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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

IN our issue of the 1st ult., we announced that the Annual Festival of this excellent Masonic Charity would be held on the 28th April, in the Exhibition Palace, under the immediate auspices of His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, who would preside on the occasion, while his daughter, the Lady Georgina Hamilton, had graciously undertaken to present the prizes to the successful pupils. The 28th ultimo was, accordingly, a *dies festus* in the annals, not only of the Girls' School, and that for Boys' attached to it, but of the whole Craft in Ireland, who evinced their interest in Masonry and this particular form of Masonic Benevolence by supporting their Grand Master in considerable numbers, and with an enthusiasm that was even more considerable still. *The Daily Express* of Dublin contains a full and most elaborate account of the ceremony, the following summary of which will be as interesting almost to brethren on this as on the other side of the Irish Channel.

On no previous occasion has there been so much interest exhibited on behalf of this School. The doors of the Great Concert Hall were thrown open at half-past seven p.m. In half an hour afterwards every available space was occupied, and even then there remained to be accommodated as many more visitors, who were enabled, however, to promenade in the great Glass Building and Leinster Hall, listening to the strains of the splendid band of the 17th Lancers, under their able conductor, Bro. A. Hartmann, while those in the Concert room had the great pleasure of listening to a series of recitals on the organ, by Bro. C. O. Grandison, G.O. All present were in evening dress, and the scene was one of unexampled brilliancy, by reason of the gay dresses of the ladies and the insignia of the Craftsmen. A platform, covered with crimson cloth, and decorated for the occasion, had been erected in the centre of the hall extending to the orchestra. At half-past eight the Duke of Abercorn arrived, accompanied by the Lady Georgina Hamilton, Lords Ernest and Frederick Hamilton, Mr. Gustavus, Lady Fanny and the Misses Lambart, and Colonel and Mrs. Bernard. At nine o'clock, a procession was formed, for the purpose of conducting the Duke from the Leinster Hall to the Concert Hall, and advanced towards the platform in the following order:—

Stewards.
Grand Steward.
Officers of Country Lodges being Governors.
Officers of Dublin Lodges, according to seniority, the junior first.
Officers of the Grand Master's Lodge.
The Vice-Patrons. Honorary Officers and Committee of the Orphan School.
Provincial Grand Officers.
Past Grand Officers.
Provincial Deputy Grand Masters.
Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges.
Grand Inner Guard. Grand Organist. Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Deacons, with their Wands.
The Grand Chaplains.
The Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer.
The Grand Wardens.
Provincial Grand Masters.
The Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword.
The Deputy Grand Secretary, carrying the Book of Constitutions.
The Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies, with his Wand.
Stewards.

On ascending the platform, the brethren filed off according to Lodges to their appointed places, and the Grand Master having taken his seat on the throne, the pupils of the School, followed by those of the Boys' School, entered and occupied the seats provided for them in front of the platform. The Grand Master having been saluted, two verses of the Hundredth Psalm were sung. Bro. Dr. Eltrington, Q.C., the Honorary Secretary, then read the report, from which it appeared that the state of the Institution was prosperous. Its income for the year just concluded was in excess of that of the previous year. Four pupils had left, and nine been admitted, bringing the roll up to forty-five, the greatest number which, consistently with health and comfort, could possibly be accommodated. It further appeared that Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, who had held the office of Assistant Secretary of the School for eighteen years, had, on his acceptance of the Deputy Grand Secretaryship of Grand Lodge, vacated his post, to which Bro. Richard L. Whitty had been appointed. An address would, accordingly, be presented to Bro. Oldham, by the Governors of the Institution, expressing their very high sense of the valuable services he had rendered to the School. The Governors also expressed their satisfaction with the manner in which those entrusted with the conduct of the establishment had fulfilled their duties, and concluded by hoping that the difficulties arising from a proper want of accommodation in the School houses, would be remedied at an early date. The Duke of Abercorn then rose, and after the applause with which he was greeted had subsided, said a few words of congratulation at the state of the School, and the ability and good conduct of the pupils. His Grace added:—

"Of all the enormous and important benefits which the brotherhood of Freemasonry has conferred upon mankind there is none more useful or more interesting than that by which it is enabled to support the orphans of its members, and to give them an education and a teaching which shall show them those high social and moral duties of which Freemasonry is the earnest and incessant exponent. Ladies and brethren, on behalf of those children who have already benefited by this Institution, and on behalf of those who, we hope, in future will have the advantage of benefiting by it, I thank you for your presence here to-night, and for the interest you have shown in the objects of the institution." (Applause.)

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor then rose, and with a few appropriate remarks proposed the following resolution:—

"That the report now read be adopted, printed, and circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they take in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School."

This was seconded by Bro. the Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, and adopted with acclamation. The following election of pianoforte music was then played by sundry of the girls:—Duet, A. M. Copeland, P. Sieggog, "Grand Caprice Hongrois," Ketterer; solo, G. Harte, "Les Couriers," Ritter; solo, G. Gill, "Pasquinade," Gottschale; duet, K. Baker and M. Burdge, "Chanson Napolitane," Forbes; solo, Miss Williams (pupil teacher), "Fantasia, Irish Airs," Thalberg.

Then the National Anthem having been sung, the solo parts being admirably rendered, the procession was reformed and the Grand Master conducted to the dais in the Glass Building, where the prizes were distributed by the Lady Georgina Hamilton, as under:—

GIRLS.

Fennell Prize, value £3 Not yet awarded.
 Special Certificate (superior answering)... Anna Copeland.
 Astley Prizes { 1st £2 { Anna Copeland.
 { 2nd £1 { Emily Christian.
 Good Conduct Medals, awarded by { Silver, Emily Christian.
 { Bronze, Char. A. M. Burdge.
 the Pupils themselves

Third Class.—Henrietta Little, good conduct. Mary Orr, third geography. Edith Anketell, first grammar, writing and work; and second history. Agnes Owen, first arithmetic. Kate Savers, first history and spelling. Henrietta McNally, first geography; second arithmetic; third grammar, spelling and reading. Emily Fraser, first reading and work; second spelling. Emily Wigmore, second grammar and writing; third history. Sophie Fenton, first history and arithmetic; second reading and writing; third geography. Annie Christian, first music (practice); second geography and reading; third needlework. Susan Green, first arithmetic and reading. Laura Bradburne, second work.

Second Class.—Gertrude Malone, first music (3rd class). Annie Orr, first mental arithmetic, second music. Louisa M'Mullen, second mental arithmetic; third spelling. Jane Crymble, second needlework; third drawing. Helen Perry, first music (theory); second practice (4th class). Kate Lowry, second music (3rd class). Frances Smith, first arithmetic, reading, recitation, French and drawing; second grammar and spelling; third history and writing. Lily Bradshaw, first mental arithmetic; second drawing and reading; third writing and grammar. Emma Hendley, first history, grammar, spelling, recitation, music (practice), and drawing; second geography and reading. Sophie O'Reilly, first geography and music (theory); second history, arithmetic, and writing; third mental arithmetic. Christabella Knight, first writing and music (theory); second, drawing; third spelling. Charlotte Burdge, first history, drawing and good conduct; second recitation and music (practice); third geography and arithmetic.

First Class.—Mary Armstrong, first writing and work; third mental arithmetic. Frances Baker, first reading and good conduct. Fanny Shields, first music (theory) (2nd class); second Roman history, recitation and French; third grammar, geography, arithmetic, writing and drawing. Phoebe Shegog, first Roman history, reading, recitation and drawing; second Grecian history; third French. Gertrude Gill, second history, grammar, geography, music (theory), and needlework; third spelling. Emily Christian, second spelling, recitation, French and needlework; third reading and writing. Grace Harte, first music (practice) and needlework; second history, arithmetic, mental arithmetical and drawing. Anna Copeland, first Grecian and English history, grammar, geography, arithmetic, mental arithmetic, spelling, recitation, French and music (theory); second reading, writing and Roman history. Special, first drawing.

BOYS.

Second Class.—Edward B. Atkins, first Latin. Edward L. Coleman, first arithmetic. Robert G. Warren, first geography and grammar. Robert C. Burton, first history, geography, and Scripture. Julian H. Verden, first arithmetic. Latin, and dictation.

First Class.—Alexander Semple, first history, arithmetic, Euclid, algebra, and Scripture. Frederick S. Clayton, first Greek, dictation, and geography. Edward Shields, first geography and Latin. George A. DuNoyer, first Scripture. Despard S. Humphreys, first Scripture. James A. Fraser, first dictation, Latin, and Greek (2nd class).

The medals follow:—

Second Class.—James A. Fraser, bronze for classics. Robert C. Burton, bronze for English.

First Class.—Alexander Semple, silver for both English and mathematics.

The Oldham Good Conduct Medals, awarded by the pupils themselves, were won by Edward Shields, in 1st class, and Crosbie Harvey in 2nd class.

An address to Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, from the Committee of the Boys' School, was then read by Bro. George Hill Major, and a similar address from the Committee of the Girls' School, by Dr. J. F. Elrington. An address from the pupils of the latter was also presented.

Bro. Shekleton having tendered the thanks of the meeting to the Duke of Abercorn for his presence, and the latter having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings came to an end, but a large number of the visitors tarried to enjoy the promenade and the performances of the band of the Lancers.

The arrangements were ably carried out, the following brethren acting as Stewards, namely:—

Bros. George Bell, Dr. G. Beatty, Isaac Cole, John D. Elliott, Thomas Fitzgerald, Henry E. Flavelle, Charles Foot, Robert Furlong, John F. Goodman, George Guice, Walter Gyles, George Harvey, George Henderson, John V. Legge, Isaac Molloy, Fletcher Moore, Wm. Peebles, John P. Ryan, J. H. Woodworth, J. J. L. Robinson, William Roper, Robert W. Symmes, W. T. Welland, George Westby, James H. North, and Dr. Bennett.

To give a list of all present would occupy too much space, but the following Grand Officers and representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges assisted on this interesting occasion:—

R.W. Robert William Shekleton, D.G.M.; R.W. Lord Dunboyne,

J.G.W.; R.W. Arthur Bashe, G.T.; R.W. the Rev. John James Macsorley, and R.W. Lord Plunket, G.C.'s; W. Alderman Joseph Manning, J.G.D.; W. George A. Stephens, G.S.W.; W. Theophilus E. St. George, G.D.C.; W. George Moyers, LL.D., G.S.; W. Harry Hodges, G.S.B.; W. Charles Ogilvie Grandison, G.O.; W. Humphrey Minchin, M.B., G.I.G.; W. Samuel B. Oldham, D.G.S. and T.; Bro. Archibald St. George, A.S.; Bro. Samuel G. Downes, G.T.; Bro. Edward Batchelor, A.G.T.

Representatives.—From the G.L. of Hamburg, R.W. J. Faviero Elrington, LL.D., Q.C.; from the G.L. of Prussia (Three Globes), G.L. of Prussia (the Countries), and the G.L. of Prussia (R.Y.F.), R.W. Philip C. Smyly, M.D.; from the G.L. of Spain, R.W. Major A. Vesey Davoren; from the G.L. of Louisiana, R.W. Lucius H. Deering; from the G.L. of Virginia, R.W. Edward H. Kinahan, J.P.; from the G.L. of Tennessee, R.W. Thomas Brunker; from the G.L. of Alabama, R.W. Captain George Huband, J.P.; from the G.L. of Nova Scotia, R.W. Charles C. Macnamara; from the G.L. Lusitano Unido, Portugal, R.W. John H. Goddard; from the G.L. of Quebec, R.W. George Hill Major.

PAPAL INTOLERANCE OF MASONIC CHARITY.

WE are indebted to the columns of *Le Monde Maçon-nique* for the following evidence of the strict obedience which Roman Catholic priests render to the precepts of that holy religion of which they are professedly the ministers.

An aged Freemason, whose house had been swept away, and whose wife was drowned by the inundation of the Garonne, succeeded in saving himself, but in a condition, both mental and physical, worthy of the deepest commiseration. The Lodge of which he had been a member, having contributed its mite to the general subscription, charged two of its members to inquire specially into the condition of their brother, and render him assistance. Having accomplished their purpose, the Committee of Inquiry addressed the following letter to their unfortunate fellow-Mason:—

"VERY DEAR BROTHER,—The terrible disaster which has plunged you and your family into mourning and desolation has been deeply felt by our Lodge, which has not forgotten that you were made a Mason within the precincts of its Temple. Bro. B. and I are charged with the sad mission of interpreting to you the deep feeling of sympathy which animates the brethren of our Orient, under the irreparable misfortune which has just befallen you.

"Is there any need to remind you that, among the virtues whose cultivation is enjoined on all our members, there shine in the very front work of all: Hope, that soft illusion of the heart, which softens our bitterest regrets by carrying us beyond that tomb where rest those beings who are dear to us; Resignation, to preserve us from despair, and to enable us to bear with fortitude the rudest shocks of adversity; Self-denial, that superhuman virtue, which makes us love the sacrifice, even of life itself, in order that we may fly to the aid of a brother in peril: Fraternity, which far from being a meaningless word in our mouths, is as it were the life-giving torch of our heart, the indissoluble bond which unites all Masons spread over the surface of the earth.

"You are not ignorant that what the world calls liberalities, are not considered among us either as a matter for ostentation by him who gives, or as a subject of humiliation by him who receives. All of us have a duty to perform towards our fellows, and each has a right to some slight aid from others.

"At our last meeting we made a collection on behalf of a brother, who was a sufferer by the inundation, and we hasten to address to you the proceeds in bank-notes. Our regret is that, having regard to the greatness of your calamity, the amount is so small."

Five days afterwards, one of those who signed the foregoing letter, received a packet, containing the letter, the bank-notes, and a letter unsigned, to the following effect:—

"The state of M. X. has been very serious these few days, and has not permitted him to take earlier notice of your letter. He thanks you for your sympathies and your kind intentions towards him; but as he is not a member of your society, he cannot, under any circumstances, accept the aid you have so kindly proffered."

"This would seem improbable in the highest degree," says M. Canbet, the writer, "if we could not trace in it the intervention of certain admirers of the *Syllabus*, bigoted preachers of a war of extermination against Freemasonry, who had surrounded the unfortunate our brethren would have succoured, and who succeeded in enacting so pitiable a deceit in his name."

In the face of such facts comment is superfluous. May it never be the fate of England, or any other enlightened country, where Masonry doth flourish, to pass under the yoke of this contemptible Ultramontane priesthood! A righteous Roman Catholic Priest would never thus have disgraced his holy calling, but an Ultramontane bigot will stand at nothing, if only he can help forward the base ends of his sect.

BRISCOE'S MS. — PRINTED A.D. 1724-5.

EARLY last century there were several transcripts of old MSS. published, notably those of Cole, 1729. and Mrs. Dobb, 1738. The version of Cole's has since been reprinted 1731, 1754, &c., and of late years a facsimile edition was issued by Bro. Hughan in 1869, copies of which are now rarely met with, and command quite fabulous prices. Bro. Spencer in 1871 published a splendid series of the "Old Constitutions," including Cole's MS. of 1726 (circa). Copies of these excellent and useful reprints may still be had.

Mrs. Dodd's MS. of 1738 is now being reprinted for the first time in the *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, and in order that we may keep pace with the times, and prove a fit Chronicle of Freemasonry, its History, Bibliography, &c., we have decided to reprint Briscoe's MS. of A.D. 1724, *verbatim et literatim*.

The oldest printed transcript of a Masonic MS. was Roberts's of 1722, reprinted in Bro. Spencer's "Old Constitutions," and the next in point of priority of publication is Briscoe's.

The Masonic student should consult Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons," which is the only work that fully treats of this important subject, and brethren wishing just a glance at the question will do well to re-peruse the communication from Bro. Hughan, which appeared in our issue of the 25th March last.*

The following bibliographical notes will doubtless prove interesting to our readers. The pamphlet, now reproduced, is in octavo, and of 47 pages. The short title is *The Secret History of the Freemasons Discovered, &c.* (on the wrapper). The inner title is a long one, and purports to be an *Accidental Discovery of the Ceremonies made use of in the several Lodges, upon the admittance of a Brother as a Free and Accepted Mason, &c.*, London, printed for Sam. Briscoe at the Bell Savage, on Ludgate Hill, &c., &c. No date, but of the year 1724. The preface consists of IV. pages, and is of an amusing and partly absurd character. Then follows the MS. proper, said to be "of near 300 years Translation into the English," the original of which has not for certainty been traced. After the MS. are "Observations and Critical Remarks on the new Constitutions of the Freemasons, written by James Anderson, A.M., &c.," and the Finale is "A Short Dictionary explaining the Private Signs or Signals used among the Freemasons." The MS. has never been printed this century.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONS NOW MIRACULOUSLY DISCOVERED.

The Might of the Father of Heaven, with the Wisdom of His Glorious Son, through the Goodness of the Holy Ghost, which be Three Persons in one Godhead, be with us at our Beginning, and give us Grace so to govern us in our Living, that we may come to the Bliss that never shall have ending.

GOOD BRETHREN and FELLOWS, our purpose is to let you know how, and in what manner this Craft of MASONRY was begun; and afterwards how it was Founded by Worthy Kings and Princes, and many other Worthy Men: And also to them that be here we will declare the CHARGE that doth belong to every True MASON to keep; for in good Faith, if you take heed thereunto, it is well kept for a worthy Craft, and curious Science; for there be Seven Liberal SCIENCES, of which Grammar, Rhetorick, Logick, Arithmetick, Geometry, Musick, and Astronomy.

GRAMMAR teacheth a Man to Speak and Write truly.

RHETORICK, teacheth a Man to Speak Fair and in Subtile Terms.

LOGICK, teacheth to discern Truth from Falshood.

ARITHMETICK, teacheth to Reckon and Count all manner of Numbers.

GEOMETRY, teacheth to Mete and Measure the Earth, and the Things of the same, which Science is MASONRY.

MUSICK, that teacheth the Voice, as Harp and Organ.

ASTRONOMY, teacheth to know the Course of the Sun and Moon, and other Ornaments of the Heavens.

THE Seven Liberal SCIENCES are all but One SCIENCE, that is to say, GEOMETRY.

THUS a Man may prove that all the SCIENCES in the World be found in GEOMETRY; for it teacheth Mete Measure, Ponderation, and Weight of all Kiuds of Earth, and there is no Man worketh by any Craft, but he worketh by some Measure; and no Man Buyeth and Selleth but by Measure and Weight; and all GEOMETRICIANS, CRAFTSMEN, and MERCHANTS, find out the SEVEN SCIENCES, especially PLOUGH MEN, and TILLERS of all manner of GRAIN, both Corn, Seeds, Vines, Plants, TILLERS of all other Fruits; for neither GRAMMAR nor ASTRONOMY or any of all These can find a Man to Measure, or Mete, without GEOMETRY, wherefore I think that SCIENCE most worthy.

* The asterisks in the first portion of Bro. Hughan's Article on "Old Charges of British Freemasons" were inserted in error.

THAT findeth how this Worthy SCIENCE was first found out: I shall tell you, before NOAH's flood there was a man called LAMECH, as it is Written in the fourth chapter of GENESIS; and LAMECH had two Wives, the one Wife was called ADAM, and the other ZILLAH; and by the first Wife ADAM he begat Two Sons, the one was called JABAL, and the other JUBAL; and by the other Wife he had One Son and One Daughter, and these Four Children found out the Beginning of all CRAFTS in the World.

This JABAL was the Oldest Son, and he found out the Craft of GEOMETRY, and he parted Flocks, Sheep, and Lambs in the Fields; and he First Wrought House of Stone, &c., there as it is noted in the Chapter abovesaid, &c., his Brother JUBAL found Musick of HARP and ORGAN; and the 3rd Brother, TURAL, found the *Smith's Craft*, as of Iron and Steel; and their Sister found out Weaving, Spinning, and Knitting; And these Children did know that God would take Vengeance for Sin, either by Fire or Water, therefore they wrote the SCIENCES, what they found, in Two Pillars of Stone, that they might be found after the Flood: That one Stone was called *Marble*, and that cannot burn with Fire: The other called *Loteras*, that cannot drown with Water: Our intent is to let you know truly and in what manner these Stones were found that these CRAFTS were written on.

THIS *Greek* HERMEN is he that was Son unto CUS, and was Son unto SEM, the which was Son unto NOAH; the same HERMEN was after called HERMES, the Father of the Wise Men, and he found out the Two Pillars of Stone, the SCIENCES written therein, and taught them hereinafter at the making of the Tower of *Babylon*: There was the Craft of MASONRY first found, and made much of. And the King of *Babylon* that was called HEM BROTH, or NEMBROTH, was a MASON, and loved well the CRAFT, as it is said by the Masters of the Stories: And when the Cities of EAST ASIA should be made, HEM BROTH the King of *BABYLON*, sent thither sixty MASONS at the Desire of the King of *NINIVETH*, his Cousin: And they went forth, and he gave them Charges after this Manner, That they should be True, and Love Truly together; and that they should serve their Lord Truly for their Payment, so that he might have Worship for sending of them to him: And other Charges he gave them, and this was the first Time that any MASON had any Charge of his CRAFT. Moreover, when ABRAHAM and SARAH his wife went into *Egypt* they were taught the Seven SCIENCES unto the EGYPTIANS, and had a worthy scholar call'd EACHLID, and he learned right well, and was Master of all the Seven SCIENCES: And in his Days it befel, that the Lords and States of the Realm had so many Sons, which they had begat, some by their Wives and some by their Ladies of the Realm, for that Land is a Holy Land, and a plentions Generation, and they had no Living competent for their Children: Wherefore they made much Sorrow, and the King made a great Counsel, and a great Parliament, to know how they might find their Children, and they could find no good Ways; and he caused a Cry to be made throughout the Realm, if there were any Man that would Inform him, that he should be well Rewarded and hold him well paid.

AFTER this cry was made came this Worthy Clerk EACHLID, and said unto the King, and all his Great Lords, *If you will take us, your Children to Govern, and Teach them Honestly, let it be under condition you will Grant them and me a Commission that I may have Power to Rule them Honestly, as the SCIENCE ought to be Ruled.* And the King and his Council granted them a Vow, and sealed that Commission, and then that Doctor took to him the Lords Sons, and taught the Worthy SCIENCE of GEOMETRY, Practice to work Mysteries of all Manner of Works that belong to Building of Castles, all Manner of Courts and Temples, and Churches, with all other Building: And he gave them Charge on this Manner; first they should be True to the King and to the Lord that they served, and that they shou'd Love well together, and be True to one another; and that they should call one another Fellows, and not Servants, nor his Knave, nor any foul Names; and that they shou'd truly deserve their Payment to the Lord that they serve; and that they should Ordain the Wisest to be the Masters of the Work, whereby he should not be evil served, and they ashamed; and that they should call him the Governour of the Work whilst they worked with him; and many other Charges which are too long to tell; and to all these Charges he made them swear the Great Oath that Men used to swear at that Time, and ordained for them reasonable Payment, that they might live by it Honestly; and also that they should come and Assemble there together, that they might have Counsel in their CRAFT how they might work best to serve their Lord for their Profit and Worship, and to correct themselves if they have trespassed; thus the CRAFT of GEOMETRY was governed there, and the worthy Master called it GEOMETRY, and it is called MASONRY in this Land.

Since here after the Children of Israel were come into the Land of *Be'el*, now called amongst us the country of *Hierusalem*, the holy City, that is with them, *Templum Dei*; and the same King DAVID loved MASONS well, and cherished them, and gave them good Payment; and he gave them Charges that afterwards, and after the Decease of King DAVID, SOLOMON his Son performed out the Temple that his father had begun; and he sent after for MASONS out of divers Lands and gathered them together.

So that he had Eighty Thousand of them, and they were named MASONS, and he had Three Thousand that were ordained to be Masters and Governours of that work.

And there was a King of another Nation that was called HYROM, and he loved well King SOLOMON, and gave him Timber for his Work; he had a son was called AYNON, and he was Master of GEOMETRY, and he was chief Master of all the MASONS, and Masters of all his gravening Work, and all other of MASONRY that belongeth to the Temple, and this witnesseth the Bible, in the 5th Book of *Kings*, and elsewhere.

And this same SOLOMON confirmed both Charges and Manners that his Father had given to MASONRY confirmed in the country of *Hierusalem*, and in many other Kingdoms, glorious CRAFTSMEN walking broad into divers Countries, some because of learning more CRAFT, and others to teach them more CRAFT.

And so it befel that a curious MASON that was named NAINUS

GRACUS, that had been at the making of SOLOMON'S Temple, and came into France, and he taught the CRAFT of MASONRY to a man of France, that was named CHARLES MARTILL, and he loved well his CRAFT, and drew to him this NAINUS GRACUS aforesaid, and learned of him Charges and Manners.

And afterwards, by the Grace of God, he was elected to be KING of France; and when he was in his Estate, he took to him many MASONS and made MASONS there that were none, and set them on Work, and gave them both Charges and Manners, and good Payment as he had learned of other MASONS, and confirmed their Charter from year to year to hold their Assembly; and thus came the CRAFT into France.

And England all this season stood void, as for any Charge of MASONRY, until the Time of St. Albion, and in his Time the King of England, that was a Pagan, he walled the Town Wall, which is now called *S. Albons*.

And so in ST. ALBION'S Time, a worthy Knight was Steward to the King, and had Government of the Realm, and also of the making of the Town Walls, and he loved well MASONS and cherished them.

And he made their Payment right good standing Wages as the Realm did require, for he gave them every Week three Shillings Sixpence to their double Wages: Before that time throughout all the Land a MASON took but a Penny a Day, and next to that time ST. ALBION mended it, and got them a Charter of the King, and his Council gave it the Name of Assembly, and thereat he was himself, and MASONS, and gave them Charges as you shall hear afterwards right.

After the Death of ST. ALBION there came Wars into England, through divers Commotions, so that the good Rule of MASONS was quite destroy'd until the Time of King ATHELSTON, that was a worthy King in England.

And he built many other Buildings, and loved MASONS very well, and he had a son that was called HEDVICE, and he loved MASONS much more than his Father, and he was full of Practice in GEOMETRY; wherefore he drew himself to commune with MASONS, and he learned of their CRAFT, and he was made a MASON himself, and got of his Father the King, a Charter and Commission to hold every Assembly; where they themselves were punished for Trespasses, if committed or done within the CRAFT, and he held himself an Assembly at York, and there he made MASONS and gave them charges and taught them the Manners of MASONS.

And commanded that Rule to be holden ever after, and to them took the Charter and Commission, to keep and ordain that it should be ruled from Time to Time,

When this Assembly was gathered together, he made a cry that all MASONS both old and young, that had any Writing or Understanding of the CRAFT, and Charges that were made before, either in the Land or any other Land, that they should shew them forth, and there were found some in French, some in Greek, some in English, and some in other languages.

And the intent thereof was found, and he commanded a Book to be made how the CRAFT was first made and found, and commanded that it should be read and told when any MASON should be made, and to give him Charges.

And from that, until this time, MASONS have been kept in that Sort and Order, as well as the men might govern it, and furthermore at divers Assemblies have been put to, and added certain Charges more, by the best advice of Masters and Fellows.

Here followeth the Worthy and Godly OATH of MASONS.

Every One that is a MASON, take heed to his Charge; if you find yourselves guilty of any of these that you may amend you again; and especially you that are to be charged, take heed that you keep this Charge, for it is a great Peril to forswear himself on a Book.

1. You shall be a True Man to God, and to the Holy Church; and that you use no Error, nor Heresy by your Understanding, or by the teaching of Men.

2. You shall bear true Ageement to the King, without Treason or Falshood.

3. AND that you know no Treason, but may amend it, if you may; or else warn the King, or his lawful Successors, or their Council thereof.

4. You shall be True one to another; that is to say, every Master and Fellow of the Charge of MASONRY, that to be MASONS allowed, that you do to them that you would they should do to you.

5. AND also MASONS keep True COUNCIL of LODGE, and CHAMBER, and all other that ought to be kept by the way of MASONRY.

6. AND also that no MASON shall be Chief, neither in Company, as far forth as he shall, or may know.

7. You shall be true to the Lord, and Master, you serve; and truly to be for his Profit and Advantage.

8. AND also that you do no Villany in that House whereby the Craft be slandered.

These be Charges in General, that every MASON, both Master and Fellow, should keep.

Now I will rehearse other Charges in particular for Masters and Fellows.

1. THAT no Master shall take upon him any Lord's Work, nor any other work but that he know himself able of coming to perform the same, so that the Craft have no Disworship, but that the Lord may be well served and truly.

2. AND also that no Master take no work but that he take it reasonably; so that the Lord may be well served, which is one good and the Master to live Honestly by it, and so pay his Fellow truly their Pay, as the Craft doth require.

3. AND also that no Master, nor Fellow, shall supplant others of their Work, that is to say, if they have taken a Work, and seen Master of the Lord's Work, you shall not put him out if he be able of coming to End the Work.

4. AND also that no Master, nor Fellow, or Apprentice, be allowed as an Apprentice of Seven Years; but the Apprentice to be able of Birth and Life, as he ought to be.

5. AND also that no Master, nor Fellow, take Allowance to make MASONS without the Assent of his Fellows, at the least Five or Six; and he that shall be made Mason be able over all Syers, that is to say, that he be Freeborn, and of a good Kindred, and no Bond-Man; and that have his right Limbs as a Man ought to have.

6. AND also that every MASON shall give no Pay to his Fellows, but as he may deserve; so that he may not be deceived by false Workmen.

7. AND also that no Master shall put Lords Work to Task, that used to go to Journey-Work.

8. AND also that no Fellow slander falsely another beyond his back, to make him loose his good Name, or world-Goods.

9. AND also that no Fellow within the LODGE, nor without, answer another Ungodly without reasonable cause.

10. AND also that every MASON shall prefer his Fellow, and put him to Worship.

11. AND that no MASON shall play at Hazzard, nor any other Game whereby they may be slandered.

12. AND also that no MASON shall be a common Ribbald in Letchery, to make the Craft to be slandered.

13. AND also that no Fellow go to a Town where there is a LODGE of Fellows, without a Fellow to bear him Company, and witness that he was in honest Company.

14. AND also that every Master and Fellow come to the Assembly, if it be within Fifty Miles about him, if he have any Warning, or to stand to the award of Masters and Fellows.

15. AND also that every Master and Fellow, if they have Trespassed, shall stand to the award of Masters to make them accord if they may; and if they may not accord, to go to the Common Law.

16. AND also that no MASON Mould, Square, and Rule, to any rough Hewer.

17. AND also that no MASON within the LODGE, or without the LODGE, to have any Mould of his own making.

18. AND also that every MASON shall Receive and Cherish strange Fellows, when they come over the Country, and set them at Work as the Manner is; that is to say, if they have any Work and Stone in Place he shall set them at Work a Fourth Night at least, and give him his Wages; and if there be no Stone in Place, he shall give him Money to carry him to the next LODGE.

19. AND also he shall, and every MASON shall truly serve his Work, and make an End of his Work, be it Task or Journey-Work, if they may have pay as they ought to have.

So these are that we have Rehearsed, and all other you shall keep. So help you God and Holy-Dome, and by this Book, to the utmost of your Power.

FINIS.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of this grand body was held on Wednesday last, 3rd instant, at Freemason's Hall. The business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the report was adopted, and the prayers of petitions for Chapters to be attached to the Hamer Lodge 1393, Gosport 903, Zetland 1071, Era 1423, and Lewis 1185 were granted. The following is a list of the Grand Officers for the present year:—

Grand Z.	...	H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Pro Grand Z.	...	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.
Grand H.	...	Lord Skelmersdale
Grand J.	...	Lord De Tabley
Grand E.	...	John Hervey.
Grand N.	...	Earl of Donoughmore.
Prin. Sojr.	...	The Hon. William Warren Vernon.
1st Assist. Sojr.	...	The Revd. Spencer Robert Wigram.
2nd Assist. Sojr.	...	Lieutenant Col. Thomas Birchall.
Treasurer	...	Samuel Tomkins.
Registrar	...	Aeneas J. McIntyre Q.C.
Sword Bearer	...	T. W. Boord M.P.
Standard Bearer	...	E. J. Barron.
D.C.	...	John M. Case.
Janitor	...	C. B. Payne.

The New Committee of Grand Chapter was nominated as follows:—

E. Comp.	...	Lt. Col. J. Creaton, President.
"	...	Benjamin Head.
"	...	Robert Grey.
"	...	J. Lewis Thomas, P.Z. ... No. 13
"	...	Joseph Smith, P.Z. ... 19
"	...	John Boyd ... 145
"	...	Frederick Adlard ... 214
"	...	Henry C. Levander ... 720
"	...	William Stephens ... 1365

Among those present were the Earl of Donoughmore, Major Marmaduke Ramsay, A. A. Bayshaw, John Countable, C. Coupland, Dr. Woodman, F. Driver, H. Clarke, F. Adlard, &c. &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

A WARRANT having been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge, for which a numerous signed application, supported by four Lodges in the vicinity, had been sent in, a more appropriate title could not have been chosen than the above. Sir Hugh Myddelton was not a Mason, yet not only the residents of Islington, but all classes, are familiar with his history as projector of the New River Company. Bro. J. Hervey, our respected Grand Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, and a numerous and influential body of Masons—including many Grand Officers—asssembled at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Greetings from brethren from various parts were also given, and there was nothing in the gathering from first to last but hearty expressions for success to the Lodge, which bids fair, not only to have a large number of members, but also to have on its roll the names of brethren who have shed lustre on the Order.

The brethren having assembled, a procession was formed, under the direction of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., which escorted the Consecrating Officer, the Grand Officers and the brethren. Bro. J. Hervey G.S. occupied the chair, Bro. A. J. D. Filer P.G.S.B. as S.W., Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. as J.W., Bro. Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G.C. as Chaplain, assisted by Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., and T. Buss P.M. 27, P.G. Treasurer Middlesex, C. B. Payne G. Tyler, &c.; Bro. E. Somers being the W.M. designate, E. G. Sim 65 S.W. designate, T. J. Coombs 463 J.W. designate. The brethren having taken their places, the Lodge was opened. Bro. John Hervey then addressed the brethren, and his remarks applied to the general tenets of our Order, and the subjects he dwelt on, if carried out, would tend indeed to realise what Freemasonry should be. The Rev. J. R. Simpson then gave the Consecrating prayer, Bro. Osborn read the petition and warrant, empowering the brethren to meet on the 4th Friday in the month, at the Agricultural Hall. The approval of the brethren, as to the officers named in the petition and warrant, was given. Bro. J. R. Simpson P.G.C. then gave a very eloquent and impromptu address, which was listened to with great attention, and admiration at the soundness of the arguments used in connection with the name of the founder, and his general remarks as to the nature of their duties as men and Masons. The following Hymn was then sung:—

"Oh! praise our God to-day,
His constant mercy bless;
Whose love hath helped us on our way,
And granted us success.
Lord, may it be our choice
This blessed rule to keep;
Rejoice with them that do rejoice,
And weep with them that weep.
God of the widow, hear;
Our work of mercy bless;
God of the fatherless, be near,
And grant us great success."

The Lodge board was then uncovered, and the consecrating officer proceeded with the ceremony. The following psalms being sung, namely:—

"Oh! Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in love to Thee, &c."

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Guide me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield."

The Lodge having been dedicated and constituted, Brother C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. D.C. presented Bro. Elias Somers to the Lodge. A board of Installed Masters, numbering thirty-four, was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. John Hervey, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. having been saluted, then invested his officers:—Bro. E. G. Sim S.W., J. J. Coombs J.W., J. Weir on Treas., J. Osborn Sec., A. Rowley S.D., F. Ellar J.D., J. G. Glover I.G., W. Norris D.C., J. D. Taylor P.M. 1365, and W. P. Paulton Stewards, H. De Solla Organist, W. Steedman Tyler. Bro. Sim proposed, and Bro. J. J. Coombs seconded, that Bro. J. Hervey, Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G.C., Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B., and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. be elected honorary members, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sitting down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. F. Sawyer (of the Crystal Palace), and superintended by Bro. Sawyer jun. The tables were beautifully decorated with choice flowers, in artistically designed vases, button holes were provided, and the tickets and menu were really works of art, with appropriate quotations from Shakespeare. The viands, wines and dessert, and the general catering gave great satisfaction. Banners, with the Coat of Arms of Sir Hugh Myddelton, were suspended over the Master's chair. After grace had been sung, the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Craft, was given, and the National Anthem followed. The toast of the M.W.G.M. was then given, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" being sung. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, after which Brother H. De Solla sang "Sally in our Alley." In proposing the toast of the Deputy Grand Master, the W.M. said he was proud to be supported by so many Grand Officers. The conduct of the members

to-day must be considered as an earnest of their desire to do as they had commenced, and he hoped to have Freemasonry carried out to their satisfaction. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. J. R. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. The Glee, "The Winds Whistled Cold," was then sung, after which Rev. J. R. Simpson suitably replied. Bro. J. Hervey then rose and said, To-day we have had the pleasure of inaugurating a new Lodge, and a new link has been added to our chain, which is long, and is getting stronger. I am personally sure this link has done me no discredit, and is a good connecting one for the future. I now propose your Worshipful Master; I am sure the brethren who presented the petition would not have done so unless they had been satisfied that he was one who was qualified to fill the chair. (Cheers.) Having congratulated the master of the Lodge, and having expressed a hope for its future prosperity, Bro. Hervey concluded by proposing the health of the W.M. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, Bro. McDavitt then sang "Widow Machree." The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the Grand Secretary for his kind expressions and his allusion to the links of the chain; he hoped no link would break on the part of the W.M., and added that in his Lodge the Masonic Charities would not be forgotten. He then proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officer. The G.S. on rising, was received with loud cheers and said, he could only thank them for their reception. If what he had done in the capacity of Consecrating Officer had pleased them, he was satisfied. The W.M. then in appropriate terms proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Hubbard sang the song of the "Vagabond." Bro. Howe, P.G.P. Middlesex, returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Lodges who had supported the petition viz: the Islington Lodge (he regretted the absence of its W.M., Bro. Bowyer), the Finsbury Park Lodge, and the Royal Standard Lodge. Bro. Gallant W.M. 813 returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, and regretted the absence of those indefatigable brethren the worthy Secretaries. He hoped the Charities would never be forgotten; they had one able representative in the person of Bro. T. Cubitt P.G.P., who was one of the trustees for the Aged. Bro. Cubitt returned thanks, and alluded to the increase lately made in the Annuity Fund. Bro. Dr. Woodman P.G.S.D. said he regretted the absence of Bro. Little, but assured them his services and energies would always be at their command. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said, the manner in which they had discharged their duties on this the first occasion was sufficient to show what they would do in the future. Glee, "Mynheer von Dunk." Bro. Sim S.W. said he hoped to be a Steward for the Charities, and he was sure the Lodge would not be backward in supporting him. He was pleased to be placed in the position of Senior Warden, and hoped that perfect harmony would prevail during his occupation of that office. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said, that Bros. Weston and Osborn were two well calculated to look after the interests of the Lodge, and he was sure it would be to their satisfaction. Bro. Norris returned thanks for the junior officers. Bro. H. Massey P.M. 619 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks for the Press. The Tyler's toast was then given. Altogether, one of the most enjoyable and harmonious evenings was passed. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Emmens P.G.P. J. Boyd P.G.P. Grand Steward, J. Wright P.G.P., H. Gabb jun. P.M. 813, W. P. Green 861, S. Gibbs 1034, L. Lewis W.M. 65, Benham 1339, Dawson 322, J. Green W.M. 27, Dr. Perry 35, Klenek P.M. 1339, Purdy P.M. 861, J. Kew P.M. 179, Davis W.M. 1228, J. F. Wilson 1298, J. Wicketts 299, Durham 1339, Braine J.W. 1471, Davey P.M. 65, Sheel 719, Fauquez P.M. 70, Lee P.M. 1254, H. Massey P.M. 619, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

CORNWALL CHAPTER OF S.P. ROSE-CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

A meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, at two p.m. precisely, at the Masonic Hall, Truro. The minutes of the previous Chapter, held on 3rd February, having been read and confirmed, the following candidates were elected and perfected, namely:—W. Bro. Thomas Henry Lukes, W.M. No. 496 St. Austell; and W. Bro. Wm. Guy, P.M. No. 496 and P.P.G.D.C., proposed by E. and P. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., 30°, R. order, and seconded by the W.M.S., E. and P. Bro. Col. J. M. Whitehead Peard; Bro. Frank Parkyn, S.W. No. 256, Lostwithiel, proposed by the Recorder and seconded by Ill. Bro. Hughan, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Bro. Alfred Lake, I.G. No. 977, Fowey, proposed by Ill. Bro. Hughan, and seconded by E. and P. Bro. Lake, 18°. A P.M.W.S. jewel was then presented to Ill. Bro. Sir P. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 32°, I.P.M.W.S., in appreciation of his valuable services to the Chapter as its first M.W.S. The presentation was made by Col. Peard, M.W.S., and very feelingly acknowledged by the recipient. After the transaction of some formal business the Chapter was closed.

It is rumoured that the firm of Messrs Felton and Sons, the wine merchants, of 27 Albemarle-street, Piccadilly, proprietors of the well-known "Spécialité" sherry, will shortly be turned into a limited liability company, with a capital of £250,000.—*Pullionist*.

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VISITING BRETHERN.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think I may safely assume that one of the manifold duties of your office must be an occasional enactment of the rôle of a Visiting Brother. I therefore preface the few observations I desire to make with a solemn declaration of my high regard for the individual impersonators of that familiar character, in what I will venture to call Masonic comedy.

As a "Visiting Brother," Sir, it has without doubt fallen to your lot—for you are human and not altogether sinless—to return thanks for the "hearty way" or "cordial manner" in which the toast of "the Visitors" has been received, and you have probably set about praising every thing and every body, descending in due degrees from the "dignity" of the W.M., and the "zeal" of his officers to the "remarkable urbanity" of the Tyler, with that easy geniality and happy selection of adjectives which I imagine to be an essential quality of the editorial nature. That, Sir, has been the well marked course of the Visiting Brother time out of mind, and, until last week, I never met with one of our Fraternity possessing the courage to depart from it.

To tell the truth, the case was one that provoked plain speaking, and the Visiting Brother I refer to was equal to the occasion. He admonished the Master, lectured the Senior Officers, and reproved the Juniors, in terms which lost nothing in effect from lack of earnestness of delivery, and resumed his seat, the only happy looking individual in the room, for the consternation was universal. Truth was too strong a diet for the delicate appetites of some of our worthy brothers, and they were ready enough to reject it; but wiser counsels prevailed. Most of the brethren were convinced that however unpalatable Truth might be, regarded as food, it might, with advantage, be occasionally swallowed as physic.

I direct your attention to this little incident because I cannot help thinking that a little more candour on the part of the Visiting Brother would often be productive of good. I do not, of course, mean to assert that there is any conscious insincerity in the commonplaces he usually utters, for whenever I have been disposed to find fault with the strain of gratitude which flavours his praise, I correct myself with the reflection that there is as much sense as satire in the observation that a grateful heart attendeth a great full stomach.

Yours fraternally,

A MASTER MASON.

London, 2nd May 1876.

SYMBOLISM.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your correspondent, "Enquirer," I beg to advise him to attend a rehearsal of the consecration ceremony by our able exponent Bro. Jas. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but, in the event of his inability, the following may suffice in answer to his question:—

"To this, however, may be added that a semi-circle or any plane rectalinal figure described upon the hypotenuse can be shown to be equal to the sum of the semi-circles or the like and similarly described figures upon the two other sides of the triangle. It can also be shown that the triangle which is formed by the line drawn from and connecting the greater with the intermediate squares is equal to the triangle which is joined by the lines drawn from and connecting the greater with the lesser squares.

"This proposition being of the highest importance to Geometry has therefore been selected and well applied to distinguish a Past Master of the Order, who, by his skill, assiduity and zeal has gained the highest distinction it is possible to obtain in the Lodge, and who, from his important and distinguished position, ought to be a pattern for imitation to the younger and inexperienced members of the Craft."

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE, P.M. 185.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

In consequence of enquiries and suggestions, emanating from Canada and various parts of this Kingdom, I am instructed by the G.M. to promulgate the following Order and Decree.

S. P. LEATHER, 33-95° Sec.-Gen. pro tem.

Barnley, Lancashire.

In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Antient and Primitive Masonry in and for Great Britain and Ireland. Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

Peace, Tolerance, Truth.

Whereas the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry of 33° represents the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, embracing 96 degrees, and whereas the Grand Master and officers of the Sovereign

Sanctuary in and for Great Britain and Ireland, duly constituted, are also certified members of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Mizraim, embracing 90 degrees, of which there is no governing body within the limits of the jurisdiction of the said Sovereign Sanctuary, and whereas a large number of holders of the degrees of the said Rite of Mizraim have elected to work under the said Sovereign Sanctuary. Be it known therefore that, at the request of the said members, the G.M. has decreed: That it is lawful for the Sovereign Sanctuary in and for Great Britain and Ireland, and its Dependencies, or any subordinate body thereof, to grant by communication any or all corresponding degrees of the Oriental Rites of Mizraim and Memphis of 90 and 96 degrees respectively; or by request to work any of the discarded degrees of the Antient Rite of Memphis; and that upon payment of the fees the same may be endorsed upon the certificate of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for Great Britain and Ireland.

(Signed)

JOHN YARKER G.M.

28th April 1876.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On casually turning over the pages of Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, I find that one of the reasons I suggested in my letter of last week, why officers visiting strange Lodges do not wear their collars is in a manner confirmed by that authority. At p. 111, after describing the place to which visitors are entitled, he adds: "It is scarcely *en règle* for any visitor, being an officer of another Lodge, to wear his collar and jewels, as it might create some degree of confusion." My view is further confirmed and the law on this point more strictly defined at pp. 279, 280, where, in reference to clothing of Provincial Grand Officers, Dr. Oliver remarks: "The rest of the officers," P.G. officers other than Stewards, that is to say, "are at liberty to appear in their official costume when attending their own Lodge or visiting any other, a privilege which the Masters and Wardens of private Lodges do not legally possess, because it is absolutely necessary to the well being of the Lodge that its ruling officers should be broadly distinguished by their collars and jewels, which would be materially obstructed if other Masters and Wardens were, in attendance as visitors, decorated in the same manner." N.B.—The italics are my own.

If this ruling be correct, then, in spite of the absolute *dictum* of the Constitutions, the clothing proper in our own Lodge would not be proper in a strange Lodge, and the W.M. of a latter might justly object to a visiting Master or Warden appearing in the full majesty of his official clothing.

As regards the "jewels, medals, or devices," which may be legally worn, and about which "P.M." inquired in his first letter, Dr. Oliver offers no opinion of his own. He says, at page 76: "There is some difficulty in understanding the question of honorary jewels. The Constitutions provide no jewel shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewels or emblems as shall appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognised, acknowledged by, and under the control of the Grand Lodge, but this regulation is vaguely expressed. Some are of opinion that any honorary Masonic jewel presented by the Lodge is here intended; others prescribe certain degrees of limitation, and think that a Past Master is entitled to wear a jewel, whether presented by the Lodge or not, provided it contain no special device, nor any words engraven on the reverse except the name of the owner."

Fraternally yours, "L. Q."

The service of swift steamers between Glasgow and the Highlands, *via* the Crinan and Caledonian Canals, will commence running on the 15th instant, and tourists who contemplate a visit during the early summer months, will thus have ample facilities for reaching their destination by a speedy and convenient route. The following are the places between which the steamers ply:—Glasgow and Oban, daily; Glasgow and Islay, Tuesdays; Glasgow and Fort-William, Bannockburn, and Inverness, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Fort-William and Glasgow, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Inverness and Glasgow, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from Portree for Oban, Glasgow, and intermediate places, Monday 6 p.m., and Thursday not earlier than 4 a.m.; from Oban to Glencoe, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.45 a.m., and return same evening; from Oban to Staffa and Iona, Saturdays, 27th May, 3rd and 17th June, returning same evening. There are other journeys, but full particulars can be obtained on application to Messrs. David Hutcheson and Co., 119 Hope-street, Glasgow.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dangerous diseases would not present themselves very often if timely attention were bestowed on the first feelings which betray a departure from health. How many lifelong maladies spring from neglecting trifling symptoms? The pimple, readily curable in the nursery, becomes, through carelessness, the irremediable element of after-life. With a knowledge of the curative powers of Holloway's Ointment and Pills, and the facility and safety of their application, those who fail to use them for extinguishing the first seeds of hereditary ailments will have to bear the punishment resulting from their folly. Holloway's remedy will remove eruptions of the skin, scrofula, and scrofula, and heal every description of ulcer, sore, wound or abrasion.

SHEFFIELD MASONIC LIBRARY.

We have received copy of prospectus of a scheme for the establishment of a Masonic Library in connection with the three Craft Lodges at Sheffield. Already the promoters are in a position to announce that the support thus far accorded has been most liberal. All under whose notice it has yet been brought have most heartily responded to the call, and have further promised to aid it by every means in their power. It is under these circumstances that the Executive appeal to the brethren in Sheffield and its neighbourhood for contributions, and they are of opinion that once a comprehensive Masonic library, such as is in contemplation, has been established, Craftsmen will only be too happy to avail themselves of the advantages for study it will offer. The scheme has the patronage of R.W. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M.; W. Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M.; and M.E. Comp. Bentley Shaw, P.G. Supt. R.A. Masons, all of the Province of West Yorks. The President is Bro. Seeborn, P.M.; the Vice-Patrons, Bros. Henry Ecroyd, W.M. No. 296; W. J. Hughan, P.M., P.P.G.S. Cornwall and P.G.S.D. England; the Vice-Presidents—Britannia Lodge, No. 139; Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296; Wentworth Lodge, No. 1,239; Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. B. Ellis, S.W. 1,239; Bro. Dr. Francis Griffiths; Bro. G. W. Hawksley, P.M.; Bro. H. Pawson, P.M.; and Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, J.W. 1,239. The Treasurer is Dr. W. R. Thomas, and the Hon. Secretaries and Librarians Bros. S. B. Ellis, S.W. 1,239, and A. Scargill, P.M. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Treasurer, and Hon. Secs. and Librarians as *ex officio* members, and Bros. Rev. E. B. Chalmer, H. J. Garnett, Dr. F. Griffiths, S. Hayes, and H. W. Lofthouse. The subscription list includes Sir Henry Edwards, for five guineas; Bros. Tew, two guineas; Bentley Shaw, three guineas; Henry Ecroyd, thirteen guineas; and W. J. Hughan, ten guineas. The prospectus concludes with a *résumé* of the scheme, which is admirably contrived, and a long list of the books which the committee already possess as the nucleus of the library. The scheme has our heartiest good wishes for its success. The more Masonry is studied, the greater will be its influence both within and without the Craft.

NELSON, NEW ZEALAND.

FREEMASONRY AND THE AUSTRALASIAN CABLE.

WE are indebted to an esteemed correspondent for the following particulars:—

The successful accomplishment of the laying of the telegraph cable which now connects New Zealand with Australia and the rest of the world, but more intimately Nelson with Sydney as the termini, has been the subject of mutual congratulation during the past week among the citizens of Nelson, the staff of engineers and electricians and the officers of the magnificent cable steam ships "Hibernia" and "Edinburgh," whose mission has been so admirably and expeditiously fulfilled.

Although no demonstration of a strictly public character has taken place, we are gratified at being able to say the officers referred to have left Nelson highly delighted with their entertainment here, and are carrying with them pleasant reminiscences of their brief sojourn in a place they all characterize as a beautiful and a lovely spot.

Whilst the good citizens were engaged in debating as to the "correct thing" to be done in the way of entertaining their scientific guests, some brethren of the Craft, having introduced themselves as such, the Southern Star Lodge, 735 E.C., lost no time in convening a meeting of emergency, which was accordingly held on Wednesday, 1st March, for the purpose of welcoming their Masonic brethren, who were pretty numerous represented among the companies of the big ships. The Lodge duly opened up to the 2nd degree, and a brother passed as a Fellow Craftsman. The Lodge was so well attended that notwithstanding a rainfall, almost tropical in its severity, every seat in the Masonic Hall was occupied.

After closing in due form, the guests were invited to a banquet with the brethren of the Lodge, which was well served by the Steward, Bro. Tregan, of the Commercial Hotel, the W.M., Bro. Montrey, occupying the chair, supported by Bro. Dr. Sealy and Bro. Lightford P.M.'s, the guests of the evening immediately around, and Bro. Dr. Boor S.W. filling the vice chair.

The cloth having been removed, the W.M. in proposing "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," observed that whilst this was no mere formal toast to the true Englishman, it was a toast eminently interesting to the true Mason, who could not but entertain the most fervent love for our Queen, not only as a good sovereign, an affectionate wife, an exemplary mother, but as the gracious patroness of our ancient Order. (Chorus, "God Save the Queen.")

The Chairman then gave "H.R.H. our M.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland. (Honours.)

After the discoursing of some music, Bro. Dr. Squires P.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "Our Visiting Brethren,"

coupled with the health of Bro. Capt. Cato (Hibernia), to which Bro. Cato promptly responded in suitable terms, for himself and his brother officers, expressing his appreciation of the fraternal greeting so freely exemplified; he concluded by drinking "The W.M., Office Bearers, and brethren of the Southern Star Lodge," for which Bro. Montrey returned thanks.

Bro. Cato then sang the *Death of Nelson*, to Bro. Stanton's accompaniment.

After more music the toast of "Prosperity to the New Zealand and Australian Cable, coupled with the health of Bro. Sherwin" (C. E. on the staff), was proposed by Bro. S.C. Hustwick P.M., who in a somewhat lengthened but carefully considered speech reviewed the history of the Electric Telegraph through its successive stages to the consummation of the important event now being celebrated, of connecting in an unbroken chain of communication the two hemispheres.

Bro. Sherwin returned thanks for the Telegraph Construction Company as well as for himself and fellow officers, and trusted should the laying of another cable be found necessary that he should be one of those employed to bring it to Nelson.

Songs, other occasional toasts, and a recitation, ably given by Bro. Cato, brought the festivities, at length, to a close, "the brethren parting in harmony," after a most social and enjoyable evening, long to be remembered as associated with a work of such magnitude as never to have been dreamed of until very recently, and rejoicing that the rapid progress of the Colonies had made such a consummation not only necessary but practicable. It was felt by Freemasons especially meet that they whose mystic spiritual cable has, from time immemorial, been potent in uniting and binding together its own of every nation and language, should be first to hail the advent of this great social, international and time-conquering band of civilized man, beneficial to unite this once remote end of the earth with the mighty centres of old and new world populations. Thus much for Masonry. The example of the good old Craft at once was emulated, and on the Saturday succeeding, a special pleasure train was laid on by the managers of the Nelson and Fox Hill Railway, for a large picnic at Wakefield to which the engineers, electricians and ships' officers were invited, and a subscription ball was given in their honour in the Provincial Hall on Friday 3rd March. On the previous Wednesday Captain Cato generously invited a numerous party of ladies and gentlemen to a *dejeuner* on board the Hibernia, lying outside the Nelson Haven, the coasting steamer Murray having been placed at his disposal by the owners, Messrs. N. Edwards and Co., for conveying his guests to the vessel. A sumptuous repast was provided, and the polite officers seemed to vie with each other in exhibiting and explaining the interesting features connected with the expedition in its every department. On returning, in the evening, the party was received on board the Edinburgh, and welcomed by her Commander, Capt. Manning.

The steamers left the bay on Saturday morning. The cable is landed at Wakapuaka (henceforth "Cable Bay"), twelve miles from the Telegraph Office, Nelson, with which it is connected by a land line. The following "Contribution" of the humorous weekly correspondent of the *Nelson Daily Times* (Bro. Autolycus) appeared in that journal of Saturday morning:—

"The Hibernia and Edinburgh sail this morning, their great task accomplished, their work well done. If the people of Nelson have not testified their appreciation of the undertaking performed by the cable staff in a public manner, there has been no lack of private hospitality displayed towards our visitors, who will depart carrying with them many pleasant recollections of their short sojourn in quiet little Nelson. The Brethren of the Mystic Tie were not unmindful of the duty inculcated by the Order, and enjoined upon every member of the brotherhood. They were first to extend the hand of friendship, and their example was quickly followed by others. Then there was pleasant reunions of all kinds, concluding with the ball on Tuesday night. This was a right cheerful affair, marred only by one accident, caused by the breaking of the floor. Of this a guest sends me the following description; the sentences in parentheses are my own. My correspondent writes:—

There was a sound of revelry by night
(I think I've seen that line somewhere before),
Within that spacious hall, where, beaming bright,
Collingwood coal illumed the roomy floor,
'O'er which, in time to music's gentle swell,
A score of couples moved with ease and grace,
While stranger beau and eke the Nelson belle,
By custom licensed, joined in fond embrace.
But, hark! a shriek—a hurrying to and fro,
The floor has broken; 'neath the lightsome tread;
Matrons on one fair form their care bestow;
A female friend sustains the dear one's head—
Miss M. has fainted; people say, poor thing;
One German guest alone says, 'Got in Himmel;
Then comes the hurried orders, 'Quickly bring'
Water, or vinegar prepared by Rimmel.
These daly brought and skilfully applied
By dames quite equal to the situation,
The object of their care first deeply sighed—
(A save sign of returning animation);
Her partner's hand convulsively she clasped,
Opened one eye (a bright translucent blue one),
Then in low tremulous tones that maiden gasped,
"That cussed floor wants mending with a new one."

I fancy there must be some slight mistake about the adjective used by the lady, but beyond that, the remark evidenced a complete return to consciousness, and I have much pleasure in endorsing the sentiments expressed: that floor really wants replacing altogether; and if this is not done shortly, the District Court will be going right through one of these days. But I digress—I commenced with the sailing of the Hibernia and Edinburgh; let me conclude by wishing every one on board, from the captains to the cabin boys, a safe voyage and a pleasant one.

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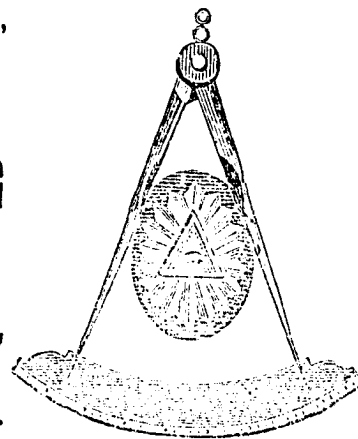
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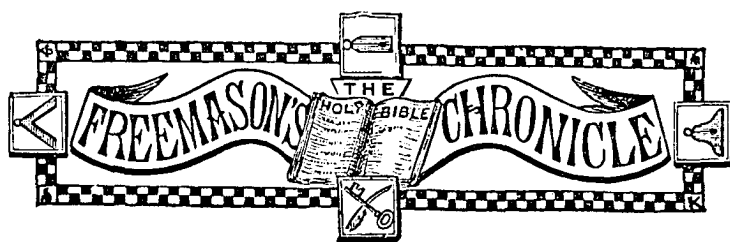
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords on Friday last, the disturbed
state of the island of Barbadoes formed the subject of
inquiry by Lord Blachford, to which the Earl of
Carnarvon gave a detailed answer. On Monday, the second
reading of the Inns of Court and General School of Laws
Bill was moved by Lord Selborne and agreed to, after
which, the House went into Committee on the Irish Peer-
age Bill. On Tuesday, after the University of Oxford Bill
had passed through Committee, Lord Selborne put a ques-
tion as to the recent Proclamation of the new style and
Titles of the Sovereign, which gave rise to a sharp passage
at arms between him and Lord Cairns, in which the latter
strenuously defended the course pursued by the Govern-
ment. On Thursday, the business only occupied a few
minutes.

On Friday, the sitting of the House of Commons was
almost wholly occupied in discussing a motion made by Mr.

E. Smith, and calling for inquiry into the circumstances
attending the late Bengal Famine. The motion in the end
was negatived by 149 to 46. The House then went into Com-
mittee, first of Supply, and then on the Merchant Shipping
Bill, when further clauses to 23 inclusive, were passed. On
Monday, the Committee on this Bill was resumed, when
still further progress was made. An Amendment by Mr.
Plimsoll to prevent deck loading was only defeated by the
small majority of 8; but another amendment by the same
gentleman, but altered in accordance with a suggestion of
Mr. Russell Gurney, throwing the onus of proof on the owner
that he was not privy to the offence of deck loading was rejected
by 199 to 104. On Tuesday, after a variety of subjects,
including the Royal Titles Bill, the Gambia, and a flogging
case had been discussed, Mr. C. E. Lewis, one of the mem-
bers for Londonderry, asked Mr. Lowe if the report of a
recent speech made by him at a political banquet at East
Retford were correct or not. Mr. Lowe's answer evaded
the question, or rather he gave no direct answer at all. On
this Mr. Disraeli rose, and speaking in terms far stronger
than the House of Commons is accustomed to hear now-a-
days, enumerated the Prime Ministers to whom Mr. Lowe's
statement could apply, and pointed out that Mr. Glad-
stone had already denied that he was one of the two
Premiers to whom, on Mr. Lowe's authority, Her Majesty
had applied to have a Royal Titles Bill introduced; that the
late Lord Derby was not one of them; and further announc-
ing, on behalf of Her Majesty, and by her authority, that she
had never made any such proposition as Mr. Lowe affirmed
she had made. All this, of course, caused an immense
amount of excitement in the House, the cheers and counter
cheers from the Ministerial and Opposition benches being both
loud and prolonged. Not long afterwards the House was
counted out. At Wednesday afternoon's sitting, Mr. Mel-
don moved the second reading of the Registration of
Voters (Ireland) Bill, but was defeated by 234, or as it
turned out, by 235 to 168. On Thursday, after a long
series of questions had been answered, Sir H. James gave
notice of a motion on the recent Royal Proclamation. Mr.
Disraeli interpreted this as an intended motion of censure,
and at once placed Thursday next at the disposal of the
honourable and learned gentleman. Mr. Lowe then rose
and fully withdrew the statement he made some time back
at East Retford, and as far as a subject could do so, apolo-
gised to Her Majesty for the error he had committed. The
House then went into Committee and made considerable
progress with the Merchant Shipping Bill.

On Tuesday, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess
Beatrice, paid a visit to Aldershot, for the purpose of in-
specting the troops in camp there, the Duke of Cam-
bridge, as Commander-in-Chief, being likewise present.
The morning was cold but fine. Her Majesty reached the
Pavilion shortly before one o'clock, and having partaken of
luncheon, to which the Duke of Cambridge and a select
circle of officers had been invited, drove to the enclosure
in the Long Valley marked off for her accommodation.
Thither in the meantime had marched the troops of all
arms, and when the Queen had come on the ground, the
review began. But hardly had the Royal Cortège crossed
the valley for the purpose of driving along the line, when
a fierce squall of wind swept across the open waste. Still

the Queen persevered, in spite of this discomfort, and having returned to the saluting base, the march past began and was continued during a heavy rain. The subsequent manoeuvres were dispensed with under the circumstances. The troops consisted of two batteries Royal Horse Artillery, three regiments Cavalry, six batteries Royal Artillery, and ten battalions Infantry, with Engineers, Army Service Corps, &c., &c. The review over, the Royal Party returned to Farnborough Station, and thence by train to Windsor, which was reached shortly before 7 p.m.

The Prince of Wales's visit to Madrid forms a bright episode in his journey. His reception by King Alfonso and his people was very cordial, and the Prince and his brother were taken to inspect all the principal attractions within easy reach of the Spanish Capital. A day was spent at Toledo, where they visited the manufactory of arms, the Cathedral, and the Infantry Schools, returning to Madrid in time to witness the performance of Verdi's *Aïda*, the scene in the house being a very brilliant one. After the opera, the Royal party attended the ball given by the Duke Fernan Nunez. On Friday, the Escorial was visited, after which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught left by mail train for Bayonne. On Saturday, the Prince visited the Duke of Serrano, and subsequently the Cortes, where he spent some time in listening to the debate on one of the articles of the new Constitution. Afterwards H.R. Highness attended the theatre Alfonso, and then a ball given in his honour by the Duke of Baylen. On Sunday, the Prince left Madrid for Lisbon, being accompanied to the railway station by the King and a numerous suite. On Monday he reached Lisbon, and was received by King Louis, King Ferdinand, sundry of the Ministers, the British Consul and Admirals, and others. His reception as he drove through the streets to the Palace of Belem was cordial in the extreme. Here, too, banquets, receptions, and a visit to the opera have formed the principal items in the programme. Yesterday the Prince, in company with the King was to visit Cintra and subsequently witness a review of troops in the Pedro Square. The *Serapis* will leave Lisbon on Sunday, and is timed to reach Portsmouth on Thursday next in the forenoon. Preparations for His Royal Highness's visit to the City are rapidly progressing, and no doubt the banquet and ball will be equal to any given by the Corporation on previous occasions.

On Friday last, at St. James's Palace, a levée was held by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, on behalf of her Majesty, presentations at this court being considered as equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein were present, and the diplomatic and general circles were strongly attended. A considerable number of presentations were made, the names having been previously left at the Lord Chamberlain's office, and submitted for Her Majesty's approval.

The banquet of the Royal Academy, on Saturday last, was brilliant as usual. The President, Sir Francis Grant presided, and among the more distinguished guests were the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, the Duke of Teck, Count Gleichen, the Lord Chancellor, Mr. Disraeli, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Maharajah Duleep Sing, Mr. Cross, the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Selborne, Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Lord Mayor, and the gallant young African Explorer, Lieutenant Cameron R.N. The Archbishop of York, as Chaplain to the R.A., said grace. The toasts were of the usual character, the Duke of Cambridge replying for the Army and Reserve Forces; Mr. Ward Hunt for the Navy, and Mr. Disraeli for the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers. As to the Exhibition itself, which has been open all this week to the public, the general opinion appears to be, that it is a good average display. Many of the pictures being very fine specimens of our English artistic talent.

The season at Her Majesty's, Drury Lane, commenced on Saturday, with Gounod's *Faust*, the part of Margherita being rendered by Madame Christine Nilsson, Signor Rota, in the absence of M. Faure, taking that of Mefistofele, Signor Del Paente that of Valentino, and Madame Trebelli-Bettini that of Siebel. Bro. Sir Michael Costa resumed his wonted place in the orchestra, whose playing was beyond all praise. On Monday, the opera was *La Sonnambula*. On Tuesday, Mdlle. Titiens made her first appearance since her return from America, in *Semiramide*, and to-night she is to appear as *Lucrezia Borgia*, while Madame Nilsson, at her second appearance, played Violetta in *La Traviata*. Bro. Mapleson has our hearty good

wishes for a prosperous season. The performances during the week at the Royal Italian, Covent Garden, have been *Rigoletto* on Monday, *La Figlia del Reggimento* on Tuesday, *La Traviata* on Wednesday, *Elisir d'Amore* on Thursday, and yester evening *Don Giovanni*, the leading artistes being Mdlles Albani, Rosavella, Zaré Thalberg and D'Angeri. The opera for this evening is to be Wagner's *Tannhauser*. The series of Floral Hall Concerts also commenced on Saturday, when a numerous audience attended, most of the principal artistes of the Royal Italian taking part in it. The second concert is announced for this day fortnight.

On Monday, at the Alexandra Palace, the drawing for the Palace Art Union Prizes took place, and as there were some fourteen thousand season ticket holders, the number of prizes to be won was proportionately large, so that the process occupied some hours. The Grand Easter Spectacle, which has proved a great success, has completed its career. Yesterday and to-day were fixed for the first grand flower show of the season, when the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Mr. Fred. Godfrey "will assist." To-day is the grand opening day of the season, and at a quarter-past three p.m. will be given a Grand Ballad Concert, the principal vocalists being Mesdames Lemmens-Sherrington and Patey, Mr. E. Lloyd, and Signor Foli. The Grenadier Guards Band under Bro. Dan. Godfrey will also be present, and perform a fine selection of music. At eight o'clock, the first Grand Firework display is fixed to come off. On Monday next, as we announce elsewhere, Bro. H. Distin's benefit will be held. There will be present and take part in it no less than ten military bands, including that of the Coldstreams. At the Crystal Palace, the Easter Burlesque has been performed for the last time. Yesterday, the Second Annual Goat Show commenced, and will remain open till Monday. To-day, will be held the First Summer Concert, with Madame Edith Wynne, Mrs. Osgood, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Signor Garcia, among the chief vocalists. To-night, at the Royal Albert Hall, the Fifth Concert of the season will be held, under Royal and distinguished patronage, in aid of the funds of the German Hospital.

The chief news from France relates to the Amnesty question, which is somewhat agitating the public mind, the ministry appearing to exhibit, in the opinion of competent judges, too great indifference to a question of much importance, not unlikely to create some hubbub. The Eastern question is still to the fore. As regards the rival powers in the disaffected Turkish provinces, the Turks are reported to have inflicted a series of heavy defeats on the insurgents. Monkhtar Pacha, it seems, left Gatzko on the 27th ult., dispersed 8,000 insurgents, after five hours' hard fighting, victualled Nicksich, and then started on his return. At Presjeka, 14,000 of the enemy attacked him, but were repulsed, after a combat lasting eight hours. But the rebels having received reinforcements, bringing their numbers up to 16,000, and having entrenched themselves on some heights and in the forests, the Pacha took the offensive, and after a long and severe engagement, dislodged the enemy from their positions, and then continued his march without further interruption to Gatzko. There is a talk of an occupation, by Russia and Austria, of the disturbed districts, but this, at least, is only a rumour. From Rome we hear of a grand ball, given by the English Ambassador, Sir Augustus Paget, at which the Crown Prince Humbert and his wife, with the *élite* of the Roman world of fashion, were present; and from Washington we hear that the Grand Jury of the District of Columbia have found a true bill against Mr. Belknap for accepting bribes. For the rest, there is little, pleasant or unpleasant, to record.

It will interest not a few among our readers to know that our esteemed Bro. Terry, the zealous Secretary of the R.M.B.I., is the fortunate possessor of a specimen piece of the Algam or Almug tree, of which part of the Temple at Jerusalem was made. To those botanically given it will be familiar under the more formidable name of *Pterocarpus Santalinus*, a genus of the natural order of *Leguminosae*; and this on the authority of the German Naturalist, Willdenow. In 1 Kings x. 11-12, the trees are called "Almug," the word, according to *Cassell's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, being rendered by the Septuagint translator "*unhewn wood*." In 2 Chronicles ii. 8, and ix. 10-11 they are called Algam, and translated *pinewood*. The old Latin version of the last passage renders the word "thyne wood," citron

wood. However, it seems authorities are divided as to the real meaning of the word. Some—amongst whom we must number Wildenow—suppose it is red sandal wood, and Gesenius is not disinclined to this view, though favouring rather the idea of R. Kimchi that it is the tree known as "Brazil Wood." An old Cyclopædia we have says the *Pterocarpus Santalinus* or Red Sandal Wood "may be distinguished from Brazil Wood by the latter yielding its colour to water alone, while the Red Sandal Wood barely tinges it." According to the Biblical account the Almg or Algum trees which Hiram furnished to Solomon, out of the forests of Lebanon, were used for building terraces or pillars for the Temple and for the King's own palace, as well as "harps and psalteries for singers." We may add that Bro. Terry is indebted for his specimen to the kindness of Bro. W. Hirst, J.P., of Saddleworth, Yorks.

In giving the list of new appointments under Grand Lodge, last week, we published, in error, the names of the outgoing Grand Stewards; we hasten to rectify the mistake, by giving the List of Grand Stewards nominated on 26th April:—

Bro. Thomas T. Smith	...	...	No. 1
" William Hope M.D.	...	...	2
" Arthur C. Velej	...	...	4
" John C. Havers	...	...	5
" Winthrop M. Praed	...	...	6
" John L. Geizer	...	...	8
" Edmund Nash M.D.	...	...	14
" Robert Berridge	...	...	21
" John Boyd	...	...	23
" Thomas C. Tatham	...	...	26
" Arthur J. L. Trendell	...	...	29
" Leonard A. Kew	...	...	46
" Felix S. Knyvett	...	...	58
" John G. Chancellor	...	...	60
" Harry John Reynolds	...	...	91
" George Marshall	...	...	99
" William G. Cusins	...	...	197
" Gabriel P. Goldney	...	...	259

Bro. H. Distin—whose celebrity as one of the original Saxe Horn players and for many years a celebrated manufacturer of cornets and other musical instruments is universally acknowledged—announces a benefit (previous to his departure for America) at the Alexandra Palace, on Monday next. Ten military bands, including that of the Coldstream Guards, by permission of their respective Colonels, will play selections, and amongst the vocalists whose valuable services have been secured are Madame Liebhart, Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Dones, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Vernon Rigby, Selwyn Graham, Bro. Theodore Distin, Mr. Henry Guy, and the Orpheus Glee Union.

Bro. Ambrose Austin announces his annual benefit for the 17th instant, at St. James's Hall, on which occasion Mr. Sims Reeves and a host of talented artistes will appear.

London to Edinburgh, or *vice versa*, a distance of close on four hundred miles, in a little over nine hours! Breakfast in London, and dinner in Edinburgh the same day! How the bare idea of such a fact being possible would astound our easy-going forefathers. The Virgilian hero's exclamation, "*Obstupui, steteruntque comæ*," would not be half strong enough to express their wonderment on being told this was an every-day fact. Yet, thanks to the energy and enterprise of the directors of the Great Northern Railway, this journey is daily accomplished, and when, during the season that has just commenced, any of our London friends are anxious for a change from the din and smoke of London to the pure air of Scotland, they have but to charter a hansom to reach King's Cross at the appointed time, and in less than ten hours they will be stretching their legs under the comfortable mahogany of some worthy host in "Auld Reekie."

We have to thank Dr. Morris, the head master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for Parts I. II. and III. of "*Cursor Mundi*" (the *Cursor of the World*), a Northumbrian poem of the 15th century, in four versions, two of them Midland, published for the Early English Text Society, by Messrs. Trübner and Co., 57 and 59 Ludgate-hill. The versions are from Cotton MS. Vesp. A iii in the Library of the British Museum; Fairfax MS.

14 in the Bodleian Library; MS. Theol. 107 in the Göttingen University Library; MS. R. 3.8 in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge. Dr. Morris's ability as a scholar is too widely known to need any commendation from us, but the task of editing these versions having been entrusted to him, it is only becoming to say that he has fulfilled this duty most successfully. It were well-nigh impossible to form an estimate of the amount of time and labour he must have bestowed upon this work, but Dr. Morris has, at least, this reward, that his labours are most fully appreciated.

THE FREEMASONS AND "THE BLOT ON THE QUEEN'S HEAD."

A *propos* of a short paragraph in last week's issue, in which we condemned the action of certain Conservative Associations in sending to the Masters of Lodges blank forms of petition to fill up in favour of the Queen assuming the title of Empress, we have received from our esteemed Bro. Wheeler the following leading article, which appeared in the columns of the *North British Daily Mail* of the 2nd inst., and which, at his request, we most willingly insert. Our contemporary speaks in the kindest terms of the Order whose interests we have so dearly at heart, and *re* this particular attempt to confound politics and Freemasonry together, we thank him most sincerely for his very able defence of the latter from the insidious designs of political associations:—

"It is whispered that with a view to popularise the Queen's new title of Empress of India, strong efforts are being made to persuade the various Masonic bodies of the country, 'and their friends,' to make a stand in its favour. The persons who have been working the oracle with this object in view have hitherto judiciously kept altogether out of sight, and the various attempts to obtain a direct movement having failed, a circular is now being forwarded by 'The National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations,' to the Masters of Masonic Lodges calling upon them to use their influence to obtain the adoption of an address to the Queen congratulating her Majesty on the reception which her Royal son has received 'from the Princes, Chiefs, and people of India in his late progress through that vast empire.' No objection can, we think, be taken to that portion of the address, but we do object, and that strongly, to the next clause, which reads as follows:—'And we beg humbly to express the satisfaction with which we have learnt that your Majesty will be advised at this most auspicious moment to assume the title of *Empress of India*, a title which will fitly indicate the tie which unites that great Empire with the Throne of these Realms.' We have not yet been made acquainted with the reception which the various Masonic Lodges have given either to the request or the proposed 'address,' but we deprecate the Freemasons being made use of for political purposes. Hitherto the Masonic bodies have been known chiefly as social and benevolent societies, where men of all shades of politics could meet, as on common ground, and where political subjects, or controversial polemics, are never introduced. It is, however, notorious enough, ever since the Prince of Wales succeeded the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master of the Craft, that attempts have been made in more than one quarter, with the intention, it has been said, of 'currying favour' with the Prince, to introduce various extraneous matters not calculated to add to the dignity of the Order. Some who have recently been elevated to high positions in the Order seem to forget, if they ever knew, that Freemasonry was not made either for the present Grand Master or any of his predecessors or successors. Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable institution, and care must be taken that the proceedings of the general body, or of individual Lodges, shall not suffer from that spirit of sycophancy which has evidently prompted the present idea of 'The National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations' to obtain the aid of the Masters of Lodges to render palatable a title which, from the first, has soured on the national stomach. The personal popularity of the Prince of Wales in the Masonic body is undoubtedly very great; and that being so, we trust the Prince and his best friends will at once frown down all attempts to turn that popularity into the means of political usefulness either to the Conservative or any other party. The 'blot on the Queen's head' is now an accomplished fact, and when the secret history of the Act of Parliament which authorised the Queen's new title of *Empress* is written it will doubtless reveal matters even more curious than the attempt to obtain the assistance of the Masonic body to make it popular."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have the pleasure to announce that the distribution of prizes to the pupils of this School will take place on Monday next. It is natural to expect a vast assemblage upon such an occasion, and those who have the privilege of attending will, no doubt, be delighted with the proceedings.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 6th MAY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 8th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-square, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
75—Love and Honour, Freemasons' Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
589—Druids' Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, 9th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
294—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1223—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1250—Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1384—Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Wiltres.
1465—Ockenfen, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1503—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY.

Anniversary Festival, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havlock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
261—Unanimity and Sincerity, Clarke's Hotel, Taunton.
291—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
1003—Royal S. Edmund's, Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1101—Grey Friar, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1424—Bro. Frig, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
R.A.—350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.
R.A.—683—St. Woolos, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

THURSDAY, 11th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Fiddle, Lendenhall-street.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
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, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
489—Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bridgeland-street, Bideford, Devon.
546—Truscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Langton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1204—Roid's, Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A.—51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

FRIDAY, 12th MAY.

933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1249—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 13th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
592—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
498—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R.A.—396—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

448—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zealand, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baldon, Angel Inn, Baldon.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
347—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
949—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth.

TUESDAY.

80—St. John, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.
764—Harbour of Refuge, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

WEDNESDAY.

661—Fawcett, Masonic Hall, North-road, Seaham Harbour.

THURSDAY.

97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington-quay.
M.M.—122—Percy, Freemasons' Hall, Willington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

FRIDAY.

1121—Wear Valley, Kings' Arms Hotel, Bishop Auckland.

IRELAND.

FRIDAY—178—St. John's, Castle-street, Lisburn, County Antrim.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street.
" 384—Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 493—St. George, Old Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 544—Marie Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill.
" 583—Plantation, Govan-road.
TUESDAY—119—Septune, 35 St. James's-street.
" 437—Govanale, Parland Hall, Govan.
" 441—Glasgow, 21 Struthers-street.
" 543—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Dalnair.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew, 170 Buchanan-street.
WEDNESDAY—278—Scotia, 170 Buchanan-street.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 510—Maryhill, 176 Mary-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Govan, Parland Hall, Govan.
THURSDAY—570—Keenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springburn.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 141—St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
" 18—Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dunbarren.
" 170—Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" 153—Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cogon-street, Pollockshaws.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 1st of May, at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, E.C. Present—Bros. Garbett W.M., Killick S.W., Halford J.W., Stock S.D., Gardner J.D., Knight I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Master—Bro. Beckett Preceptor. Business—The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was performed, Bro. Trewinard being the Candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the first Lecture, Bro. Beckett the 2nd, Bro. Stock the 3rd, and Bro. Killick the 4th. Bro. Gardiner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The principal business at the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday evening, was the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. For W.M., the choice of the Brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. G. Gard Pye, the S.W.; and Bro. Gunner, the Tyler, was re-elected without a dissentient. The appointment of Treasurer was not quite so unanimous. The W.M. proposed the re-election of Bro. Alfred Cobb P.M., which was seconded by Bro. F. A. Cole P.M. Bro. Dr. Becker said he considered that the Senior P.M., if willing to serve, was entitled to the office, and he proposed Bro. John Coppin P.M. This was seconded by Bro. W. P. Lewis; but, on the ballot being taken, there appeared for Bro. Cobb 18, for Bro. Coppin 9. The first named Bro. was declared elected. Bro. Dr. Becker P.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Alfred Welch, for his able conduct of the business of the Lodge

during the past year, which having been seconded by Bro. C. Cobb I.P.M., was carried by acclamation. The W.M. suitably responded. During the evening the ceremonies of passing and initiating were worked by the W.M., in his usual able manner. At the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where a most harmonious evening was spent. The visitors present included Bro. Colonel Bray (commanding 96th Regt.), of Royal Kent of Antiquity; and Bro. G. F. Guyon (Royal Fusiliers), of Derwent Lodge, No. 40.

Commercial Chapter, No. 79.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Friday, 28th April, at 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, D. Lamb M.E.Z. presiding, assisted by G. W. Wheeler Z of 73 as H, Robert Brodie J., J. M. Oliver acting Scribe E., A. Mercer, of Chapter 87 acting as 1st S., Comps. Fruzer and McAlister 2nd and 3rd. Bros. George Scott and Andrew Reid, who had been duly advanced to the degree of Mark Masters at the last meeting, Comp Lamb Z. then introduced, and admitted as Most Excellent Masters, Comp. J. Duthie Z of 67 officiating. The Chapter was then opened, and the same two gentlemen were duly exalted. Comp. Lamb then returned the thanks of the Chapter to Companions Duthie, Wheeler and Mercer, for their assistance in working these degrees. They suitably acknowledged the compliment.

Friendship Lodge, No. 100.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 27th of April, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Great Yarmouth. Present—Bros. E. J. Bonfellow W.M., R. Martins S.W., R. W. Hnbbard J.W., D. R. Fowler Secretary, J. W. French S.D., E. Bostock J.D., C. M. Kirkham and J. A. Wade Stewards, L. Spence I.G., J. Holt Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Jas. Bond, A. Hanlon, E. Howes. Visitors—Bros. Jos. Tomlinson J.W. 1503, R. G. Owen W.M. 1421, J. G. Churchyard S.D. 376. Business.—To initiate Mr. Herbert F. Brooks; Bro. Rev. H. J. Bode was passed to the F. C. degree, and Bros. Bennett and Meyer were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.'s. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree, the W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s Jewel, with the following inscription, "Presented by Lodge Friendship, 100, to Bro. James Bond P.M., as a token of fraternal regard, and to mark the high appreciation of his services as W.M. during the past year, April 1876." (The jewel was manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb). Other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.—A quarterly convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kendal, on Thursday, 27th April. The M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Rauthemell, was supported by Comps. Captain Gawith P.Z. H., John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. as J., Titus Wilson I.P.Z., John Talbot E., R. J. Nelson N., Geo. McKay P.S., W. Cranston Asst. Soj., R. Godfrey Asst Soj., T. Baron, &c., &c. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, when the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Edmund Fearenside, which proving in his favour, he, being present, was exalted, together with Bro. Robert Winder, who had been elected at a previous meeting. On the invitation of the M.E.Z., the ceremony was performed by E. Comp. Bowes, to whom a warm vote of thanks was afterwards accorded on the motion of Capt. Gawith, seconded by the M.E.Z. It was decided to hold the annual festival at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere, on Thursday, 22nd June, when a very pleasant reunion is anticipated. After some routine business and a proposition, the Chapter was closed, with the usual solemnities, and the Companions separated, mentally reciting the lines so well known to Craftsmen:—

"As happy we have met,
And happy we have been,
So happy may we part,
And happy meet again."

St. John's Lodge, No. 178, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Ireland.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, 14th April, Bro. R. M. Tilly W.M. presiding. The attendance included the following members:—Bros. Wm. Graham S.W., John Higginson J.W., W. J. Gilliland Treas. and Sec., Robert M. Comb S.D., John Flynn as J.D., A. McClelland I.G., John McBride, Arthur Mussen, Wm. Johnston, Mercer Rice, William Wilson, Samuel J. Nelson, Thomas Beatty, James Pryde, James Simpson, Adam McClelland, Wm. J. Knox sen., Wm. J. Knox jun., Alex. Boyd, Wm. D. Duncan. Visitors—Bros. Jas Darling 384, Thomas Falloon 24, Abraham Macartney 124. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed; ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. D. Duncan of Lodge 351, Monaghan, and declared clear. Bro. Higginson then brought forward his motion, which had stood adjourned from last night of meeting, relative to application for a Royal Arch Chapter war ant in connexion with the Lodge. It was passed unanimously that same be applied for on the terms proposed by the Grand Lodge. The Secretary was ordered to advance the amount, from the funds, to the Royal Arch Committee, on condition of its being refunded to the Lodge. Bro. Higginson moved, Bro. John McBride seconded, and it was passed unanimously, that the best thanks of this Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. M. Gilliland for the great trouble he has taken in preparing a new set of Lodge account books, and particularly for the accurate register he has given of all members connected with the Lodge since its establishment one hundred and nineteen years ago. A letter was received and read from the Secretary of the Masonic Male and Female Orphan Schools, Dublin, acknowledging the increased contribution sent from this Lodge. Mr. Gustavus Geo. Tew received the benefit of the first degree, at the hands of Bro. Tallentire Lodge then closed and adjourned for refreshments.

An emergency meeting was held on Friday evening, the 27th ult. Bro. R. M. Tilly W.M. presiding, there was also a good attendance of officers and brethren. A circular which had been received from the P.G.S., relative to presentation of address from the Freemasons

of the Province to our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to Belfast, on the 24th May, was taken into consideration, and it was moved by Bro. Higginson and seconded by Bro. Mussen, that this Lodge be represented at presentation of address. All the members present expressed their desire to witness the ceremony, and the Secretary was instructed to procure tickets accordingly, and to intimate result of special meeting called to consider circular to Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Tew being in attendance, was passed to Fellow Craft degree, in excellent style, by Bro. Higginson. Lodge was then closed in ancient form, in peace, love and harmony.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. A. G. Dodson W.M., L. Lazarus S.W., J. Miller J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M., Grand Pursuivant, Secretary, M. Spiegel J.D., H. Hyman I.G., A. G. Campion D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Org., H. Isaac Steward. P.M.'s L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams, O. Roberts, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, M. Van Di-penhein, H. Berkowitz; and Bros. Watkins, Bean, Samuel, Clark, Martin, Fitchett, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Reibold was passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. J. Clark, E. Davey and West were raised to the 3rd degree. Messrs. Bornefield and R. Collier were ballotted for and accepted. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. L. Alexander P.M. initiated the former gentleman, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. the latter. A letter was received from Bro. E. J. Harty, requesting the portraits of those brethren who were at the Albert Hall on the Installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. for the Historical Engraving of that great event. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge with the sum of £3 3s. Bro. O. Roberts P.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose that the Lodge present their respected Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. with his Grand Lodge clothing and jewel. It was a pleasing fact that the Grand Lodge had chosen one so highly respected for its honours, and the selection had shed lustre on their Lodge. He had for ten years been their Hon. Secretary, and in that capacity had saved the Lodge a considerable sum of money, besides carrying out the arduous duties satisfactorily. He was sure they would, in approval of Bro. Albert's conduct, carry this proposition. Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M. seconded. During a very eloquent speech he said, No one in the Lodge could measure Bro. Albert's services. He gives valuable time gratuitously to this numerous Lodge, and all its members were under obligations to him. The motion was carried unanimously, amid the plaudits of the brethren. The W.M. in informing Bro. Albert, said, he hoped he might live long to wear it as an honour and credit to the Lodge. Bro. Albert having appropriately returned thanks, the Lodge was closed until the second Thursday in June. The brethren then adjourned to slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. returned thanks for the Benevolent Fund. Bros. Collier and Bornefield had given the sum of £1 1s each to that fund, which now reaches the sum of nearly £1,200. Bro. R. Collier returned thanks for the newly initiated. He said it had always been an ardent wish with him to become a Mason, but time and circumstances had previously prevented him; but now, having gone through the ordeal, he would never forget the ties of brotherhood, and hoped to be among them for many years, and to be recognised as a good Mason. Bro. Bornefield also responded. Bro. Jardine P.M. 140, in an excellent speech, returned thanks for the Visitors. Bro. J. Norton, late 188, also responded, and said he had been initiated in the Lodge in 1839; he had been in office, but had been away from the Lodge for many years. He was pleased to see, on his return to this country, the Lodge in so flourishing a state. Bro. L. Alexander proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. returned thanks for the Past Masters. The Wardens, Officers and Tyler's toasts were then given, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were Bros. Jardine P.M. 140, Wallace S.W. 140, J. Norton late 188, A. Tilley 1589, Thurston 72, Down P.M. 862, Newnham 1083, Humble 1364, and Young 299.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd May, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Croaker S.W., Hollands J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Walker S.D., Sayer J.D., Bush Steward, Sadler I.G., Christopher Tyler. P.M. Bro. E. Gottheil Preceptor. The business of the evening was commenced with the customary formalities. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crane acting as candidate. The 1st section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Turquand, the replies being given by W. W. Morgan jun., whose initiation took place on the previous Friday, the unanimous consent of the Lodge having been accorded for this arrangement. Bro. Gottheil then worked the second section, assisted by the members; Bro. Constable, assisted by the brethren, worked the third, and Bro. Gottheil, assisted by Bro. Turquand, the sixth. Bros. Loewenstark jun. and Morgan jun. were then unanimously elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Walker was elected to preside on Wednesday next. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Saturday, the 29th of April, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. G. Ward Verry P.M. 554, W.M., Tolmie S.W., Saul J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Percy Preceptor, Stock J.D., Powell I.G. Past Masters Bros. Burnes 933, Noehmer 186, Seex 186, Ashburner 1278, Main 813, Wright 1364. Visitors—Bros. Brooks W.M. 902, Berry W.M. 554, Clark 188, Woolf 898, Weeden 13, Gross 1278, Lowe 1360, Richardson 55, Greene 861, Webb 174. Business.—The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren, Bros. Frith 1426,

Allcot 525, Webb 174, Noehmer 186, Barnes 933, Sanl 1201, Tolmie 861, Cambridge 15, Pearcey 228, Gross 1278, Lowe 1364, Berry 551, Sadler 147, Stock 1178. Bro. G. Ward Verry was elected an Honorary Member, and Bros. Barnes, Noehmer, Clark, Woolf, Weeden, Gross, Lowe, Brooks, Ashburner, Richardson, Green, Seex, and Berry elected joining members. The whole of the Sections were worked in an admirable manner, that of Bro. Barnes giving particular satisfaction, while that of Bro. Allcot, of the Zetland Lodge, Hong Kong, proves that Masonry will lose none of its lustre in the far east with such a proficient exponent. A vote of thanks to the W.M. brought a very successful evening to a close. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. J. Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, this Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 29th April, at 30 Hope-street, Glasgow. Bro. Harley S.W. said, as the Master was absent on his wedding tour, he had got Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, Master of Lodge Dramatic, to act as R.W.M. John Harley S.W., Colin McKenzie J.W., R. McLean Secretary, R. McKie acting S.D., Jas. Harley J.D., J. Pool I.G., J. Minnich Tyler. Business—The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. Dobson, a petition was presented from Mr. Stewart Harmer, engineer, and as he was about to sail on Monday, it was voted a case of emergency. Bro. Dobson then initiated the candidate, in his usual able manner. Having opened the Lodge in the 2nd degree, he then resigned the gavel to Bro. G. W. Wheeler of 73, who passed, and afterwards raised the candidate to the sublime degree. Thereafter the Wardens proposed the thanks of the Lodge to Bros. Dobson and Wheeler for their services on this occasion.

Commercial Lodge, No. 360.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 28th April, at their own Hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. J. Lamb D.M., who, in the absence from town of the W.M., took the chair, J. M. Oliver S.W., J. Mitchell acting J.W. Business—An application for admission was read from Mr. Walter Buchanan, and the ballot proving unanimous, he was admitted and initiated in a very careful manner by Bro. Lamb.

Dramatic Lodge, No. 571.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at 3 o'clock on Wednesday the 3rd of May, at St. Marks Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. W. J. E. Dobson R.W.M., Jas. Houston D.M., H. W. Jackson S.W., R. S. Smith acting J.W. E. Weir acting Sec., Wm. Barbour Treas., L. Mitchell J.D., Robinson I.G., J. B. Hardie Tyler. Visitors Bros. Wheeler 73, Lamb D.M., J. M. Oliver S.W. 360, J. McGinnis D.M. 408, J. Ferguson I.P.M. 543, William Phillips R.W.M. 556, and several other brethren. Business—Initiation of Mr. Adam H. Gill, worked by the R.W.M., who then opened a Fellow Craft Lodge, and asked Bro. Oliver of 360 to confer that degree on Bro. Walter Buchanan, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Lamb D.M. of Lodge Commercial raised two brethren to the sublime degree. All three ceremonies were admirably worked.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting, on Tuesday, the 2nd May, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Perrin W.M., Cambridge S.W., Wiege J.W., Worsley Secretary, Wallington Preceptor, Allen S.D., Smith J.D., Johnson I.G.; also Bros. Turquand, Gray, Folliott, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Huggins acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Allen, assisted by the the brethren. The Lodge was then opened and closed in the three degrees. Bro. Cambridge was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—The regular meeting of this Lodge met on Monday, 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. C. Jekyll W.M., W. A. Tinney S.W., E. Terry J.W., G. Buckland S.D., E. Swanborough J.D., Harry Cox D.C., C. H. Stephenson Steward, C. Wellard I.G., C. Coote jun. Treasurer, E. S. Jones Secretary; G. R. Egerton Org. and P.M.'s C. Coote sen., Chamberlin and J. Read. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. W. P. Hammond and J. H. Pearson were passed to the 2nd degree. J. D. Wallace was raised to the 3rd degree, and Messrs. L. Hermann, C. Beckett, C. Fogarty, and Charles Harcourt were duly initiated into the Order. Credit is due to the W.M. and Officers for the correct and impressive manner in which the business was conducted. Bros. Purkess P.M. 145 and C. H. Thompson S.W. 969 were present as visitors.

Clapton Chapter of Improvement, No. 1365.—The above Chapter of Improvement was inaugurated on Wednesday evening last (3rd May), under the presidency of Comp. John Rumsey P.Z. Preceptor, supported by Comps. C. R. Miles and J. Hobbs, as H and J respectively, at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton, and was well attended by the R. A. Masons residing in the neighbourhood. The meetings will now continue to be held regularly every Wednesday evening, at 7.30 p.m., and, no doubt, will be numerously supported, and prove a great success, there being no other Chapter of Instruction within some considerable distance. All R. A. Masons who can make it convenient to attend are cordially invited.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 28th ultimo, at Bro. Fisher's, the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. James Cuthbush W.M., Dr. Livingston S.W., R. F. Young J.W., G. Askew Secretary, Frederick Venables S.D., C. Gray J.D., J. Kenby I.G., Goddard Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Hayward Edwards I.P.M., John Lowthion Prov. S.G.W. Herts. Visitors—Bros. John Constable P.M. 185, J. K. Pitt, P. T. Duffy, Harris, Neill, &c. After the preliminary business of the evening had been disposed of, the chair was taken by Bro. P.M. Lowthion,

and Mr. W. W. Morgan jun., who had been previously balloted for, was introduced, and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Cull was elected a joining member. The report of the Committee in reference to the establishment of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge was then discussed, and we are pleased to be able to announce that it may be considered settled, as the details are to be referred back to the Committee, and will no doubt be accepted at the next meeting of the Lodge. Several propositions were then handed in, and the Lodge was closed in order. A slight repast followed, at which the W.M. presided in genial manner, the customary toasts were duly honoured. The announcement that the last train for London would start in ten minutes brought forth a call for the Tyler, whose toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Present—Bros. Willing W.M., Berrie S.W., Kingham J.W., Fowler S.D., Side J.W., H. Stiles I.G., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, W. M. Stiles Secretary; and Bros. Scales, Child, Little, Cox, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and Bro. Little raised to degree of M.M., in a most impressive manner. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the 3rd lecture were worked by Bros. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor and Willing P.M. Treasurer, in a very able manner. Lodge was then closed down, and Bro. Berrie appointed W.M. for ensuing meeting. A sincere vote of condolence was accorded Bro. Cheek on the loss of his much beloved wife. As a mark of the esteem in which Bro. Adams, the veteran Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, is regarded, one of the members expressed his pleasure and intention of presenting each member with a photograph of Brother Adams, this was received with great delight by the brethren, who naturally will be proud to possess the likeness of so great and good an ornament to the Craft. Lodge closed in due form.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—This new Lodge, which is rapidly increasing in numbers, and can boast of having among its members many brethren who are thoroughly proficient in their duties, met on the 26th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. J. H. Wilkins P.M. 73, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. T. Sabine, opened the Lodge. He was supported by Bro. J. C. Mason S.W., E. J. Stidolph J.W., W. J. Kemp S.D., H. Faija C.E. I.G., A. J. Hawkes D.C., H. Wright P.M. acting as Deacon. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. H. C. Harrison, H. Black, H. Diack, and E. Sloper, were, after showing their proficiency, passed to the 2nd degree, in a very perfect manner. The W.M. having arrived from Brighton, then occupied the chair, and initiated Mr. H. Levy into the Order. Bro. H. Faija stated his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and enlisted the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of that noble Institution. Bro. E. S. Stidolph J.W. nobly responded, by placing his name down for £10 10s. Bro. Wilkins used his eloquence in the cause of the Charity, and urged the brethren to make the Lodge a Life Governor, in the name of the W.M. for the time being, and we are pleased to announce that he succeeded, so that this young Lodge is now in possession of its first Life Governorship for the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, there was no banquet, the day falling on that fixed for Grand Festival. The Visitors were Bros. T. C. Watts S.D. 1381, J. Davis 1309, W. Lane P.M. 28, T. W. Adams 765, Rev. T. W. Cave, and J. S. Sweasey 1423.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The regular meeting of this new Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. B. W. Swallow W.M., Rev. P.M. Holden P. G. Chaplain Middlesex S.W., E. White J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, B. Turner J.D., Willis as I.G., J. G. Shand D.C., and Bros. Emanuel, Moring, J. Wass, Waugh, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Pike, Day, Wass, Riley and Bonham were passed to the 2nd degree. Bros. James, Irving and Townley 1351 were raised to the 3rd degree, and Messrs. J. P. Dicker, A. Symonds and E. Hardwick (son of the coroner for Marylebone) were duly initiated into the Order. The working was excellently rendered by the W.M. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. then stated that the W.M., one of the founders of the Lodge, had consented to act as Steward for the Girls' School at the next Anniversary Festival, and proposed that the sum of £10 10s should be given from the funds to be placed on his list. This was seconded by the Rev. P. M. Holden S.W. and carried. The latter brother called the attention of the brethren to the bye-laws with regard to the Benevolent Fund, whereby 5 per cent. of all initiation, joining fees and subscriptions are to be set apart by the Treasurer for the purpose of forming a Benevolent Fund. These bye-laws are a pattern worthy of imitation, as they contain full particulars of the three Masonic Charities, whereby every brother on his initiation can at once make himself acquainted with the groundwork on which our Institutions are framed. The Lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. Nickols. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M., alluded to his enthusiastic reception in the East. All would be pleased to see him again amongst them, and no class would be ready to give him a more hearty reception than the Masonic body. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, and in giving the toast of the Deputy Grand Master said, he was proud to see three Grand Officers present. Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B. returned thanks. He was one who signed the warrant for the formation of the Lodge, he was pleased to see the Lodge flourishing, and he was gratified at seeing the able working of the W.M. and officers. All would, he was sure, do all in their power to forward the progress of the Lodge. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. followed. It was a satisfaction to see, when petitions were sent to Grand Lodge, that the W.M. and officers were as thoroughly conversant with their duties as that that had been witnessed during the evening. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune then pro-

posed the toast of the W.M., who had said, the first time he presided over them, that he would do all he could to their satisfaction. This had been done, and he hoped they would drink his health in a hearty manner. The W.M. remarked that he had worked hard in the cause of Freemasonry, and he was pleased to say that this was the 7th meeting. They were free from debt, and had given £10 10s to one of the Charities, he trusted they would yet do more—(cheers)—and he hoped the seven brethren who were in office would eventually occupy the proud position of Master of their Lodge. Bro. Dicker returned thanks for the newly initiated. In proposing the Visitors, the W.M. said they were honoured by the presence of Grand Officers and many brethren distinguished in the Order. Bros. Poupard, Draper and S. Webb returned thanks for the toast. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, their qualifications were well known, and required no comment. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens, paying them deserved compliments for their able working. Bro. Rev P. M. Holden returned thanks; he felt proud if he could have the pleasure of assisting the W.M. in the working; every ceremony ought to be perfectly and solemnly worked, and when that is done, the remembrance can never be effaced. The W.M. had carried that out to their satisfaction; he had been the means, after labour, of passing an enjoyable and social evening, and he hoped, when he arrived to the position of W.M. he might follow in the footsteps of so worthy a predecessor. He had met many friends in Freemasonry, and he hoped it would continue so to his latest hour. Bro. White followed. The toast of the Junior Officers and the Tyler were given. The brethren experienced a great musical treat by the exquisite singing of Bro. S. Webb, and the Rev. P. M. Holden S.W. gave an excellent recitation. The visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., J. Smith P.G.P., Lamb 1567, W. S. Daniel 1541, G. Draper W.M. 1305, J. Hurdell 1348, J. Edell 108, T. Bourne 411 (Drogheda), F. Poupard 1446, W. P. Drew 749, S. Webb P.M. 93 and 1297, Russ 382, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

THE Quarterly communication was held in St. Mark's Hall, on Thursday, 27th April. There was a full attendance of Masters and Wardens. A telegram was read from the P.G.M., Bro. Wm. M. Neilson, stating that he was worse to-day, and unable to attend the meeting; Bro. Baird D.P.G.M. accordingly opened the Lodge, with Bros. G. McDonald R.W.M. of 73 as P.G.S.W., J. Booth 87 as P.G.J.W., A. McTaggart P.G.S., J. Gillies 106 P.G.T., G. Thallon 362 P.G.S.D., J. Miller 127 P.G.J.D. A. Bain 103 P.G.S.B., J. Balfour 332 P.G.D.C., D. Reid 465 P.G.I.G., J. B. Hardie P.G. Tyler, and G. Sinclair P.G. Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, who after reading of minutes reported that the Benevolent Committee had, during the quarter, relieved four widows and one infirm brother. The new bye-laws of Lodge were approved of, and those of 553, with the petition of 45 brethren against the same, which had been sent to P.G.L. from the Committee of Grand Lodge, was remitted to P.G. Committee, with full powers.

Two brethren of Lodge 87 having been suspended for six months for un-Masonic conduct, and not having appeared, the P.G.L. confirmed the decision. The financial statement of the Auditors was presented and approved of as highly satisfactory. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

ANNUAL VISITATIONS.

ON Monday, 1st May, the Lodge Union, No. 332, was visited. Bro. McKirdy R.W.M. was ably supported by the whole of his office bearers, and Bros. McNair I.P.M., R. Mitchell, and J. Balfour P.M., and a large attendance of members and visitors. The P.G.S. reported that they had found the books all right, and the Lodge working generally satisfactory. The acting P.G.M. endorsed the sentiments of the Secretary, and was glad to be able to congratulate them on their continued prosperity.

On Tuesday 2nd May, at 8 p.m., the Lodge of St. John, No. 3 bis, was visited at their own Hall, 213 Buchanan-street. The books were found to be satisfactorily kept, but the P.G.S. took exception to the Lodge, having on several occasions conferred more than one degree on the same night without recording the circumstance that had made such a course necessary. The acting P.G.M., himself a P.M. of St. John, said the P.G.M. was very particular on this point, and not without reason, as one degree was quite enough for any one to work and retain in their memory at one time. Bro. D. M. Nelson R.W.M. did not admit that they had done wrong. Each Lodge must judge of the circumstances that justify them in giving more than one degree, and of these facts he considered they were as well able to judge as a deputation from the Provincial, coming many months after the date, and deciding upon superficial knowledge. The D.P.G.M. reminded him that it was not the deputation that were finding fault; they were only referring them to Grand Lodge Laws.

The Deputation then went to 170 Buchanan-street, where the members of the Thistle and Rose Lodge, under the Presidency of Bro. G. McDonald and his officers were awaiting their arrival. After they had very carefully gone through the books, they were received with all the honours. The P.G.S. said he was glad to be able to say they had never yet examined a better set of books, and they had written in them as favourable a report as of any Lodge they had yet visited. He found that last year they had received 27 fresh initiations, and that their contributions to charities had amounted to £17 15s; but while they had so much to praise he must call attention to the fact, that in several cases the 2nd and 3rd degrees had been conferred in one night. He thought this to be a very undesirable state of things and although Grand Lodge laws allowed it in cases of emergency, he hoped it would only be done when the emergency was real.

Bro. Baird D.P.G.M., was glad to endorse the very excellent cer-

tificate the P.G.S. had given them. He knew that some times great pressure was brought to bear on the R.W.M. of a Lodge to get him to give two or even three degrees in one night. He hoped they would try to resist that pressure, and only give the one degree. Bro. G. McDonald thanked the P.G.M. and the deputation for their visit, and also for their very favourable report. He could assure them that he never willingly gave two degrees to a candidate in one night, but there were cases where owing to Brothers leaving the City it was unavoidable.

The Lodge was then placed under the care of the J.W., and a couple of hours were spent in harmony, an unusual circumstance in this Lodge.

On Wednesday, the 3rd, the same deputation waited on Lodge Kilwinning, No. 4, in their own hall, 170 Buchanan-street. The Lodge having assembled an hour earlier than usual in order to work the second degree before the arrival of the P.G.L., Bro. Prout R.W.M. in the chair, G. Holmes S.W., J. McGinnis acting J.W., J. McKean Treas., J. Castle Sec., and other office bearers, when Bro. G. W. Wheeler of 73 passed a brother to the Fellow Craft degree. Amongst the Visitors were the R.W.M.M. of 360, 28, 73, 214, 332, 408, and 534.

The P.G.S. after the deputation had been received presented his report, which spoke very favourably of the working of the Lodge, though they had not had so many initiates as in some former years. The D.P.G.M. said he hoped they were looking more to the quality than the quantity of their material, and that was the way to keep a firm structure. Bro. Prout said he hoped during his year of office to get as good material and yet increase the quantity; at any rate no effort on his part should be wanted to secure that object.

The deputation afterwards visited the Lodge Caledonian Railway, No. 354, where they were received by a large assembly of the members and visitors, and able to highly compliment the Lodge on the general state of its affairs. The excellences were many and the defects but few, but it was a duty to point them out so they ever so slight.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Lily of the Valley Conclave, No. 127.—This Conclave met on 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hollytown, H. J. Shields 33° presiding as M.P.S., Wm. M'Murdo E.V., D. Baker S.G., J. Nimmo, J.G., when a petition was presented from Comp. J. Wood, who was then duly received and created a Knight of the Order.

Knight Templars, St. Mungo's Encampment, Glasgow.—This Encampment met on Wednesday, 3rd May. Sir Knights R. Bell E.C., G. W. Wheeler prelate, H. J. Shields 33° as Marshal. This being the last meeting of the Body prior to the Commander and Deputy Commander sailing for America to take part in the Centennial Festival and Templar Demonstration, the arrangements for its temporary command were finally made, and it was placed in the charge of Sir Knights Shield P.E.C. and Wheeler. Sir Knight Baker Military Instructor, then gave the Sir Knights present their drill, as they intended not to be behind their brotherhood either in manual or moral discipline.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, FESTIVAL, 28TH JUNE 1876.

At the last meeting of the Committee it was unanimously decided to hold the Festival in connection with this Institution at the Alexandra Palace, under precisely the same conditions as last year.

The following brethren were elected officers of the Board of Stewards.

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Honorary Secretary, Bro. F. BINCKES, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. E. H. Thiellay W.M., Moulton S.W., G. S. States P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, John Boyd P.G.P. Treasurer, Manby Assistant Secretary, J. Hughes S.D., Leggett J.D., Lister A.D.C., Wood as I.G. P.M.'s J. Bull and G. Parkess, and Bros. A. Boetsh, Brock, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Aime, Hugon, G. Mattison, and C. Codlin were passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M. Bros. A. Mears and Scott (bailing from another Lodge), were by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the 3rd degree by G. Parkess P.M., both these ceremonies being capitally worked. The handsomely emblazoned testimonial, presented by the Lodge to Bro. H. Dicketts P.G.S., was handed round for inspection, and gave great satisfaction from its artistic design. The Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet.

"WOMEN IN THE REIGN OF QUEEN VICTORIA," is the title of a new book, the joint production of Madame Caplin and Dr. Mill, which is about to be issued by Messrs. DEAN and SON. The work, we understand, is devoted to the whole Woman's question, especially in relation to healthy employment and recreation.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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ADELPHI.—STRUCK OIL, and FOOL OF THE FAMILY.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, No. 1 ROUND THE CORNER. At 7.30, ALL FOR HER, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, THE HUNCHBACK, &c.

STRAND.—At 7.30, A LESSON IN LOVE. At 9.15, L'AFRICAIN, &c.

GAIETY.—At 7.45, BLUE DEVILS. At 8.30, MY AWFUL DAD. At 10.30, COOL AS A CUCUMBER.

CHARING CROSS.—At 8, ALL FOR THEM. At 8.45, STARVATION REFUSING PLenty SUBJECT. At 9.45, YOUNG RIP VAN WINKLE.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, FASCINATING FELLOWS. At 8.0, THE GASCON. At 10.45, VESTA'S TEMPLE.

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GLOBE.—At 7.30, COUSIN CHERRY. At 8.0, MISS GWILT, &c.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

COURT.—At 8.0, A SCRAP OF PAPER, and A QUIET RUBBER.

ST. JAMES'S.—MODEL OF A WIFE, and THE SULTAN OF MOCHA.

OPERA COMIQUE.—LE PETITE MARIE.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE WALL OF CHINA, and THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE, &c.

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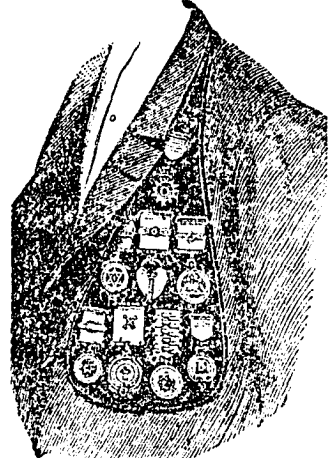
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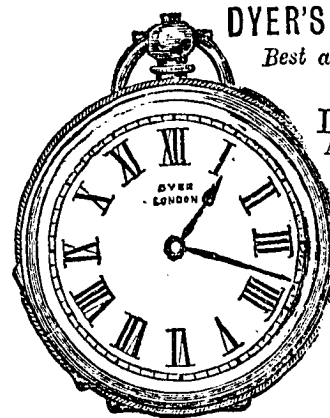
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