Matthew's Lodge, to whom all honour was due, for the excellent work they had accomplished. (Cheers.)

Bro. Thos. Sissons, Pro G.R., then gave "The Worshipful Master of the St. Matthew's Lodge," from whom he said the brethren had at all times received genuine cordiality and kindness whenever they met. (Cheers.) He wished Bro. Swallow long life, health, and prosperity, and after having seen all the members drafted into the P.M.'s chair, they could not do better than to re-elect him. (Laughter and loud cheers.)

Bro. W. Swallow W.M., who was greeted with renewed cheering, returned thanks for the kind way in which Bro. Sissons had proposed the toast; and for the cordiality with which the brethren had received it. He was sorry he could not find words to express his feelings to-day; but he must first of all thank the brethren for the way in which they had gone through the ceremony of consecration, and the attention they had paid to the lessons which the event inculcated. Next he thanked the brethren of St. Matthew's Lodge for wishing him to have the honour of seeing the new Lodge consecrated before his term of office had expired. He concluded by wishing their new Masonic Hall prosperity and success. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. H. Sissons next proposed "The Masonic Charities," a toast which was given at all these festive gatherings, serving to remind them, in the midst of all their gay good humour, that Masonry had higher duties and nobler responsibilities. This toast came in the very centre of the toast list, and thus reminded them that charity was the keystone of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Doubtless in the early history of the world, Freemasonry was a necessary protection, by which good and wise men were enabled to know whom they could meet in an honourable and friendly spirit, and whom it was necessary to avoid. And, later on, it was of service when the sword and the spear were used alongside the ploughshare. But now, knowing the genuine principles of its vitality, Masonry had ceased to be the offensive and defensive alliance which it had been for hundreds of years; and it was an institution, not merely for mutual benefit, but also for the benefit of those who were not actually Freemasons themselves. (Hear, hear.) No man who called himself a good and honest Mason would hesitate to deny that he was his brother's keeper—keeper of his brother's name and honour and reputation—of his worldly and spiritual happiness—for when circumstances arose they were dependent one upon the other. They could not explain to the outside world all their mysteries and ceremonies; still, they could give to it the outward and visible sign that, to the best of their ability, they aided the widow and the orphan, and those who were unable to fulfil the chief duty of life, namely, to provide for the maintenance of themselves, and those who were dependent upon them. As Masons they testified that they were prepared to take upon themselves that great sacred duty. Applause. He had hoped to have had amongst them to-day their worthy Bro. V. Pigott P.P.G. Steward, but unfortunately, in consequence of ill-health, he had been prevented from attending on this interesting occasion. Recently he spent a few hours with Bro. Pigott, who, in the course of their interview, pointed to what he valued above all else he possessed—not a rare specimen of china, or a valuable piece of plate—but a plain sheet of parchment, containing the thank of the boys and girls in the Masonic schools, for the services he had rendered them as Steward of this province. (Cheers.) Having further alluded to charity as

one of the great essential characteristics of Masonry, the speaker coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Locock. (Cheers.)

Bro. E. Locock P.P.G.S.W., in returning thanks, said, if there was one toast which, more than another, brought the principles of Masonry home to their hearts, it was that of their invaluable Charities. He was very glad to know that in recent years the most important of their Masonic Institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution had been very largely supported by this province. He could remember, some years ago, they never thought of having subscriptions for this purpose, and an annual contribution from Lodges was not thought of. He then referred to the manner in which their late Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Lucas, fought in behalf of the Charities; and said he was the man who showed them the way in which the province ought to work. He then alluded to the Benevolent Fund of the province, which had been of great benefit, and many private Lodges had benevolent funds of their own; and he urged upon all Lodges to establish such funds, which were of the greatest value themselves and benefit to those who were deserving of their consideration. (Cheers.)

Bro. Nelson next gave "the Officers and Brethren of St. Matthew's Lodge."

Bro. Henry Ashton thanked Bro. Nelson for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast. He had known Bro. Nelson in another Lodge, and also in another capacity—as a soldier (hear, hear); and he was proverbial for his kindness of heart and courtesy to all around him.

Bro. R. Bedford then proposed "the health of the Visiting Brethren." They in Barton were greatly obligated to friends who, during the early career of their Lodge, came from Hull and elsewhere, and rendered them invaluable assistance. He should have been better pleased had a much larger number of brethren from the other side of the Humber visited them on this occasion. They had been of great assistance during the formation and growth of St. Matthew's Lodge, and they were entitled to the best thanks of the brethren. (Cheers.) It would afford them pleasure at any time to welcome brethren from a distance, for the interchange of kindly feeling and sentiment were most valued by members of the Lodge. He would associate with the toast the name of Bro. H. J. Amphlett, of the Alexandra Lodge, Hornsea. (Cheers.)

Bro. Amphlett briefly acknowledged the toast, expressing, on behalf of the visitors present, their high appreciation of the kindness and hospitality which had been displayed by the brethren of the St. Matthew's Lodge. The ceremony they had witnessed had been of the most impressive and interesting character; and he congratulated the officers and brethren upon the excellence of the work they had accomplished. Though a young Mason, he had taken a deep interest in the Craft, and enjoyed visiting the brethren in the various Lodges; in all of which he found the same spirit of friendliness and brotherly love prevailing. (Applause.) He thought no man could help admiring the great and noble objects of Freemasonry, which were not political, nor confined to any sect or denomination. It was a widespread institution, whose object was the extension of human sympathy and human brotherhood, and had embraced thousands of all creeds and shades of thought in a common bond of unity. Charity and brotherhood were the leading and guiding principles of the Institution, and the practical display of such virtues must ultimately earn for the Craft a large and increasing amount of public approbation. (Cheers.) Again, he thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded to the visitors, and assured them, if they returned these visits, they would be as thoroughly well received by any Lodge which they might honour with their presence. (Applause.)

The W.M. said he must be excused if he departed a little from the list, and proposed to them the "Health of their good friend and Immediate Past Master, Colonel Taylor." (Cheers.) When he (the speaker) took the chair, he knew he succeeded a man whom it would be difficult to follow. But whenever he required advice on any matter he had only to go to Burnham, when he found Bro. Taylor quite ready to afford him any assistance he needed. He trusted the gallant Colonel would frequently attend the Lodge and sit with him as P.M. of St. Matthew's; for he (the speaker) was determined to attend as often as he possibly could do. (Cheers.)

Colonel Taylor, in responding, said he had been a Mason for 19 years, and certainly wished to see the Lodge flourish at Barton. He acknowledged the assistance which had been received from brethren at Hull and elsewhere, and he felt certain the St. Matthew's Lodge would ultimately become second to none in the province. Their W.M. required but little assistance at the outset, and required none now; and he had confidence that the next Master would be the same. He concluded by wishing the Lodge every success.

Bro. T. Sissons then, in a humorous speech, proposed the "Ladies," for whom Bro. Henry Meggitt gallantly responded; and the official list having been got through, the remainder of the evening was spent in a more convivial manner.

We must not omit to state that, in commemoration of the completion of the building, the members of the Lodge generously provided a dinner for the whole of the workmen, numbering upwards of thirty, who had been engaged in the erection.

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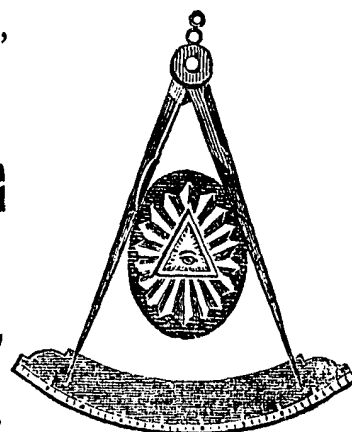
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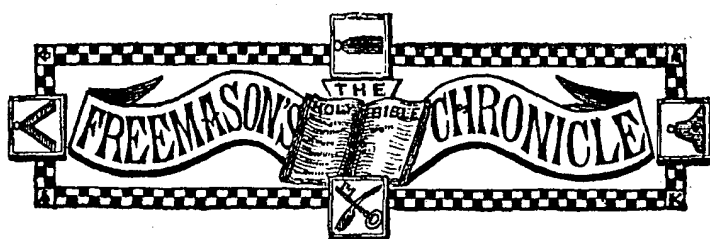
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

An addition to the Royal Family is always a subject of congratulation among all classes of British subjects, and we Masons, who pride ourselves, not without substantial reason, upon our loyalty, are not likely to be behindhand in felicitating their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh on the recent increase of their family. Of other news connected with the Royalty Family we have to record that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught landed at Gibraltar a few days since, in order to enter upon the appointment which he had been gazetted to do. A hearty welcome was accorded him, and an address, to which his Royal Highness briefly but appropriately responded, was delivered by the American Consul, Mr. Sprague, in the name and on behalf of the Consular body. Lastly, the King and Queen of Denmark have arrived in this country, with a view to spending a few weeks with their daughter, the Princess of Wales, and the latter will, by permission of Her Majesty, spend Christmas at Copenhagen. A slight accident has occurred to the Crown Prince of Denmark, who, in dismounting from his horse, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle. A few days, however, will suffice to restore him to his usual health.

"A good blowing up" is a common, if not particularly ornate expression. Jones misconducts himself, or, at least, we consider he has done so; therefore we "blow him up." Two hundred and seventy years since, about the greatest blowing up the world ever dreamt of was contemplated. A number of fanatics, headed by one Guido Fawkes had made all the necessary preparations to blow up King, Lords, and Commons in Parliament assembled. Happily, by the interposition of Providence, the event did not come off, but, instead, Guido Fawkes and his associates were elevated, if not as high as Haman is recorded to have been, quite enough to serve as a warning to future fanatics not to indulge in attempts at blowing up King and Parliament. The anniversary of Gunpowder Plot came off yesterday. In the suburbs, and in many provincial towns it was celebrated with more or less of the usual display, which, as far as amusing young children, and putting a few coppers into the pockets of ragged little rascals, is quite harmless.

Next Tuesday will be anniversary of the birth of our M.W.G.M. H.R.H. Prince of Wales, who, on that day, will complete his thirty-fourth year. The reign of Lord Mayor Stone will also come to an end on that day, and Alderman Cotton succeeds our respected brother as first magistrate of the wealthiest city in the world. As true Masons we "welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," but in

the case of Lord Mayor Stone, we feel bound to say something more, and to offer him our hearty congratulations on the grand success of his mayoralty. Of course, every citizen who attains this exalted position, strives his hardest to maintain its dignity, and add some lustre to his own name. Chance, too, occasionally aids them. The visit of a foreign potentate, the birth of an heir to the throne, a state visit to the city, when such an event occurs the Queen usually confers the dignity of a Baronet on the Lord Mayor and that of Knighthood on the Sheriffs. No such event has occurred during the year that will close next Tuesday; nevertheless, Lord Mayor Stone's Mayoralty has been, as we have just said, a grand success. We are not referring especially to his hospitality, for the hospitality of our Civic Sovereigns is matter of every day notoriety. We imagine, however, that few Lord Mayors have shown a greater activity, a greater desire to please everybody, a greater firmness and impartiality in the discharge of his very onerous duties. We heartily wish him God speed in the future, both as a Citizen of London and as a Mason. Doubtless the last noteworthy event of his year of office will be the event of Thursday, when the freedom of the City was conferred on the Astronomer Royal, Sir George B. Airy, the copy of the freedom being contained in a magnificently embossed gold casket. The Chamberlain, as the mouthpiece of the Corporation, spoke in deservedly complimentary language of the great attainments of Sir G. B. Airy, and the latter acknowledged the honour conferred upon him in fitting terms. Both the speech of the Chamberlain and the reply of the Astronomer Royal were unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the day's proceedings. There were present, besides the Lord Mayor, who presided, and Mr. Chamberlain, who was the spokesman, Aldermen M'Arthur and Lusk, and an unusually large attendance of Common Councilmen and others.

The second sitting of the Spiritualists was held at their room in Bloomsbury Square, on Thursday evening, the chair being taken by Dr. Sexton, who is reported, in the course of his opening remarks, to have expressed his conviction that a large number of the cures he had seen effected resulted from the direct agency of disembodied spirits. We are not ourselves of the Spiritualist fraternity, but we fancy there is something at the bottom of Dr. Sexton's theory. At all events, we offer in confirmation of it the popular belief that the best cure for a cold is one or more doses of rum and water, the water, of course, being the disembodied element in the case. An American Spiritualist who was present, cited several cases of spiritual cures which had come within his knowledge. Possibly the receipt in the States for curing a cold, is hot Bourbon whisky and water; but this, we think, would leave a slight head-ache behind. Every now and then we read in the daily papers of extraordinary *séances* being held, now in London, now in the provinces. The following is an ordinary *séance* common enough in all parts of the world, though we have not seen its incidents recorded with as great particularity as we should like see. Scene.—A library. Dramatic Personæ. The relatives and friends of the recently defunct owner of said library, bearing about them all the outward and visible signs of the greatest anguish, and the family lawyer, who acts as medium. After a few preliminary flourishes on the part of the latter, he proceeds to read the will, when a sudden chill is felt throughout the room, and the voice of the deceased gentleman is distinctly heard to say, in tones of the most cynical enthusiasm, "*Nimium ne crede Dolori.*" Our readers, of course, will note the very happy consistency, in the above account, of allowing the spirit of a defunct gentleman to express its feelings in a *dead* language. No doubt the family lawyer grinned a ghastly grin, when he heard the familiar tones of his late employer, but we should imagine the sorrowing relatives and friends, while not a little disturbed in their minds by the apparition, would not lend themselves to the encouragement of spiritualism.

This has been a comparatively quiet week at the Alexandra Palace. The season is too far advanced for much to be done out of doors. Indoors, however, every possible sort of attraction is offered to the public, who are nothing slow to avail themselves of the offers. Weather permitting, and even, indeed, in spite of the weather, the dramatic performances and the Saturday Popular Concerts are very well attended. On Lord Mayor's Day we are promised a firework competition, and on the fifteenth instant there will be another grand trotting match. As regards the

Crystal Palace there is little to report, the chief weekly event of interest being the Saturday afternoon concert.

Among the many various reforms that are continually being offered, there is hardly one that commends itself so thoroughly to the dictates of reason and common sense as funeral reform. The bestowal of grand funeral honours on some great man, like Wellington or Nelson, is a proper tribute of respect to pay to his memory. But why the stately glare and display, the hired trappings of woe, the unsightly hearse, and oftentimes the still more unsightly attendants? No man of sense believes that all this display and these paraphernalia form essential part of the respect we pay to the dead. A military funeral is one of the most impressive sights that can be witnessed, yet of funeral emblems there are few indeed. The coffin is borne along on a gun carriage, the deceased's charger following. The soldiers follow, with arms reversed, and the band playing the Dead March in Saul. A Mason's funeral, too, is a solemn ceremony, but the ordinary dingy hearse and mourning coaches are the merest burlesque of sorrowing respect. We are glad to see that Mr. Bright has expressed himself so sensibly and so practically as to the necessity for funeral reform, especially in such cases as he cites in evidence of a poor man's funeral, not unfrequently using up all the scanty means at the disposal of his family. A quiet and unobtrusive, and, we may add, inexpensive funeral, is not inconsistent with a genuine heartfelt sorrow for the loss of a respected friend or relative.

The greatest evidence that the holidays are over, and that this business world of ours has resumed work, is borne out by the fact that Ministers held a Cabinet meeting on Thursday, at which, no doubt, the programme for the coming Session of Parliament would be discussed. On Tuesday, of course, we shall receive a certain amount of enlightenment as to how the political world is wagging. A few members of Parliament have been giving expression to their views on subjects of local or general interest, and there is a vacancy in Mid-Surrey, caused by the elevation to the Bench of Sir Richard Bagge.

Scientific readers will, no doubt, be interested in learning that a new planet is reported to have been discovered by a French astronomer, M. Paul Henry. So, at least, M. Le Verrier, of the Paris Observatory, informs our Astronomer Royal, Sir George Airy.

The National Assembly has resumed its sittings at Versailles, after the autumnal recess. The President of the Council, M. Buffet's, motion that the Electoral Bill should be put down for discussion on Monday, was agreed to unanimously. Another proposal, emanating from M. Duprat, of the Left, to the effect that the Bill for raising the State of Siege, and the appointment of Mayors by the Municipal Councils, instead of by the Government, was also agreed to. From Penang is reported the murder, in the Malayan territory, of Mr. Birch, the British President at Perak. Troops are said to have already marched upon that city, with a view to punishing the guilty parties. It seems more probable that Austria, Prussia, and Germany will act jointly in pressing upon Turkey the necessity of dealing out liberal reforms to her subjects, and especially those professing the Christian faith. What part France, Italy, and this country will take, or whether they will take any part with the other three powers, is not known. But, no doubt, the subject seriously engaged the attention of our Ministers at the late meeting of the Cabinet. The news from the United States relates chiefly to the recent elections in various of the States, the result, from what we gather, being somewhat favourable to the Republicans. There has been some fighting on the West Coast of Africa, Commodore Sir W. H. Hewett having penetrated some miles up the coast to inflict salutary punishment on the pirates, who mustered in tolerably strong numbers, a very severe chastisement ensued, and that, too, with but trifling loss on our part. A little time ago there was a talk of some action being taken by the United States Government towards Spain in relation to Cuba, but the latest advices show that no action was ever contemplated. The memorandum sent by the Washington Cabinet to the Spanish Government having merely reference to certain documents forwarded two years ago to Madrid. From Spain, the news respecting the war contains no feature of importance. The two armies still confront each other, thus the report that the decisive campaign would be shortly undertaken has not, as yet at all events, been verified. From Herzegovina there is nothing of moment to record. The other item of news worth alluding to is the

terrible accident to the French ironclad *Magenta*, which took fire while lying at anchor in the harbour of Toulouse. No lives were lost, and as the magazines were partially flooded, the explosion of the magazines, when it did take place, caused comparatively little damage to the town. What with the losses of the *Captain* and the *Vanguard*, and the destruction of the *Magenta*, ironclad ships of war seem to be very costly affairs.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT MORECAMBE, LANCASTER.

ON Tuesday, the 26th ult., the R.W. Prov. G.M. Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. of England, consecrated, with all the Masonic ceremonies, the Morecambe Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Half-past twelve was the hour fixed for the ceremony, and, for the convenience of the Lancaster brethren, a special train started from the Green Ayre station at twelve o'clock, and of which about sixty took advantage. On arriving at Morecambe, the brethren at once repaired to the North Western Hotel, where, for the present, the Lodge will hold its meetings, and after a short delay arrayed themselves in their Masonic clothing and assembled in the Lodge room. Craft Lodge was opened by Bro. Wylie Prov. P.G.S.D. (who subsequently acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies during the consecration), and this having been intimated, the R.W. Prov. G.M. shortly afterwards entered the Lodge room, preceded by his Grand Officers and the Worshipful Master designate, namely Bros. Charles Fryer (Mayor of Preston) Prov. G.S.W., the Rev. J. W. Morgan Prov. G.C., W. M. Deeley Prov. G.J.W., Thomas Armstrong Prov. G.W.T., H. S. Alpess Prov. G. Sec., Reuben Pearson Prov. P.G.R., W. Joseph Sly Prov. G. Purs., and Dr. John Daniel Moore P.G.S.B. of England, a processional march being played by Bro. Skeafe Prov. G.D., whilst the Grand Master took his seat in the Master's Chair. The Grand Master then appointed Bro. Fryer to take the S.W.'s chair, Bros. Deeley J.W., John C. Bradshaw I.P.M. 1051 S.D., William Hall P.M. 281 J.D., and John Gibson P.M. and Treas. 950 I.G. Immediately on the Grand Master having taken his seat, the Grand Director of Ceremonies called upon the brethren to salute the Grand Master, which was done in true Masonic style. The ceremony of consecration was then commenced by the Grand Chaplain reading a portion of Holy Writ and offering up prayer, after which an ode was sung. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the petition and also the warrant of constitution, which latter was attested by the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of England. The ceremonial of consecration, as prescribed by the ritual of the Craft, was then duly performed, the elements of consecration (the cornucopia, wine, oil, and salt) being carried three times round the Lodge, amid solemn music, by four Provincial Grand Officers, and afterwards the censers in like manner by the Chaplain. On the conclusion of the ceremony the Grand Master proceeded to instal the Worshipful Master designate (Bro. J. D. Moore) into the chair of the Lodge, those members of the Craft who have not attained to the degree of Past Masters being first requested to retire, and the ceremony then proceeded according to the rites of the Craft; on its conclusion the members were readmitted, and proceeded to offer their congratulations to the Worshipful Master elect. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Bros. William Duff S.W., Thomas Longmire J.W., William Longmire Sec., William Aspdon S.D., Henry Hartley jun. J.D., James Shaw I.G., E. Airey I.P.M. 281, at the request of the Worshipful Master consented to occupy the chair of I.P.M. Two candidates were proposed for admission, and the Grand Director having called for the usual vote of thanks, which were given in a manner peculiar to the Craft. The Lodge was duly closed. The Grand Master went through the ceremony of consecration with considerable ability and impressiveness, whilst Bro. Wylie discharged the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies in a manner no less creditable to the Craft than to himself. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by a quartet of voices, under the direction of Bro. Skeafe, who presided at the harmonium. The pedestals for the Grand Master, Senior and Junior Wardens were beautiful specimens of workmanship, and manufactured from designs furnished by the Worshipful Master designate.

The brethren then adjourned to the Lodge room of the hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in celebration of the opening of the Lodge, and a very attractive menu was provided by Bro. Hartley. Dr. Moore, the Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported on the right by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Rev. J. W. Morgan, Bros. Alpess, Skeafe, &c., and on the left by the Mayor of Preston, Bros. Deeley, Armstrong, &c., the company numbering about sixty. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed, the chairman successively proposing the "Queen" and "The Prince of Wales," in the twofold capacity of heir to the throne and Grand Master of England, which were received with enthusiasm. The W.M. then gave "The health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England," referring to the honour which had been conferred upon them in having his lordship to open the Lodge, and alluded to the high position and the interest which he took in the Craft; the toast was received with great enthusiasm, and on his lordship rising to respond, he was received with a perfect ovation. On the applause subsiding, his lordship expressed the pleasure he had in attending to consecrate the Lodge, more especially as it was in his own province. It was his earnest wish to do his duty so far as he could, and he hoped that in future years they would see the Lodge one of the best in the province. Freemasonry was on the increase throughout the kingdom, and the impetus given to it by the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the position of Grand master had not ceased, and he hoped never would cease during his

reign. He (Lord Skelmersdale) hoped that so long as he continued to occupy the high position in which His Royal Highness had placed him he should never be found wanting in fulfilling its duties. (Applause.)

The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the "Provincial Grand Officers," which was acknowledged by the Mayor of Preston. The Worshipful Master next proposed the "Visiting Provincial Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Holmes, Talbot and Tattersall, of the Cumberland and Westmorland Grand Lodge.

The Mayor of Preston, in highly eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and alluded to the eminence he had attained in the Craft as a Grand Lodge Officer, and augured a prosperous future for the Lodge under the auspices of one so well acquainted with the Craft as Bro. Dr. Moore. The toast was drunk in a bumper. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said it was the fourth time he had filled the office of Worshipful Master, therefore, it could not be supposed he coveted the honour particularly. He saw they had the nucleus of a good Lodge, and he did not see why it should not be so; he thought, with a little practice, in a short time they would be second to none in the province. He was glad the Lodge had been consecrated with so much *éclat*, and he felt it a honour to hide the collar of the Grand Lodge beneath the humble blue ribbon of the Master of the Lodge; he felt prouder of the blue ribbon than of the purple and gold of the Grand Lodge. (Applause.) "Success to the other Officers of the Morecambe Lodge" was then given, and responded to by Bros. Duff and T. Longmire. The health of the "Immediate Past Master" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who alluded to the services rendered the Craft by Bro. Airey, and that he felt less diffidence in accepting the office of Master, knowing that, when his professional duties called him away, he could leave the interests of the Lodge in the hands of a worthy coadjutor.

Bro. Airey, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his gratification at a Masonic Lodge being opened in Morecambe, a consummation which he had been working for for some time. "Success to the Lancashire Lodges" was next given, and responded to by Bros. T. Atkinson 281, and F. G. Dale 1351. "Masonry in general—success to it" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. J. Atkinson 281. "Members of Grand Arch" was responded to by Bro. Johnson 413. The last toast on the list was "To distressed Masons," which was proposed by Bro. J. Watson Tyler 281. During the banquet several glees were sung under the direction of Bro. Skeafe, and songs were also given by several of the members present. The arrangements for the consecration and banquet—which devolved mainly upon Bros. Dr. Moore and Airey—were very complete, and being efficiently carried out, the proceedings passed off with the greatest cordiality and harmony.

COACHING DAYS.—Since the 15th September 1830, when the first railway in England was opened between Liverpool and Manchester, we have passed through a transition era in the history of travelling and locomotion. The neatly-appointed four-horse coaches, timed to do their nine or ten miles an hour, had superseded those various methods of communication that, in various centuries, had been adopted by Englishmen on their travels—whether they were the trains of horses in Chaucer's day; or the horses by post, as when Taylor, the water-poet, made his "Penniless Pilgrimage;" or the carriers and pack-horses that Milton's old Hobson passed into a proverb; or the machines and stage-waggons of Stow's day; or that primitive coach that Parson Adams outwalked, and in which Roderick Random and Strap made their journey to London, at the rate of four miles an hour, exclusive of stoppages; until we arrive at the more recent date, 2nd August 1784, when the first mail-coach went from London to Bath, and inaugurated that admirable coaching era in which the very perfection of travelling seems to be attained, but the ruin of which was foreshadowed by the wondrous "Car of Miracle" in Southey's "Curse of Kehima." The old order of things is changed; the English coachman, so graphically drawn by Washington Irving in 1820, is as extinct as the dodo or the Charlie; the coaches are superseded by other "coaches" of a very different pattern; and as Mr. Reynardson, the author of "Down the Road," says, "The tea-kettle, with its steam, has taken the place of the four bright bays; the grimy engine-driver and stoker have taken the place of the coachman; and the guard or conductor, in his blue coat and foreign-looking hat, has taken the place of the guard in red, with his glazed hat and cockade; and the long mellow horn of former days is now replaced by a shrill, and certainly not to be called mellow, whistle." It is true that four-horse coaches still exist here and there in certain districts, though chiefly in the touring season; and the advertisements that appear of them in the end of our "Bradshaw" are sufficiently suggestive of the change that has come over our modes of travelling. London, too, in certain months, still sends forth its well-appointed four-horse coaches to convey passengers to Brighton, Tunbridge, Dorking, and other favourite spots; but the coaches that went up and "down the road" at certain fixed hours on every day throughout the year are no longer to be met with. Mr. Reynardson makes the suggestion that "a real old mail and a real old stage-coach, with its piles of luggage and all other etceteras, should, before every recollection of them is gone, have a place, fully equipped for the road, as in times of old, in the British Museum. It would not be a bad thought for some enterprising 'Down the road' to set the thing on foot, and thus hand down to posterity what would be a wonder to behold when the generation to come travel by electricity instead of steam."—*Leisure Hour*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.

MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
136—Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, High-street, Hastings.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Fulmouth.
85—Faithful, Swan Inn, Harleston, Norfolk.
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
89—Unanimity, Astley Arms Hotel, Dukinfield.
105—Fortitude, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
314—Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
751—Eastnor, Feathers Hotel, Ledbury.
855—Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge.
884—Derwent, George and Commercial Hotel, Wirksworth, Derby.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
941—De Tabley, Royal George Hotel, Knutsford.
949—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
951—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Stow-on-the-Wold.
1238—Bayons, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen.
1373—St. Hubert, Freemasons' Hall, Bridge-street, Andover.
1396—Morning Star, Queen's Hotel, Newton Abbot.
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.

TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

- 46—Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Truro.
160—True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford.
241—Merchants, Masonic Temple, Liverpool.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick.
319—New Forest, Masonic Hall, Lymington.
371—Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Maryport.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Instruction.)
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars'-road, Reading. (Instruction.)
434—Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-in-the-Willows.
496—Peace and Harmony, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, Cornwall.
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, New Hall, Chippenham.
723—Pannure, Wellington Hotel, Aldershot.
772—Pilgrims, George Hotel, Glastonbury.
814—Parrett and Axe, George Hotel, Crewkerne.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.
936—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon-square, Newton Abbot.
1166—Clarendon, Queen's Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
1228—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. (Instruction.)
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking, Essex.
1402—Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay.
1495—Ockenham, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.

WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
193—Confidence, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
R. A. 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
84—Doyle's Fellowship, Masonic Hall, Guernsey.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
187—Royal Sussex of Hospitality, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
235—Love and Honour, George Hotel, Shepton Mallet.
301—Apollo, Swan Hotel, Alcester.
323—Concord, Golden Ball Inn, Stockport.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
329—Brotherly Love, Chough's Inn, Yeovil.
368—Samaritan, George Hotel, Sandbach, Cheshire.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley, Yorks.
430—Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
606—Segonitium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
661—Fawcett, New Masonic Hall, Seaham Harbour.
686—Benevolence, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Chesterfield.
731—Arbor etum, Arboretum Hotel, Derby.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford.
1060—Marmion, Private Rooms, Tamworth.
1101—Grey Friars' Masonic Hall, Reading.
1416—Falcon, Kirkgate, Thirsk.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
71—Unity, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland.
98—St. Martin's, Board Room, Town Hall, Burslem.
112—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
130—Royal Gloucester, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

THURSDAY—Continued

- 195—Hengist, Belle Vue House, Bournemouth.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
332—Virtue and Silence, White Lion, Huddleigh, Suffolk.
333—Royal Preston, Victoria's Garrison House, Fulwood, Lancashire.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye, Sussex.
426—Shakespeare, Town Hall, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Inn, Hitchin.
450—Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
487—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth.
586—Elias de Derham, Masonic Hall, The Canal, Salisbury.
630—St. Cuthbert, Parson-lane, Howden.
636—De Ogle, Black Bull Hotel, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth, Northumberland.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
787—Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Bridge-street, Belper.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon, Berks.
1032—Townley Parker, Howard's Arms Hotel, Whittle-le-Woods.
1098—St. George's Priory Rooms, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Monmouthshire.
1147—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1204—Royd, Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern.
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1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
R. A. 948—St. Barnabas, Elephant and Castle Hotel, Linslade.
M. M. St. Barnabas, Elephant and Castle Hotel, Linslade.

FRIDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- 33—Brittanic, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
177—Domestic, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
1278—Burdett Count's, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
170—All Souls, Masonic Hall, Melcombe Regis, Weymouth.
318—True and Faithful, Masonic Rooms, Helston, Cornwall.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
445—Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester.
475—Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, Town Hall, Luton.
697—Union, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beaudestert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Assembly Rooms, Denbigh.
1303—Felham, Masonic Hall, Lewes.
1330—St. Peter's, Three Swan's Hotel, Market Harboro'.
1495—Arkwright, Walker's Bath-terrace Hotel, Matlock-Bath, Derbyshire.

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, near Todmorton.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.

IRELAND.

- MONDAY—154—Prince of Wales' Own, Masonic Hall, Belfast.
" 217—Tynawley, 4 Dillon-terrace, Ballina.
" 270—St. George's, Enniscorthy, Wexford.
" 297—Abercorn, Masonic Hall, Waterford.
" 321—Tullamore, Court House, Tullamore, King's County.
" 431—Prince Frederick William of Prussia, Masonic Hall, Ballymena.
TUESDAY—8—St. Patrick, Masonic Hall, Cork.
" 22—Truth, Masonic Hall, Arthur-place, Belfast.
" 891—Clones, Thompson's Hotel, Clones, County Monaghan.
THURSDAY—20—Light of the West, Grand Jury Room, Sligo.
" 109—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Belfast, Antrim.
" 138—Londonderry, Londonderry.
" 248—Roscommon, Court House, Roscommon.
" 352—Castletown, Castletown, Monaghan.
" 411—Drogheda, Masonic Hall, Drogheda, County Louth.
FRIDAY—178—St. John's, Castle-street, Lisburn, County Antrim.
" 211—Magherafelt, Court House, Magherafelt, County Derry.
SATURDAY—13—Antient Union, Masonic Hall, Glentworth-street, Limerick.
" 66—Star of Kilwarlin, Masonic Rooms, Hillsborough, Co. Down.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Cannongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R. A. 1—Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's-street.

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

- MONDAY.—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate.
" 307—Union and Crown, Barhead.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street.
" 384—Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill.
TUESDAY.—119—Nuptune, 35 James-street.
" 177—St. James', Freemasons' Hall, Conbridge.
" 406—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.
" 462—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.
WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 170 Buchanan-street.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
R. A. 113—Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
THURSDAY—R. A. 5—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 88—New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
" 553—Clydesley, 162 Kent-road.
FRIDAY—R. A. 141—St. Rollox, Garagad-road.
" 18—Dumbarton, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull, Renton.
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS,

Minerva Lodge of Mark's Masons, No. 13, Hull.—The annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Monday evening, 11th, at the Minerva Hall, when there was a very large attendance of Mark's Masons belonging to this and other Lodges in the district. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. T. Vivian W.M., who was supported by Bros. Henry Haigh as S.W., Smith J.W., Henry Preston M.O., Geo. Hardy S.O., and E. Balchin J.O. Bro. John Brooke acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. H. Emes as R.M. After the transaction of the ordinary business, eleven candidates were advanced to the superior degree, the impressive ceremony being admirably worked throughout. Subsequently, the voting for the next W.M. took place, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Henry Haigh, who was thus elected to fill the principal chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Geo. Hardy P.M. was appointed Treasurer, and Bros. Faulkner and Crier Tylers. Before

concluding the business the W.M., in a few happily chosen sentences, expressed the gratification which the members of this Lodge felt at the completion, by the Minerva Craft Lodge, of the beautiful building they now held, for Masonic purposes. Meeting, as they did, under its roof, they had the privilege of participating in the advantages they had so well secured for themselves; and on behalf of the Mark Masons present he had much pleasure in conveying to Bro. Brooke, as the W.M. of the Minerva Craft Lodge, the congratulations that these worthy labours had been prosecuted and completed during his term of office (applause). He must not omit to mention that this very laudable undertaking was commenced under the auspices, and greatly through the instrumentality of the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Emes, and too much praise could not be given him for the energy he had bestowed upon the work (hear hear). He believed the additional facilities and accommodation thus provided would tend to the spread of Craft Masonry under the auspices of the Minerva Lodge, and he also trusted that it would tend to enhance the pleasure and social intercourse of the brethren generally (applause). Bro. Brooke briefly acknowledged the congratulations expressed by Bro. Vivian W.M. in behalf of the Mark Masons assembled on that occasion, and trusted that the extension of their Lodge accommodation would have the tendency which he had foreshadowed. The whole of the proceedings, he might say, were initiated before he (Bro. Brooke) had the honour of occupying the chair, and the entire arrangements were made by older and wiser heads than his own. He considered great credit was due to Bro. J. H. Emes, who laid down the first lines of the alterations which had been made with so much credit to all concerned; and also to Bro. Walter Reynolds, their excellent Secretary, who acted almost like a clerk of the works in seeing these instructions faithfully carried out in such a manner as to secure the greatest amount of comfort, not only to their own individual members, but to every other grade of Masonry that assembled within its walls (applause). The business of the meeting having been concluded in due form, the brethren sat down to a substantial banquet in the adjoining hall, under the presidency of Bro. R. T. Vivian W.M. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Haigh received the congratulations of the brethren upon his election to the principal chair—a position which it was admitted on all hands he most richly deserved. The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and the evening was passed in an agreeable and harmonious manner.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, St. John's-Square, Clerkenwell, E.C. on Monday 1st November 1875. There was a very large attendance at the Lodge, when the fifteen sections were worked by Bro. Tolmie, assisted by Bros. Trewinard, Crawley, Walker, Killick, Saul Pulsford, Beckett, Pearcey, Ockendon, Tolmie, Sadler and Stock. Bro. Beckett, the worthy and indefatigable Preceptor, spoke in the highest terms of approbation at the able manner in which the sections were worked, the whole being done by members of the Lodge, and most of them his own pupils, which, he said, afforded him the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Tolmie was unanimously elected an honorary member and was accorded a vote of thanks, and he, in acknowledgment, tendered his heartfelt thanks to Bro. Beckett, for his uniform kindness and readiness at all times to impart Masonic instruction. He hoped to see the younger members of the Lodge in the proud position he then occupied. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections, and acknowledged by Bro. Sadler. Bro. Clively 1470, and Robison 1360, were elected members. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close, in perfect harmony, and the Lodge adjourned until Monday 8th November.

Carnarvon Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 6, Havant.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., Bro. Price W.M., Bro. Wm. King was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. Bro. A. L. Emanuel was unanimously elected, by ballot, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Harrison elected Treasurer. Bro. Harrison's motion, "that no brother whose subscriptions are in arrear be nominated to serve any office," was also carried. Bro. Hillman's motion, that "this Lodge exceedingly regrets that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters should be a party to a treaty for expelling its own members if they belong to other Masonic Degrees not approved of by the other parties to that treaty," was carried almost unanimously, there being but one dissentient.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on 14th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Southwark. Present—Comps E. Harris M.E.Z., F. Walters P.Z. S.E. as R., J. W. Malwin J., B. Isaacs P.S., and several Companions. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several candidates were ballotted for and accepted, but letters were received announcing their inability to attend. Several propositions were handed in for exaltation for the next regular meeting on Thursday the 11th of November. The Chapter was then closed, and a very sumptuous banquet followed. The visitors were Comps. H. Potter P.Z. 11, E. Gilbert P.S. 1326, and J. B. Shackleton 1326.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd of October, at 170 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. G. McDonald R.W.M., McGregor S.W., J. Handbridge J.W., J. Ambleford Secretary, W. Malton Treasurer, A. Kay S.D., R. Richards Steward, A. Kay Tyler. Business—Mr. J. Caldwell was initiated by the R.W.M., after which, on the Lodge being raised, Bro. Currie passed Bro. John Wright to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. John Leslie, of Eureka Lodge 84, State of Main A.C., and Bro. W. MacFarlane of 367, Rutherglen, were then affiliated as joining members of this old and respected Lodge.

St. Barnabas Mark Lodge, No. 97.—This Lodge held an Emergency Meeting on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Lodge Room, Linslade, Bucks. Present—Bros. Frederick Howell W.M., J. McCabbin S.W., Williams J.W., Randall J.O., Morgan S.D., Otway J.D., Poynter I.G., Deverell Tyler. Business—A ballot was taken for Bro. Cutler, of No. 1470, Dunstable, which proved unanimous, and he was duly advanced by the W.M., the next officers in rank to him acting as M.O. and S.O. when necessary. The work was very well done indeed. A proposition was made by the W.M. to admit another brother from a Craft Lodge (No. 1470), and the Lodge was closed. This Lodge, after lying dormant so long, is now making progress.

Sun, Square and Compass Lodge, No. 119.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, 1st November, at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitechapel. Bros. John Bare P.M. in the chair, in the absence of P. C. Moran W.M., F. W. Wicks S.W., Thomas Dawson J.W., John Rothery Secretary, W. B. Gibson P.M. Treasurer, J. S. Wilson as S.D., John Milligan J.D., John D. Thompson D.C., W. F. Hunter and E. Tyson Stewards, Wm. Sandwith as I.G., William Cowie Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. W. White, W. Sandwith, W. B. Gibson, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. F. Cox P.M., Hartington, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, Geo. Glass D.G.D.C., Zetland, No. 525, Hong Kong. Business—Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. J. J. Atkinson having proved his proficiency, retired. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, when Bro. J. J. Atkinson was duly raised, &c. The Lodge being resumed to the 1st degree, two gentlemen were proposed as candidates, after which the Lodge was closed in due form, until the first Monday in December, emergencies excepted.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 1st November, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. S. Hickman W.M., A. Dodson S.W., L. Lazarus J.W., E. P. Albert A.G.P. Secretary, Miller S.D., M. Spiegel as J.D., A. Auerhaan I.G., Woodstock P.M. Tyler; and P.M.'s L. Alexander, M. Alexander, I. Abrahams, H. M. Levy, E. H. Hunt, and a goodly attendance of the brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. L. M. Myers 205 and H. Harris 860 were unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Wasserberg, Schuldenpei, H. Creamer and Rogers were passed to the second degree, Bros. Bitton, Dixon, Snelling, and Rogers were raised to the third degree, and Messrs. T. Petchell, H. J. Hellier, W. J. Dewsnap, and Charles Davy were initiated. The working of the W.M. and Officers deserves praise. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to slight refreshments. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, responded for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. returned thanks for the Benevolent Fund, Bro. Hellier for the Initiates, and Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M. very eloquently for the Past Masters. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers followed. The following were present as visitors:—Bros. B. Wallington W.M. 180, Cohen S.D. 205, Bedel 65, D. Barnett 141, Swaine 365 (West Indies), Heap J.W. 1558, and Young 299.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday the 1st of November, at 170 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. J. B. McNair R.W.M., J. M. Ginery S.W., J. Bisland J.W. P.M.'s Bros. R. Mitchell and J. J. Balfour. Business—Initiation and raising; after which the nomination of officers for the ensuing year took place.

Drogheda Lodge, No. 411.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 14th of October, at Masonic Hall, Drogheda. Present—Bros. Jeffers W.M., Harbinson P.M. as S.W., Appleyard as J.W., Clark P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, Glennly S.D., Griffin J.D., Hannan Chaplain, McCausland I.G., Browne Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Russell and Hoyle, 211, Scotland. Business—A brother asked for pecuniary assistance, and was voted £1 from the charity fund. Four candidates were ballotted for, of whom two were admitted and two rejected. Mr. Irwin Henry Whitty was initiated. Bro. Percival passed to second degree. Bro. John Langley Whitty S.W. was proposed for office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Robert Harrison Supple was proposed for that of I.G., the other officers to be promoted successively.

Zetland Lodge, No. 511.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, numerously attended by brethren and visitors, was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chair was occupied by Bro. S. Pardoe W.M., W. J. Russell J.W. and W.M. elect, Whittock J.W., A. Barfield P.M. Treas., G. Read P.M. Secretary, Bro. Knight Smith acting as Organist, and Past Masters Bros. Game, Horsted and Schofield. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the Lodge of Emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Southron, Channon, Everett and Woolf were raised to the 3rd degree, and Bros. Shute and Brown were passed to the 2nd degree; the ceremonies were very perfectly worked by the W.M. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. W. J. Russell S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and Bro. G. Read P.M. and Sec. installed him into the chair. There were 13 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at the board. The W.M., on the admission of the brethren, was saluted according to ancient custom, and he then invested his officers:—Bros. S. Pardoe I.P.M., Whittock S.W., Elborn J.W., A. Barfield P.M. Treas., G. Read P.M. Sec., Avery S.D., Wetton J.D., Ward I.G., Schofield P.M. M.C., Radford Tyler. The report of the audit and benevolent fund was read, which was satisfactory, and the sum of £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 30 guineas to the Girls' School. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M. with a very elegant P.M.'s jewel, with suitable inscription, for the able manner he had conducted the duties of the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Pardoe suitably acknowledged the gift. The Lodge was then closed, and

the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. Smith; 117 brethren partook of the banquet. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He hoped that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. would not only enjoy his tour in India, but would be spared to return in health and prosperity to his native land. The song of "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Knight Smith accompanying on the piano. Bro. Pardoe I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of the W.M., whom he characterised as a true Mason, and a credit to the Lodge. Although so recently inducted into the chair, he was one who could ably fill the important office, and at the expiration of his year of office he would meet the approbation of all. The W.M. in reply, said he thanked Bro. Pardoe for his kind encomiums. He had been initiated nine years since, and his ambition was to attain the W.M.'s chair; he had gained it, and he hoped he would carry out its duties with integrity, and, at the expiration of his year of office, he would fully merit the marks of approbation expressed by the brethren. The toast of the newly initiated brethren met with responses from Bros. Vaughan, Hodges and Channon. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said there were 28 distinguished brethren present, and he could not, at that late period of the evening, ask them all to respond, they were all heartily welcome to the Lodge. Bros. Dixon P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, returned thanks for the toast, followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, who paid just and deserved compliments to the W.M. for his hospitality, alluded to the perfect manner Bro. Read P.M. and Secretary, had performed the effective ceremony of installing the W.M. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, whom he characterised as the pillars of the Lodge. Bro. Pardoe I.P.M. replied, and again thanked the W.M. for the elegant testimonial awarded to him. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers followed, and the W.M. proposed a special vote of thanks to Bro. Knight Smith, for his valuable assistance in contributing to the harmony of the evening, which was duly responded to; Bro. Mayers also sang some capital songs. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable and harmonious evening. The visitors were Bro. F. Smith 1441, G. Tims P.M. 177, Willis P.M. 157, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Thompson 834, Bond, Knight Smith, Dixon P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, W. Doyle P.P.G.J.D. West Lancashire, &c.

Dramatic Lodge, No. 571.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd of November, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m. Present—Bros. Wm. Dobson R.W.M., Bro. J. Houston D.M., W. H. Jackman S.W., W. S. Oliver as J.W., J. B. Hardie Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Miller P.M. 178, J. Duthie 219, G. W. Wheeler 75, G. B. Adam 360, and Wm. Phillips R.W.M. 556. Business—The passing of a brother to the 2nd degree, which ceremony, at the request of the Worshipful Master, was very ably performed by Bro. Phillips R.W.M. 556.

Cabbell Lodge, No. 807.—This Lodge held its last meeting on Thursday, the 28th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Norwich. Present—Bros. H. Lamb W.M., W. Provart S.W., A. Atkinson J.W., George Baxter Secretary, A. Berry S.D., E. Pankhurst J.D., R. Ford as I.G., Murrell Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. A. Gore, Thos. Camphing, J. Taylor jun., R. Baldry, G. Thirkettle. Visitors—Bros. Geo. A. Allen P.M. 991, E. Thompson 213, W. Crisp 213, J. Yolland 1385, J. Thompson 74. Business—To raise Bro. Gibbs.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The fifteen sections were worked in this Lodge on Tuesday, 26th ult., by Bro. Marx Gross, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Brand, Ellis, Berry, Lowe, H. Lloyd, Pinder, Gilchrist, Cambridge, Musto, Austin, Lee, Wallington, Brown and Perrin. There was a large attendance, and the working was very good.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—The regular meeting of this well-known Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Swan Tavern, 217 High-street, Deptford. Present—Bro. S. O. Lewin W.M., H. J. Tison S.W., J. J. Pakes J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Secretary, J. Baxter Langley I.G., G. Andrews P.M., and above fifty brethren and visitors. The Lodge was then opened, and, on the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. G. Andrews P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., passed Bros. T. W. Crout 1826, and H. W. Wieland 1423, to the second degree, and raised Bros. J. McDonald and J. J. Adams to the third degree. A motion, notice of which had previously been given by Bro. H. Schartan, who was unavoidably absent, was proposed by Bro. Baxter Langley I.G., seconded by Bro. F. Walters P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex, and carried, "that Bro. Andrews P.M., who was elected Steward for the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., be presented, from the funds of this Lodge, with the Jewel struck by order of the Grand Lodge." Bro. J. Baxter Langley consented to act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lodge was then closed, and refreshment followed labour. The visitors were Bros. Chas. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex, J. T. Adams 1326, W. Hardman I.G. 1531, J. Markin 879, H. W. Wieland 1423, H. R. Harker 79, J. Triptree 13, T. W. Crout 1226, and J. Topp 913.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 1st November, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. Present—Bros. Jas. Taylor W.M., Henry Longman S.W., T. Jackson J.W., Dr. J. Daniel Moore P.G.S.B. England Secretary, Geo. Sutton S.D., T. Atkinson S.W. 281 as J.D., T. R. Judson I.G., John Watson and J. Beeley Tylers. P.M. Bros. Edward Airey I.P.M. 281. Visitors—Bros. Charles H. Garnett, of St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal, Andrew McKaith 251. Business—Minutes confirmed, &c. Bro. Grant King F.C. raised. Bro. G. T. Taylor E.A.P. passed. Bro. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. England, appointed Steward to Aged Freemasons' Institution Festival.

Stanley Lodge, No. 1325.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 19th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Henry Ashmore W.M., Francis Knight S.W., James Whittaker Burgess J.W., Chas. Heden Secretary, Chas. Heden Treasurer, Samuel Hill as S.D., J. H. Bradshaw J.D., C. Leighton P.M. D.C., A. Samuels Steward, G. D. Gilbert I.G., Peter Larsen P.M. Tyler; P.M. Bro. C. Leighton. Visitors—Bros. John Hayes P.M. 249, E. Johnston W.M. 203, John Parsons P.M. 203, J. P. Bryan Organist 1035, Chas. Carter 249. Business—Lodge opened in due form, and prayer by H. Ashmore W.M. Minutes read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Messrs. R. J. Rose and P. McArthur Campbell, which being unanimous, they were duly initiated and retired. Lodge opened up to third degree. Raised to sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Marshall, Quayle, Ashton, McConnell, Winskill, Blackburn, Burgess, Hughes, Foulkes, Macnalty, Thomas, Ewing. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Casey, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and enlivened by a few choice songs, &c.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 29th of October, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. Hayward Edwards W.M., James Cutbush S.W., J. Livingston J.W., G. Askew Secretary, W. Cutbush I.P.M. Treasurer, R. F. Young S.D., F. Venables J.D., C. Gray D.C. and I.G., W. Brown Steward, R. W. Goddard Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lowthin and Wingham, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. W. F. Taunton having answered the usual questions, was raised to the sublime degree. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—A meeting of this new and rapidly increasing Lodge was held on 27th of October 1875, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Present—Bro. J. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Secretary, occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J. W. Baldwin W.M. 1423 as S.W., E. S. Stidolph J.W., Kemp S.D., W. Hudson J.D., H. Faija I.G., W. Hudson D.C., and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. F. Walters then, with his usual ability and perfect working, raised Bros. E. and J. Emanuel, R. H. Willat, J. Wooster and P. Crosbie. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated, there being no banquet. Apologies were received from the W.M., Bro. J. C. Mason, and the Chaplain, the Rev C. Hatch, who were unable to be present.

St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar.—This Encampment held a special meeting on Thursday, 28th October, in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, at 2 o'clock p.m., the E.C. Sir Knight Robert Bell presiding, assisted by Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler as Prelate, J. Tweed as Marshall, J. Shaw C.C., J. Ferguson S.C., G. Dalrymple J.C., J. McLeish W., and J. B. Hardies S. On the dias was Wm. Brice, Grand Sentinel, who had come from Edinburgh to see a friend received in St. Mungo's. A petition was presented from Comp. A. N. Henderson, of Chapter 44, who was duly dubbed and created a Knight of the Temple, in Sir Knight Bell's usual impressive style. Sir Knight Brice expressed his satisfaction at the way the ceremonies were rendered, as, from his experience in the Supreme Chapter General and the Priory of the Lothian, he was competent to judge. Sir Knight Bell said praise from such a source was indeed worth having, but he felt that owing to the absence of some of the officers, it had not been quite so effectively rendered as he could have wished. The Encampment was then closed.

MARK MASTER MASONS OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, under the presidency of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows G.M.M., the Committee of General Purposes having previously met. The Grand Mark Lodge having been opened, the business on the agenda paper was then proceeded with. The election of Officers then took place, when the following brethren were elected and afterwards invested:—Bros. J. Braithwaite G. Treasurer, T. Hughes G. Tyler (by ballot), Dr. Cumming D.P.G.M., D. Trollope G.S.W., W. Hudson G.J.W., the Rev. Cave Brown Cave G. Chaplain, W. Kirkland G.M. Overseer, T. H. Mosley Registrar of Marks, S. H. Ade G. Secretary S. R. Legg Assist. Secretary, W. B. Wood G.S.D., C. J. Smith G.D.C., C. W. Duke Assist. G. Secretary, A. Pitcock G.S.B., G. Emary Grand Standard Bearer, A. R. Croucher G. Organist, A. E. Tompkinson G.I.G., G. Fairman G.S. Works, C. Golding, J. Newman and C. Matthews (Stewards). The Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by the worthy host, Bro. G. Gage, that gave great satisfaction. Bro. Sir Cordy Burrows (Ex-Mayor) Grand Mark Master, presided with great ability, and gave the usual loyal and routine toasts, which were duly responded to, and a very agreeable evening was passed. Among those present were Bros. T. J. Sabine P.G. (Mark) Secretary, Hudson, G. Smith, Matthews, Lockyer, Cave, Jas. Dorman, G. Wellord Grey, J. Nixon, &c.

MEDICINE OR MIRTH.—A Scotch critic, in noticing Bro. Toole's return from America, says, "Toole has a face, a voice which would make a New England Shaker, in the lowest depths of the dumps, quake with mirth. Cachination is better than colchicum for the gout, it is a sovereign specific for the sulks, and he who can create it at will is the most potent physician of the age. Such a physician is John L. Toole." A further proof of his popularity is such that, on the first night he is announced to appear at the Gaiety Theatre, on the 8th of November, every available place is secured.

FREEMASONRY AT BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE installation of Bro. Henry Ashton, of Thornton Hall, as Worshipful Master of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, of Free and Accepted Masons, took place under the most gratifying auspices on Wednesday last. The brethren, together with several visitors from Pelham Pillar (Grimsby), Ancholme (Brigg), Alexandra (Hornsea), and other Lodges in the district, assembled at the New Masonic Hall, at 3 o'clock, when the Lodge was opened in due form, and the imposing ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. W. Copeland P.M., P.P.G.S.D., of Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, who delivered the charges in an able and efficient manner. The installing Officer was assisted by P.M. Bros. Colonel Taylor, P.M. Thos. Morris P.P.G.P of Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282, Thomas Fryer W.M. Ancholme Lodge and P.G.S., Bro. Nelson P.G.S., P.M. Bro. Marshall Pelham Pillar Lodge, &c. Bro. W. J. Roberts of Grimsby Lodge acted as Director of Ceremonies; and the musical portions of the ceremony were admirably sustained, Bro. G. R. Welch presiding at the organ. The I.P.M., Bro. W. Swallow, having vacated the chair, presented his S.W., Bro. Henry Ashton, for installation as his successor, and this solemn and impressive ceremony was gone through in accordance with ancient usages. Bro. Ashton having been duly installed into his exalted office, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, and they were inducted into their respective chairs as follow:—Bros. W. H. Sissons S.W., J. B. Swallow J.W., R. J. Bedford Treasurer, John Fuller Secretary, W. Waddington S.D., W. Gray J.D., Rev. Francis A. Godfrey (curate of Bonby) Chaplain, G. R. Welch Organist, F. D. Davy Steward, M. Woodall I.G., and S. Kenningham Tyler. The S.W. moved, as the first act of the newly constituted Lodge, a vote of thanks to the retiring Master, and in doing which he passed a high eulogium on the manner in which the duties of the Lodge had been sustained during the year. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Col. Taylor, and carried unanimously, and Bro. P.M. Swallow returned thanks for the compliment paid him, and also for the very generous support which his officers and the brethren generally had accorded to him during his years of office. This made him feel somewhat loth to quit the chair, but he felt assured that the same kind support would be afforded to Bro. Ashton, and that the coming year would be as harmonious and successful as the past had been. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where a magnificent banquet had been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. The newly elected W.M. presided, faced, in the vice chair, by his S.W., and at the conclusion of the repast the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Geo. Nelson responded on behalf of the Provincial Officers, and, in return, gave the "Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese, and Ministers of other denominations," to which the Rev. F. A. Godfrey responded. Bro. Colonel Taylor proposed the "health of the retiring W.M. of St. Matthew's Lodge." Bro. Swallow replied in suitable terms, and proposed, in turn, "the newly installed W.M., Bro. Ashton," who responded in a few happily chosen sentences. The health of the Installing Master was next given, and acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Copeland. Bro. R. J. Bedford proposed the "visiting brethren," for whom Bro. G. Nelson replied, and he concluded by proposing the "officers and brethren of the St. Matthew's Lodge." The toast was acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Sissons. Bro. H. J. Amphlett then gave "the ladies," on whose behalf Bro. Bennett gallantly responded, and the official list closed with the Tyler's toast. The evening was spent in an agreeable and harmonious manner.

THE DRAMA.

AS usual, at this time of the year, there is a lull in affairs theatrical; the pieces which opened the campaign have been produced, and have achieved a moderate or an "unprecedented" success, as the case may be. Of plays that are really and thoroughly damned we have none now-a-days, but only for the reason that our audiences appear to have become enervated, and to have lost the vigour of mind requisite for the raising of a good genuine hiss. In every department the stage seems to be sinking to a dull, dead level of mediocrity. Apathy has spread from audience to actor, from actor to playwright, and in the latter it is most conspicuous. Authors seem to be satisfied if they can turn out a piece which, by dint of some snobbish rudeness, miscalled wit, in dialogue, some eccentricity in costumes or other extraneous attractions, manages to hold the stage for a respectable number of nights. Better for the stage to pass a season marked here by triumphant success, there, it may be, by disastrous failure, than to suffer this dreary monotony of pieces, unworthy of either hearty praise or discriminating blame. At rare intervals a play appears which challenges criticism higher in tone than that accorded to its fellows. Last week we had the pleasure of giving its meed of praise to *All for Her*, but as we survey the list of pieces now being played at the London theatres we cannot help feeling how barren of dramatic worth that list is. At the HAYMARKET we have the painful puns and rude smartnesses of Mr. Byron, employing the abilities of such artists as Mr. Vezin and Miss Carlotta Addison; at the ADELPHI, a poor adaptation of one of Mr. Dickens's novels; the VAUDEVILLE is still supported on the shoulders of *Our Boys*, the attractiveness of which piece must have greatly astonished both author and lessees. A mistaken *Macbeth* carries the fortunes of the LYCEUM, and not even Mrs. Bateman's touching manifesto to the public will have power to cover that blunder. *Flamingo*, at the STRAND, is said to be a great success, which is probably the reason why it will speedily be withdrawn. *Proof Positive* must, we suppose, be an amusing comedy, being written by a contributor to *Punch*, but we have failed, as yet, to discover the humour of it. The DRURY LANE *Shaughraun* is a piece which would be appropriate if the audience at DRURY LANE were drawn from the immediate neighbourhood of the theatre. There are still three theatres which well support the reputation of the London stage, the GAIETY, the PRINCE OF WALES's, and, for the present, at least, the MIRROR. At these theatres may be seen plays which, however different in kind, are all well worthy the attention of playgoers, and these pieces are acted by artists than whom we have few better on the stage. Nowhere can we find a light comedian better than Mr. Mathews, who at seventy-three is still only twenty; and who of our actresses can surpass Mrs. Bancroft or Miss Ellen Terry? But with these brilliant exceptions, the theatrical prospect is dreary, and augurs badly for the season.

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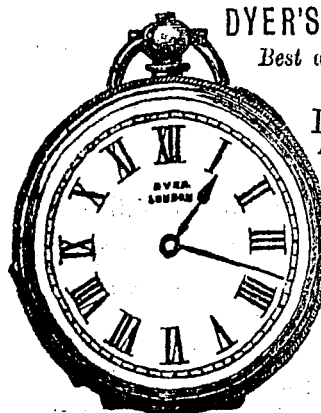
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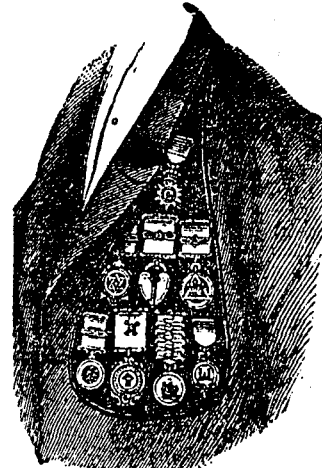
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