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THE PERFECT MASON.

The lesson of the three degrees.

THE mass of marble, in the quarry piled,
Lay hidden, under vegetation wild.
Time passed, and rising o'er the common mart
Stood statues, robed in loveliness of art,
And 'temples in magnificence appear'd
On perfect ashlar in due order rear'd.
Upon the marble, Genius came and shone,
And wrought ideals from the blocks of stone.

E'en so, in human nature's hidden deeps,
In every human breast a giant sleeps;
Unrecognised, inert, unfelt, unknown,
Like those ideals in their homes of stone;
Until *Occasion's* spirit-stirring din
Rouses the tenant from his rest within.

For all the prodigies that shake the earth
Spring up unmark'd and from a common birth:
The mighty conqueror who all subdued,
Whose dinted tracks ran o'er with kindred blood;
The frenzied orator, whose words of fire
Kindled the peoples to their fierce desire;
The stern lawgiver, in his creed arrayed,
Planning his empire-vision, undismayed;
The dauntless maiden, pure and simply grand,
Driving the spoilers from her native land;
These brilliant types all herded with the rest
Till *Destiny* woke the giant in the breast.

A type like these, tho' flaming out so bright,
Is but the meteor, not the steady light;
Infrequent, and at night, the meteors fall;
The Great Occasion cannot come to all.
Yet every earthling grovelling below
May beam with brighter and celestial glow,
In the GRAND LODGE's infinite design
Each may adorn the OVERSEER's shrine:
For ends more glorious our race is ripe,
Our culmination is a higher type!

The GREAT GEOMETRICIAN above
By whose behest the Craftsmen live and move—
Each sordid human frame His image holds,
Altho' disguised within its mortal folds.
The Master Mason, sculptor of the soul,
With this ideal for his work and goal,
Developes it in love, thro' patient years;
Trait after trait the type divine appears
With beauty that its Prototype endues,
Chef d'œuvre for the GREAT ARCHITECT to use.
Till, when the time is come, as come it must,
For what is dust to fall to kindred dust,
The type divine soars up to the Divine
With an immortal brilliancy to shine,
Proved by the aid of Wisdom, Truth and Love—
A perfect Ashlar in its place above.

Walter Spencer.

THE INSTALLATION OF PRINCE LEOPOLD.

LESS than a year ago it was our pleasing duty to chronicle the elevation of the heir to the throne to the highest dignity in the power of our Craft to bestow. The Prince of Wales was, in April last, installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons, and we need scarcely say that the affability, frankness, and generosity of disposition which have ever distinguished our right royal brother render him a peculiarly fitting representative of his exalted office. To-day we have again to record the accession to Masonic dignity of a prince of the royal blood. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold was, on Tuesday last, installed Worshipful Master of the Apollo University Lodge (No. 357, Oxford), and on the following day, at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he was formally installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. It may be remembered that the Prince of Wales was himself Worshipful Master of the Apollo Lodge, in 1873, and it was in the following year, upon his proposition, seconded by Bro. Morrell, the then Worshipful Master, that Prince Leopold was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. He became an active member of the Lodge, and rapidly extended his knowledge of the ceremonies and ritual of the Order. For twelve months he occupied the Chair of Senior Warden, and distinguished himself by the attention and skill which he bestowed upon the performance of his duties. He has now reached what may be regarded as the culminating point of every Mason's ambition—the Mastership of his mother

Lodge. The ceremony was impressively performed, before a very full Lodge of members, and a distinguished circle of visitors. Among the latter may be mentioned the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, Lord De Tabley, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. M'Intyre, Q.C., Major Shadwell Clerke, Colonel Campbell, and other well-known members of the Craft.

The Lodge over which Prince Leopold has been elected to preside is not one of very venerable antiquity, the day of the installation coinciding very nearly with the 57th anniversary of its establishment. In an institution like Freemasonry, whose history dates back to the very earliest times, an existence of 57 years supplies but an insignificant title to distinction. But the Apollo Lodge has other and more genuine claims to honour amongst the fraternity. It appears that as far back as the year 1769 a Lodge was established in connection with the University of Oxford, under the title of the Lodge of Alfred. It is improbable that this Lodge ever attained a high degree of vitality, and in 1783 it died a natural death. For 36 years the University was without a Lodge, and this fact, combined with the failure of the Alfred, affords a sufficient evidence of the difficulties that had to be surmounted before a Lodge could be successfully established. In 1818, however, the attempt was again made, and in the February following the Lodge was safely launched, and its prosperous career commenced. Since then it has steadily advanced in popularity, and at the present time it can boast a roll of members in number and social

position scarcely equalled by any Lodge throughout the country. On looking over the list, one cannot fail to be struck by the number of familiar and celebrated names that there find record. Thus, under the year 1833, we find the names of two ex-Cabinet Ministers—Lord Granville and Robert Lowe; a year or two earlier those of Earl Canning, the Marquis of Abercorn, and Lord De Tabley; and four years later the name of the late member for Horsham, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald. To be elected to the Mastership of so distinguished a Lodge was an honour worthy of a prince's ambition.

But a further dignity awaited his Royal Highness on the following day. At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the county, held in the Sheldonian Theatre, he was formally installed Provincial Grand Master. The ceremony was conducted in the presence of a distinguished assemblage of the brethren, including the following officers of the Grand Lodge:—Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., Marquis of Hamilton S.G.W., Alderman Stone J.G.W., the Rev. Canon J. Simpson G.C., Æneas J. McIntyre Q.C. G.R., John Hervey G.S., P. J. Morrell J.G.D., Sir A. W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies; besides the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Limerick, Lord de Tabley, Lord Methuen, Lord Leigh, Lord Balfour, the Earl of Jersey, Lord Ramsay, Lord Newry, General Brownrigg, Colonel Burdett, J. C. Parkinson, Frederick Binckes, and many other members of the Craft. The installation was conducted by Lord Skelmersdale, acting for the Grand Master of England, who took occasion to compliment His Royal Highness on his promotion, and on the steadfastness he had displayed in the cause of Masonry during the period of his association with the fraternity.

Some other proceedings were gone through, and, amongst them, the presentation to Bro. R. J. Spiers, who had for twenty years held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, of a massive silver inkstand, a purse of 500 guineas, and an album containing the names of the subscribers. The Lodge was then formally adjourned to May next. We need scarcely add that the proceedings of both days were brought to a close by a banquet, at which the usual toasts were given and received with due honours.

MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 17.)

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER.

"There stands the messenger of truth,
There stands the legate of the skies;
His theme divine, his office sacred,
His credentials clear. By him
The violated law speaks out its
Thunder, and by him, in strains
As sweet as Angels use, the gospel
Whispers peace."

THERE are a number of foolish people in society who think it is one of the signs of good breeding to affect an utter indifference to all the questions which interest the great mass of people. They declare that they never could be enthusiastic, that they never had a hobby, and have never felt any particular interest in any subject under the sun. These people are, of course, affected creatures, who assume the air of the stoic just because it happens to be the fashion with their set. Some of them may indeed be really lymphatic persons, constitutionally unfitted to cope with the business of the world. If the fashionable stoics had their way, society would soon be reduced to a dead level of dulness and misery. Laughter would be interdicted, not merely for its inherent vulgarity, but because of its supposed injurious effect on the features. Criticism would be voted a bore, and exertion, or any undue display of energy, the height of absurdity. Fortunately, the great mass of men, the people who mould a generation and direct the stream of civilisation into new channels, are not much influenced by the inane chatter of a few votaries of fashion. Enthusiasm, energy, and muscular Christianity have achieved much. The mind of man is indeed a force, compared with which the steam engine is a child's toy. It is the thinker who really produces revolutions in society; but it is the man of action—the man with well-balanced brain and well-developed muscles—who really carries out the behests of the man of thought. No phrase, to our thinking, is so expressive of a beautiful combination of

strength, gentleness, and goodness as "muscular Christianity." Its author has been much ridiculed for having coined it, but only by unthinking persons, or by that small knot of sentimental fanatics who are rapidly sinking into obscurity and contempt. Why should not a Christian be muscular?—why should he not jump a five-barred gate, if need be, or bare his arm to protect innocence from the wrongdoer? The combination of strength and goodness is, we repeat, beautiful in our eyes, and we are always moved when we see a strong man fighting manfully against evil.

We know not whether the subject of our sketch may fairly be called a muscular Christian, or whether he would feel flattered by the designation; but of this we are assured, that his honest, kindly face is indicative of a well-balanced mind, and his frame is that of a man who possesses a fair share of muscle to back up his brains. We feel assured that he can laugh as heartily as any member of his flock, and that he is just as much pleased with the feats of strength performed by the village lads as he is with their proficiency in the Catechism. We are not quite sure whether he can ride across country, but if he can and does, we are quite certain that his ministrations in the pulpit are not injuriously affected thereby. We imagine that his professional labours are really a pleasure to him, and that he feels a just pride in performing the simple service of the Protestant ritual in his truly magnificent parish church. That church indeed is a fit temple for the worship of a devout Mason. Built at a time when the Gothic architecture was in its most vigorous condition, it strikes the observer by its vastness, the beauty of its proportions, and the grace of its ornament. One imagines that it must have been built by one of those old master Masons who have adorned this country with so many works of genius. In this grand pile one might dream away an hour or two over the glorious symbolism of the Gothic builders, or one might fancy that these masters of the art of construction were magicians, who compelled the rigid stone, under mystic spells, to assume a plastic nature. But the magnificence of his church has carried us away from the central figure, the good clergyman, who ministers in this grand house of prayer. It is not our intention to write his biography, or to sketch his clerical career. It is sufficient for us to say that his professional life has been an eventful one; that he has been a great worker, and has carried away with him to his rural deanery the gratitude and love of many congregations of Christians. His Masonic career, of course, arrests our attention, and claims all our consideration, and that career has been a very remarkable one indeed. He was initiated into Masonry in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, in January 1856, and was successively Inner Guard and then Secretary. He also joined the Alfred and Churchill Lodges. In 1858 he was W.M. of the latter, and on the occasion of his installation the Provincial Grand Lodge was held under his banner. In the same year he was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire, and occupied that post on the occasion of Lord Zetland's visit to Oxford. He was made a Royal Arch Mason with Lord Carnarvon and others, and was Secretary of his first Lodge, the Apollo, when Lord Skelmersdale was initiated. At Oxford he was made a Knight Templar of the Cœur de Lion Encampment, and with this distinction his Masonic career at the University appears to have terminated. Subsequently, we find him a member of the Faithful Lodge at Harleton, in Suffolk, and while engaged in church work at Cheltenham he joined the Foundation Lodge, of which he was successively S.W. and W.M. In the year 1865 he was a Mark Master Mason at the latter town, and in 1868 was appointed Grand Chaplain of Mark Masters of England, and Grand Aide de Camp in Grand Conclave. In the following year, Lord Zetland appointed him Grand Chaplain of England, which office was renewed by Lord Ripon the following year. The inhabitants of Cheltenham, feeling greatly honoured by the fact that our worthy brother had achieved this last distinction, presented him with a testimonial, in the shape of a magnificent full length portrait of himself. This portrait was exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1870. In this latter year he became Grand Principal Sojourner in Grand Chapter, and upon taking up his abode at Long Melford Rectory he joined the Stour Valley Lodge at Sudbury, which was then struggling for existence, and was shortly afterward elected its W.M., an office which he held for two years. Under his able administration the Lodge speedily passed through the critical

difficulties of its infancy, and it is now in a most flourishing condition. During his Mastership, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk met at Sudbury, having previously attended service at Melford Church, on which occasion our brother preached a sermon to the assembled Craft, which was afterwards published, under the title of "The True Masonic Temple." It is impossible for us in this sketch to mention in detail all the honours and distinctions our worthy brother has won, but we may say, before we leave this part of our subject, that he is a Vice Patron of all the Masonic Institutions, and has served as Steward at the Anniversary Festivals of the Charities on sixteen occasions.

In society our brother is highly popular. Like many clergymen he possesses an intimate knowledge of human nature. He has a host of friends, and so far as we know not a single enemy. He is philosophical enough to hold that there are few things in this world worth quarrelling about, and none worth the loss of temper. Christians generally would stand higher in the estimation of men of the world if they were all to imitate this side of his character. Quarrels about trifles degrade "professors" in the eyes of "worldlings," and loss of temper is one of the besetting sins of a multitude of worldly people. Into our brother's domestic circle we shall not venture to intrude, but we may mention that his family make a perfect Lodge in number, and that his eldest son is at Harrow, under the tuition of his distinguished father's old master.

Our brother is, we need scarcely say, a regular attendant at Grand Lodge. During the last ten years he has only missed one meeting. He speaks occasionally, and always to the point, and takes the greatest interest in the working of the Charities. Indeed, he never visits a Lodge without making some attempt to stir up the members to renewed exertion in the cause of these admirable Institutions, which have largely profited by his intelligent appreciation, and his great labours on their behalf.

"Rear'd, was this stately pile, by pious
Reverential hands, whose cunning work
Mocks the base art of these degenerate days.
Fit temple this for sacrifice, or prayer;
Here, in its arched aisles, and shadow'd nooks,
The humble, toilsome peasant, turns
His weary heart to God."

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE RECENT FESTIVAL.

WE have been at considerable pains in analysing the subscription list at the annual Festival, on the 9th instant, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our purpose has been to show our readers not only what was done on that occasion, but also where brethren of energy may find fields open to them in their zealous promotion of the cause of charity. It is not just that the same brethren should be called upon to repeat their donations every year, while others are entirely overlooked and left out in the cold. The support accorded to our Institutions must be, not sectional, but general, and in the course of the evidence we shall offer by-and-bye, we shall clearly demonstrate that only a very small section of Masonry contributed on this occasion to the funds of the Benevolent Institution. No doubt it will be urged that several who do not figure in this year's list were not unmindful of their duty last year. We shall have occasion to mention one or two notable instances. No doubt it is creditable to a Lodge to figure two years running in the subscription list to the same Charity, but it does not speak well for the general activity of the Craft when we find so many as 63 Lodges sent representatives to both Festivals. It will also be urged that figures may be made to prove anything, but we deny emphatically that the most experienced manipulator of figures could so have dealt with them in this instance as to show that all sections of the Craft are equally attentive to the claims of charity. We have already expressed our gratification that the sum realised this year is so considerably in excess of last year's amount. But all is not done that could and should be done, and till the universal practice is in accord with the universal precept, we must not rest from the task of urging on Craftsmen the fulfilment of their duty. We have no hesitation in saying that if all worked equally, the income of each of our Institutions should reach the sum of £20,000 per annum. We are a long way from this figure yet, and to show how it is we are so far off, we invite our readers to ponder well over

the following analysis. We will premise that the sum subscribed is stated in our report of the Festival as £9,184 10s 6d, but the list of amounts in detail casts to £9,178 8s—owing, no doubt, to one or more trifling clerical errors having crept in. We have distributed and re-distributed these details in a variety of ways, but no matter how we arranged them, they always cast to £9,178 8s, and it is this amount we have dealt with.

We have distributed the subscriptions under three heads—London, Provinces, and Abroad—with the following result:—London, £4,067 14s composed thus: 73 Lodges, £3,779 7s 6d; four Chapters, £107 11s 6d; various (including M.M.; the President and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and Bro. T. Cubitt) £180 15s; Provinces £5,040 14s; Abroad £70, including D.G.L. Punjab, £10, Andrew Hay P.D.D.G.M. Bombay £5, L. 549, Mazagon Bombay £5, and L. 1307 Mooltan, Punjab, C. Rushworth, own donation £50. We next compare the number of Lodges contributing with the number on the roll of Grand Lodge. In London, there were, according to Grand Lodge Calendar for 1875, 212 Lodges. Of these, 71 Lodges, of which 41 contributed last year, appear in the present list, together with two that have been since constituted, making together 73. As regards the provinces, we note the following facts:—Bedfordshire (5 Lodges) and the Provinces of Berks and Bucks (14 L.), Bristol (8 L.), Cambridgeshire (4 L.), Cornwall (24 L.), Cumberland and Westmoreland (17 L.), Derbyshire (17 L.), Durham (23 L.), Gloucestershire (14 L.), Monmouth (7 L.), Notts (8 L.), North Wales and Shropshire (19 L.), Staffordshire (19 L.), Warwickshire (26 L.), Worcestershire (10 L.), and Jersey (7 L.), are not represented directly, nor do any of their Lodges appear in the list. Of the remainder, Cheshire with 37 Lodges is represented by 1 Lodge, contributing £47 7s. Devon with 45 Lodges by two, contributing together £122 10s; Dorset (13 Lodges) is represented by its D.P.G.M., Bro. Montagu, and figures for £222; Essex (15 L.), stands for £42 10s, the contribution of 1 Lodge. Of 28 Lodges in Hants and the Isle of Wight, five contribute together £285 11s 6d. Of 4 Herefordshire Lodges, one appears with £66 5s. Four of the nine Herts Lodges contribute £102 13s. Six of 39 Kent Lodges send £465 19s. East Lancashire with 80 Lodges has a single representative only, for £15. West Lancashire with 69 Lodges grandly supported Lord Skelmersdale, its Grand Master; to the magnificent extent of £1,508 10s. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire (9 Lodges) is set down at £109 16s, while Lincolnshire with 19 Lodges appears with £6 10s, the contribution of a single Lodge. In Middlesex there are 19 Lodges, of which 6 contribute £198 2s. Six of the 14 Norfolk Lodges contribute £128 6s together; Northumberland (13 Lodges) is entered for £112 10s, Oxfordshire (6 Lodges) gives £87 10s, and one of its Lodges, No. 1036, Chipping Norton, is down for £12 12s; total for Oxon £100 2s. Somersetshire (12 Lodges) is represented by £66 6s from one of its Lodges. The two Divisions of South Wales (17 Lodges together) appear for £250. Two of the 16 Suffolk Lodges contribute £77; three of 12 Surrey Lodges £65 5s, 1 Sussex Lodge out of 17 sends £106. Wilts (9 Lodges) stands for £201 6s 6d. The North and East Ridings of Yorkshire (22 Lodges) are represented by 2 Lodges for £46, while West Yorkshire by the hands of its G.M. and 25 other stewards, and having 58 Lodges, figures for £550. Thus, of 41 Provinces, or with Bedfordshire, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands, of 44 groups of Lodges, 18, comprising together 229 Lodges, are not represented this year, at least so far as we yet know—we say this because there are some lists still outstanding; Bristol, for instance, appearing by its P.G. Registrar in the List of the Board of Stewards, but not in the List of Subscriptions. We may reckon that to the end of the year 1875 there were 850 Lodges in the Provinces, and if we allow that all the Lodges contributed in the case of those provinces which appear for a lump sum, and that in the case of West Yorkshire each of the 26 Stewards represented a Lodge, we can only account for about 170 Lodges, or 20 per cent., as contributing. Again, of the Provinces which are not entirely excluded: Cheshire had 37 Lodges at the beginning of last year, and in it are such rich and influential towns as Birkenhead, Macclesfield, Staleybridge and Stockport, yet to a Crewe Lodge (No. 321) is left the honour of representing Cheshire. A Plymouth Lodge (No. 156), and an East Stonehouse (No. 189), out of 45 Lodges, support

together the honour of Devon. Durham, which includes Durham, Gateshead, Sunderland, and Stockton, is down for nil. From the Hants and the Isle of Wight Province so important a town as Southampton sends nothing. East Lancashire comprises 80 Lodges, of which 17 are in Manchester, 4 in Bolton, 5 in Bury, and 5 in Salford, but a Rochdale Lodge (No. 54) alone contributes. *Cottonopolis* Lodges give not one farthing this year towards the support of the Benevolent Institution, nor did one of its Lodges contribute last year. For two consecutive years, the brethren in this seat of the cotton trade, one of the richest cities in the United Kingdom—we may go further and say, in the whole world—have not given the smallest fraction of a penny towards the support of indigent Masons and the widows of Masons. On the other hand, of 25 Liverpool Lodges, 13 figure this year for an aggregate sum of £733 3s. Lincolnshire stands for £6 10s, from a Lodge at Bourn (No. 1232), but last year it nobly did its duty, contributing £573. Staffordshire, again, though it is not represented on this occasion, well supported its P.G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, in 1875, and contributed £171 5s. But Warwickshire, which includes the wealthy and important town of Birmingham sends nothing. Birmingham, the centre of the hardware trade, with 14 Lodges, is *wholly unrepresented* this year, and only one of these 14 (Lodge No. 925) contributed last year, the sum of £35.

There are, or were according to G. L. Calendar for 1875, a thousand and thirty-seven Lodges in England and Wales, and the Channel Islands, two hundred and twelve of them being in London. Of these, less than twenty-five per cent. have added to the funds of the Benevolent Institution this year. One hundred and forty-one London Lodges have given nothing; eighteen out of forty-four country districts stand aside, and leave the claims of Charity to be supported by others. Two of the most important and richest towns in our provinces, namely, Manchester, with seventeen and Birmingham with fourteen Lodges, contribute nothing. The former of these did nothing whatever last year, while Birmingham raised only a paltry sum towards the service of Masonic Charity. The few lists that remain to come in will not materially affect the accuracy of the picture we have drawn, nor do we for one moment affirm that the Lodges and Provinces which have not contributed to this Charity have overlooked the claims of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. We must point out likewise that where a Province appears for a round sum, it is impossible to say which Lodges in that Province contributed and which did not. We have taken the list as it appeared in our issue of the 12th instant. The conclusions we have drawn are based on that and the similar list we published last year, and we have no hesitation in saying that, apart from what may have been or will be done for the other two Institutions, the claims of the Benevolent Institution are not as warmly or as *generally* supported as they deserve to be. We must practise charity as well as preach it, or we shall be as the stage players or hypocrites who feign a part that is not their own.

Obituary.

It is with deep feelings of regret that we announce the death of the wife of our highly esteemed brother, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, W.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, Prov. G.C. Middlesex. The deceased lady, who had been in failing health for some time, expired at Christ's Hospital, on the 19th inst. In her the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has lost one of its best friends, and most of the children of that Institution will miss the amiable lady who had so often cheered and encouraged them by her kindly sympathy.

We have to record the death of Bro. John Newton Tomkins, Past Grand Deacon, whose services during a long Masonic career were neither few nor unappreciated. Of late, he was, perhaps, best known to the Companions of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, of which he was P.Z., and for many years a constant attendant in the capacity of Treasurer. His age was 63. Would that we all could leave behind us so sincere a tribute in the hearts of brethren and Companions, to valued services and modest worth, as that which we now insert at their request.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the agenda paper for business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st March, 1876, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December 1875 will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:

Bro. John Sugars, of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin	... ..	£75 0 0
The widow of Bro. James Henry Searle, of the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, Deptford	... ..	50 0 0
Bro. George Frederick Druce, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	... ..	50 0 0
Bro. George William North, of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	... ..	75 0 0
Bro. Thomas Frederick Tyerman, of the London Lodge, No. 108, London	... ..	75 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of February instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,375 17s 4d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON.

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,
15th February 1876.

7. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1875.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- 1580.—Cranbourne Lodge, Hatfield, Herts.
- 1581.—Alexandra Lodge, Somerset East, South Africa.
- 1582.—Llanidloes Lodge, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.
- 1583.—Corbet Lodge, Towyn, Merionethshire.
- 1584.—Loyalty and Charity, Ealing.
- 1585.—Royal Commemoration Lodge, Putney.
- 1586.—Upper Norwood Lodge, Upper Norwood.
- 1587.—St. Giles' Lodge, Cheadle, Staffordshire.
- 1588.—Prince Leopold Lodge, Stretford, Lancashire.
- 1589.—St. Dunstan's Lodge, Fleet-street.
- 1590.—Southern Cross Lodge, Uitenhage, South Africa.
- 1591.—Studholme Lodge, Surbiton, Surrey.
- 1592.—Abbey Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
- 1593.—Royal Naval College Lodge, Greenwich.
- 1594.—Cedewain Lodge, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
- 1595.—Endeavour Lodge, Cooktown, Queensland.
- 1596.—Townsville Lodge, Townsville, Queensland.
- 1597.—Mnsgrave Lodge, Staines, Middlesex.

The Installation of H.R.H. the Grand Master, and Grand Festival, will take place on Wednesday, 26th April. Tickets 15s each, to be had of the Grand Stewards.

A General Committee meeting of the Girls' School was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. A motion to increase the salary of the Secretary, by £50 per annum, proposed by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and seconded by Bro. Tattershall, was carried; as also one, proposed and seconded by the same brethren, to increase the salary of the Chief Clerk by £20 a year. Two candidates were placed on the list for election in April next.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The seeds of disease are often unconsciously sown by some neglect of those precautions which are so necessary in this changeable climate of ours; the earlier symptoms of deranged health are often neglected, and hence another great source of after consequences of a serious character arises. Amongst the precautions most necessary at the change of the season is that of attention to the clothing, and to the advent of any cough or throat disorder, which should at once be treated by these remedies, which will quickly remove all chance of their taking hold of the system and producing consumptive symptoms. A few doses of these Pills are the best remedy for all hepatic and dyspeptic symptoms.

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 357, OXFORD.

THIS Lodge, which in 1873 was honoured in the fact that our present R.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales held the position of W.M., has this week conferred upon itself additional honour by electing to the chair of K.S. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who was initiated into Masonry within its precincts, on 1st May 1874, and who, during the past year, has ably filled the chair of S.W. The day fixed for this ceremony was Tuesday, and, accordingly, on the afternoon of that day, the Lodge was opened in due form, at 3 p.m., by Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard M.A., W.M., who was supported by Prince Leopold S.W., and the other officers of the Lodge. There were also present, among other distinguished members and visitors, Bros. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Lord De Tabley, Lord Methuen, Colonel Burdett, R. J. Spiers, Rev. Reginald Bird, J. Bird, J. B. Monckton, Revs. C. J. Martyn, Walter F. Short, T. F. Ravenshaw, Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., Captain Philips, Major Shadwell Clerke, Colonel Adair, Victor Williamson, Rev. R. K. Bedford, and P.M.'s Tyrwhitt, Dallon, and Cave Brown-Cave. The first important business was the raising of Bros. Sankey and Swithinbank to the sublime degree. Prince Leopold was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. Morrell, the I.P.M., and was installed according to ancient custom. The appointment of officers followed—Rev. R. W. M. Pope Deputy Master, Williamson S.W., Sackville West J.W., Rev. L. K. Hilton Senior Chaplain, Rev. E. D. Whitmarsh Junior Chaplain, Rev. Reginald Bird, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxford, Vice Principal of Magdalen College, Treasurer; J. C. Bodley, of Balliol College, Senior Secretary; Paget, of Christ Church, Junior Secretary; W. M. Glencross, Christ Church, S.D., Drummond, Christ Church, J.D., Gordon Campbell, F. Hedges, Gandy, Maxwell, Douglas Campbell (of Blythwood), and Jansen, Masters of Ceremonies; Gandell I.G., Parratt Organist, Rev. H. Deane, Tuke, Weatherley, Knollys, Berrington, La Terrier, Gerard, Leigh, Grenfell, Symonds, and W. Little Stewards, and Norwood Tyler.

After the usual congratulations had been tendered, and gracefully acknowledged, the customary formal questions were asked—resulting in five gentlemen being proposed for initiation—the Lodge was closed. A banquet, at the Clarendon Hotel, followed, where His Royal Highness presided, and gave the customary toasts. In reply to "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was proposed by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot in his usual hearty manner, Prince Leopold said:—"Brethren, it is with feelings of great pride and most heartfelt pleasure that I rise to thank you for the cordial manner in which you have welcomed me, and I beg to thank Lord Shrewsbury for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health. I feel it a very great honour that, after having served so short an apprenticeship to Masonry, the members of this Lodge have unanimously chosen me to be their Master. I esteem it also for another reason, that it will give me an opportunity of returning from time to time to Oxford, where I have already spent so many happy days. When I think of the prestige that has always attached to the Apollo, and the many distinguished Masons who have preceded me in my office, I do, indeed, feel and appreciate the warm encouragement and kind support which I have met with this evening at your hands. I trust that I may be able to come among you frequently during my term of office, and that I may perform its duties in a manner not altogether unworthy of my predecessors, though I am well aware that will prove no easy task."

Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, acknowledged the toast of the "Visitors not of the Province." Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., I.P.M. replied to that of the "Past Masters," and likewise proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Rev. C. J. Martin P.G.C. very gracefully responded. Other toasts followed, the last being, as usual, "The Tyler's," when the brethren rose, and coffee and conversation alliteratively and actually filled the brief interval till midnight.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday Prince Leopold was installed Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire. The ceremony, which was most numerously attended, took place in the Sheldonian Theatre, which had been placed at the disposal of the brethren by the Curators.

At half-past ten o'clock the Stewards assembled at the theatre, and began the necessary arrangements. At twelve o'clock the brethren began to arrive, and at about half-past one the procession was formed in the Divinity School, all who were not either officers of the Province or of the Grand Lodge of England having previously taken their places in the theatre. At two o'clock the procession started and entered the theatre, the organ playing. The following distinguished brethren were present:—

Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master of England, Æneas J. McIntyre Q.C. G.R. in charge of the Province, Reginald Bird D.P.G.M. Oxfordshire, Lord Limerick P.G.M. Bristol, Lord Methuen P.G.M. Wilts, Lord Leigh P.G.M. Warwickshire, Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey, Col. A. W. Adair P.P.G.M. Somerset, W. B. Beach P.G.M. Hants, Alderman Stone J.G.W., Lord Burleigh P.S.G.W., England, Victor Williamson P.S.G.W. England, Earl of Jersey, Rev. E. Moore. P.G.C., Rev. J. E. Cox P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martin P.G.C., J. B. Monckton, President of Board of General Purposes, Heather Bigg Past President Board of General Purposes, Frederick Parker Morrell G.J.D., J. C. Parkinson P.G.J.D., H. Massey, Major Shadwell Clerke, Col. Campbell (of Blythwood) P.G.M. Renfrewshire, R. J. Spiers P.G.S.B. P.D.G.M., and Capt. Hunter P.G.M. Aberdeenshire.

Provincial Lodge was opened by Bro. Æ. McIntyre G.R., and it was then announced that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was in attendance. Accordingly, his Lordship having been introduced and saluted, Bro. McIntyre vacated the chair in his favour. The D.G.M. then announced the immediate objects for which the Lodge had been convened, namely, the installation as P.G.M. of Prince Leopold the presentation to Bro. Spiers P.D.G.M., of a testimonial of his merit, and the appointment of a new Prov. G. Steward in place of Prince Leopold. The patent of His Royal Highness's appointment by the M.W.G.M. having been read, and it having been intimated that the Prince was in waiting, a deputation was formed, and His Royal Highness was conducted into the Lodge, the order of the procession being as follows:—

Three Provincial Grand Stewards; Provincial Grand Masters' gloves and apron, on a cushion borne by Master of a Lodge; collar and jewel of Provincial Grand Master, on a cushion borne by Master of a Lodge; Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Registrar, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Chaplains, six Past Provincial Grand Wardens, his Royal Highness Prince Leopold (the Provincial Grand Master), two Equerries, two Provincial Grand Stewards.

Prince Leopold took his seat to the left of the D.G.M., and, after prayer by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. After the usual proclamation and salute, Lord Skelmersdale addressed a few words of congratulation, both to the Prince on his appointment to the high and honourable office of a Provincial Grand Master, and to the brethren of the Province then assembled, for the honour that had been conferred upon them by the M.W.G.M. in appointing his brother to preside over them. The Prince gracefully acknowledged these remarks, and the hearty response they had met with from all present. Bro. Reginald Bird was then reappointed to the office of D.P.G.M., and Bro. W. J. Douglas Campbell was called up and invested with the insignia of a Provincial Grand Steward, *vice* His Royal Highness. The Provincial Grand Officers were then re-appointed to their several offices as follow:—Bros. John Galpin P.G.S.W., H. R. Cooper-Smith (Magd. Coll.) P.G.J.W., Rev. R. W. M. Pope P.G.C., Rev. W. Alexander Ayton P.G.C., Alderman T. Randall P.G.T., R. I. Williamson (Ch. Ch.) P.G.R., William Henry Horn P.G.S.D., Jason Saunders P.G.J.D., Sinclair Frankland Hood (Magdalen College) Prov. G. Secretary, Chas. Bishop P.G.S.Wks., Julius Sladden P.G.D.C., Carlisle J. S., Spedden (Queen's Coll.) P.G.D.C. Alderman W. Eagleston P.G.S.B., Henry Plumridge, P.G.O.; Henry Williams P.G. Pursuivant, Gordon Campbell (Exeter Coll.), Cecil G. Paget (Ch. Ch.), J. E. Courtney Bodley (Balliol Coll.), William Peppercornand Frederick Dolley P.G. Stewards, and W. Stevens and George Norwood P.G. Tylers.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. then presented to His Royal Highness the following address of congratulation from the G.O. of Italy:—

"To his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

"Most Illustrious and Potent Brother,—Italian Masonry, which rejoices at seeing ever more honoured in the most noble nation of England that universal brotherhood of which it, too, is not the last portion, hastens to send you its most respectful and affectionate congratulations on the auspicious event of your Royal Highness's exaltation to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

"Happy the people among whom men of the loftiest social standing appreciate and practise the grand principles of that humanitarian progress which it is the object of Masonry to vindicate and to diffuse throughout the civilized world! Accept, most illustrious and potent Brother, our most devoted and sincere congratulations and our fraternal salutations.

"In the absence of the Grand Master, the Grand Master Associate,

"GEORGE TAMAIO, 33°.

"Rome, February 18, 1876."

There then only remained one other portion of the day's programme to carry out, and this was the presentation of a very handsome testimonial to Bro. Spiers, for his eminent services to the Province

of Oxford in particular, and to Freemasonry in general. In May of last year Bro. Spiers tendered his resignation of the post of D.P.G.M., a post he had filled for upwards of twenty years, and it was then resolved by the Brethren in the Province to raise funds for the purpose of presenting to Bro. Spiers some kind of testimonial in recognition of his long and meritorious service. Thus the presentation of this testimonial, which consisted of a handsome inkstand, an album containing the names of the subscribers, and a purse of 500 guineas, was among the earliest acts of the Prince as G. Master.

Prince Leopold thereupon rose and spoke as follows:—

"Brethren, a pleasant duty has devolved upon me, which I now rise to accomplish. It is to present a testimonial to Brother Spiers, who has now for many, many years been associated with Masonry, not only in the province but also in the Grand Lodge. It is the great zeal and energy which he has ever shown for the Craft which merits the slight testimony of regard from many friends in our brotherhood (applause). I have been asked to act to-day as spokesman on their behalf, and it is with great pleasure that I fulfil the task. Brother Spiers, in the name of a large number of Masons, most of whom you see here to-day, I present you with this inkstand and this purse, containing the sum of 500 guineas, as a token of their esteem and regard for yourself and of their gratitude for the work you have done for Masonry in general." At the same time was handed to Bro. Spiers the address voted to him at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, when he tendered his resignation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was beautifully illuminated on vellum, and was to the following effect:—

"18th May 1875.

"At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire it was resolved, 'that the members of this Lodge desire to express, and hereby do express their gratitude to the Very Worshipful Bro. Richard James Spiers, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, for the eminent services which he has rendered to Freemasonry in general, and to the province of Oxford in particular, in discharge of his duties as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for upwards of twenty years.'"

The remarks of his Royal Highness drew great applause from all present, and then Bro. Spiers acknowledged the presentation in the following terms:—

"May it please your Royal Highness, my Lords and Brethren, — May I ask for some indulgence at your hands, at this trying moment, while I endeavour, however inadequately, to express what I feel on this occasion. I accept this magnificent testimonial with deep gratitude and with great humility, and these are increased by the circumstance that the presentation is made to me by the hands of Royalty, and in the presence of so many distinguished brethren. For the last 32 years, when I first entered our noble Institution, it has been my high privilege to be associated, more or less, in honoured communication, Masonically, with a large number of those now around me, and especially by many who have contributed so liberally to this testimonial; and their names, which are recorded in the album now handed to me, will be ever most highly valued by me as associated by so many happy recollections." After tendering his sincere thanks to the committee, to the Treasurer, Bro. Alderman Randle, whose name is most kindly remembered by all Oxford University brethren, to Bro. Thompson, the Honorary Secretary, whose name, during three several generations, has been held in such high esteem by all Oxford Masons, academical and local; and to all those who have assisted in any way to this testimonial; he concluded by saying that he should hand down to his family, some of whom were present, this beautiful plate, to be preserved as a precious heir-loom, and for which they would ever feel truly proud and grateful.

Grand Lodge was then closed, with the customary formalities. The banquet, at which Prince Leopold presided in person, was held at the Corn Exchange.

CONSECRATION OF LOYALTY AND CHARITY LODGE, No. 1584.

THIS interesting event was celebrated on Saturday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

The warrant, graciously granted by his R. H. the M.W.G.M., enumerates the names of brethren already holding high position in the Craft; and these, combined with those who signed the petition, make up a goodly army of hard working, charitable brethren. This augurs well for the future success of the Lodge, which is designated by the watchwords of the Order.

Upon the solicitation of the petitioners, Bro. James Terry, G.D.C. Herts, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was appointed consecrating and installing officer, and he was ably assisted by Bros. Robert Wentworth Little, P.P.G.W. Middlesex, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, H. C. Levander P.M. 507, and John Constable P.M. 185. At four o'clock precisely the brethren assembled in the ante-room, and were arranged in order of rank, according to the Constitutions, with the petitioners in the rear; they then entered the Lodge room, amid solemn music, exquisitely ren-

dered by Bro. Thomas Cross. The consecrating officer assumed the chair of K.S., and appointed Bros. R. W. Little and H. C. Levander respectively Senior and Junior Wardens. Upon the Lodge being opened in the three degrees, the presiding master addressed the brethren upon the nature of the meeting, and the principles enunciated by the Order, concluding with the hope that nothing might arise to mar brotherly love, or to make the watchwords a misnomer.

The acting Secretary, Bro. Dodd, read the warrant, and in reply to the Master, the petitioners approved the names of the officers mentioned therein.

An oration was then given by the presiding officer, followed by the anthem:

"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard; even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the hill of Zion:

For there the Lord promised his blessing, and life for evermore."

Then followed the first portion of the dedication prayer, with "Omnes," "Sanctus," and Invocation, with the portion of Scripture contained in 2 Chronicles 1—16.

The elements of Consecration, viz.:—Corn, wine and oil having been poured upon the Lodge, and the addresses given, the 122nd Psalm was rendered:—

"I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment; even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls; and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good."

Also anthem:—

"Glory be to God on high;

Peace on earth,

Good will towards men."

The censor was conveyed round the Lodge three times, followed with addresses and second portion of dedication prayer, upon completion of which the officers designate, and petitioning brethren rearranged themselves in form, and the completion of the Consecration was brought to a close with the following anthem:—

"The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame
Their great original proclaim.
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land,
The work of an Almighty hand;
What though in solemn silence all,
Move round this dark terrestrial ball,
What though no real voice nor sound,
Amid their radiant orbs be found.
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine.

The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. Bro. Henry Martin, P.M. 15, W.M. designate, was presented and obligated; brethren below the degree of Past Masters having retired, a board of fifteen Masters and Past Masters was formed, and Bro. H. Martin, was ably installed, according to ancient custom, as the First Master of the Loyalty and Charity Lodge. The Board of Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Joseph Peeke Richards S.W. Designate S.W., G. Lewis J.D. 444 J.W. Designate J.W., Alfred A. Pendlebury P.M. 1056 Treas., Wm. Dodd 1194 Sec., Wm. Lane O'Neil 1056 S.D., J. Hooper S.D. 444 J.D., G. N. Haydon 44 I.G., W. A. Gorman 27 D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Propositions were tendered for four joining members, and Messrs. M. C. E. Mortimer and Thomas Dnber were proposed for initiation. Bros. Jas. Terry, R. W. Little, H. C. Levander and Thos. Cross were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge for the services rendered in the proceedings of the day. With such influence and laudable rivalry as these brethren are likely to engender, the Lodge may be congratulated on the step pursued. These brethren severally returned thanks. May we here suggest the appointment of an organist to the Lodge, as there is no adjunct to the ceremonies of Freemasonry more likely to inspire due reverence than the strain of solemn music. Often has it been our pleasure to listen to organ accompaniment in various Lodges, and to see its beneficial effect.

The Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, supplied by the worthy host, Bro. J. H. Stanbury, in his usual good style. The viands were of a recherche character, and personally we thank our host for his attention, and heartily recommend the famed Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, to the members of the Craft. It is one of the most pleasant summer resorts, being within easy distance of the great City of the World; communication, both by South Western and North London Railway Companies, frequent and rapid.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave evidence of his wonted geniality. He rose and proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received, and was followed by the National Anthem from Bro. Cross.

The toast of our Royal Grand Master produced vociferous cheering. The W.M. said our Grand Master was performing a duty in India which would no doubt consolidate the peace of the world—(a waggish brother here suggested “pig sticking!”)—and bring into closer relationship the country which he would some day rule as England’s future king. Every member of the Craft was anxiously looking forward to the time when his Royal Highness would return in health to our midst, to assume the duties of his high office. (Cheers.) Song—God bless the Prince of Wales.

The W.M. gave the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers.

In proposing the toast and health of the Consecrating Officer, the W.M. spoke at same length, and remarked the readiness at all times of Bro. Terry to assist in promoting the interests of the Craft, those who had witnessed the day’s proceedings he felt sure would concur in this. There was not a member of the Order more efficient in the various functions required, and the Master desired to thank him personally, as well as on behalf of the members, for the able assistance he had rendered in consecrating the Loyalty and Charity Lodge. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Terry said: Worshipful Sir and Brethren, it is with feelings of the most profound gratitude that I reply to the toast you have so kindly proposed and so cordially received. There is nothing so pleasing to me as the respect of my brethren, which you, Sir, individually, and many with whom I am more intimately connected, have always been pleased to extend to me. When I gaze from face to face at this board all are so familiar that I cannot feel any new atmosphere surrounding me, and the fond recollections of many happy hours spent in this very room are productive of great pleasure. You, Sir, have presided in other Lodges, with great credit, and I am sure that your presidency here will be no exception. Your efforts to promote the interests of our Institutions, and your adherence to the Order, are highly appreciated by all who know you, and the name of your Lodge is synonymous with yourself. Worshipful Sir, and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done me.

The W.M. gave the Visitors’ toast, remarking: We are pleased indeed to see so many visitors around us, and we have to thank many for much of our comfort to-day. To Bros. Gardner and Roe I tender my personal thanks for the use of a portion of the paraphernalia, and also for their recommending our petition. We shall be glad to see them, as well as the rest of the visitors, again in our midst, for we not only intend to be charitable, but hospitable and liberal, as we have been to-night. Visitors always lend éclat to our gatherings, and particularly to any young Lodge, which, without them, would be small. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Gardner, W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, who said: I thank you for the kind manner in which you have received this toast, both for myself and the visitors. We have been pleased with the interesting ceremony of to-day, which was performed in a most able manner. This Lodge is numbered 1584, while ours, which was started 7 years since, bears 780, hence I conclude that during this period 804 Lodges have been consecrated. This augurs well for the prosperity of the Craft, which is sure to continue under our M.W.G.M. Brethren, I thank you heartily, and should you desire any further remarks in reply to the toast the brother on my right will speak to order if you so wish.

The Charities followed, the W.M. remarking that they were the grandest and best portion of Masonry, and thought that Masons should be happy in the possession of such magnificent Institutions, and the thanks of the Craft were due to those who conducted them. Brethren, you should all contribute to these as far as possible. As a rule Masons think more of the festive board than of the deserving brethren and orphans, of whom there are many in Freemasonry. It has been calculated that by an annual subscription of 5s from each member under the English Constitution the Institutions would not only be able to admit each applicant, but become even more useful and important. I hope all will subscribe, and those brethren who have not done so, I ask to come to such a determination in the course of the month. With this toast I have the pleasure to couple the names of Bros. Little and Terry. The former responded, and said: I am afraid that, after the peregrination of the pig round the table, I cannot approach the subject so seriously as the case demands. I must remind you, brethren, that your W.M., in his recommending you to support the Charities, was not preaching what he did not practise. With regard to the great utility of these Institutions, I may say that upwards of £9,000 was collected at the last Festival for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Bro. Terry has accommodation for only a limited number in the Benevolent Institution, the remainder receiving the annuity at their own residences, but in the educational institutions we must provide for the daily increasing number of candidates by enlarging our buildings, this can only be done by increased exertions. We have not yet farmed our children, nor are we likely to do so. The result is, they are brought under one roof. Therefore, if the number is to be increased, we must, of necessity, enlarge our buildings, and provide for the heterogeneous masses daily claiming our assistance, and by carrying out the words of a song we have just heard, “success must ensue.”

Bro. Terry said: Upon one occasion, a male annuitant at the Institution was ill, and asked permission for his nurse to sleep in the same room, but the Committee was so careful of the morals of the inmates that permission was refused. Subsequently the young gentleman, of the age of 67 years, was anxious to get married to an inmate. In this instance permission was given, the blushing bride being 70 years, and I am pleased to say the young couple are enjoying good health, and are extremely happy.

The W.M. said he was pleased to know he possessed such able officers as Bros. Pendlebury and Dodd as Treasurer and Secretary. It was impossible to find two more competent for their respective posts, and he was sure the Lodge would not suffer in their hands, but he raised considerably. He proposed the healths of Bros. Pendlebury and Dodd. Bro. Pendlebury replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their expressions of appreciation towards himself and colleague, and said: I do hope and believe hereafter you will find our duties discharged

with proficiency, sufficient at least to merit the kind words of the W.M.; we shall certainly labour to this end, and strive to make the Lodge equal to any in existence. I am sure it will ultimately succeed and realise the sanguine hopes of all, for it has commenced with the fairest and brightest prospects under our W.M., Bro. Martin. I will conclude with the words of the poet:—

THE BUILDERS.

All are architects of fate,
Working in these walls of time,
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments and rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low,
Each thing in its place is best,
And what seems but idle show,
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these,
Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of art,
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part,
For the gods are everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where God may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Standing in these walls of time;
Broken stairways where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base,
And ascending and secure,
Shall to-morrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain,
To those turrets where the eye,
Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless reach of sky.

Bro. Dodd conveyed his grateful acknowledgments, suitably concurring in every way with the remarks of Bro. Treasurer.

In reply for the Officers, Bro. Richards S.W. said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, Bro. Lewis and myself have to thank you for the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and received. I think if we were the most incompetent, with such a Worshipful Master, and under his guidance and tuition, we must become efficient working members. My Bro. Lewis J.W. is more apt at speaking than myself. I therefore deputed him to finish. This Bro. Lewis did, and remarked he did not know why the S.W. deputed him the task, but concurred with him, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind expressions. He added: We have made a good beginning, and are not likely to go back. I thank you for the cordial reception of my name. The Tyler’s toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren returned to town at 10 p.m. The following brethren we may announce as also present—W. H. Lovejoy 195 New York, George H. Savage 46, Charles G. Hill 1366, Abel Perrot, B.A., 720, F. Brown 174, W. F. Laxton 1238 S.D. Middlesex, C. B. Pave Grand Tyler, and Edward Monsom jun. 1194.

LITERATURE.

Wilson’s Shares and Stock Tables for calculating the cost of Shares in Railway, Insurance and other Companies. By R. EDWIN ROBINSON. London: Ethingham Wilson, 11 Royal Exchange. 1876.

WE cannot do better than use the publisher’s very words in order to explain the nature and purpose of these Tables. They are intended “for calculating the cost of any number of shares,—at prices from 1s 3d per share,—with minute graduations—to £310 in value, and from one share to 500 in the following manner:—

From 1-16th of £1 sterling (or 1s 3d) per share, advancing by 16ths to £10 per share.

From £10 per share, advancing by 8ths (or 2s 6d) up to £100 per share.

From £110 advancing by £5 up to £310 per share, and from one to 500 shares.

These Tables are also applicable for calculating English and Foreign Stocks in even hundreds, by considering each £100 stock to represent one share.”

This explanation speaks for itself, and will make it evident to our readers that it is well nigh impossible to have a better set of Tables of their kind. This indeed, is proved by the fact of the present issue being the sixth edition.

Deaths.

BRETTE.—19th, at Christ’s Hospital, the beloved wife of Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette. Friends will please accept this intimation.

WITHALL.—On the 19th inst., at his residence, Bell Cottage, Dulwich, Bro. William Withall, Senior Warden, Panmure Lodge, No. 720. Aged 45. Deeply regretted by his Masonic brethren, and also by his colleagues at the Consolidated Bank.

INSTALLATION OF H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,

Most Worshipful Grand Master, &c., &c., having been graciously
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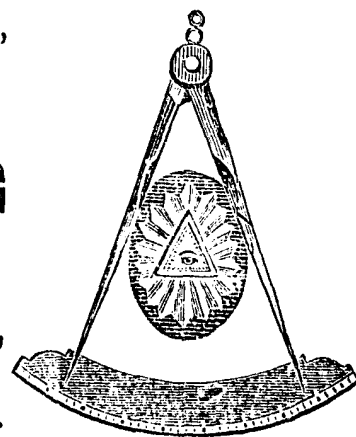
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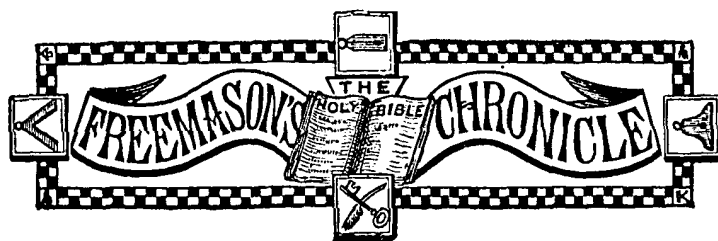
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE sittings of the House of Lords, on Friday and Monday, were extremely brief, and nothing occurred that requires any comment. On Tuesday, the fitness of the Martini Rifle was brought under the notice of the House by the Duke of St. Albans, who cited cases in which complaints had been made as to its fitness for general use throughout the army. A discussion followed, in which the Earl of Cadogan, the Duke of Cambridge, and Lord Cardwell, took part. On Thursday, the Marquis of Salisbury brought in a Bill, which subsequently received a first reading, based on the recommendations of the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the revenues of the University of Oxford.

In the House of Commons, on Friday last, considerable progress was made in Committee of Supply, the estimates for several of the Government departments being agreed to. An attempt to get rid of the Lord Privy Seal, or of the salary of his office rather, was defeated by 145 to 50. On the vote for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Macdonald moved to reduce the vote by £1,700, namely an addition to the salary of the First Commissioner, Lord Hampton, amounting to £500, and £1,200 being the salary of a new Commissioner. The motion was defeated by 87 to 62, and a second amendment by Mr. Mundella, to reduce the vote by £500, was also rejected by 79 to 63. The vote was then agreed to, as were other votes. On the house resuming, a debate ensued on the second reading of the Commons Bill, the subject being an amendment, moved by Mr. Shaw Lefevre. Ultimately the amendment was withdrawn, and the Bill passed its second reading, the Committee being fixed for Thursday week, the 2nd prox. On Monday, the adjourned debate on the Suez Canal Shares Resolution, was brought to a close. Mr. Lowe criticised the conduct of the Government unfavourably. Sir H. D. Wolff defended it. Then followed Mr. Gladstone, who spoke at great length relative to the purchase. Other speakers followed, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Roebuck, and Lord George Hamilton, who all supported the resolution, and the debate was brought to a close by Mr. Disraeli in an able and effective speech, after which the House agreed to the vote amidst general cheering. On Tuesday, Mr. Whitbread moved the resolution he had given notice of, on the subject of the Government Slave Circular. This gave rise to a long debate. Mr. Hanbury moved an amendment. Among the speakers who followed were Mr. W. E. Forster, the Attorney-General, Sir H. James, and Mr. Gathorne Hardy. When the last resumed his seat, the adjournment of the debate till Thursday, was moved and agreed to. On Wednesday, the second reading

of the Electoral County Boards (Ireland) Bill, was negatived without a division. On the second reading of the Grand Jury Presentments, &c., Ireland Bill, moved by Mr. J. Butt, a division occurred, the Bill being defeated by 181 to 153, whereat there was much cheering from the Liberal benches. On Thursday, the debate on the Slave Circulars of the Government was resumed by Mr. Herschell. Among the speakers were Mr. Forsyth, Sir H. James, Sir W. V. Harcourt, the Hon. D. Plunket, and Mr. Disraeli. A discussion then ensued, the Government being victorious by 293 to 248. Mr. Fawcett then moved an amendment to Mr. Hanbury's amendment, but was defeated by 290 to 245. The latter was then put as a substantive motion and carried.

There have been three elections to the House of Commons. In the first, Colonel Barnes has been returned for East Suffolk, in the second, Mr. Wroughton for the County of Berks, and in the third Mr. W. B. Denison has been returned for the Borough of East Retford. The nomination for Horsham, in which the Solicitor General, Sir Hardinge Giffard, is a candidate, is fixed for to-day, and the polling will come off on Tuesday next.

The Queen held a Court at Buckingham Palace on Thursday afternoon. Of the Royal Family there were present, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Majesty's Body Guard, under the command of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and the Yeomen of the Guard with their Captain, Lord Skelmersdale, were both on duty. The Chief Officers of State were in attendance upon the Queen, the Diplomatic and General Circles were numerous represented, and a large number of presentations to Her Majesty were made. As it was a Collar day, the Knights of the several Orders wore their respective Collars. The Duchess of Edinburgh, who is now *en route* to St. Petersburg, was prevented from attending the Court in consequence of being in deep mourning for her aunt, the Grand Duchess Marie, sister of the Emperor of Russia.

Beyond all question the most interesting event in the week's history has been the grand Masonic celebration at Oxford. It is barely two years since H.R.H. Prince Leopold was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. Last year he was appointed S.W., and on Tuesday last he was installed into the Chair of K.S., there being present several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, together with a strong muster of P.M.'s and members. Afterwards the Brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Clarendon. On Wednesday, His Royal Highness was installed as Grand Master for the Province of Oxford, in the Sheldonian Theatre. It would occupy too much space to give the names of all who were present. The Officers present and past of the Provincial Grand Lodge were in strong force, and of Grand Officers there were present Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., who performed the ceremony of Installation, the Marquis of Hamilton, G.S.W., Alderman Stone, G.J.W., Rev. J. Simpson, D.C.L., Grand Chaplain, Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., and Sir Albert W. Woods, Grand D. of C. Among Prov. G.M.M. and others, were Bros. Earl of Hardwicke, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Earl of Limerick, Lord de Tabley, Lord Methuen, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Jersey, General Brownrigg, Colonel Burdett, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., T. F. Halsey, M.P., J. B. Monckton, &c., &c. His Royal Highness having been installed, was duly proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form. Bro. Reginald Bird was then reappointed D.P.G.M., and Bro. W. J. D. Campbell was appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Steward in place of the Prince. There next devolved upon the newly installed G.M. the very agreeable duty of presenting to Bro. R. J. Spiers, a splendid testimonial, consisting of a splendid silver inkstand, an album with the names of the subscribers, and a purse of 500 guineas, as a slight recognition from the brethren of the Province of the eminent services to Masonry which Bro. Spiers had rendered during his twenty years' tenure of the office of Deputy P.G.M. The gift was feelingly and suitably acknowledged, after which a congratulatory address from the G.O. of Italy was presented by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. The Lodge was shortly after closed; but in the evening a banquet, presided over by His Royal Highness, was held in the Corn Exchange. Thus Masonry is to be congratulated on the

occurrence of a second auspicious event in the course of less than twelvemonths.

While this important ceremony was being enacted at Oxford, an elder brother—in more senses than one—of His Royal Highness, namely, the Duke of Edinburgh, was present at a meeting, presided over by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, for the purpose of promoting the cause of the National Training School for Music. A meeting of this character, it may be remembered, was held some time since at Marlborough House, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when a resolution was passed to establish free musical scholarships in the City of London and Metropolitan district. The meeting of Wednesday was held to give effect to this resolution. The Duke of Edinburgh moved the adoption of the report presented by the City of London Committee. Mr. Morley, one of the honorary secretaries, read the report, from which it appeared that already 93 scholarships have been provided, and this number was largely increased before the close of the meeting. The report was adopted unanimously. Other resolutions were proposed and agreed to, after which the Lord Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Duke for his presence on the occasion, and the Duke, after acknowledging the compliment, proposed a similar vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his kindness in presiding. Lunch was then served in the Long Parlour, the only toasts being those of the Queen and the Duke. Among those who have given scholarships must be mentioned the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, one each, the Corporation of London ten, the Lord Mayor one, the Society of Arts four, Messrs. Rothschild two, besides several of the City companies and others.

The Prince of Wales, in his Indian tour, has reached Nepaul, having reached the Camp at Busbussa on Saturday last. Sir Jung Bahadoor, the Nepalese Prime Minister, crossed into British territory for the purpose of meeting His Royal Highness and conducting him within Nepalese territory. A picked force of troops of all arms was drawn up to receive the Prince, and was inspected by him before the ceremonial of the day was over. Presents were interchanged, the meeting being most cordial on both sides. The sport in the Kumaon Serai during the previous week had been very fair, and preparations on a grand scale had been made for a grand tiger hunt. On Monday the Prince and Sir Jung Bahadoor had great success. Upwards of 600 elephants were employed in beating the jungle, and seven tigers were shot, six falling to the Prince's own rifle. The Prince is reported to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. We shall soon hear of his return to England, when, doubtless, he will experience a right hearty welcome.

Another fatal collision occurred off Dover, towards the end of last week, by which a German ship ran into a British vessel, the *Strathclyde*. Of a crew and passengers numbering together about 70, little more than one half have been saved, over 30, and among them several ladies, having been lost. An inquest has been held at Dover, on the bodies of certain persons recovered, a verdict of manslaughter being returned, and there will, of course, be an inquiry by the Board of Trade. The *Franconia* is under arrest, in Victoria Docks, and it is reported that she did not render all the assistance in her power to the disabled vessel. The body of a young lady that was brought into Ramsgate has been identified by Mr. Boucicault, brother of the actor, Mr. Dion Boucicault, as that of his step-daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Green, aged 29, who had only quite recently been married to an officer in the Indian army.

Our operations in the neighbourhood of Perak, consequent upon the murder of Mr. Birch, the British resident, have been highly successful, and it is reported that several of the persons implicated have been made prisoners. Both the naval and military authorities appear to have co-operated most zealously, and the duty of punishing the guilty has thus far been performed most efficiently, though not without the loss of more than one valuable life.

It is always satisfactory to learn that the memory of a great man is about to receive public recognition. A public meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, for the purpose of founding a Professorship of Ancient History in the University of Cambridge, in memory of the late Right Rev. Connop Thirlwall, Bishop of St. Davids. Bishop Thirlwall will always be remembered as one of our grandest historical scholars, and his History of Greece is one of the best that has been compiled by an Englishman. Dr. Thompson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, took the chair, and there were

present, the Bishop of Melbourne, the Dean of Lincoln, the Dean of Lichfield, Dr. C. Scott, head master of Westminster School, Mr. Beresford Hope, and others. It is proposed to raise a sum of £5,000 towards the endowment of a Thirlwall Professorship of History, as one is greatly needed at Cambridge. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

From the annual report of the Newspaper Press Fund it appears that the number of new members elected during the past year is thirty-two, making a total of 337 members, of whom 227 reside in the metropolis and 110 in the country. There are 57 life members, and grants to the number of 36, representing a sum of £731 were made. The stock and securities to the Credit of the Fund, by the purchase of £600 New Three Per Cent. Consols, now amount to £9,600, and the ordinary income is estimated at £773 2s. Eleven members have been removed from the roll for the non-payment of subscriptions in arrears, and four members have died. A sum of £25 has been placed at the disposal of Dr. Richardson, the honorary physician, to enable him to meet any pressing cases that may be brought under his care.

On Thursday a numerous and influential deputation of those interested in cotton manufacture waited on the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India, to represent to his Lordship the difficulties they labour under in competing with the cotton spinners established in India, and praying for the abolition of the Indian import duties on cotton goods and yarns. The noble Marquis, in reply, stated the nature of the instructions he had sent out to India, their object being to secure the abolition of the tax at some fixed date, and to introduce a graduated scale of reduction in the meantime. The deputation expressed their thanks to his lordship, and retired.

Both University Crews have been going through a severe course of hard work, and if the accounts we read in the daily and other papers are to be relied upon, we may anticipate a very close struggle, on the eventful day, for what is called the Blue Riband of the Thames. There has been another sensation match at the Agricultural Hall, Weston having challenged any one on the following terms: Weston to walk and the other to get over his ground in any way he chose. These were accepted by a pedestrian named Rowell. Up to 10.45 p.m. on Thursday, Weston had accomplished 187 miles, while Rowell was 48 miles to the bad. To the surprise of the judges, press, and the public, however, an announcement was made in the course of the afternoon of that day to the effect, that Rowell had been allowed from the very first, a start of 50 miles. "Under these circumstances," says the *Standard*, "we consider any further comment on the affair superfluous."

The elections in France have gone most decisively in favour of the extreme Radicals, of whom M. Gambetta is the acknowledged head. M. Buffet, the Prime Minister, was rejected at each of the four places for which he was a candidate. This and the decision of the election in favour of his Radical opponents has led to his resignation, and Marshal Mac Mahon has entrusted the formation of a new Cabinet to M. Dufaure but the change in the personnel of the Ministry will be very inconsiderable. The consequence of all this has been a kind of panic on the Bourse, and in the good City of Paris. People are asking What next? and there seems to be some doubt as to the kind of answer that will be given. The *status quo* in the insurgent provinces of Turkey remains, but the Porte has taken another step in the right direction, and has fixed a term within which the insurgents must lay down their arms, granting them an amnesty if they accept these conditions. This must more than ever incline the Great Powers of Europe to uphold the dignity and integrity of Turkey. The Turks are gentlemen, and the insurgents are—well, we need not describe them. Anything more overwhelming than the defeat of Don Carlos and his supporters by the troops of King Alfonso can hardly be conceived. Estella has been captured and the Carlists have been defeated and are flying in all directions, so that peace will no doubt resume its sway in the course of a short time. This is satisfactory, but what shall we say of the following telegram, transmitted to the *Standard* by its correspondent at Madrid. "The Archbishop of Toledo and other prelates have petitioned the Cortes to grant Catholic unity, and to prohibit the exercise of any other worship on Spanish territory." We hope the Spanish Cortes will have sense enough and patriotism enough to reject this petition with all the scorn

it merits. Spain will doubtless remember that she is living in the light of the nineteenth century, not in the darkness of the Middle ages.

We were in error last week in stating that Bro. Terry had intimated there would be an increase to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two members of the committee, it appears, have expressed an intention to make a proposition to this effect, and there is every probability that the motion will be carried.

Bro. S. Adams, the courteous manager of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces his annual benefit for Thursday, the 9th of March, on which occasion a host of talent will be present to give their valuable services. Bro Adams has occupied the position of manager for the last 14 years, and during that period has gained a host of friends who will, no doubt on this occasion rally round him.

Bro. George Reeves Smith, the General Manager of the Royal Aquarium, Brighton, has tendered his resignation, having been selected to fill a similar post at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. The directors and shareholders of the Brighton establishment must regret this, as the successful state of its finances, as declared at the last meeting, was attributable to our worthy brother's indefatigable exertions as manager and caterer.

Miss Emily Mott has just concluded an engagement at the Royal Aquarium, Brighton, where her reception on each occasion was most enthusiastic. Her perfect vocalisation in the songs of "The Minstrel Boy," "The Banks of Allan Water," and "The Skipper and his Boy" received deserved applause from crowded and fashionable audiences. As her voice is greatly improved, we hope soon to hear her in oratorio, where she would be heard to advantage.

THE DRAMA.

"Othello" at the Lyceum.—"The Gascon" at the Olympic.

IN the entire range of Shakspearian impersonations the part of *Othello* is probably by far the most difficult. We have seen more than one adequate representative of Hamlet, and Iago of fair mettle by the dozen, but we know of but one *Othello*, and that was Edmund Kean. Garrick, with all his genius, could never entirely surmount his physical disqualifications for the character, and it may be remembered, by students of theatrical history, that in this part, and in that of Romeo, his much inferior contemporary, Barry, was more than his match. The performance of Edmund Kean has probably never been excelled, and as each fresh actor essays the part, the conviction seems to grow upon us that in this century, at all events, he never will. Mr. Irving can only be said to add one more to the long list of its failures. In saying this, however, we would not be understood as urging that his conception does not show signs of careful study, or that it fails to afford a large amount of satisfaction to the audience. The character represented is powerful and original, but it is not *Othello*. In the earlier scenes we missed the enthusiasm, the hearty self-confidence of the soldier as Shakspeare painted him, and the character we did see was already one tinged with an unnatural melancholy. When doubts began to be suggested to him, he was too ready to listen to them, and long before the climax of the play had been reached the torrent of passion into which he had fallen was already beyond his control. The climax and catastrophe were consequently wanting in force and impressiveness. In some of these respects the actor may hope to improve, but we doubt if he will ever achieve more than *un succes d'estime* in this character. Miss Bateman as Emilia was more successful, and indeed there was much real force and intelligence in this lady's impersonation. Mr. Forrester also appeared to advantage in the character of Iago; but the Desdemona of Miss Isabel Bateman was weak and monotonous. The performance will probably draw better than *Macbeth*, but it will not have the success which was achieved by Mr. Irving's first Shakspearian impersonation—*Hamlet*.

A new drama, adapted to the English stage from a French original produced a few years since at the Gaité, Paris, was performed for the first time at the OLYMPIC on Monday last. The play may be considered as a semi-historical one, since several of the characters, notably Mary Queen of Scots, and her romantic admirer, Chastelard, are personages who have figured with effect in history. But the hero, a Gascon adventurer, is a purely fictitious character, and fictitious also to a great extent is the story. The play possesses a fair degree of interest, is well mounted, and capably acted: and we think it more than probable that it may achieve a genuine, if not a lasting success. The hero is of course played by Mr. Neville, and the part could scarcely be in better hands. Queen Mary is interpreted with some success by Mrs. Rousby, and another rather important character, a maid of honour to the Queen, by Miss Fanny Josephs. The part of Chastelard is rather weakly played by Mr. W. H. Fisher.

A drama, founded upon the novel of "Bleak House," is being performed at the GLOBE; but we must defer our notice of this until next week.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)

68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
183—Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate, E.E.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 29th FEBRUARY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1228—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. (Instruction.)
1358—Torrey, Town Hall, Paignton.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, 1st March.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7.0.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)

137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
428—Sincerity, Angel House, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Masonic Room, Cross-street, Manchester.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, Gloucester.

THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. (Instruction.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
280—Worcester, Bell Hotel, Worcester.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
360—Pomfret, George Hotel, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
463—East Surrey Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Anchorage, Forester's Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Globe Hotel, Topham.
1331—Aldershot Camp, Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.

FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH.

1278—Burdett Cutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Council Chamber, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
1333—Athena, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton cum Hardy.
St. Mark's Conclave of Knights of Rome, and Red Cross of Constantine
Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
K. T. Holy Rood Encampment, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1162—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

R. A. 418—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

249—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentelph, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

303—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

TUESDAY.

1167—Alnwick, Freemasons' Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.

WEDNESDAY.

94—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-street.

THURSDAY.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees.
531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent's-square, Hartlepool.
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.

FRIDAY.

1230—Barnard, Witham Institute, Barnard Castle.
1557—Albert Edward, White Hart Hotel, Hexham.

SCOTLAND.

TUESDAY—R. A.—73—Caledonian of Unity, 170 Buchanan-street.
WEDNESDAY—0—Mother of Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.
21—Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
THURSDAY—11—St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 170 Buchanan-street.
541—Marie Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill.
R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 Robertson-street.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street.
R. A.—73—Caledonian of Unity, 170 Buchanan-street.
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 170 Buchanan-street.
128—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
351—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street.
465—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
FRIDAY—275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struthers-street.
360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
408—Clyde, 170 Buchanan-street.
512—Thorn-tree, School-room, Thornliebank.
R. A. 116—Council Hall, Rutherglen.
SATURDAY—153—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.
28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly Convocation of this Chapter took place on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C., under the presidency of the following officers:—Comps. Wm. Stephens M.E.Z., John Weyer H., J. Constable J., Thos. Wm. White S.E., Edwd. S. Norris Assistant Scribe E., John Ramsey Scribe N., C. R. Miles P.S. Upon the confirmation of the minutes of the last convocation, the ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed, Comp. John C. Cox being candidate. The third clause of the first section was worked by Comp. Rumsey, assisted by the Companions. Comps. Henry Wood and R. T. Bloomfield were elected joining members. The ceremonies of installation will be rehearsed after the regular business of the Chapter on Tuesday evening next, by Comp. John Boyd. The following Comps. made up the assembly:—George Newman, G. K. Lemann, J. Allsopp, J. Smith, W. H. Green, G. Gilbert, H. W. Lindur.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Wigton and Kirkcudbright, No. 21.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Friday, the 18th of February, at St Cuthbert's Lodge Room, Kirkcudbright. Present—Bros. James McMaldrow P.M. 41 acting M.W.P.G.M., John Erskine acting S.W., William McHuraith J.W., J. McMaldrow Sec., Wm. Bell Treas., James Cowan acting S.D., John Pearson acting J.D., Lawrentius Norén acting I.G., and James Livingstone Tyler. The R.W.P.G.M., Captain Harriott, having granted commissions to the following brethren, they were installed in their respective offices, viz., A. McK. Millman R.W.D.P.G. Master, W. McHuraith R.W.S.G.W., Jas Ritchie R.W.J.G.W., John Lowden P.G. Sec. Elective officers were chosen—Bros. W. McLellan P.G. Treas., John Pearson P.G.J.D., Wm. Shaw P.G.S.D., Jas. Cowan I.G., Jas. Livingstone Tyler, R. Terry, Castle Douglas.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the "Hercules," Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 24th Feb., when the fifteen sections were worked. Present—Bros. Musto W.M., Austin S.W. and Preceptor, Horsley J.W., Webb S.D., Blackall J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Atkins Treas., and numerous other brethren. The sections were worked by the following brethren:—Salmonese, Blackall, Collins, Lowe, Williams, Horsley, Barnes, Crane, Webb, Ellis, Brient, Gross and Austin. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—This Lodge celebrated its 122nd Anniversary by a grand festival and ball at the Assembly Rooms, Campbell-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 23rd February, the R.W.M., Bro. G. McDonald, in the chair, Bros. A. McLeod S.M., J. Ballantine S.W., and J. Hanbridge J.W. acting as croupiers. There was a large turn out of brethren and their lady friends. Full justice having been done to the excellent repast, provided by Bros. Sinclair and Kemblington, the Chairman gave "The Queen" (National Anthem), "The Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of Scotch Masonry," and the rest of the Royal Family (God Bless the Prince of Wales). He then

gave "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland." Bro. G. W. Wheeler replied, as a member of the English Constitution as well as the Scotch, pointing out the respective merits of the two systems, and urging on them the desirability of emulating their English brethren in the extent of their Charities. He also alluded to the high position the Craft had now attained, as evidenced by the fact that at this very time the brethren were assembled in Oxford to instal Prince Leopold as P.G.M. of Oxfordshire. Bro. Hanbridge, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, made a neat speech. Bro. J. Kinnaid P.G.S. replied, stating that they were doing good work; with regard to benevolence, they had been enabled to more than quadruple the amount they formerly could give to each of the calls for help, and yet they had £700 invested, while they gave more than even the Grand Lodge itself. They also visited every Lodge in the province, to fully see into their mode of work, and he was glad to say they found nothing to blame in that of Thistle and Rose. Bro. W. B. Pattison then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." He dilated very much on the fact that, as Masons, we did not confine our sympathies to the members of the Craft.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Mason's Hall, Coleman-street, on Saturday, the 19th inst. The brethren attended in regulation mourning for the late Deputy Grand Mark Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, whose lamented decease was the subject of generally expressed regret. The W.M. Bro. R. Berridge opened the Lodge at the appointed hour, and amongst others present were the W. Bro. W. Worrell P.G. Org. I.P.M., Bros. T. W. White S.W., N. Ritherden M.O., the V.W. Bros. Thos. Maggy P.G.M.O. and Treasurer, and James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M.'s, C. Hammerton P.G.D.C. P.M. and Secretary, Bros. W. P. Collins S.D., F. H. Cozens J.D. and Organist, N. J. F. Basnet, I.G., G. Yaxley D.C., G. W. Verry W.M. Temple Mark Lodge W.S., J. Close C.S., W. C. Hales, J. K. Pitt, H. F. Partridge, J. F. Honey, F. G. Raggett, J. R. Williams, H. H. Cook, W. Grant, &c. There were no visitors on this occasion, and the business was not so heavy as usual in this Lodge. Bro. Edwin Frost, of No. 1347, was duly advanced with full and perfect ceremonial. The W.M. offered his services as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, an offer which was cordially accepted, with promises of support. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary toasts were severally proposed and responded to, the only one requiring special mention being that of the Deputy Grand Mark Master and the Past and Present Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, in response to which Bro. Maggy feelingly alluded to the loss the Order had sustained by the death of Bro. Callender, whose good works, both in Craft and Mark Masonry, were so generally recognised both in the metropolis and in his large and important province. In the nobleman about to be appointed in his stead, Bro. Maggy hailed an influential addition to the future prospects of the Mark Degree, and having further expressed his conviction of the earnestness with which the officers of the Grand Lodge endeavoured to perform their duty to the Order, thanked the brethren in the name of his colleagues present for the compliments the W.M. had paid to them. Charity was not forgotten, and on the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" being responded to, the offered Stewardship of the W.M. was gratefully acknowledged. The very enjoyable evening was enlivened by some capital songs, Bro. Cozens presiding with his usual ability and urbanity at the pianoforte, and was brought to a close at a reasonable hour by the Tyler's toast.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first meeting of this Lodge, since the Centenary Festival, was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bros. E. H. Thielley P.G.P. Middlesex W.M., Moults S.W., Haslett J.W., John Boyd P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., Manby Asst. Sec., Hughes S.D., Leggott J.D., Lewis I.G., Lyster D.C., and Bros. F. Chinnery, Talbot, Cherer, Taylor, Wood, Cuffal, Lister and P.M.'s Bros. G. Purkess I.P.M. and J. Bull. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. A. Mears was impressively initiated by the W.M., and Bro. G. Purkess, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised Bros. Hill, Rees, Curtis, Deares and Sims. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. John Boyd P.M. P.G.P., and recorded on the minutes, for the services rendered by him on all occasions to the Lodge, more especially for his exertions in connexion with the Centenary Festival, every detail of which was efficiently carried out. The charity jewel was voted to Bro. G. Purkess I.P.M., for having served two Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Votes of thanks were carried to Bro. Read for his artistic production of the initiation cards and menus, and also to Bro. J. Wills, F.H.S., for the floral decorations. Bro. H. Locketts was proposed as an hon. member. The Lodge was then closed, there being no banquet.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—There was a goodly muster of members, and not a few visitors present at 3 p.m. on Monday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when the Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John H. Ross W.M. A ballot having been held for Mr. N. Harris, and having been declared satisfactory, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. Harris, one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge, in order that the latter might have the pleasure of initiating his youngest son into Masonry. The ceremony was most ably performed, and, considering that Bro. Harris, as we were informed, had not filled the office for the space of fifteen years, we cannot withhold from him our very warm congratulations. Towards the important hour of five, other members flocked in in considerable numbers, and the report of the auditors having been read and agreed to, and Bro. Bilby O. having congratulated the Lodge on the increasing amount of their Benevolent Fund, the ceremony of installing Bro. J. D. Barnett, W.M. Elect, into the chair of K.S. was begun. For this purpose Bro. Constable P.M. took the chair, and if we say that he performed this duty with all his wonted ability, our readers will be satisfied that it was done as few other members of the Craft could

have done it. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted according to custom, proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, namely, John Peartree S.W. and Treasurer, D. Posener J.W., P. Levy Secretary, G. S. Pare S.D., W. D. Byley J.D., F. Croaker I.G., A. Posener D.C., J. Barber W.S., F. W. Sadlier W.S., G. Bilby O., and J. Rawles, Tyler, to each of whom the W.M. offered a few kindly words of gratulation. There then devolved upon Bro. Barnett that most agreeable of all a Master's duties, the presentation to his predecessor in the chair of a testimonial, at once honourable and substantial, in recognition by the Lodge of valuable services rendered on its behalf. This duty was most feelingly discharged by Bro. Barnett, who spoke in eloquent, yet just, terms of the manner in which Bro. Ross had filled the office of W.M. Bro. Ross, in a very appropriate speech, acknowledged the testimonial, which consisted of a P.M.'s jewel and an ormolu clock and two vases. He admitted that he had done his best to promote the well being of the Lodge, and he would certainly yield to no one in his anxiety to promote the cause of charity. He feared, however, the gift was somewhat beyond his deserts, though he hoped, in his present position as a Past Master, to still further aid the cause of Masonry. The jewel bears following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, to Bro. John H. Ross, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. Given in open Lodge, 21st February 1876, together with an ormolu clock and vases." We may add that the clock and vases not only form part of a very graceful tribute of respect to a worthy brother, but they confer infinite credit on the artistic taste of the Lodge committee who made the selection. After this interesting episode the Lodge, by command of the W.M., was called to refreshment, or in other words, adjourned to a banquet, in what is known as the Pillar room of the hotel. It may seem churlish on the part of a guest to quarrel with his fare, but we have been present at many a better, though not more costly, banquet, in spite of the French *menu* we found on the table before us; nor, considering the laxity of attendance, are we any wise surprised that the Athelstan and, we believe, other Lodges should have forsaken the Terminus Hotel for other quarters. Be this as it may, the banquet passed off very well, and when the cloth was removed and the columns charged, the W.M., in a few happy sentences, proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. Bilby then sang with admirable spirit the national anthem. The toast of the M.W.G.M. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was then given, Bro. Barnett expressing his firm belief that His Royal Highness on returning to England would, as far as the onerous duties of his high rank would enable him, exhibit actively that deep interest in Freemasonry he was known to take in all its proceedings. Bro. Hubbard sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." This was followed by the toast of the P.G.M., the W.M. enlarging on the distinguished merits of the Earl of Carnarvon, both as a statesman and a Mason. Bro. E. P. Albert A.G.P. briefly but appropriately responded to the health of the "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers." Bro. Harris said a few words in acknowledgment of his health as an Initiate. With the toast of "The Visitors," whose presence was acknowledged in a few complimentary terms, was associated the name of Bro. Dodson W.M. 180, Joppa. When he had said his say, Bro. Blum W.M. 1017 (Montefiore) expressed the very great pleasure he felt at having assisted at the Lodge meeting and banquet, offering at the same time a few words to a similar purport on behalf of Bro. Regen, of Vienna, who was unable to express himself adequately in the English language, but who was nevertheless anxious to record his pleasure at being present. Bro. Cohen W.M. 205, also responded to the same toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., anticipating that the Lodge would flourish under his rule, and that at the end of his year of office, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of another member, the condition of the Lodge would be as prosperous, or if not more prosperous than before. The W.M. replied that he confidently relied on the brethren for their support in the fulfilment of his arduous duties. He knew that reliance would not be misplaced, and though he could not command success, he hoped that by the aid of the G.A.O.T.U. he should realise the belief of Bro. Ross, and that his successor would find the condition of the Lodge to the full as satisfactory as it was now when he was entering on his year of office. Before sitting down the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., who responded briefly. Then followed the toast of the P.M.'s, to which Bro. M. Harris replied, and then that of "The Tranquillity Benevolent Fund," which was acknowledged by Bro. Saul Solomon on behalf of the Trustees. Bro. Solomon spoke well to the point, drawing special attention to the fact that the relief administered was so administered in secret, the names of the recipients never under any circumstances being divulged. During a brief interval of rest, a sum of fifteen-and-a-half guineas was subscribed to this Fund. Then Bros. Peartree and Posener acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the rest of the Officers," Bro. Pare as S.D. not rising to speak, as what the Peartree said would not unnaturally be endorsed by the Pare. Bro. Bilby, however, spoke at length, recording a very interesting experience of his own in Masonry, which occurred years since in the West Indies. "The Tyler's toast" having been duly honoured, the Lodge was closed, and after coffee and leave-taking, the brethren dispersed to their several homes. The following is a list of the visitors present, namely:—Brothers J. Harris, Regen, Vienna, Albert A.G.P., Hudson 12, Andrew 25, Daniel J.W. 65, Stuart P.M. 141, Barks 141, Grant 145, Zimmerman W.M. 180, Benson 192, Cohen P.M. 205, Jacobs W.M. 205, Bamstead P.M. 548, Hamilton P.M. 554, Parker 619, C. Harris 889, Stone 889, Blum W.M. 1017, Pollitzer P.M. 1017, Braham P.M. 1022, Herold 1056, Corner S.W. 1139, Moss 1185, Perry W.M. 1185, Holland 1216, Jekell W.M. 1319, Willard 1319, Abbott 1385, Suncyer 1521. In the intervals between the toasts, several songs and glees were sung, Bros. Child and Ross being the soloists, while Bros. Perry, Child, Moss and Hubbard sang the glees, which included *By Celia's Arbour* and *the Chafers*. This part of the evening's proceedings afforded all present the most extreme pleasure. Bro. Child's rendering of "Sally in our Alley" was simply charming, while the

others who, we believe, had never sung together before, and had not rehearsed for this occasion, were equally successful.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd of February, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. D. Posener W.M., Blackall S.W., Croaker J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., J. Constable Treas., Hollands S.D., Ockenden J.D., Tollis I.G., Christopher Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gottheil Preceptor, Bloomfield, Ross, and a full Lodge of brethren. Business—After the opening of the Lodge, the usual proceedings as to the confirmation of minutes, and the rest of the etoeteras being disposed of, the first and third ceremonies were ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bros. Trigg and Gomm acting as candidates. The Charity Association connected with this Lodge will draw to a close in March next, the ever active Bro. Constable is about to commence Association No. 2, for which a nucleus of names have already been given in. Brethren who prefer obtaining Life Governorships by the payment of easy installments, rather than paying a lump sum, have now a good opportunity. No. 1. Association will very shortly have paid to the Institutions no less a sum than 600 guineas—no dispicable amount, considering that it has been collected, at 1s per week, in less than four years. There are many of these societies in London, all of which deserve to be well supported. By the proposition of Bro. Gottheil, which was seconded by the J.W., Bro. Blackall was elected to preside at the next meeting. This brother has, in a comparatively short time, made considerable progress in the knowledge of the ritual, which he works with fluency and remarkable correctness. Brethren desirous of instruction cannot do better than attend this Lodge, in which so many have attained unsurpassed proficiency.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—This Lodge held its regular fortnightly meeting in the Hall, 170 Buchanan-street, on Monday, February 21st. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. McKirdy the R.W.M., Bro. J. B. McNair I.P.M. opened the Lodge, and there being one gentleman proposed and accepted for initiation, he received the E.A. degree in the careful way in which Bro. McNair always works. The R.W.M. having now arrived, he assumed the chair, and the committee appointed to see to the pecuniary wants of a new hall, made their report, and had the matter remitted back to them to make further enquiries.

Athol Lodge, No. 413.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 22nd February, at 213 Buchanan-street. The chair was taken by the R.W.M. Bro. J. Louttit, who was supported by Bros. J. Nellin S.M., Bakare D.M., Leids S.W., Holmes J.W., Graham Secretary, Agnew Treasurer, J. Wallace I.P.M., and the whole of the other office bearers. An application was read from Mr. George Sword, and at the request of the R.W.M. he was initiated by Bro. J. Annand. The Lodge having been raised, Bro. Louttit passed Bro. John Thorn to the 2nd degree. Amongst the Visitors present were the Rev. J. Rice, of Acacia Lodge, 225 I.C., J. Ferguson R.W.M. 116, J. Melville 173, J. H. Wood R.W.M. 335, R. Currie and G. W. Wheeler 73.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 17th of February, at the Town Hall, Devizes. Present—Bros. F. B. Cox W.M., J. W. Burman, M.D., S.W., William Nott P.M. Sec., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. H. Burt S.D., H. Howse J.D., S. Badham Org., W. Day Steward. P.M.'s Bros. H. J. Ward I.P.M., the Rev. H. Richardson, M.A., Chaplain, J. H. Chandler, &c. Business—Ballots were taken for two candidates for initiation, Mr. G. S. A. Waylen (son of one of the earliest members of the Lodge) and Mr. W. H. Bush, which proved unanimous in both instances, and they being in attendance, were successively initiated by the W.M., the charge being subsequently delivered by the Secretary, Bro. Nott P.M. The Charity bag was afterwards sent round in favour of the Assistant Tyler, who is extremely ill, and the appeal proved very successful.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday last, 22nd February. Present—Bros. Perrin W.M., Cambridge S.W., Smith J.W., Wosley S.D., Johnson I.G. Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Allen, Barker, &c. The W.M. worked the three degrees in a very steady and able manner. Bro. Cambridge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed with prayer. On Thursday, the 7th March, the annual supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will take place, at seven o'clock.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. T. Kingston W.M., Walker S.W., Walmisley as J.W., Jas. Weaver P.P.G.O. Secretary, Blakemore J.D. Middlesex P.M., C. Roberts as I.G., S. Godden W.S., and Past Masters Bros. Hurlstone, Pate, Brown, Sedgwick, F. H. Roberts, Ross, W. Devine, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Collinson and Brown were raised to the third degree. Bro. Walker was elected trustee to the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. gave notice of motion for the revision of the bye-laws. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting. The Lodge was then closed. Although no banquet was announced, the W.M., in a spirit of liberality, provided a very good and substantial supper. He proposed the usual loyal toasts. The Prince of Wales was upholding the dignity of this great country in India, and every Mason and loyal subject would wish to see him return to his native country in renewed health. Bro. Walker S.W. said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. He was one whom all respected. He had but recently occupied the chair, but he had shown them what his capabilities were, and at the expiration of his year of office the brethren of the Whittington

Lodge, he was sure, would have reason to be proud of him. The W.M., in a few, but appropriate words, responded to the toast, and then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. James Weaver, P.M. and Secretary, had always discharged his duties to their satisfaction; another old and valued P.M. was also amongst them. He alluded to Bro. Hurlstone, who, he hoped, might be spared many years to rank among their number. The toast was responded to, and Bros. Lancaster and H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, responded for the visiting brethren. The brethren then separated, after passing a very enjoyable evening. Bro. Walker gave a capital recitation. The W.M. related some interesting anecdotes. Bro. Blakemore and others also contributed to the harmony. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Brown 871, S. Kingston 1269, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1243, Lancaster 1287, W. K. Mackenzie, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 7th of February, at Oswestry. Present—Bros. John Thomas W.M., W. Burton S.W., Rev. P. G. Bentley Chaplain, W. H. Spaul Secretary, Edward Oswell Treasurer, H. C. Corfield S.D., Rev. A. L. Taylor J.D., W. F. Rogers Steward, F. Chaplin I.G., Crowther Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. A. Walker, John Morris, G. Williams, C. W. Owen. Visitors—Bros. Rowland, Venables, W. Spraggons. Business—The Lodge was opened, and a ballot was taken for Mr. Luke Blackwell, which was found unanimous. The Bye-laws of the Lodge were read. This being his Mother Lodge, it was decided that a congratulatory address be sent to Lord Harlech, on his elevation to the peerage. Bro. W. H. Spaul Prov. Grand Sec. was requested to attend the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as Steward, and Bro. Elwood Prov. Grand D. of C. the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Bros. J. W. Baldwin W.M., E. H. Thiellay S.W., J. B. Langley J.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex Secretary, E. W. Devereux S.D., S. Woolf J.D., A. F. Loos I.G., B. Wright D.C., and P.M.'s J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex, H. A. Dubois P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, and W. Hammond P.G.J.D. Middlesex. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. S. Elliot 749 was elected a joining member. Bro. J. T. Moss P.M. then initiated Messrs. Wingate and Beckwith into the Order. A board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. James Baxter Langley, W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and installed by the retiring W.M. in a very perfect manner. The W.M. then invested the officers:—E. H. Thiellay P.A.G.P. Middlesex S.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex J.W., H. A. Dubois P.P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex Secretary (for the 4th time), E. W. Devereux S.D., S. Woolf J.D., A. F. Loos I.G., J. Mason Organist, B. Wright Asst. Secretary, J. Johnson D.C., M. Underwood W.S., H. Faiji C.S. and J. Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., and recorded on the minutes, for the able manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. A notice of motion was given to present £31 10s to the three Masonic Charities, and a ten guinea jewel to be presented to the Secretary. A very elegant gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., for the services rendered by him to the Lodge during his year of office. There were several propositions for initiation. The new bye-laws were passed. The Lodge was then closed, and a sumptuous banquet followed. The visitors were Bros. A. G. Dodson W.M. 188, J. Hawker P.M. 871, M. A. Lochhead 871, T. Kingston W.M. 862, B. Stead 813, T. Painter P.M. 749, H. R. Harker 76, J. M. Kendor 1512, T. W. Clark 1342, J. W. Hiscox 1512, &c.

Peckham Lodge, No. 1475.—The second installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 17th inst. The brethren assembled at the somewhat early hour of four o'clock, and at once proceeded to the first business on the summons, viz.: The confirmation of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of the Lodge, and those of a Lodge of Emergency, which a pressure of business had rendered necessary. This having been done in the usual manner observed amongst Masons, the principle business of the evening was proceeded with. The S.W., Bro. Walter Charles Canton, was presented to Bro. J. T. Dalby, the retiring W.M., as the brother who had been selected to preside over the Lodge during the ensuing year, and Bro. Dalby only expressed the sentiments of every member of the Lodge when he declared himself "heartily rejoiced at the selection made." The customary ceremony was then gone through by Bro. Dalby, whose rendering of the installation was perfect, both as regards ritual and elocution, and at the completion of the charges he received his just reward in the unanimous plaudits of the large assemblage of brethren. Having been duly installed, Bro. Canton proceeded to invest his officers, who, it may be stated, were appointed in rotation, viz.: Bros. Duck S.W., Bro. Stephens J.W., Harvey S.D., Jackson J.D. The only appointment vacant, that of I.G., was conferred upon Bro. Murley, and those of Treasurer and Secretary continue to be held by Bros. Warren P.M., and Gompertz P.M., whose services on behalf of the Lodge have not failed to obtain the recognition they have deserved. In fact, the announcement by the W.M. of the brethren appointed to office was in each instance received with hearty and unanimous expressions of approbation. The ceremonies of installation and investiture were presided over by Bro. David Rose P.M., who holds the office of D.C. in this as well as in several other Lodges. The newly installed W.M. commenced the duties of his exalted position by initiating into the "mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry," Messrs. Dalley, Messum and Smithers, and although exhibiting some tokens of the nervousness incidental to a first appearance in the chair, he delivered the ritual in a manner which proved that he intends to sustain the character the Peckham Lodge has gained for the perfection of its working. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the discussion of an

xcellent banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and Bro. Dalby the I.P.M. was presented with a ten guinea Past Master's Jewel as a token of the brethren's recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal displays of several brethren, whose efforts were, however, to some extent, restrained by the absence of a piano, a defect which will doubtless be remedied at future meetings of the Lodge. In conclusion, it may be remarked, that the Peckham Lodge, which has just commenced the third year of its existence, has thus far shown remarkable prosperity. It numbers on its books sixty subscribing and two honorary members, no less than twenty gentlemen having been initiated during the past twelve months. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Allan C. Wylie W.M. 869, S. H. Wagstaff P.M. 1216, Henry W. Gompertz S.D. 1364, Dann P.M. 72, Henry Moore P.M. 73, Chas. F. Hogard P.M. 265, G. Edmonds P.M. 975, Smith P.M. 1172, Reynolds 169, Jas. Garner S.D. 975, J. Drew J.D., 1261, &c., &c.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's Cross. Present—Bros. J. Michael W.M., Jas. Willing Jun. I.P.M., Timms P.M. 177 Sec., Williams S.W., Kingham J.W., Scales S.D., Side J.D., Stiles I.G., Daley Tyler, and Bros. Read, Solomon, Check, Carter, Rogers, Jones Simond, Cavet, Clarke, Cadett, H. Stiles, Colls, Gilbert, Bunkell, Easey, &c. The business commenced with the usual preliminaries. Bros. A. Vanderpump, H. Scales, and P. Vanderpump were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Edwards, Ovens, Morgan, Raney, Clark and Greenslade were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. Brooker, Robins, Van Camp, and Frith were impressively initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose perfect working was fully appreciated. The Lodge was then closed, and the usual banquet followed, provided by Bro. Cox. The W.M. presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking of that of the I.P.M., the W.M. impressed on the brethren the necessity of their regular attendance. They would then be competent to judge of the capabilities of the W.M. whom they might elect, and assured the brethren that the Senior Warden was fully capable of filling the chair; indeed, he might say every officer was perfect. The toasts of the W.M., Visitors, and Officers were given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. The visitors were Bros. Jordan 511, Berrie 1185, Pinkey 177, and Harriss 177.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The regular meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road. Present—Bros. Side W.M., H. B. Fowler S.W., C. I. Scales J.W., Jas. Willing P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles Sec., J. W. Berrie S.D., A. W. Fenner J.D., J. W. Smith I.G., and Bros. H. Scales, J. Cadett, C. Cox, W. Read, H. Child, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. H. Scales acting as candidate. The traditional history was then given by the W.M., for which a cordial vote of thanks was accorded. The 1st and 2nd sections of the 1st Lecture were then worked by the brethren, ably assisted by the W.M. Bro. Jas. Willing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion he will rehearse the ceremony of installation. Several members of the Emulation Lodge have expressed their intention to be present.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday week, the 17th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Hampton. Present—Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141 W.M., W. Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, I.P.M. P.J.G.D. Middlesex, D. B. Raw P.M. Treasurer acting S.W., J. Hurst J.W., T. C. Walls acting S.D., C. W. Fox J.D., J. C. Jessett I.G., T. W. Ockenden D.C., J. E. Hunt, J. Chilcott, F. W. Kent, J. W. Hiscox, T. Moody, H. Tagg, &c. Visitors—Bros. Trench 511, and H. Jones 1326. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the W.M. raised Bros. T. Moody and Harry Tagg to the sublime degree. Two gentlemen were prevented, at the last moment, from coming up for initiation, also a brother for passing. Bro. E. T. Barrett 1503 was unanimously elected a joining member of this Lodge. Several propositions were made for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed; the health of the W.M., proposed, in a few well chosen words, by the I.P.M., meeting with much enthusiasm, as did also that of Bro. Hammond. The brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable evening, Bros. Hurst, Walls, and Jessett enhancing, by their vocal efforts, the harmony of the occasion. The R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Col. Burdett) was expected, but, owing to a domestic bereavement, was compelled to postpone his visit until the next regular meeting, which will take place on Thursday, 16th March.

New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge (which was only lately consecrated) was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the New Cross Hall, Upper Lewisham-road. Bro. Walter B. Woodman W.M. occupied the chair, E. H. Thiellay P.G.P. Middlesex S.W., Simmons J.W., Keeble P.M. Treas., F. Walters P.G.P., Middlesex Sec., L. Beck S.D., Green J.D., Hardman I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the following gentlemen were balloted for and unanimously accepted, and afterwards duly initiated by the W.M. in a manner that reflected great credit on so young a member of the Order—viz., Messrs. S. Jewell, H. Hinton, S. H. Beckles, J. Moss, and W. Smuthwaite. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent dinner. The W.M., who very genially presided, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. S. Jewell responded to the toast of the Initiates, and he, as well as the other brethren, expressed their satisfaction at the able manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been delivered, saying it would make a lasting impression on them. Bro. E. H. Thiellay S.W. then proposed the toast of the W.M., and congratulated him on the able manner he had conducted the duties of the Lodge. The toast of

the Visitors was responded to by Bros. J. Haywood W.M. 946 and Smith, Perfect Ashlar, both of whom congratulated the brethren on the selection they had made. The toast of the Officers followed, which was severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very harmonious evening, interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Smith and several other brethren.

Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 17th February, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—E. Comps. T. S. Carter Prov. G.N. M.E.Z., J. Lowthin Prov. G. 2nd A.S. H., W. Cutbush J., J. R. Cocks Prov. G.J. S.E., J. Terry Prov. G.D.C. P.Z., G. W. Verry P.Z. Prin. Soj., and Comps. Hayward Edwards S.N., J. Livingston 1st A.S., Booth 2nd A.S., J. E. Cussans M.C., J. W. Crutch Steward, J. Parrott, W. Marks, R. Fisher Young and J. Cutbush. Visitor—E. Comp. W. B. Heath P.Z. No. 22. The business of the Chapter was to instal the Principals and induct the officers for the year ensuing. E. Comp. Terry, in his usual efficient manner, acted as installing officer, and installed E. Comps. Lowthin M.E.Z., W. Cutbush H. and Hayward Edwards J. The following Comps. were inducted officers: Comps. Cocks S.E., Verry S.N., Livingston Prin. Soj., Booth 1st A.S., Cussans D.C., R. Fisher Young Steward. Comp. Goddard was re-elected Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented E. Comp. Carter, the 1st Z. of the Chapter, with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel, made by Comp. Lamb, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Chapter, for which Comp. Carter thanked them.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

THE brethren of this province have just met with a very heavy loss in the death of Bro. Samuel Darley Forbes, one of the oldest members of the Craft—if not actually the senior—in the Province. He was a most indefatigable Mason, ever ready to lend a helping hand to young members, and particularly to brethren just installed as Worshipful Masters. Very few Masons joining the Craft when young men, as he did, evinced so much zeal and took so active a part for a long period in promoting the welfare of the institution. The deceased, although he had been a Mason over 36 years, was only fifty-nine at the time of his death, which took place at his residence in Portsea, on Saturday, the 12th inst., after only a few days' illness. He had, at intervals, suffered from rheumatic gout, more especially during the present winter, but up to less than a week before his death he was actively engaged in his ordinary occupation, and took a prominent part in the proceedings at the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Portsmouth on the 31st ult. Bro. Forbes was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, Portsea, on the 7th December, 1839, and he received the third degree in the following February. He joined the Lodge of Harmony, then held at Gosport, on 3rd December, 1840, and was Worshipful Master in 1843. He was one of the founders of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487 (late 717), in 1843, and was appointed Secretary. He was W.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge for the years 1844 and 1845, and was appointed Secretary again in 1847. He was elected an honorary member of that Lodge in March, 1860, in recognition of his services to Masonry in general, and the Portsmouth Lodge in particular. He was also one of the founders of the United Brothers' Lodge, Southsea, No. 1069, in 1865. He was a P.P.G. Warden of Essex, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at the last Provincial meeting, held at Ryde in July, 1875.

In addition to these numerous offices Bro. Forbes had filled the office of First Principal in several Chapters. He was also a Knight Templar, and, we believe, a Rose Croix Mason; he likewise evinced great interest in Mark Masonry, and took an active part in reviving it in Portsmouth a few years since, and also in inducing Earl Percy, then Grand Master of the degree in England, to pay a visit to Portsmouth and preside at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. There was on that occasion a large gathering of Mark Master Masons, and the result was a considerable accession of strength to its numbers in that district. Bro. Forbes was, at the time of his death, I.P.M. of the Portsmouth Mark Lodge, No. 17. The other offices he filled this year, in addition to being Senior Grand Warden of the Province, were P.G.Dir. of Ceremonies of the Chapter (to which he was appointed a fortnight previously), and Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, with which Lodge he had been associated so many years. He was held in high esteem by the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Beach, M.P.), as will be judged by the important office he was filling in the Province. In addition to Freemasonry, our deceased brother took a prominent part in the Volunteer movement, when it was first started in Portsmouth, and for many years held a commission as Quartermaster in the Artillery branch of the service. On the unexpected news of his death being communicated to the brethren, the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the neighbourhood held a meeting, to arrange for the attendance at his funeral of those desirous of showing a last mark of respect to so worthy a Mason. Accordingly, on Thursday, the 17th, upwards of a hundred brethren assembled, and preceded the funeral cortege to the Portsea Cemetery, where they formed up on either side, while the body was conveyed to the Chapel, the Wardens, two Past Masters, and the Worshipful Master of his old Lodge, No. 309, walking in front of the body, and the other members filing in after the mourners. The funeral service was impressively carried out by Bro. Rev. E. B. C. Churchill, one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains, and at the close the brethren threw sprigs of myrtle and acacia into the grave, but no other Masonic ceremonial took place, the funeral being, at the request of the family, a private one. We may add that all three of his sons were initiated into Masonry by Bro. Forbes. Two were present at the funeral, but the third is living in Rome.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, held a Provincial Grand Lodge at Bury St. Edmund's, on Saturday, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Lodge in that town, to be called the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Lodge-room at the Suffolk Hotel at half-past four, among the brethren present being the Rev. E. I. Lockwood D.P.G.M., J. Hedley Bevan P.G.S.W. W.M. 1008, J. R. Thompson P.G.S.B., W. H. Lucia P.P.J.G.W. P.G. Sec., W. Armstrong P.P.G.J.D., S. H. Wright P.P.G.J.W., W. E. Bailey P.G.A. Sec., T. F. Lucia P.G.S., E. J. Griffiths P.G.S., the Rev. R. Evans, the Rev. H. Hall, G. Thompson P.M., W. J. Nunn, H. Thompson, W. Pead, A. Last, E. G. Castledine, J. G. Oliver, C. Lawrence, J. Shepherd, J. Cornish, A. Webb, W. H. Smith.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W.P.G.M. constituted the new Lodge under the title named in the warrant of Grand Lodge, which was read by the P.G. Sec. The pedestal was then consecrated with the usual Masonic rites, the corn, wine, and oil being carried by P.M.'s Lucia, Thompson, and Bailey. An ode in honour of Masonry was then sung, after which the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, presented to the P.G.M., the Worshipful Master elect of the new Lodge, Bro. W. H. Lucia, whom the P.G.M. regularly installed, and invested with the collar of office. The Wardens named in the warrant, Bros. J. Armstrong S.W., and E. J. Griffiths J.W., were next presented and invested, after which the W.M. proceeded to the election and investiture of his other officers as follow: Bro. W. J. Nunn S.D., E. G. Castledine I.G., W. E. Bailey P.M. Sec. Afterwards Bro. J. H. Bevan P.G.S.W. gave the charge to the W.M., the Wardens, and to the brethren. Eleven joining members were proposed, and four candidates for initiation were proposed, so that in the event of their election the Abbey Lodge will begin with the very satisfactory number, including those brethren who signed the warrant, of 22 members.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to refreshment. A very elegant repast had been prepared, which reflected the highest credit on the manageress, Mrs. Sparke. About 30 brethren sat down to dinner, under the presidency of W.M. Bro. W. H. Lucia, who after proposing "The health of the Queen," "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers of England," introduced the toast of "R.W.P.G.M. of Suffolk, Lord Waveney," of whose zeal for Freemasonry he made due acknowledgments, instancing as the last proof of it that his Lordship had come down from London that day specially to consecrate the Abbey Lodge, and after the banquet he would have to post to Flixton. He tendered to his Lordship the hearty thanks of the brethren for his great kindness, which he assured him they fully appreciated.

The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, said it had given him very great

pleasure to witness the progress of Masonry in Bury St. Edmund's, and it was because he felt that he could not be absent from the consecration of the new Lodge that he had requested the postponement of the ceremony from the day originally fixed. The number of members of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge who had joined it convinced him that the establishment of this Lodge was not a sign of division, but was an earnest that the work was still progressing, and he had no doubt that the two Lodges would act harmoniously together, and be animated by a spirit of generous emulation. His Lordship mentioned as a singular circumstance that during his stay in Rome he visited the English college there, which he need scarcely say was Roman Catholic, and the Principal showed him a number of old archives, and last of all he produced one which he said he especially wished him to see; and that was the charter of a charitable institution of St. Edmundsbury, founded in the 13th century, which had been incorporated with the English college. He told the Principal that the Christian King suffered martyrdom within a few miles of his own home in Suffolk, and it would give him pleasure to mention what he had seen on his return to England. It was pleasant, his Lordship remarked, thus to note how the stream of charity had constantly flowed from this neighbourhood, and that it continued to flow they had one instance in the support given at the present day to the Masonic Charities. In conclusion his Lordship wished every prosperity to the Abbey Lodge, and proposed, in complimentary terms, "The health of the W.M.," who suitably responded.

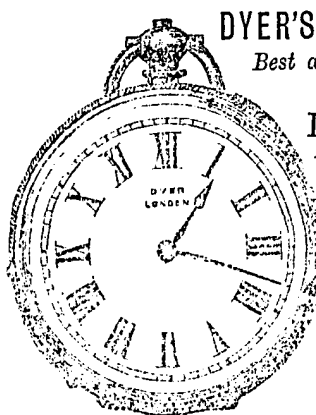
The other toasts were "The Charities," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," &c. During the evening some capital songs were sung, and everything passed off harmoniously.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of Hauraki, No. 454, I.C. assembled in the Masonic Hall, Grahamstown, on 23rd Nov., for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term. Principal Reece and Past-Principals Brock and Stephenson, from Auckland, and the Principals of the Abbotsford Chapter were present. The installation ceremonies were conducted by M.E.P.Z. Wildman, and the following were duly installed:—1st Principal, Comp. W. Climo, 2nd Principal, Comp. R. M. Mitchel, 3rd Principal Comp. S. Bawden C.H., Comp. F. G. R. Woodward S.T., Comp. D. Taylor R.A.C., Comp. W. Jenkins C.S.V., Comp. J. H. Wheeler C.P.V., J. Hopkins C.B.V., S. Catron T., J. Osborn J., J. Ross. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Pacific Hotel, where a dinner had been provided by host Curtis in his best style. There were about 35 Companions of the Hauraki Chapter and visiting Companions present.

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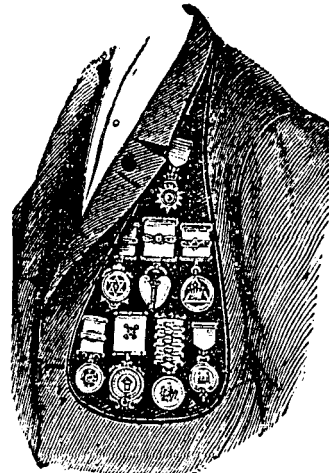
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