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A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RECONCILIATION.

WE are pleased beyond measure with what passed at the recent meeting, at Huddersfield, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. There had not been wanting evidence that a fresh campaign in connection with the Boys' School was contemplated by some of our brethren of that wealthy and influential Province. A new pamphlet had been talked about, and we began to think a fight *à outrance* was imminent between the friends and opponents of the School management, and that too in broiling summer weather, when the bare idea of violent exertion, whether mental or physical, is enough to frighten people into an apoplexy. The calamity has been happily averted. Those who were anxious to keep the ball of discord rolling for, at all events, another six or twelve months, in the belief that by doing so they would be most likely to promote the blessings of peace, will not have the opportunity vouchsafed them of proving the wisdom of their good intentions. The pamphlet will be turned to a far better purpose than that of perpetuating the practice, so recently indulged in by many, of "crimination and recrimination." It will go the way of other stale and unprofitable literature, and may probably be used for culinary purposes, or for the decoration of West Yorkshire butter, or West Yorkshire hams. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be no longer a scene of anxious or angry disputation, but a Lodge of Perfect Harmony, in which the members, without exception, will zealously emulate each other in the fulfilment of charity in the widest acceptation of the word. The battle of the pamphlets, and the havoc it momentarily created among the kindlier feelings of Craftsmen, will be utterly forgotten. One ray of hope will henceforth illumine the minds of all, the hope that in the future, as in the past, West Yorkshire, and the other generous supporters of the Boys' School, will be found strenuously co-operating in its behalf, with the view of making it, if possible, a greater success than it is. A kind of millennium—let us hope, in perpetuity—will succeed the recent state of turmoil, and goodfellowship will henceforth reign alone.

We rejoice at the fortunate turn events have taken, at the happy picture we have just drawn, which will occupy the place of the dismal and disheartening scenes we had so much reason to forbode. And to whom are we indebted for the bright change that has come o'er the spirit of our dream? Last week we published a long and vigorous letter from a worthy and generally-esteemed member of our Craft, which left no doubt in our minds that another season of strife was in store for us. Almost at the very time of writing the few remarks we prefixed to it, another, and equally high-minded brother, enjoying almost the highest rank it is in the power of his Provincial Grand Master to bestow, and holding also the most important municipal office his fellow-townsmen could confer upon him, our respected Bro. Gill, Provincial Grand Senior Warden for West Yorkshire, and Mayor of Wakefield, rose in his place in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, and in terms of simple eloquence invited the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Booth, to withdraw his contemplated motion respecting the proceedings of the last Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. Bro. Gill, in doing this, is reported to have said that "he had listened with much pain to the bickerings at these meetings on this Boys' School subject. He had been to London, in compliance with the request of Prov. Grand Lodge, and was willing to

go a dozen times if good could come, but his belief was that such would not be the case. From our contributions we have shown our interest in this school, but by our action we are losing our force and influence." And again: "If any wrong exists in the internal arrangements of the school, let complaint be made in regular order, in all the friendliness of Masonic feeling, and so put an end to all this crimination and recrimination." This was a manly and generous appeal, and was earnestly supported by Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.P.D.G.M., in a few telling sentences, as well as by Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master, who said he was anxious to receive the cooperation of all good workers on behalf of this charity, and was afraid this would not be obtained if the motion were pressed. Thereupon Bro. Booth, very properly disclaiming all personal feelings in the matter, withdrew his motion, and Provincial Grand Lodge closed in perfect harmony. This is pretty well what we counselled last week. All are now agreed, to use Bro. Gill's own words, to "let what has passed be passed." West Yorkshire, whose interest—to its credit be it proclaimed—has never really been interrupted, will again cooperate, as of yore, in furthering, to the utmost of its ability, the interests of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Even during the progress of the squabble it contributed liberally, both at last year's Festival and at this. But it is in the nature of things that the full effect of its ability to render valuable help should not have been felt on either of these occasions. It is one of our wealthiest and most considerable Provinces. It has invariably stood firm to its Masonic principles, and has done its duty magnificently. It has just resolved unanimously to enter upon a further term of active labour in behalf of our Charitable Institutions. It has nobly resolved to stamp out any lingering soreness it may feel at the result of the recent differences. This resolution it has undertaken at the instance of P.G.S.W. Gill, seconded by P.P.D.G.M. Bentley Shaw and P.G.M. Sir Henry Edwards. Henceforth, then, we repeat, there will be perfectly harmonious cooperation in the cause of the Boys', as of our other Institutions, among all the Provinces, and we have to thank, and do hereby thank, Bro. Gill, who took the initiative, and Bros. Bentley Shaw and Sir Henry Edwards, who so heartily seconded him, that this consummation, devoutly to be wished, has been so satisfactorily attained. May West Yorkshire brethren always be able to boast such shining lights to guide them in threading difficult and dangerous passes!

ANOTHER THEORY ABOUT OUR INSTITUTIONS.

WERE our various charitable institutions as richly endowed as some of the collegiate and scholastic institutions of England, there would be a certain show of reason in the occasional outcry that is raised against the heavy annual demands made throughout the Craft towards their support. In such a case, our Anniversary Festivals would be occasions for hearty congratulation over the prosperity of our Charities. We should hear, no doubt, a great deal said as to the zeal and ability of the officials; in the case of the two schools, about the excellent results of our educational system, as evidenced by the knowledge and discipline of present, and the success, in after life, of former pupils; and, generally, much in praise of former

generations of brethren, to whose wise care and liberal provision we were indebted for the establishment of these same Charities. Little, however, would be said about the necessity for subscriptions. Stewards, on these happy occasions, might be appointed, and we imagine they would fulfil their duties with diligence and successfully; but, compared with what it is now, the office would be a sinecure. No subscriptions being required, no canvass would be necessary. The Institutions being richly endowed, would, of course, enjoy large permanent incomes, sufficient, under proper management and control, to meet all possible and probable expenditure. This would be very gratifying, and none would rejoice more than ourselves were this picture a reality. Unfortunately, our Charities are not in the possession of rich endowments; in the case of one of them, there is hardly any endowment whatever. Their permanent incomes, therefore, are utterly inadequate to meet the demands made upon their resources. Our three Institutions, indeed, are in the same position as many other similar institutions. They lead a hand-to-mouth life. They have, perhaps, one or two comfortable little nest-eggs, which serve as a kind of nucleus round which to collect a sufficient amount of means. But there is no certainty they will succeed in collecting the wherewithal to defray the year's expenditure. There is, then, at the present time, an absolute necessity that, with each recurring year, the plan of raising a large sum by subscription be followed. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is committed to an expenditure, in the way of annuities alone, of some eight thousand pounds per annum. Its permanent income, comprising the interest on invested moneys, and the annual subscriptions from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, is a little in excess of two thousand pounds. Taking the Girls' School at its present strength, the annual outlay must exceed £6,000, the income, from investments and Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter contributions being about one-third. In the case of the Boys' School, there are one hundred and eighty pupils, but in the way of investments, nothing appreciable in amount. Consequently, the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are the only means on which its Governing Body can rely. All else that is required for the maintenance and education of the pupils, and for expenses of office, must be drawn annually from the pockets of Craftsmen. All this while we are using the most strenuous efforts to enlarge the scope of these Institutions. We have increased the number of our male and female annuitants. We have raised the number of pupils in the Boys' School, and, only a few months since, the General Court of the Girls wisely resolved to extend the existing school premises, with a view to enlarging the school to over 200 pupils. While, then, the additions to reserve funds are comparatively of little or no account, we are contracting very heavy additional obligations, and yet there are brethren unwise enough to proclaim that our Charities are not in need of funds! Something of this kind happened, indeed, quite recently, at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire. Bro. Lowthin, P.G.S.W., proposed a modest donation to the Girls' School of twenty guineas, and the proposition was carried, but Bro. Lambert raised his voice against the motion. He is reported to have said: "Have the brethren considered the *vast amount of funded property the Institution possesses*? I understand they want to increase the size of the buildings, and increase the number of girls received, and *when they have got them, they will not be able to spend their income.*" [N.B.—The italics are ours.] We have not the pleasure of Bro. Lambert's acquaintance. We do not doubt he is a most excellent and well-intentioned brother, while it is evident that, as far as any influence he may be able to exercise over the minds of his Hertfordshire brethren, he is, fortunately, quite harmless. We will be at the pains of asking Bro. Lambert this very pertinent question. He says he *understands* that even when the School is enlarged it will be impossible to spend its income. We may fairly assume, from the manner of this statement, that Bro. Lambert has derived any knowledge he may possess of the subject from foreign sources, that, in other words, his statement is not based on his own knowledge. We ask, then, has Bro. Lambert examined the published accounts of the Girls' School? Has he noted whence chiefly is derived its income? Taking the figures, as given by Bro. Clabon at the last Quarterly Court of the Institution, we find "the vast amount of funded property" it possesses, was stated at £42,000. We admit that £42,000, if not a vast amount, is certainly a very handsome sum; but even at 5 per cent. per annum,

which is in excess of the actual interest received, the income would only reach £2,100, or, it may be, one-third of the expenditure which the School is bound to incur. The School is about to be enlarged at a very considerable outlay. For this purpose, a proportionate demand will have to be made upon the invested funds, and this, of course, will reduce the permanent income; but, says Bro. Lambert, in effect, even when the enlargement has taken place, "they will not be able to spend their income." This, we admit, is a contingency which must not be lost sight of, but it is grounds wholly different from Brother Lambert's view. If, as is stated in the report we have before us of the Prov. Grand Lodge Herts meeting, the outlay amount to £42,000, it will just absorb the investments of the Institution, and they—we presume, the Governing body is intended—"will not be able to spend their income," because there will be no income derived from this source to spend. We say it in no unfriendly spirit, but when a brother takes upon himself the office of critic, he should be at the pains to acquire just some little knowledge of the subject he intends criticising. Had Bro. Lambert fulfilled his duty properly, that is, had he first of all studied the published reports of the Girls' School, issued annually and upon proper authority, he would have learnt, in five minutes, how much of the school income was permanent, and to what extent it was dependent for support on the beneficence of the Craft. We should all of us like to see our Masonic Institutions as well furnished with endowments as are most of the Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, very many of our public schools, and a great number of our public institutions. This, however, is, unfortunately, not the case. The buildings are ours, and in the case of two out of the three Charities, there is, at present, a fair amount of money invested, but the bulk of the funds necessary to maintain them at their existing strength and free from debt must be raised annually from the pockets of the Craft. The sum thus raised is very considerable, amounting, for this year, to somewhere about £30,000; but we do not think the demand thus made is excessive, whether we take into account the service to which the money is devoted, or the body from which it is gathered. The former is in the highest degree praiseworthy, the latter bears the strain upon its resources with genuine equanimity. It is ready, indeed, to do more, if more is needed. And this will happen if we go on increasing the number of our annuitants and scholars, as latterly we have been doing. Until, as we have pointed out, each institution has a permanent income large enough to cover its expenditure, these annual calls upon the goodwill of the brotherhood must be made, or we shall fail to carry out the obligations we have contracted. We have taken upon ourselves certain heavy responsibilities, and it is imperative, for the honour of Freemasonry, that these responsibilities be fully discharged. We feel justified, under these circumstances, in urging upon Bro. Lambert and other Craftsmen who may have brought themselves to similar erroneous conclusions respecting the needs of our Charities, think well before objecting to the grant of money to one or other of them. Our Charities, we rejoice to say, are very liberally supported, but they are by no means liberally endowed. They will experience no difficulty in usefully appropriating any moneys that may be bestowed upon them. The demands upon their resources are incessant, as well as heavy, and having in view their probable enlargement as years roll on, these demands must become heavier in the same proportion. Any who may feel disposed to withhold their contributions on the ground that the existing provision is already more than enough, will be omitting a graceful act, for reasons which will not bear examination. Let them remember, too, that great as have been the successes of the various Boards of Stewards during the last two or three years, annual subscriptions are apt to fluctuate. They may go on increasing by an arithmetical or any other progression, but they may also go on diminishing. A few years hence the country may be less prosperous. It behoves, therefore, all good and true Masons to use every exertion in behalf of our Charities now and always. Then, if less prosperous times come, and the donations are less considerable, we may at least have the consolation of knowing that our old folks and our orphans will not be wholly without provision.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, of the Old College, Dulwich, has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to the Loriners' Company.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

WE congratulate the Craft on the establishment of this institution in London, the head quarters of Masonry. We have long felt the need of it; it has been our frequent pleasure to receive a brother just arrived on a trip from some distant province, who has been anxious to visit London Lodges, to make the acquaintance of prominent brethren, or to discuss Masonic topics with men of town experience—in want, in short, of a rendezvous where genial faces and ready introductions might be found, without rushing about and putting his one or two town friends (perhaps just then immersed in business) to too much trouble. It is true, there is Freemasons' Hall, with the adjoining tavern, but the nature of his requirements would not authorise him to take up the valuable time of the hard worked officials at the one, whilst no satisfaction whatever was to be derived from a visit to the other. Where could we take him? If a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he would find always a courteous reception at Golden Square; but even there, "time is money," and unless his objects were definite, he could hardly expect to meet at first sight a volunteer mentor and cicerone. Now all will be made easy for him and for us. He will become a country member of our Club, at a most moderate subscription. If he come to town without his family, as is so frequently the case, he will take a room at some good hotel in the centre of the city, and then go to his Club. There every provision is made for his comfort, every attention paid to his wants, full information on the Order forthcoming, and, in all probability, kindred spirits are to be found, bound on similar errands, and appreciative of his acquaintance. Lodges will soon be established there, and when the new temple, which we hear is projected, is established adjoining, the place will be to all intents and purposes the real head quarters of London Craft Masonry; always excepting the Grand Lodge, with its Committees, which may not, however, have the same immediate interest for our typical Provincial brother as the general undercurrent of the life of the Order, to be met with at the Club and in private Lodges, would. Should he not have become a member, then all the satisfaction will be ours in introducing him as a visitor; in giving him there, perhaps, as good, or better, a little luncheon, or *recherché* dinner, as can be had at any Club in London, and in introducing him to congenial minds, with the least possible trouble to ourselves.

We have a suggestion to make for the consideration of the Committee. In clubs established in our Colonies and the East, there is a generous rule constituting all officers of Her Majesty's Service who may visit the place, members of the club *pro tem*; it is a rule which is highly valued, and which has been found to work with equal satisfaction for both sides. We have ourselves had the great pleasure, at Hong Kong and elsewhere, to come under this category, and have been saved from the discomforts of hotel life with its exorbitant overcharges in consequence, besides making many valuable acquaintances which might not otherwise have come in our way. Now would not something of this kind be graceful and applicable here? We have doubtless many brethren abroad, without friends in England, bachelors, who may be coming home for a spell on furlough or business. To keep up a permanent subscription for years, as "country members," on the chance of their some day visiting the "old country," would be unreasonable to exact. Why not allow a brother so situated, on being introduced by a member, to enjoy the privileges of temporary membership, *say for two weeks*, with the option of taking it up permanently at the end of that period? If such a rule could be established, and be *made generally known abroad*, we believe that, in the course of time, it would be found to act most beneficially, to mutual advantage; that it would probably prove to have contributed appreciably to the flourishing permanence of the concern. Most brethren thus benefited would not hesitate to pay the fee and join permanently. But to attract them from alternative places, the additional incentive of a generous and fraternal reception, on their own merits as *brethren from abroad*, to a social Masonic point of reunion, would go very far. Many a brother has aimlessly joined the "Thatched House," the "Temple" and other Clubs, because a friend happened to take him there. Let him come to our Club *as a right*, and he will join that. The privilege should of course not depend simply upon the production of a Masonic certificate,

but should be guaranteed by the personal introduction of a member, in like manner as though he were proposed for joining.

To the brethren abroad who may read these pages (of whom we have a goodly number on our subscription list), we are happy to be able personally to testify to the excellence in management and convenience of which the Club gives promise. Not all of us can get into "Boodles" or "The Rag and Famish," and of Clubs which stand in the second and third row we expect that, in point of comfort, this will be *second to none*.

UNITED GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL.

WE are indebted to the pages of *le Monde Maçonnique* for the following excerpt from *le Bulletin du Grand Orient Uni* of Brazil, which cannot fail to be interesting to our readers, and especially to those among them who may be members of the A. and A. Scotch Rite.

On the 22nd November, the Grand Orient authorised the constitution of a new Lodge of the rite of Schroeder, under the title "*Zur Eintracht*," in the Orient of Porto-Alegre, Province of Rio Grande do Sul. This Lodge is composed of German brethren, who being enabled to work in their own style, have already manifested an ardent resolution to combat intolerance wherever it presents itself, and put in practice the doctrines which form the glory of our Institution.

Accepting all recognised rites, we point to another German Symbolical Lodge, in the Orient of Joinville, Province of St. Catherine, bearing the title of "*Amizade ao Cruzeiro do Sul* (*Amitié, à la Croix du Sud*), and a Lodge of the York Rite, called the *Washington Lodge*, Orient of St. Barbe, Province of St. Paul, composed of American brethren, who work in the English language.

From September to December, nine Lodges and five Chapters have been established, and the United Grand Orient of Brazil now comprises 185 Lodges, 107 Chapters, five superior Lodges, one Supreme Council, and Grand Orient, or in all 299 Lodges.

The correspondence department contains a registered translation of the views interchanged between the Supreme Council of France, and that of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, on the subject of the conflict of jurisdiction in the Sandwich Islands, which owes its rise to the decision arrived at by the Congress of Lausanne, and which, unhappily, has resulted in the rupture of the relations existing between the two bodies.

The Supreme Councils of Switzerland, Belgium, and Scotland have confirmed the recognition, as a regular, legitimate, and legally-constituted body, of the United Orient, and have interchanged representatives with it.

In the Foreign Review we note minutely all the most important events in Masonry which come within our knowledge by means of the published organs of Masonic opinion.

The Congress of Lausanne deserves especial attention as an event which for some time past has aroused the curiosity of a great number of our brethren. We give, from documents we have received, the acts of that assembly, in which were represented sundry Supreme Councils of the Scotch Rite. We abstain altogether from formulating any opinion as to the practical results of the Congress, in order to avoid prejudicing in any way the resolution our Grand Order must take ament the deliberations adopted towards itself. We shall assert, however, that the conflicting claims over the Sandwich Islands have been determined hastily, and in a manner quite opposed to the right for a long time past vested in all Masonic powers, namely, that of founding Lodges in countries where there is no Supreme Body. In fact the delegates of the eleven Supreme Councils which met at Lausanne, have resolved an important question which came not within their competence to settle, and, without hearing one of the parties interested, thus inaugurating a new system of Masonic law entirely opposed to established usage. It seems to us that the Congress, when erecting a tribunal for the purpose of determining issues that might arise between confederate bodies, would have exhibited greater wisdom and sounder sense had it referred to that tribunal the question in dispute between the two Supreme Councils of France and Charleston. Instead, however, of re-establishing harmo-

nious and fraternal feeling in the bosom of our Institution, the Congress of Lausanne has raised its voice in opposition, and has increased the discord already existing between certain Councils of the Scotch Rite.

For ourselves, we anticipate the Supreme Council of Switzerland, which is the executive body of the Confederation, in defining our position towards other bodies of the Scotch Rite, will take into consideration the resolution arrived at by the Congress as to the legality and legitimacy of our Orient. The Supreme Council of France in furnishing the list of regular Supreme Councils declares, in a circular letter addressed to the Lodges within its jurisdiction, that Brazil will be added to the list *when certain difficulties of detail have been removed*. As regards the recognition of the Supreme Council of the Old Scottish Rite in Brazil, *La Vérité* informs us a determination has been arrived at which in due course will be communicated to those *interested* by the Supreme Council of Switzerland. These are the only data we possess thus far on the subject.

If the difficulties to which the Supreme Council of France refers, arise from our peculiar Constitution, which we are aware is very far from professing the Scotch Rite in all its purity, such as it is laid down by the Grand Constitutions of 1786, revised by the Congress, we note that among the regular Supreme Councils there are bodies whose Constitution differs but little from our own. There are among them indeed certain, which have altered and reformed even more than we have, what are called the fundamental laws of the Scotch Rite. If our exclusion from the Confederacy is due to the existence of an irregular Masonic body in our country, this hypothesis, although the most admissible—for the Supreme Council for Switzerland should be the organ of the Congress with the *interested* parties—must give rise to comments far from favourable to the powers represented in the assembly at Lausanne, if they sustain the acts of their delegates. In certain countries, such as Italy, the Argentine Republic, and the United States of Columbia, there existed more than one body claiming to represent the Scotch Rite, and yet the Congress has unhesitatingly designated the bodies it holds to be regular in these countries.

As the United Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil maintains official relations with most of the Supreme Councils represented at the Congress, *one of them having even besought us to recognise it*, it is difficult to understand how the same assembly has unanimously—all its decisions were unanimous—called in question our legitimate rights, long since recognised by nearly all the powers—such as the Supreme Councils of Belgium, Colon, Hungary, Portugal, Switzerland, Greece—which sent delegates. Add to this, that we were twice formally invited to take part in the assembly, and that the plans it was intended should be discussed were submitted for our consideration, thus apparently recognising a right. However, a happy inspiration induced us not to send a representative to the Congress, which, in order to be logical, must have denied entrance to the delegate of a body whose legitimacy it had called in question. Thus, then, in order to disperse the darkness which surrounds us, we must wait till the Executive of the Confederacy enlightens us as to the nature of Scotch Freemasonry in Brazil. We will then fully discuss the question.

Firmly resolved to maintain friendly relations with the regular Masonic powers of the world, be they of what rite they may, so long as its own dignity is not directly assailed, the United Grand Orient of Brazil is anxious the deliberations of the Lausanne Congress may not be productive of an effect contrary to its desires, by dividing Freemasonry into opposite camps, and giving the world the sad spectacle of dissensions originating out of questions of secondary importance and of mere formality. The division of a universal institution into associations equal in point of number to the rites they severally follow, and the forms of government they have severally adopted, would be attended with serious results to Freemasonry and the principles of liberty and toleration which are its peculiar appanage. If our duty is to combat intolerance, in whatever form it manifests itself, we must not exclude from the Masonic community those bodies which do not hold the same views as ourselves on matters possessing an interest purely administrative. No inconvenience will arise to mankind because a power regulates itself in accordance with certain laws more or less adapted to the manners and customs of the countries in which it exercises its functions. To seek to establish uniformity of view in the practice of laws in no way affecting

the essence of the constitution, that were a Utopian idea, in this age when Freemasonry cannot venture to abandon its duty of keeping pace with the progress of civilization.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB

SITUATED in commodious premises, at No. 101 Queen Victoria Street, City, was inaugurated last Wednesday evening, by a banquet, under the auspices of the Committee, presided over by Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. The *cuisine* showed that the resources of the establishment are of a high order, being exquisitely cooked and served; the wines of the choicest brands. Songs and music by skilled artistes diversified the Loyal and Masonic toasts which followed. The health of the noble chairman was proposed by Bro. George C. Boor (in the absence of the chairman of the Committee). He thanked him heartily for taking the chair, and assured the members that the kind aid and countenance of his Lordship had had no small share in promoting the success of this undertaking. The fact of his presiding there not only evinced his Masonic courtesy, but showed also that the thoughts of his heart were bound up with Masonic interests. The formation of the Club had not been unattended by difficulty, but on Lord Skelmersdale's adhesion and support being secured, difficulties had been successfully overcome. To that was due the roll of influential names he had now before him. The chairman tendered his thanks for the enthusiasm which the toast evoked, and expressed the pleasure the occasion afforded him, notwithstanding that some of his Masonic duties and routine he found heavy and difficult. When H.R.H. appointed him to the post he held in Masonry, he forgot to provide him with two bodies. He really found there would have been ample work for both. He then proposed, "Success to the London Masonic Club," remarking that it would tend to promote the spread of that excellent idea, the withdrawal of Lodges from Taverns into edifices specially intended for the Craft. This idea had been successfully inculcated in Lancashire, and action taken upon it in Liverpool. Thus only they could be certain of being well catered for. Not that that consideration should be a too prominent one, for he held, for his part, that where a sum of £70 or £80, for instance, was expended by a Lodge at a single banquet, it was tantamount to a robbery of the Craft. Their energies should be reserved above all for the sacred cause of charity.

Bro. J. K. Stead, in reply, expatiated upon the unavoidable difficulties the Committee had encountered, and the kind response and support which had enabled them to fight the battle, with especial reference to the interest taken by the Chairman.

Bro. Langton, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, explained the unavoidable absence of Lords Limerick and Donoughmore, also of Sir Frederick Perkins, Sir Francis Truscott, John Hervey, Alderman Nottage, Alderman Hadley, Captain David Sewell, ex-Lord Mayor Stone, and others.

The Chairman coupled the "Corporation of London," in a highly complimentary strain with the name of Bro. J. B. Monckton (Chairman of the Board of General Purposes), who, in the course of his reply, stated that he had two other invitations to dine that evening—one with the Lord Mayor of London, and one with the Lord Mayor of Dublin—but he stood to the Craft, which, the longer he lived the better he loved.

"The Committee" was then proposed. Bro. Langton suitably acknowledged the toast, and stated that their labours had resulted in the acquisition of about one thousand members. He added that it was their hope and desire shortly to be able to purchase an adjoining site for the erection of a Masonic Temple; a structure worthy of the Lodges of so great a city, which should accommodate them in every way, and obviate the necessity of meeting at places of public entertainment. He sat down amid much applause.

Bro. Frederick Binckes responded for the "Charities," and Bro. Samuel Wright for the "Visitors." Amongst other known brethren present were Bros. Terry, Little, Captain Philips, Hyde Pullen, Hyde Clarke, Dr. Sterling, Colonel Drage, Driver, Cooke, Thorne, Lane, Middleton, Percival, Fountain and Langton Jones. Also Bros. R. D. Stead and Rev. W. H. Bloxsome.

We enjoyed the opportunity of inspecting the establishment, and believe it to be well fitted in all respects for the purposes in view. Good dining room, billiard room, strangers' room, news and lounge room, with a thoroughly fitted modern kitchen, to whose excellence the dinner bore ample witness; and as Manager our well known and skillful brother George States, of City Company and Mansion House catering fame.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These highly efficient remedies should be at once resorted to on the first appearance of febrile or bowel complaints. It is well known that during the heats of summer and early autumn, the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal is peculiarly liable to become irritated and inflamed, and then dysentery, diarrhoea, cramps, English cholera, and various other complaints of that nature are very frequent. To remedy these painful and dangerous diseases, Holloway's Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the surface of the stomach and bowels, and it will be found that as soon as it penetrates the skin that the vomiting and nausea will abate, the cramps and pain disappear, and all other symptoms quickly subside.

REVIEWS.

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HAVING expressed our regret that no allusion is made to the Revival, in 1717, of Freemasonry, and the establishment of that Grand Lodge of Speculative Freemasons, from which all other Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges established since then have sprung, we pass now to a more detailed notice of the contents of the Introduction. The sketch begins with a copy of the Deputation issued by the Duke of Norfolk G.M., on 5th June 1730, to Daniel Coxe Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master of the "Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in America." This, as our readers may remember, was inserted in the Memorial Volume of the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, in 1874. It is appropriately given here as marking the introduction of a regular Masonic government into the then Province of New York, though there is no evidence to show that Bro. Coxe ever exercised any of the prerogatives conferred upon him by this important instrument. We have not space to give the whole of the "Deputation," but an outline of its contents seems desirable. In the preamble it is stated that "whereas, application has been made to us by our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, Esq., and by several other brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, residing, and about to reside, in the said Province of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces," the said Daniel Coxe is "nominated, ordained, constituted, and appointed Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces, with full power to appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing." After this time, the brethren residing, or who may hereafter reside, in the said Provinces, shall have the power of electing "every other year on the feast of St. John the Baptist," a Provincial Grand Master, who shall enjoy similar powers. The Provincial Grand Master is further empowered to constitute the brethren residing in the said Provinces "into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require." He is to see that all members of such Lodge or Lodges have been regularly made Masons, and that they observe the Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions, and such other Rules and Regulations as from time to time may be transmitted by the Grand Master or his Deputy. He or his Deputy is to send "annually an account in writing of the number of Lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular Lodge, together with such other matters or things as" may be thought "fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft." He is further to ensure the observance of the feast of St. John the Evangelist, and on that occasion especially, as well as at all Quarterly Communications, to "recommend a General Charity to be established for the relief of poor brethren of the said Province." Such are the leading features of this important instrument, a copy of which was furnished to the New Jersey Committee by our late Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. Gray Clarke, and which is universally accepted among our Pennsylvanian brethren of to-day as the initial evidence of the existence of Freemasonry in the then North American Colonies of Great Britain. Bro. Clark, however, appears to have made to the New Jersey Committee the following statement, quoted in the pages of this history:—"I cannot find any application from Bro. Coxe and others for the appointment of Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Coxe did not make any report of the appointment of Deputy Grand Master or Grand Wardens; neither did he report the congregating of Masons into Lodges. He did not transmit any account of having constituted Lodges, and does not, indeed, appear to have established any."

"At the period when he was appointed, it was a rare thing for any Reports to be made by the Provincial Grand Masters abroad, of their doings. Brief details came in once or twice from Bengal, but I find none from any foreign country."

"The names of members belonging to Lodges abroad, I imagine, were never sent home until the year 1768, when the system of registration was established."

There seems, however, to be very little doubt now-a-days as to the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia in the year 1730, and this may have been chartered by Bro. Coxe; or of a Grand Lodge, of which the immortal Benjamin Franklin was Senior Warden—and soon after, Grand Master—having been convened in the same city in 1732. It is also stated herein, that Daniel Coxe was in England, and present at the meeting of Grand Lodge on January 29th 1731, when his health was drunk, as "Provincial Grand Master of North America." But whatever Bro. Coxe may or may not have done in connection with the Province of "Pennsylvania," there is found, as yet, no conclusive evidence that he ever exercised his authority "in the Provinces of New York or New Jersey." Bro. John G. Barker P.G. Librarian of New York is, however, sanguine that evidence will in due course be forthcoming.

The next link in the chain is the appointment, by Warrant dated 30th April 1733, of Viscount Montagu G.M., of Henry Price as Grand Master in North America, with power to appoint his Deputy and other officers, and to constitute Lodges. This appointment resulted from the "application of a number of brethren residing in Boston,"—see note p. 176 Oliver's edition of Preston's *Illustrations*—and applies generally to the States comprised in the designation of "New

England." However, on the 15th November 1737, it appears that Captain Richard Riggs was deputed Provincial Grand Master of New York, by Grand Master the Earl of Darnley, but no records exist of his administration. We are told the New York press did not regard favourably the gatherings of Freemasons, the *New York Gazette* of 1737 containing an article on the subject, which, in our opinion, it would have been better to have quoted *in extenso*,—if that were possible—if not in the body of the narrative, at least in a foot note. Two excerpts, however, are given from that journal for the year 1739, in the first of which it is announced that the brethren will in future hold their Lodge meetings at "the Montgomerie-Arms Tavern, the first and third Wednesday of every month," while the other is a notice of meeting, at the same place, for the 26th of September. Both these are issued "by order of the GRAND MASTER," and both signed "Charles Wood, Secretary." In 1751, Francis Geolet was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New York, under a patent from Grand Master Lord Byron. He remained in office two years, and, on the 26th December 1753, publicly installed and proclaimed his successor, George Harison, whose Deputation, dated 9th June 1753, was issued by Grand Master Lord Carysfort. Bro. Harison held office for no less a period than eighteen years, during which he appears to have fulfilled his duties most ably and zealously. The following Lodges we quote as having been "Warranted under his administration:—"

"St. John's No. 2, Prov. (English Registry) (No. 272, now No. 1), New York City, Dec. 7th, 1757.

"St. John's Ind. Royal Arch, No. 8, Prov. (now No. 2), New York City, Dec. 15th, 1760.

"St. John's No. 1, Fairfield, Ct., 1762.

"Zion No. 1, Detroit (English Registry, 448), April 24th, 1764.

"Union No. 1, City of Albany (now Mount Vernon, No. 3), Feb. 2nd, 1765.

"St. John's No. 1, Norwalk, Ct. (now No. 6, Grand Lodge of Ct.), May 23rd, 1765.

"St. John's No. 1, Stratford, Ct. (now No. 8, Grand Lodge of Ct.), April 22nd, 1766.

"St. Patrick's No. 8, Johnstown, N.Y. (now No. 4), May 23rd, 1766.

"Masters No. 2, City of Albany (now No. 5), March 5th, 1768.

"King David's, City of New York, Feb. 17th, 1769.

"Solomon's No. 1, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., April 18th 1771."

"The following," we are told, "were located in the City of New York, during his term of office, and were, no doubt, established by him at, or prior to the dates appended thereto:—"

Temple Lodge . . .	1758
Trinity Lodge . . .	1767
Union Lodge . . .	1767
King Solomon Lodge . .	1767
Hiram Lodge . . .	1769."

His successor was Sir John Johnson, who received his commission from Grand Master, Lord Blany, in the year 1767, and was installed in 1771. He appointed Doctor Peter Middleton to be his Deputy, and his authority continued during the war. But owing to the fact of his adhering to the Royal cause, and to the consequent necessity he was under of seeking the protection of the British army, we are told there are "but few records of his official acts as Provincial Grand Master." It seems, however, that he confirmed, on the 3rd July 1773, the Warrant issued in 1765 by his predecessor, to Union Lodge, Albany. On 21st June 1774, he issued a dispensation to form a Lodge at Shenectady, the warrant being granted on the 14th September of the same year, under the title of St. George's Lodge No. 1, of Shenectady. There were also warranted during his Mastership, St. John's Regimental Lodge, No. 1, on 24th July 1775, and the Military Union Lodge in April 1776. During the war, the City of New York Lodges, we are told, "virtually ceased to meet," but those in the northern part of the Province, with one exception, "continued their labours, and were subjected to but little interruption." Thus, after 1776, no records exist of Sir John Johnson's rule. "The necessary executive business of the Craft was transacted by the Deputy Grand Master and such officers as he appointed, from time to time, to assist him. Sir John went to England at the close of the war, but returned and settled in Canada in the year 1784.

Thus far the history of Freemasonry in this Province is wholly associated with the society known as "the Moderns." But when the English army occupied the city there were introduced with it a number of Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland to the Ancient Grand Lodge in London. We are told there was little or no intercourse between these and the Provincial Lodges. Great progress, however, must have been made by the interlopers, for we read:—

"In the beginning of 1781, the Army Lodges in the City of New York took steps to form a Grand Lodge, or, what is more probable, to continue and perfect the organization of one already established by them, as will be seen by the following documents on file in the archives:—

'Minutes of Lodge 169, Ancient York Masons, held at their Lodge-room, on Tuesday evening, the 23rd January, 1781, being a Grand Lodge assembled in ample form.'

There were present twenty-nine Masters and Past Masters, representatives of five Lodges, namely—Nos. 133, 169, 210, Solomon's Lodge No. 212, Registry of England, 441 Registry of Ireland, and Zion's Lodge U.D.

The Grand Lodge was opened in 'due form' by the R.W. Bro. McEnen G.M., Bro. Brown S.G.W., and Bro. Taylor J.G.W. It was unanimously agreed that an election of officers be held, and the following brethren were unanimously elected:—

The Rev. William Walter, 169, Grand Master; Bro. John Brownrigg, 441, Senior Grand Warden; and the Rev. Bro. John Beardsley, 210, Junior Grand Warden."

A committee waited on the newly elected Grand Officers for the purpose of apprising them of their election, and a written acceptance was returned by each to the said committee. Subsequently, steps

were taken to petition the Grand Lodge (Ancients) of England for a Provincial Grand Lodge warrant. The petition was successful. A warrant was granted on the 5th September, 1781, and under this authority the Provincial Grand Lodge, the first regular records of which commence December 5, 1782, was constituted. During the Mastership of the Rev. Bro. Walter, the Lodge retained its character of a Provincial Grand Lodge. When, however, at the close of the struggle, M.W. Bro. Walter signified his intention of leaving the city for England, the R.W. Bro. Cock, Junior Grand Warden, was unanimously chosen, and duly installed as Grand Master. This occurred at the Grand Lodge held on the 19th September 1783; and this, therefore, is the date when the Grand Lodge of New York asserted its position as an Independent Grand Lodge. Thus to M.W. Bro. Cock belongs the honour of having presided as the first Grand Master of Masons in New York. He did not, however, retain his office for very long. At the Grand Lodge held on 4th February, 1784, Bro. Cock announced it to be his intention to resign the office, and proposed the Honourable Robert R. Livingstone as his successor. The proposition was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Livingstone, by proxy in the first instance, and subsequently at the Lodge on the 3rd March, was duly installed and proclaimed Grand Master. And him we find still retaining his position in the year 1797, when Part IV., the last that has reached us, is concluded. This, then, shows the rise and earlier progress of the present G. L. of the State of New York. It now becomes our duty to unfold some of the details we have read thus far in the course of this not uneventful history. We have already given the list of the Lodges constituted during R.W. George Harison's Grand Mastership. We purpose now extracting a few particulars of their early career.

First in order comes St. John's Lodge No. 2, Provincial, English Registry, 272. This was warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge on December 7, 1757, and still flourishes, being No. 1 on Grand Lodge Roll. Its early records, it seems, are not entirely missing, but are imperfect. From the cover of the Washington Bible in its possession is quoted the following: "St. John's Lodge Constituted 5757; burnt down March 8, 5770; rebuilt and opened Nov. 28, 5770; officers then present, Jonathan Hampton, Master; William Butler, Senior Warden; Isaac Heron, Junior Warden." After the war, the warrant was brought back by that part of the Lodge which had left in 1776, and the Lodge was again convened and met regularly. In 1783 the W.M. announced that a Lodge calling itself St. John's Lodge (No. 4) had become possessed, during the war, of the Lodge properties, and refused to restore them. A coalition of the two was proposed and agreed to, in spite of some opposition, notably from a Bro. Freeman, Senior Warden, who appears to have possessed himself of the warrant of St. John's No. 2, and retained it. In March 1784, the Warrant was surrendered to Grand Lodge, and was allowed to take rank of all Lodges constituted after the said surrender. On June 3, 1789, the Committee of Grand Lodge appointed to determine the rank and precedence of the various Lodges under Grand Lodge jurisdiction reported St. John's Lodge No. 2 as the premier Lodge, and it was accordingly assigned and still holds, as we have said, the first place on the roll of Lodges.

"St. John's Independent Royal Arch" Lodge, as it is designated in the earliest returns to Grand Lodge in 1784, or "the Independent Royal Arch" Lodge, as in the returns of the year following, was warranted by P.G.M. George Harison, December 15, 1760, applied for and obtained admission into Grand Lodge on June 2d, 1784, when Bro. John Clark was W.M., Bro. Garret Sickles being the Senior Warden and Bro. Samuel Fleming, Junior Warden for that year. At this time it was known as No. 8, and met at No. 9 Nassau-street, in the City of New York. When, in 1789, the rank and precedence of the Lodges was determined, the Committee reported that "Independent Royal Arch" Lodge came second, and it was therefore accorded and still holds the second place on Grand Lodge Roll.

"Zion Lodge No. 1, Detroit," No. 448 Registry of England, was constituted, April 27th, 1761, by R.W. George Harison, the officers named in the Warrant being Lieut. John Christie of the 60th Regiment, Master, Samson Flauay, Senior Warden, and Josias Harper, Junior Warden. There are no early records existing. It surrendered its warrant and had a new one granted by Grand Lodge of New York on December 3rd 1806. At first it was registered as No. 62, but subsequently it was assigned a position as No. 3, which position it retained on the roll till the organisation of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in the year 1827.

As regards "Union Lodge No. 1, City of Albany," it seems that previous to, or during the year 1759, a Lodge No. 74, Registry of Ireland, in the second Battalion Royal, holding a Warrant from Grand Lodge, Ireland, dated October 26 1737, was located in Albany. Being about to leave the city, they were petitioned by the resident members for authority to hold a Lodge, when the Lodge prepared and gave them a fac-simile of their own Warrant, with the following endorsement:—

"We, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons No. 74, Registry of Ireland, held in the Second Battalion Royal, adorned with all the honours, and assembled in due form, Do hereby declare, certify and attest, that *Whereas*, our body is very numerous by the addition of many new members, merchants and inhabitants of the city of Albany, they having earnestly requested and besought us to enable them to hold a Lodge during our absence from them, and we knowing them to be men of undoubted reputations and men of skill and ability in Masonry, and desirous to promote the welfare of the Craft. We have, therefore, by unanimous consent and agreement, given them an extract and true Copy of our Warrant as above, and have properly installed Mr. Richard Cartwright, Mr. Henry Bostwick and Mr. Wm. Ferguson, as Assistant Master and Wardens of our body, allowing them to *Sit and Act* during our absence, or untill they, by our assistance, can procure a *WARRANT* for themselves from the GRAND LODGE IN IRELAND. *Under our hands and seal of our Lodge in the City of ALBANY, the*

eleventh day of April, in the year of MASONRY 5759, and in the year of our LORD GOD, 1759.

JOHN STEADMAN, Secretary.

No. 74 of Ireland.

Signed,

ANIAS SUTHERLAND, Master.
CHARLES CALDER, Senior Warden.
THOS. PARKER, Junior Warden."

On 21st February 1765, P.G.M. Harison granted the said brethren a Warrant nominating Richard Cartwright, Master, William Benson, Senior Warden, and John Vischer, Junior Warden, under the name and title of UNION LODGE. This Warrant was confirmed, 3rd July 1773, to the same officers by Sir John Johnson, Bro. Harison's successor as P.G.M. No records exist prior to 1800. Its roll of members, however, is complete from 1773, and includes, we are told, the names of many distinguished in the history of the State. It was represented in Grand Lodge in June 1784, surrendered its warrant March 1806, and was assigned rank as No. 3 in accordance with the date of original warrant. On the admission of Zion Lodge of Detroit, the Union Lodge was displaced and became No. 4, but when the Zion Lodge severed its connection, 1827, with the Grand Lodge of New York, for the purpose, as already stated, of organising a Grand Lodge in Michigan, the Union it recovered its rank as No. 3.

"St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 8, Johnstown," which "was undoubtedly the first Lodge established west of the Hudson River," was constituted May 23rd 1766, Sir William Johnson being the first W.M., with Guy Johnson as Senior Warden, and Daniel Claus Junior Warden. Sir John Johnson P.G.M. of the Province appears to have been a regular attendant at the Lodge between the years 1767 and 1773, mention being made of him in the following extracts from the minutes:—

"December 5th, 1767, Sir John Johnson, Knight (son of Sir William), being lately arrived from London, where he had been entered, passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason in the Royal Lodge at St. James, and received his Constitution as Provincial Grand Master of New York, applied to visit the Lodge, and being examined, was admitted, agreeable to his degree."

"Dec. 1st, 1768. The Warrant appointing Sir John Johnson Provincial Grand Master, for the Province of New York was read; upon which he was congratulated by the members present."

"November 7th, 1771. The Worshipful Master acquainted the brethren that the Right Worshipful Sir John Johnson, Knight, Provincial Grand Master of New York, by virtue of a commission from Lord Blany, Grand Master of England, had lately been installed into that office by the Grand Officers in New York, and intended them the honour of a visit as such. He was accordingly introduced and received by the body, and placed in the Chair with the usual Ceremonies."

On Dec. 27th 1769 the Lodge, with the Ineffable Lodge, and several members of Union Lodge No. 1, and Masters Lodge No. 2, of the City of Albany, met for the purpose of celebrating St. John the Evangelist's day. In 1770, Sir William Johnson having meanwhile become Master of the Ineffable Lodge, resigned his Mastership of St. Patrick's, being succeeded by Col. Guy Johnson, Daniel Claus being elected Senior Warden, and Michael Byrne Junior Warden. The year following, the Lodge witnessed the "laying of the 'capstone' of the Church at Johnstown," the Senior Warden, by direction of the Master, performing the duty in the presence of a large number of inhabitants and visitors. "The corner stone of said Church was laid by Union Lodge No. 1 of the City of Albany, some few years previous." No minutes, we find, are recorded from May 5 1774, to the end of the war. In 1784, the Lodge petitioned and obtained a warrant from New York Grand Lodge. Owing, however, to the absence of the original warrant, removed to Canada by the officers who remained loyal to the English Government, the Lodge was unable to establish, for some years, the rank it was entitled to. Subsequently, the Warrant was returned, with other properties, and it now stands No. 4 on the roll of Grand Lodge. It derives a considerable annual revenue from property in its possession, and its original Warrant and earliest records are still reverently preserved and cherished by the members.

(To be continued.)

Old Warrants.

No. 12.

No. 8, Ancients 1758; No. 15, at the Union, A.D. 1813, and so continued.

BLESINTON, GRAND MASTER,

W. HOLFORD, D.G.M.

ROBERT GOODMAN, S.G.W.

WM. OSBORN, J.G.W.

No. 8.



Seal.

To all whom it may concern, We the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted (York Masons in Ample form assembled): viz. the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable William Stuart Earl of Blesinton Grand Master William Holford Esqr. Deputy Gd. Master Mr. Robert Goodman Senr. G.W. and Mr. William Osborn Junr. Gd. Warden with the approbation and consent of forty Regular Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster Do authorise and Impower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren Mr. Robert Enniss Master Mr. Samuel Senr. Warden and Mr. Turkey Halphon Junr. Warden (with their lawful assistants), to form and hold a Lodge of Free

and Accepted (York) Masons at the sign of the City of Norwich (or elsewhere) in London and in such Lodge admit enter and make Masons according to the ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in All Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and Impower our said Trusty and well Beloved Brethren Robert Enniss, Samuel Beaver, and Turkey Halphon, (with their lawful assistants) to nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors whom they are to invest with their power and Dignity &c. and such successors shall in like manner Nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Instalations to be on every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for EVER Providing the above named Brethren and their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted (YORK) Masons otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue. Given under our hands and Seal of the Grand Lodge London this Seventeenth day of May ANNO DOM. 1758. ANNO LAF 5758.

P Jan 1752.

LAU DERMOTT, G. Secy.

Renewed May 1758.

The present title, &c. are No. 15, Kent Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.

No. 13.

No. 21, "Ancients," 33 at the Union, A.D. 1813; 29, A.D. 1832; 27, A.D. 1863. Now held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

No. 21.

ATHOLL GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS MAHON S.G.W. THOS. HARPER D.G.M. WILLIAM OAKES J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern

We the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable FRATERNITY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York ANNO DOMINI Nine Hundred twenty and Six and the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine Hundred twenty and Six in ample form assembled viz. The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and Isles and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c. GRAND MASTER of MASONS. The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esqre. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon Esqre. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful William Oaks Esqre. Junior Grand Warden, (with the approbation and consent of the WARRANTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful James Allen, one of our MASTER MASONS, The Worshipful William Scaplehorn, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Richard Dyke, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a LODGE of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid, at the Sign of the Black Horse, situate in Boswell Court, in the Parish of St. Clement's Danes, on all Seasonable Times and lawful Occasions And in the said LODGE (when duly congregated) to admit and make FREE MASONS, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby further authorise and impower our Said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, James Allen, William Scaplehorn, and Richard Dyke (with the Consent of the Members of their LODGE) to nominate, chuse and install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as FREE MASONS, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this LODGE for ever. Providing the above-named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful GRAND LODGE, otherwise the WARRANT to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the SEAL of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON, this Seventeenth day of June in the Year of our LORD One thousand eight hundred and Eleven, and in the year of MASONRY Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This WARRANT is registered in the GRAND LODGE, Vol. 2, Letter B, 15th April 1755.

Lodge Seal

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The present title and number, &c. are, the Egyptian Lodge, 27, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London.

We are gratified to be able to announce that the refusal of the church at Brigg to Freemasons did not obtain the approval of the Archdeacon of that province, who would have been happy to have prevented, if possible, the refusal, and to have paid his personal respects to the Freemasons when assembled in that town. Bro. Dr. Ace has received commendations from all parts of England for his able letter in defence of the Brotherhood. The Craft in Lincolnshire are especially indebted to the Doctor for his championship of their cause, and the energetic resistance against tyrannical oppression which he, as a true and loyal member of the Brotherhood, has always exhibited.

INNOVATIONS IN MASONRY.

From the "MASONIC ADVOCATE."

MASONRY, as an organized society, is governed by laws and regulations peculiar to itself. In many respects their counterpart cannot be found in any other society or organization in the world. Many of them have existed from the first formation of the Order up to the present time, and must for ever remain unchanged in all time to come; and it is in this regard that we find one of the peculiarities of which we speak. It was evidently the purpose of the founders of Masonry to incorporate in it and throw around it such restrictions as would prevent a subversion of the main object they had in view by its organization. Unalterable laws were enacted, to the faithful observance of which they bound themselves by the most solemn covenants. Since their time, all who have been made Masons have taken upon themselves like obligations to support and maintain these laws as they received them. Every Master Mason is strictly charged to carefully preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order entrusted to his care, and never suffer them to be infringed or countenance a deviation from the established usages and customs of the fraternity. Before being installed into office, every Worshipful Master elect must declare that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry; and thus the institution has passed down through succeeding generations without any material changes from its original plan. While other institutions have sprung up and flourished for a short season, and then passed away into oblivion, Masonry has pursued a steady course, growing in numbers, in strength and influence, until it has spread over the entire civilized portion of the habitable world, and it is to-day a marvel to those who know not the secret of its talismanic power. Hundreds of thousands of good men and true, united in one common purpose, as members of the grand symbolic Lodge, which extends from east to west and between the north and south, attest the wisdom of the original plan of Masonry, and of following it to the letter, as has been done through all the past.

To every well-informed Mason it is evident that the future prosperity of Masonry depends very much upon a strict observance of the same policy in the government of the Craft. All innovations must be met at the threshold and driven back with resistless force. If any have already gained an entrance, let them be expelled at once, and the doors more securely tyled in the future. It must be done, or Masonry cannot long maintain that superiority over all other Orders which has been so often claimed for it and generally admitted.

It would seem that there could be but one sentiment among Masons upon this subject, for all have been instructed alike upon it, have taken the same obligations, and what is the duty of one is the duty of all. We find, however, in these latter days, a disposition among a certain class of the membership of our Lodges to introduce some new features into Masonry, not in harmony with ancient usage and the long-established principles of the Order. They seem to think that something ought to be done to make Masonry more popular in public opinion, and to accomplish this end they seek to ally it with all the great reform movements of the day, and to make an exhibition of Masonry upon all public occasions. They would have Masonic Lodges in all Fourth-of-July processions; insist on their turning out on decoration days, or when any important event is to be celebrated which would afford them an opportunity to display to the world the insignia of the Order. Any excitement in a community upon the subject of intemperance, they regard as a golden opportunity for the Lodge to gain a little popularity. The Lodge must pass some strong temperance resolutions, discountenancing the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, sympathizing with the "crusaders," &c., and have them published in the newspapers, duly attested by the W.M. and Secretary. The Grand Lodge must enact prohibitory laws, making it a penal offence for a Mason to manufacture, sell or use intoxicating liquors, which must be punished by the severest penalty known to Masonic law. These and many other things equally foreign to the legitimate business of Masonry have been attempted; and in some instances actually perpetrated. They are as much innovations in the body of Masonry as would be the removal of what are known as the ancient landmarks of the Order. The difference is simply this: In the one case the Masonic tree is being cut down one branch at a time, while, in the other case, it would be cut off at the ground. One is killing by inches the other outright.

But a brother asks: What harm is there in Masonic Lodges joining in Fourth-of-July celebration? or, why should they not unite with other organizations in a warfare against the liquor traffic? We answer, simply because Masonic Lodges are organized for an entirely different purpose. They have their own legitimate business to transact and work to perform, and all matters not pertaining strictly to the Order are prohibited. In their individual capacity as citizens or as members of any other society, organization or party, Masons, outside of the Lodge room, are at liberty to act as best pleases themselves, so that they keep within the bounds of the law and the requirements of good morals. They may argue any of the great questions of the day; discuss religion, politics, or any of the thousand and one issues that are constantly agitating the minds of the people. But when they come inside of the Lodge room they must leave these matters outside the tyler's door, for nothing can be permitted there that can disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

Masons must not lose sight of the fact, that among their number are men from every nation on the face of the globe; representing nearly every church, sect or social organization in existence. They should remember, too, that in the Lodge room they are all citizens of only one country, which is the great globe itself; members of only one family, which is the entire human race; children of only one Father, which is God; and it is in this relation that they must

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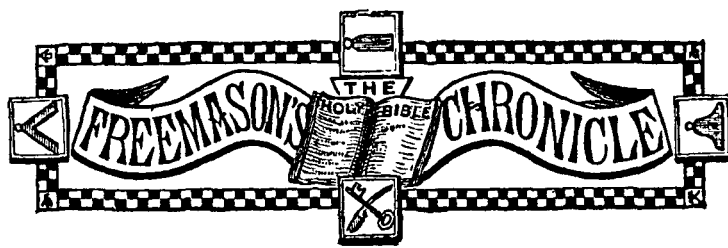
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AS the end of the Session approaches, a vast amount of work is being got through. We do not envy our legislators their task. Some days in the week the morning and evening sittings together occupy from ten to eight hours, and this is heavy in the month of July. On Monday, the debate in the House of Lords on Extradition Treaties was abruptly terminated, the Lord Chancellor being seized with so violent a fit of coughing as to be unable to proceed with his remarks. The discussion therefore was formally adjourned, and will be resumed shortly. The greater part of the week, in the House of Commons, has been devoted to the consideration in Committee of the Government Elementary Education, and several smart passages of arms have occurred between the opponents and supporters of the measure. Ministers, in fact, have accepted an amendment proposed by Mr. Pell. Hence, a battle-royal has been fought over the proposal, the result being substantial success, as far as numbers go, on the part of the Conservatives. Our readers must judge for themselves of the value of the measure generally—Mr. Pell's proposal in particular. On Monday, the author of *Gina's Baby* was again to the fore, with a question relative to the Earl of Derby's answers to certain recent deputations to his lordship on the policy of England in the Eastern crisis. Mr. Jenkins, in the character of a politician, is a picture that creates ridicule. Apparently, he has a firm belief in his own unrivalled excellence, but few people seem disposed to agree with him. When we see a pigmy challenging a giant, we usually feel a little nervous for the pigmy. Feeding bottles were a better subject than foreign politics for Mr. Jenkins to tackle. The discussion on the Foreign policy of the Government in the great Turkish question is fixed for Monday.

On Monday, the Queen, who is now at Osborne, held a Court for the purpose of receiving the deputations appointed by the cities of London and Dublin, and the Commission of Lieutenancy of London, to congratulate Her Majesty on the safe return from India of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Lord Mayor Cotton, Aldermen Carter, Sir W. A. Rose, and Sir Thomas Dakin, the Recorder, the Sheriff, City Remembrancer, and some forty Common Councillors represented the Corporation of London. The Lord Mayor and a number of gentlemen appeared for the Lieutenancy of London, and the Lord Mayor, Councillor Maurice Brooke M.P., Alderman Fry, Councillor O'Neil and others, formed the deputation from the Dublin Corporation. The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, and attended by the principal officers of State, entered the reception room about half-past one. The Deputations were severally ushered in, and most graciously received by Her Majesty, the mover and seconder of each address being personally presented. Luncheon having been served, the Deputations returned to London.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been, this week, to Goodwood, where, as our readers know, is held one of the most attractive race meetings of the season. Lord Hartington's Monaco won the Stewards' Cup, on Tuesday, and, on Wednesday, the favourite, Hampton, came in first, and secured the Goodwood Stakes, Admiral Byng running a good second. Perhaps, however, the beauty of the Duke of Richmond's park, the freshness of the sea breezes, and last, but not least, the excellence of the lunch, find even greater favour with visitors than the sport, though the latter certainly includes two or three of the most important fixtures of the year.

The Wimbledon meeting is now over. Of the contests which we left unnoticed last week, that for the Elcho Shield terminated in favour of England, while the Australian International contest, of which we gave the results of the first stage only, ended, after a close and exciting struggle, in favour of the same country, by only

three points, Scotland, which had headed her most formidable rival by a single point in the first stage, being defeated in the second by four points. These competitions having been determined, the athletic meeting was held, nearly every kind of race and contest being included in the programme. Afterwards took place the distribution of prizes, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, being the central figure at this important ceremony, and offering a few kindly words of congratulation to those of the recipients who appeared to receive the sports of victory. The distribution took place this year in front of "the Cottage," instead of facing the Grand Stand, as in accordance with the previous practice. Consequently the attendance of spectators was less numerous. Many, too, were elsewhere congregated to witness the sports. Still those that came, saw, and afterwards went away, cheered the most important winners most heartily, the English eight, or a part of it rather, who won the Elcho Shield, and the Winchester Boys, winners of the Ashburton Challenge Shield, coming in for a very large share of applause. Sergeant Pullman, however, the winner of the Queen's Prize, and the hero, therefore, of the meeting, was the most enthusiastically greeted, both when he advanced to receive the money and gold medal, and, subsequently, the rifle, presented to him by the Secretary for War, with which he had won his honors. And the ceremony over, little remained but to pack up baggage and depart, and Wimbledon, we imagine, has now resumed its wonted aspect.

There was a terrible, though fortunately a partial, storm on Sunday, which visited some of the northern suburbs of London, and caused a very considerable amount of damage to windows and hot and greenhouses. We believe the common story of hailstones as large as pigeon eggs falling was realised. The storm, which travelled very rapidly, lasted for a short time only. It passed from the North-West over Wood Green and West Green towards Tottenham. The Alexandra Palace escaped injury, but we believe the banquetting house in close proximity had a good deal of its glass smashed. There is said also to have been loss of life as well as loss of property, but this we cannot vouch for.

On Saturday, the Second Army Corps was reviewed by the Prince of Wales and the Commander-in-Chief, at Aldershot, Sir Salar Jung, Lord Lucan, Lord Elcho, Sir Henry Havelock, and a number of foreign officers being on the ground, while the general public mustered in great force. General Sir Wm. Codrington received the royal visitors, and after lunch, the inspection of the troops began. Then followed the march past, in which all the troops acquitted themselves well. The third Infantry Division was composed entirely of Militia Regiments, and the marching of these was very firm, drawing more than one complimentary expression from the Commander-in-Chief. The Artillery then trotted and the Cavalry cantered past, and an advance of the whole line in review order brought the day's proceedings to a close. The Prince and Duke shortly afterwards returned to town.

More deaths have resulted from the terrible accident on board Her Majesty's ship *Thunderer*, the number who were killed or have died of their injuries being now forty-two. Several of the wounded are still in a very precarious state. Preparations for the inquest are being made, and the coroner will be allowed the expenses he may incur to have an assessor, but the appointment of one will be made on his sole responsibility, the Government being very anxious that the inquiry should be conducted with the most perfect impartiality.

The Bravo mystery is still in course of solution, if indeed it ever it will be solved. A mass of evidence has been taken, and some of it is regarded as of the very last importance. The inquiry is a most painful one, but it is desirable the manner of Mr. Bravo's death should be cleared up, if possible. There is a formidable array of counsel engaged in the case, among them the Attorney-General and Sir Henry James.

A singular accident has occurred at the Clifton Hall Colliery a few miles from Manchester, but unattended with any loss of life. A collision happened between an ascending and descending cage, the result being that all communication between the pit's mouth and the workings was for a time suspended. In consequence the 330 men and boys who were at work in the mine were imprisoned for some forty hours, when means were devised for bringing them to bank. Great excitement necessarily prevailed, but short-

ness of provisions was the worst of the consequences to the imprisoned miners, many of whom had with them only a very modest supply. When the first relief was sent, in the shape of bread and cheese, great excitement prevailed, and the men broke into the store and helped themselves. On Sunday morning the whole of them were relieved from their uncomfortable position.

The King and Queen of the Hellenes took their departure from London for the Continent on Saturday. On the same day the Emperor and Empress of Brazil arrived at Liverpool from the United States, and at once left for London, whither they were accompanied by the Brazilian minister, who had met them on landing. Their Imperial Majesties drove to Claridge's hotel, and in the evening paid a visit to Her Majesty's, Drury Lane, staying till the end of the entertainment.

On Wednesday, the London Masonic Club, Queen Victoria Street, was formally opened. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, presided at the inaugural banquet, and was well supported by a number of influential members of the Craft. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and the directors have our hearty congratulations on the success that has thus far attended the progress of their most excellent scheme. We hope for the interests of Craftsmen, this attempt to organize a Club will prove an enduring success, and that, as time goes on, the West as well as the East end of London will be provided with suitable Club premises, where brethren may meet and enjoy quiet, social converse. Other classes and societies do so very successfully; why should not we Freemasons, who ought to be, if we are not, "clubbable" men? We give a full report of the proceedings elsewhere, and also offer a few comments on the scheme of the directors, which we may state, at once, is worthy of the most generous support.

The Lord Mayor is very far from having completed his round of hospitalities. During the whole of his mayoralty, Alderman Cotton has been entertaining guests at the Mansion House, and on Wednesday it was the London School Board, in whose honour he gave the banquet. As usual, a most agreeable entertainment passed off most agreeably, Sir Charles Reed, M.P., Chairman of the Board, returning thanks for the principal toast. The day previous, a special meeting of the Common Council was held at Guildhall, for the purpose of presenting to Sir Salar Jung the honorary freedom of the City. Bro. Monckton read the resolution conferring the freedom, and then followed the usual courteous speeches, the recipient of the honour conferred departing well pleased with the proceedings. In the afternoon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained Sir Salar Jung and some three hundred guests at the Mansion House, among the latter being many representatives of the fashionable world and a strong muster of city magnates.

To-day, at the Alexandra Palace, will be held under Royal patronage, the Balfé Memorial Festival, Madame Christine Nilsson, Mesdames Enriquez and Rose Hersee, and Messrs. Vernon Rigby and Edward Lloyd will take part in the programme, which will include selections from *Il Talismano*, the *Bohemian Girl*, and other works of the eminent composer. We trust the occasion will prove a great success.

It seems pretty clear, from the various accounts received, that failure has thus far attended the operations of the Servian armies. They have advanced into Turkish territory, have made no impression whatever on the forces of the enemy, and now we hear of their withdrawal into their own country. Nor is it by any means certain that the Montenegrins have fared much better. On the other hand, the Turks, though they have stood their ground well on nearly every occasion, show an indisposition to follow the Servians and take advantage of their greatly superior numbers in order to achieve a decisive success. The telegrams to this effect may or may not convey the truth, but various conjectures are afloat to account for this singular apathy of the Turks. The general belief appears to be that Turkey is unwilling to press Servia too closely, in order to avoid arousing Russian sympathies with the latter, for then even the government of the autocratic Czar might find it impossible to restrain his subjects, and a chance of the war exceeding its present limits might intervene and destroy the hopes we have all been recently indulging, that the struggle would be purely a local one. Any day, indeed, any hour, may bring fresh news of an exactly opposite character, and it would surprise

few people if the next intelligence that reached us was to the effect that the Turks were well on their road to dictate peace at Belgrade. On Monday, the long looked for discussion of the Eastern question will come off, and then, perhaps, we may obtain some insight into the future course which ministers propose to adopt.

The following list, which has been sent us for publication, needs no analysis. Yet a few remarks will not be out of place. It is, in the first instance, very gratifying to an educational staff when those or sundry of those placed under its charge earn one or more public distinctions. Several of "Our Boys" have passed honourably in the Science and Art Examination held in the month of May last. This is very creditable to Dr. Morris and his coadjutors. Brethren who are instrumental in carrying the election of a boy or girl candidate are naturally anxious for the future scholastic success of their *protégé* or *protégée*. In the case of orphan children all who recommend and work for the election of such constitute themselves, in a certain sense, their guardians. Being thus, as it were, in *loco parentum*, they of course experience a lively sense of pleasure when their young charges win for themselves some distinction. In the case of successful pupils who may have one or both parents still living, the pleasure the latter must feel under such circumstances may be imagined but not described. These are reasons for publishing such a list, and for congratulating thus publicly the staff of the school, the guardians or parents of the boys, and the boys themselves.

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I.—THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

Bryant R.	2nd class
Shaw H. G.	2nd class

II.—INORGANIC CHEMISTRY.

Bryant R.	1st class
Shaw G.	2nd class

III.—MATHEMATICS.

Bryant R.	Passed 4th stage
Bryant R.	1st class, 2nd stage
Beaumont W.	1st class, 1st stage
Shaw G.	1st class, 1st stage
Green C. D.	1st class, 1st stage
Parker W. R.	2nd class, 1st stage
Walkington A. J.	2nd class, 1st stage
Packwood W. H.	2nd class, 1st stage
Ladd F. E.	2nd class, 1st stage
Loud F.	2nd class, 1st stage
Lane C.	Passed 1st stage
Sparkes W.	Passed 1st stage
Oates E. E.	Passed 1st stage

IV.—PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

Parker W. R.	Passed Advanced stage
Shaw H. G.	1st class, 1st stage
Beaumont W.	2nd class, 1st stage
White W. H.	2nd class, 1st stage
Godsmark H.	2nd class, 1st stage
Green C. D.	2nd class, 1st stage
Croydon G. E.	2nd class, 1st stage
Sparkes W.	2nd class, 1st stage
Loud F.	2nd class, 1st stage
Lane C.	Passed 1st stage
Harding E. F.	Passed 1st stage
Walkington A. J.	Passed 1st stage
Pawley E.	Passed 1st stage
Haskins W. A.	Passed 1st stage
Packwood W. H.	Passed 1st stage
Oates E. E.	Passed 1st stage
Ladd F. E.	Passed 1st stage

We have received a report of the Special Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, held at the New London Inn, Exeter, on Thursday. The object of the meeting was to hear the decision of the Provincial Grand Master *re* the irregular initiation of a person into Freemasonry in one of the Lodges in his Province. The offence was admitted. Deep regret was expressed at its occurrence, and previous services to the Craft having been pleaded in mitigation of punishment, those inculpated were sentenced to different terms of suspension, varying in length according to the greater or less gravity of their several cases. We repress all names and details, which, in a matter of this kind, should not, in our opinion, be made public, unless the publicity is first sanctioned by the Provincial Grand Master.

The Brethren will be pleased to hear that Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, the respected Secretary of the Royal Masonic School for Girls, at Battersea Rise, has so far recovered from his severe illness that he was enabled to be present, and render assistance to the Audit Committee, on the 25th November. All present congratulated him, and hoped, in future, to see him with renewed health and vigour among them.

The United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, meets every Wednesday, at 8, at Bro. Green's, the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales Road. Bro. J. N. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, 835, P.Z. 753, is the Preceptor, under whose able tuition the brethren in the north of London can receive the benefit of Masonic Instruction.

We are indebted to a friend for the following cuttings from New Zealand Papers:—

At a meeting of Master Masons held in Wellington at the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-street, it was decided that the installation of Sir Donald McLean as District Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand (E.C.) should take place on the 26th June. The District Grand Masters of Otago, Canterbury, and Westland are to be invited to attend, as also representatives of the various Lodges in the district.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Lodge Sir Walter Scott, No. 533, S.C., held on the 19th April, Bro. T. L. Murray was duly installed as Secretary for the current year, by the R.W.M., Bro. Rev. J. Hill.

The sixth anniversary of the Thames Lodge of Light, No. 454, I.C., was commemorated on the 3rd of May, in the Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, Grahamstown, Bro. L. J. Bagnall, W.M. of the Lodge, in the chair, supported by R.W.M. Bro. Rev. J. Hill, and R.W.P.M. Brodie, Lodge Sir Walter Scott, S.C., and Past Masters Bros. Power, Wallnutt, Climo, and Mitchel, of the Lodge of Light. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the various constitutions at the Thames, and an efficient choir, which rendered some excellent selections of Masonic Music, conducted by P.M. Bro. E. T. Wildman.

Bro. Henry Maudesley, one of the partners in the celebrated engineering firm of Maudesley and Field, is now making a tour of New Zealand. He attended a meeting of the Pacific Lodge of Freemasons in Wellington lately, he being a Past Provincial Grand Master, and a P.S.G.G. of the Grand Lodge of England. He gave some interesting particulars of his travels, mentioning that he had been lately at Jerusalem, and had attended a Lodge meeting held on Mount Zion. He also had been present at a Lodge meeting held among the American Indians. He also remarked that much light had been thrown on Scripture history, and many evidences of its truth discovered by late explorations in Palestine. He referred to the natural wonders of New Zealand as grand illustrations of the Almighty power of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The brethren of the Masonic Order at the Thames have resolved to send two officers to Wellington to be present on the occasion of the installation of Sir Donald McLean as District Grand Master of the English Constitution, which ceremony is to take place on the 24th of June (St. John's Day). The Masonic Lodges in Auckland have, we believe, taken no steps to be represented.

The *Advertiser's* correspondent telegraphs from Dunedin that Bro. W. McCullough's resignation of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons has been received and accepted, through differences at the Thames.

In Memoriam.

It is our mournful task to record the death of Bro. Richard Spencer, Past Grand Steward, &c., whose portrait, as the Father of the Lodge, was sketched at page 322 of our last volume. Though somewhat ailing for some months past, he had been generally active and cheerful until Wednesday, the 19th inst., when, after an evening stroll, he sat up rather later than usual, enjoying a game of cribbage, in excellent health and spirits. In the course of the night he was attacked, and died at 1.30 a.m. on Friday morning (21st), after 20 hours' illness. The interment, which was attended by his family and Masonic friends of long standing, took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 25th. Flowers, which he loved during his lifetime, were thrown into the grave. His loss is lamented by very many, as that of a good man and Mason, ever genial and kindly. Many an orphan has been elected into our schools through his unremitting exertions, and the heart of many a widow and aged brother been soothed by his sympathy and aid. He leaves behind a sorrowing widow and only son. The well-known "Masonic Depot," which he founded many years since, in Great Queen Street, has been for some time conducted by the latter, an esteemed contributor to our pages. Bro. Richard Spencer departed at the ripe age of 76, having outlived most of his early intimates, now reunited to the companion of their former toils.

"God keep his memory green!"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton.

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

MONDAY, 31st JULY.

1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.

M. M. 109—Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

TUESDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)

86)—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

120—Paladin, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.

158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.

558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.

734—Londesborough, Victoria Hotel, Bridlington Quay.

847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High-street, Honiton, Devon.

948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.

1034—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.

1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon-square, Newton Abbot.

1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.0.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

228—United Strength, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-rd., N. at 8. (Instruction.)

1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)

1293—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)

1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)

R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.

298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.

326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.

645—Humphrey Chetham, Masonic Room, Cross-street, Manchester.

1008—Royal St. Edmund's, Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.

1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.

1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.

1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.

1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.

1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, Gloucester.

1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)

435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)

1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.

249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.

295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.

792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.

1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Globe Hotel, Topsham.

1331—Aldershot Camp, Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot.

1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST.

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.)

1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, N.

1333—Atholstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.

1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.

1561—Morecambe, Atheneum, Lancaster.

SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

453—Chigwell, Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.

408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.

1514—Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Hall, Hanover-street, Keighley.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

R. A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.

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

THURSDAY.

203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.

275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.

1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.

306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.

521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.

837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.

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

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TUESDAY.

124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.

R. A. 111—Vigilance, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.

WEDNESDAY.

94—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.

406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-street.

THURSDAY.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool.

636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.

659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.

1379—Marquess of Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.

FRIDAY.

1230—Barnard, Witham Institute, Barnard Castle.

1557—Albert Edward, White Hart Hotel, Hexham.

SCOTLAND.

TUESDAY—41—St. Cuthbert Kilwinning, Masonic Lodge, Kirkcudbright.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. & C.), 86 Constitution-street.

THURSDAY—97—St. James's, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist season we shall continue to give all Masonic Meetings in the West of Scotland, except were otherwise stated. All the Meetings take place at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.

TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

7—Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Hamilton.

63—Doric, 44 Church-street, Port Glasgow.

73—Thistle and Rose, St. Mark's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street.

87—Thistle, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

173—St. John, Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Largo.

193—Royal Arch, Town Hall, Maybole.

331—St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.

433—St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.

437—Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

497—St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY—0—Mother Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Kilwinning.

4—Kilwinning, 160 Kent-road, Glasgow.

21—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.

86—Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

117—St. Mary's, Douglas-street, School Room, Patrick.

126—St. Andrew's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

166—St. John's, 29 Grame-street, Airdrie.

354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

542—Neptune, Freemasons' Hall, Ardrossan.

571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.

R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 213 Buchanan-street.

THURSDAY—11—St. John's, King's Arms, Maybole.

22—St. John's, Kilwinning, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

157—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Main-street, Beith.

149—St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.

165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

202—St. Clement, Trades Hall, Kilmarnock.

320—St. John's, Saltcoats and Ardrossan Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

370—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Paisley.

465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, 160 Kent-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—135—St. James's, Crown Inn, Tarbolton, (Burns's Lodge.)

175—St. John's, Old St. John's Hal, Cathcart-street, Greenock.

217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.

242—Huslin, St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

459—Kelbrune, Cumbrace Hotel, Millpart.

512—Thorn tree, School Room, Thornliebank.

R. A. 114—Freemasons' Hall, Cambuslang.

R. A. 116—Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

SATURDAY—458—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

544—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge.

Red Cross Conclave, 107—Lilly of the Valley, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, at 7. p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the "Hercules," Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 27th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Grammer W.M., Maidwell S.W., Rudderforth J.W., Horsley S.D., Salmonese J.D., Hogarth I.G., Crawley P.M. Preceptor pro tem, and other brethren. The ceremony of the 1st degree was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Barney acting as candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Grammer, and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Crawley P.M., and seconded by Bro. Rudderforth, that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Grammer, it being the first occasion that he had filled the chair in this Lodge of Instruction. The same was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.

Cathedral Chapter, No. 67.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 25th July, at Glasgow, Comp. J. Duthie Z. presiding, who opened a Mark Lodge, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting as S.W., D. Ronald J. as J.W., Goldie S.D., when Bro. R. S. Hamilton of Lodge 441 was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Comp. J. Duthie. There being no further business the Chapter was duly closed.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, 26th July, at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. The Lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. G. McDonald, Bros. Bain P.M. 103 acting as S.W., J. Miller P.M. 278 as J.W. A Mr. J. Smith was proposed for initiation, and Bro. Morgan, R.W.M. of the Star 219, wrought the degree. Bro. Dr. J. S. Simpson was a candidate for the 2nd degree, and was passed as a Fellow Craft by Bro. J. Booth, R.W.M. of the Thistle, No. 87. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. McDonald himself raised two brothers to the sublime degree. With such a staff of workers it is needless to say that all the degrees were admirably wrought, and those present were highly gratified by the intellectual treat they had enjoyed.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on 26th July, Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. presiding, who opened a Mark Lodge, assisted by Comps. J. Duthie Z. 67 as S.W., John Kinnaird J.W. Visitors—Comps. J. Morrison P.Z. 93, J. Duthie Z. 73, D. Ronald J. 67, W. Harper J. 69, J. Fash S.E. 69, J. McInnis P.S. 69. Application was made for admission of Bro. J. McNeild on behalf of Chapter 69, which was granted, and he, along with Bro. John Robb of Lodge 68, Doric, Kilwinning, were then duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, and Bro. Robb received that degree, and was afterwards exalted into the Royal Arch degree by Comp. Wheeler, J. Duthie as H., J. Kinnaird J., T. Balfour S.E., J. Banermann Treasurer, D. Gilchrist P.Z. as 1st S., J. Campbell 2nd, J. W. Harding 3rd. Comp. Fash returned thanks on behalf of Chapter 69 for the favour done them in exalting their candidate.

Domestic Lodge, No. 177.—The summer banquet of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th instant, at the Rye House, near Hoddesdon, Herts, when over one hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Treadwell. After inspecting the grounds, the points of historic interest connected with this ancient building, and enjoying boating trips, &c. the company sat down to a banquet and dessert. The wines and viands were of first rate quality, and reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. Teale. An excellent band discoursed sweet music during dinner. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., which was ably responded to. The toast of the Past Masters was replied to by Bros. J. R. Foulger and Elmes. Other toasts followed. Bro. James Willing humorously returned thanks for the ladies, who, he said, particularly expressed their gratification at this happy meeting, which he was sure would promote good feeling. Among those present were Bros. Turner, J. Kent, Sinclair, Shennstone, Braid, Willis, Auley, Wigmore, Jennings, Purchase, Stiles, Bedal, Turner, Elcor, &c.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. and was opened on Wednesday at the regular hour of seven, by Bro. F. Croaker, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation with great credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of those present. By solicitation of Bro. Posener (W.M. elect of the Upton Lodge), Bro. Croaker vacated the chair to allow him to rehearse the ceremony of raising, which he did in an able manner, evincing his ability for the important position to which he will shortly be elevated. The following officers and members were present:—Rudderforth S.W., Abell J.W., Fenner S.D., Staley J.D., Blackhall I.G., and Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. Constable Treasurer, Walker, Battyo, Colmer, Pelton, W. W. Morgan, Gomm, W. W. Morgan jun.; Christopher Tyler. Bro. Rudderforth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We cannot refrain remarking that the members of this Lodge support their Preceptor by a regular attendance, a compliment Bro. Gottheil holds in high estimation. At this particular season, with the thermometer at blood heat, seventeen members may be considered an excellent attendance; this in itself is a sufficient proof that the knowledge herein imparted is of a sound and thoroughly Masonic character.

Glasgow Lodge, No. 441.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting at their own hall, 24 Struthers-street, on Monday, 24th July. Bro. Jas. Wood R.W.M. presided, assisted by most of his officers. The work consisted of the passing of one brother to the Fellow Craft degree, which ceremony, like all his other work, was ably performed by Bro. Wood.

Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, Bro. Austen W.M., Pigot S.W., Pringle J.W., Clauchen Treas., H. A. Stacey Sec.; Past Masters Bros. Baker, T. Robinson, T. A. Adams P.G.P., W. D. Slyman, and T. J. Wuest, and Bros. W. Amor, R. Pilling, T. Thomas, H. Seymour, F. Hedges, J. Powell, Hollyman, J. H. Jones, D. W. King, E. Parker, J. Dodd, Gordon, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. R. Lawrence P.M. No. 901 was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Dawkins and passed Bro. Maybrick of the Athenaeum Lodge, No. 1491. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Pigot S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a manner that reflected great

credit. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form, and then invested his officers; he afterwards initiated Messrs. Press and Frampton into the Order. He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Austen, with a very elegant P.M.'s jewel, with appropriate inscription, for the able manner he had discharged his duties during the past year. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet provided by the worthy host. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and included the W.M., P.M., Wardens, Officers and Visitors. Bros. Maybrick and Davis contributed to the harmony. Altogether a very agreeable and harmonious evening was spent. The Visitors were Bros. R. Tubbs 1305, Maybrick 1491, Brander P.M. 157, L. R. Rogers P.M. 902, Koester P.M. 435, R. V. Davis 1288, C. J. W. Davis W.M. Royal Union 382, Woodstock P.M. 733, Ramsey P.M. 165, T. Meekham P.M. 1228, Jupe J.W. 1287, Price J.W. 1287, and Ayden 105.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above was held on Tuesday, 25th July, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Cambridge W.M., Barker S.W., Smith J.W., Brown S.D., Worsley J.D., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary, Allen Preceptor pro tem. The ceremony of initiation and passing was worked by the W.M., Bro. Davies acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Allen worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—A regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th instant, at the "Spotted Dog," Upton, Essex. There was a very full attendance. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Alfred Holtham W.M., Bro. R. Bolton occupied the chair. The officers present were Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. Brown J.W., J. Wayland Treasurer, B. Pickering P.M. Secretary, W. Webster S.D., J. Andrews J.D., A. W. Fenner I.G., F. C. Kinnear W.S.; P.M.'s G. Levick, G. Bratton, R. W. Goddard. In the course of the evening Bros. Belsey and Lund were crafted, and Mr. James R. Mabbitt was permitted to enter the Order in due form, and in accordance with ancient custom. The most important business however was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. D. Posener S.W. The popularity of that brother in the Upton Lodge was exemplified by the hearty applause which greeted the announcement. Bro. J. Wayland was re-elected Treasurer. Business ended, ample refreshment was served, after which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the W.M. elect, Bro. Bolton, the presiding W.M., observed that it augured well for the prosperity of the Upton Lodge that they had among them a brother upon whom their unanimous suffrages had been bestowed this evening, possessing such fine abilities and sterling Masonic qualifications as the Worshipful Master elect. The Lodge will have reason to be proud of its choice. Indeed, the P.M.'s will have to look to their laurels, for the ground they had hitherto occupied will be cut from under their feet, and their former standing as Past Masters will most assuredly be obscured by the lustre of the new Master's capabilities. Bro. Posener, W.M. elect, replying, deprecated the eulogiums so lavishly heaped upon him. He, however, assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to justify in some measure the good opinion the brethren were kind enough to entertain of him. He promised to maintain the honour and dignity of the Lodge, and to do what lies in his power to promote its prosperity. His actions would always be guided by honesty of purpose. Without fear and without favour, the course he intended to pursue would always be found in the straight and level line, and in strict accordance with the Constitutions of the Order. Bro. Posener then expressed his hearty thanks for all the kindness and indulgence it had been his good fortune to obtain. He then resumed his seat, amid loud applause. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, to which Bros. T. Leonard, A. Oldroyd and G. Brown contributed.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—This Lodge of Instruction held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Bro. Pigot's, the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway, N. Present—W. C. Beaman W.M., J. Walker S.W., H. B. Dunn J.W., Chant S.D., Wood J.D., Simson I.G. and Dickinson Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dickinson acting as candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday, 22nd instant, at the Red Lion, Hampton. Comps. F. Walters P.G. 1st Asst. Middlesex P.Z. as M.E.Z., W. Hammond H., H. A. Dubois J. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The election for M.E.Z. and Principals took place. Comp. W. Smeed P.G.J. P.Z., with his usual ability, installed Comps. W. Hammond M.E.Z., H. A. Dubois H., and E. Hopwood J. The investiture of officers then took place. Comps. L. Wickens P.Z. Treasurer, F. Walters P.Z. 1st Asst. Middlesex S.E. (re-invested, this being for the third time), E. Gilbert S.N., J. Hammond P.S., Rev. P. M. Holden 1st Asst. Soj., W. Mitchell 2nd Asst. Soj., J. B. Schackleton D.C., H. Potter P.Z. W.S., and J. Gilbert Janitor. All the candidates placed on the agenda paper were unanimously elected. A very elegant silver loving cup was presented to Comp. John Thomas Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex I.P.Z., the Father of the Chapter, for the eminent services rendered by him during his occupation of the chair. A P.Z.'s jewel was also presented

to Comp. S. Wickens for his services, and the Chapter, determined not to be outdone in giving in a substantial form where merit and zeal is evinced, voted the sum of £10 10s to the testimonial about to be presented to Comp. F. Walters P.Z., in recognition of the services rendered by him, in every capacity, for the good of Freemasonry, the Charities, and the Craft in general. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. 946 was elected an honorary member. Comp. B. Sharp P.Z. 84 was elected a joining member. He, in thanking the Companions, stated it was his intention to act as Steward for the Girls' School in 1877, when he should be pleased to represent the Chapter. After closing, the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet and dessert. The usual toasts were given and responded to. During the evening, songs and recitations were given. After the Janitor's Toast, the Companions returned to town.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—The installation of the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Friday, 14th inst., at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. Bro. S. G. T. Bourke (Lieutenant, R.N.) was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably conducted by Bro. J. R. Willson P.M. The following were appointed officers:—Bros. McDonagh I.P.M., H. Townsend S.W., Leggett J.W., Willson P.M. Sec., Mares Treas., Williams S.D., Johns J.D., Strick I.G., Haynes Tyler, Vinnicombe Assistant Tyler, and Kempster and May Stewards. A most *recherché* banquet was afterwards served by Mr. W. Bond, of the Dolphin Hotel, about fifty being present. Among the P.M.'s and W.M.'s who attended were Bros. Col. Owen, Cornelius-Wheeler, Lillywhite, J. R. Willson, Turney, Ubsdell, Maling, Captain Blakey, and McDonagh. This Lodge, although the youngest in Portsmouth, is in a most flourishing position, both numerically and financially.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—Success having attended the efforts of Bro. Jas. Willing jun., the first Master of this flourishing Lodge, not only in the accession of members, but also from a financial point of view, he steered his barque safely into port, and received the just reward of his labour of love, and then resigned the helm into the hands of a worthy successor, Bro. J. J. Michael, who has proved himself equal to the duties entailed upon him. The brethren of the Lodge, mindful of the many pleasant gatherings they had had during the year, determined that the ladies of their acquaintance should have an opportunity of participating in their enjoyment, and accordingly organised a picnic excursion. By previous arrangement, the brethren met at the Paddington Station of the Great Western Railway, on Wednesday last, under an efficient body of stewards, consisting of the W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael, Jas. Willing jun. I.P.M., T. Williams S.W., R. T. Kingham J.W., R. Rose Treas., G. Tims P.M. 177 Secretary, J. Douglass S.D., C. J. Scales J.D., W. Side I.G., W. M. Stiles Asst. Secretary, G. Colls W.S., H. H. Child, W. B. Clarke, and A. T. Rapkin. The brethren and ladies arrived at Taplow, and proceeded to Bro. Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, where the company formed themselves into parties, and proceeded, in boats, up the river to Cookham, while others enjoyed themselves equally well by basking in the sunshine. After these exertions the company adjourned to a tent erected in the grounds, where the party, sixty-one in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert, and to judge by the expressions of merriment they evidently enjoyed themselves. The chair was ably occupied by the W.M., who was supported by Bro. J. Willing jun., the vice chairs being filled by Bros. Williams S.W. and Kingham J.W. The W.M. said he did not intend to make many remarks; he would propose the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. The W.M. then gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. Most of those present knew him best in that capacity; there were, however, many non Masons present. The Prince had endeared himself to every British heart, and he would ask all present to drink his health, not only as M.W.G.M. but as our future king. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Jas. Willing I.P.M. then rose: He felt proud of the privilege of proposing the next toast; that was the W.M. (Cheers.) Bro. Michael, during his occupancy of the chair, had given them every satisfaction. He was one to whom the afflicted could pour forth their sorrows; as a proof of this he gave up a day's enjoyment for the purpose of assisting a brother in distressed circumstances, and on the occasion he referred to their W.M. succeeded in getting a good round sum. (Cheers.) Bro. Michael was one only to know to respect; under his protecting wing all present had passed a very happy day, and he would with all sincerity ask them to drink the health of the W.M., and to couple with the toast the name of his esteemed wife. Bro. Michael thanked the brethren for the reception the toast had met with; he then gave a capital idea of the duties of Freemasonry, and the social comforts resulting from it. He hoped he had done his duty, if so, he felt proud of being W.M. of so flourishing a Lodge; before resuming his seat he had to propose the toast of the I.P.M.—(cheers)—his year had been a wonderfully successful one. In whatever capacity Bro. Willing's services were required he was always ready to render them, he was foremost in all that was good and charitable, and he would ask them to let the toast have a hearty reception, the healths of Bro. Jas. Willing and Mrs. Willing. Bro. James Willing responded to the toast; he concurred in some portion of the remarks of the W.M., in respect to his rendering any assistance required of him, for his services in any good cause were always at their command. He was pleased to see so many present, even more than was expected, and it afforded him satisfaction to see they were all happy and comfortable. In the name of Mrs. Willing, he begged most sincerely to thank them. He then proposed the health of the "Visitors," Bros. Scard and Burnett, and Messrs. Humphreys and Jackson. This was duly responded to by the two former brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, and the Stewards of the day, said great credit was due to them for their exertions in conducting to the success of the proceedings. The Lodge had not yet been two years'

in existence. Those brethren with whose names the toast had been associated had done the work required of them to the satisfaction of all, he hoped to see them in due course occupying the position of Worshipful Master, their Masonic knowledge was such that they were able to perform the ceremonies correctly. This it was a gratification to know, more especially as they were so young in the Order. Bros. Williams, Kingham, Tims P.M., Douglass, Stiles and Scales responded. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks for the ladies. The shades of evening were approaching, and reminded the company that some miles had to be traversed before they arrived at their homes. On reaching Paddington Station hearty good wishes were given, and hopes expressed that future assemblages might pass as pleasantly as this, which was thus brought to a happy termination.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, on Wednesday, 26th July. The W.M., Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, was supported by Bros. Wilkins S.W., Stidolph J.W., Kemp S.D., and Hudson J.D. The business of the evening consisted in raising Bro. H. Levy and the initiation of Messrs. George Newman and Edward Coleman. This is one of the new Lodges, an offspring of Mount Lebanon, No. 73, and although it was only consecrated last year, it promises to be one of our best and most prosperous Lodges. We had lately the pleasure of visiting it, and it is most gratifying to witness, in a new Lodge, such perfect harmony and good fellowship amongst the brethren assembled. There were present as visitors Bros. Adams 765, Wilkins 141, and Spiegel 188.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70, PLYMOUTH.

ONCE in every year it is the practice of the members of this old Lodge to have a quiet re-union a few miles out of town, and some place of interest is visited. Last year the far-famed caverns at Yealmpton were explored, and the dinner was provided at the "Volunteer Inn." On Monday last the locality selected was the neighbourhood of Motheombe Bay—with its magnificent inland, river, and coast scenery; and thither, in drag, carriage or on horseback, wended the members and their friends. Having enjoyed the healthful and invigorating sea breezes they returned to Holbeton, where dinner was provided by Bro. J. Evens of "The George." Amongst those present were—Bros. H. W. Thomas W.M. 70, W. B. Hambly P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S.W., S. Jew P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., F. P. Holmes P.P.G.S.W., John Du Pré P.P.G.D.C., Isaac Watts P.P.G.T., J. Ferris P.M., John Evens P.M., C. Cooper P.M., E. T. Tarratt J.W., R. G. Bird P.M., Jos. Arnold S.D., W. Adams, W. Lister, G. R. Mitchell, S. Ramsden, S. Roach, E. J. Richardson, G. Thorne, J. Willcocks, W. Wyatt J.D., E. Hart O. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. shortly and efficiently proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. S. Jew returned thanks for the P.G. Lodge, expressing the gratification he felt at seeing so many P.G. officers present to do honour to his old and esteemed Bro. J. Evens. Bro. Gover, the Secretary, proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. H. W. Thomas. It was, he said, always a pleasure to speak of one who so ably presided over them, whether in or out of Lodge, and who was ready to do his duty at all times. During his Mastership the Lodge had been united in accord and concord, and he had proved himself second to no Master who had preceded him. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty reception of his name. It was a high honour and great pleasure to preside over a Lodge so numerous and so unanimous. He was gratified to see so many old P.M.'s around him on the present occasion, when they wished to do especial honour to the Father and oldest Past Master of the Lodge. He should now call upon Bro. J. Watts to perform that pleasant duty.

Bro. J. Watts then proposed the health of the Wor. Bro. Evens. Some thirty years since he had the pleasure of being Bro. Evens' Senior Warden. Bro. J. Ferris, who was present, was at that time Junior Warden. They had worked well together, then, and since, and he hoped, as he was convinced every other brother did, that Bro. Evens might be spared for very many years longer to give them the advice and assistance for which his experience so well qualified him.

Song:—"The fine old English gentleman."

Bro. Evens replied that their applause had taken him a little aback, but he was very happy to see so many of his esteemed brethren around his table, especially his old Wardens, Bros. Watts and Ferris, who succeeded him in the chair. He was not so constant a visitor as formerly, but if wanted at any time his brethren might always rely upon his prompt attention to summons. His Lodge (and if he were the Father she was certainly his Mother) had known many vicissitudes, but he was glad to be able to congratulate them on their present happy condition.

Several other toasts followed, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, the cornet solos of Bro. E. Hart being especially appreciated. A drive home along the sweetly smelling Devonshire lanes and roads concluded a most enjoyable day.

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A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 2nd of August, at 7 p.m.

The business is as follows:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The Committee of General Purposes will report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th April to the 18th July 1876, both inclusive, and find them to be as follows:—

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The said balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Chalmers as Z, Edward John Jones as H, Richard M. Blaker as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Jumna Lodge, No. 1394, Delhi, to be called the "Chalmers Chapter," and to meet at Delhi, Punjab, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions Edward Twizill as Z, George Awburn Allan as H, Addison Potter as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tyne Lodge, No. 991, Willington Quay, to be called the "Tyne Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, in the County of Northumberland.

3rd. From Companions Robert Hamilton as Z, Samuel Rawson as H, Hugh David Sandeman as J, and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, to be called the "Friends-in-Council Chapter," and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

4th. From Companions Anthony Stewart as Z, Charles Alfred Gorham as H, Henry Studholme Brownrigg as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Charity, No. 563, Umballa, to be called the "Umballa Chapter," and to meet at Umballa, Punjab, in the East Indies.

Which Petitions being in all respects regular, they recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Fortescue Chapter, No. 847, Honiton, stating that the Charter having been unfortunately lost, and although diligent search has been made, there appears to be no chance of its recovery, they pray Grand Chapter to grant them a Charter of Confirmation. The Rev. John Huyshe, Grand Superintendent of Devon, supports the prayer of the petition, which the Committee recommend Grand Chapter to grant.

The Committee are sorry to have to report that on the simple *ipse dixit* of a brother that he had been 12 months a Master Mason, the "Old Globe Chapter, No. 200," Scarborough, exalted him contrary to Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations, which requires that satisfactory proof of a Brother having been 12 Calendar months at least a Master Mason shall be given. The Committee believe that the Chapter did not wilfully err, but in order to mark their displeasure of the carelessness displayed, have inflicted a fine of one guinea on the Chapter, have directed the Grand Scribe E. to admonish it to be more careful in future, and not to issue the certificate without the Companion has been re-obligated at its next meeting.

THE DRAMA.

The Operatic Season—Drury Lane and Covent Garden.

THE Italian Opera season this year can hardly, as a whole, be considered an artistic success. Only two new works have been produced, both at Covent Garden; and the only novelty, or *quasi* novelty, promised at Drury Lane, *Il Talismano*, was not performed at all. Of the two new works, *Tannhäuser* has been given eight times, and *Aida* five times, and both may be considered to have achieved a fair degree of success. In justice to Mr. Mapleson, it deserves to be stated that he has this year laboured under peculiar disadvantages. In the first place, his attention has of necessity been divided between Drury Lane Theatre and his new National Opera House, in process of completion, on the Thames Embankment. And, in the second place, his arrangements have suffered from the illness of some of his principle artistes. To begin with, Madlle. Tietjens has on several occasions been too unwell to appear, and this has occasioned the non-performance of Cherubini's *Medea*, and other serious disappointments. Signor Stagno, again, was for a long time prevented singing by a severe cold; and Madlle. Marguerite Chapuy, from a similar cause, was unable to appear at all during the entire season. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, however, there has been some notable performances at Drury Lane, which relieve from barrenness the season at that house. Amongst these we may mention the admirable performances of *Faust*, with M. Faure, Mdme. Trebelli and Mdme. Nilsson; *Don Giovanni* with M. Faure, Herr Rokitansky, Mdme. Trebelli and Madlle. Tietjens; *Lucrezia Borgia* with Madlle. Tietjens and M. Faure; *Semiramide*, the *Huguenots* and *Lohengrin*. The casts have been especially strong in these productions, and fairly good in many others,

whilst the orchestra and chorus, under the able direction of Sir Michael Costa, have maintained a high degree of excellence throughout.

Turning to the Covent Garden Theatre, we find that, beyond the productions we have before alluded to, and the ever welcome appearances of Madame Patti, the season has offered but few performances that deserve to be permanently recorded. An unusually large number of works was there produced, but quality in many cases was more than questionable. A smaller number of works, with more thorough rehearsal, would, in our opinion, have given greater satisfaction to the subscribers, and to the public at large. Madame Patti, of course, has maintained her artistic supremacy, and the performances in which she appeared have been the principal successes of the season. Madame Albani may, however, be said to have strengthened her position, by her admirable performances in *Lohengrin* and *Tannhäuser*, the music of which seems peculiarly to suit her voice and style of singing. Madlle. Zare Thalberg has been fairly successful, especially in *L'Elisir d'Amore*, which was given, we think, five times. We ought not to omit a reference to the excellent *ensemble* in the performance of *Guglielmo Tell*, which, apart from the new productions, were amongst the most satisfactory of the season. It is probable that next year, if the new National Opera House is completed, a more than ordinarily brisk competition will be maintained between the rival houses. From such a competition the public will be certain to profit.

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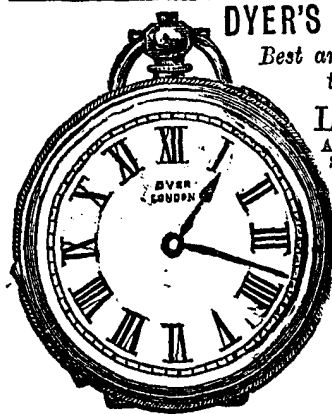
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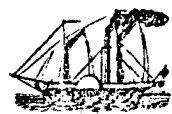
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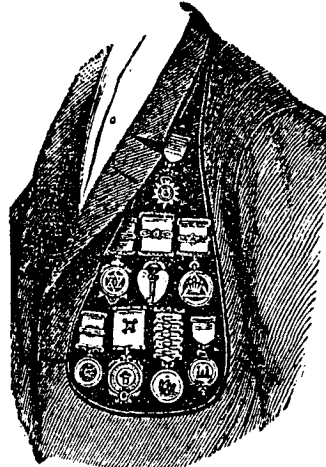
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