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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANT OF LODGE No. 60.

THE records that remain to us of our early history, especially from the year of the Revival to about 1760, are, unfortunately, few in number. We may be well excused, therefore, if we seem to bestow on them more than a passing interest. When an early document is brought under our notice for the first time, it is almost a matter of course that we should make it serve the purpose of a text, from which to inflict on our readers a kind of sermon, more or less solemn perhaps, not altogether uninteresting. We have recently been shown an early Lodge Warrant, with code of Bye-laws, and inventory of Lodge utensils appended. It is unique of its kind, and but little if any apology is needed for the following remarks. We hope shortly to publish the whole of the documents in full, and our readers will kindly take these presents as a sort of preface.

The Warrant itself is most informal in its character, consisting simply of a petition addressed by certain "Free and Accepted Masons, and so Made in Regular Lodges," to "the Right Honorable and Right Worshipfull, Henry Marquis of Carnarvon Grand Master, the Worshipfull Jn^o. Ward, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, the Right Honorable Lord George Graham, Senior Grand Warden, the Worshipfull Cap^t. Robinson Junior Grand Warden," asking permission "to Meet at the House of our Brother William Overy, at the Angel and Crown Tavern, in Crispin Street, Spittle Fields," and promising obedience to his Lordship and his Lordship's Grand Officers, "and to Observe all the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, as becomes Free and Accepted Masons." This Petition bears the endorsement, under date of the 28th April 1738, of his Lordship, granting "the Within Petition," and appointing the 3rd of May, at the hour of seven in the evening, for the brethren to meet him. On the following page it is recorded, under date of "May the 3^d 1738," that his Lordship, his Deputy and Wardens, "did meet at the House of Our Bro^r. William Overy The Signe of the Angel and Crown in Crispin Street, Spittle Fields, and did then and there, Constitute the Before Written Petitioners, into a Regular Lodge in Full Form—and did appoint Our Bro^r. George Garrett, Esq^r., Master, And Our Bro^r. Mr. Timothy Hooks Senior Warden, And Our Bro^r. William Chomly Junior Warden." The endorsement dated 28th April bears the signature "Carnarvon G.M.," and the record of Constitution of the 3rd May those of "Carnarvon G.M.," "J. Ward D.G.M." "Geo. Graham S.G.W.," "Andr^s. Robinson J.G.W." At the back of the record are the signatures of those present at the Constitution, at the head of the list being those of "Darnley L.G.M.," the immediate predecessor of the Marquis of Carnarvon in the Grand Mastership, "John Revis G.S.," and "Geo. Moody S.B." This is the authority under which the Lodge, thus constituted on the 3rd May 1738, has ever since continued to work, and still works, under the style and Title of the "Lodge of Peace and Harmony," its present number on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England being "No. 60."

Then come the "Orders, Rules, and Ordinances to be observed and kept by the said Lodge. They are to the following effect:—

1. Provides that the Lodge meet the second Tuesday in the month, at 6 p.m., between Michaelmas and Lady Day, and at 7 p.m., between Lady Day and Michaelmas; and

further lays it down "that no Brother call for wine until the Master of the Lodge, or his Deputy, assume the Chair," but if these do not arrive at the appointed hour, then "the Brothers may call for Wine, &c."

2. Forbids a member or visitor to enter the Lodge Room "disguised in Liquor" or to "behave indecently" towards the Master, Wardens, or any of the Brethren, under pain of being admonished for the first offence, and subsequently, of dismissal, exclusion, and deprivation of all Masonic advantages and privileges.

3. No one is to be made a Mason or member, except he be "of virtuous Principles and Integrity, and not a Bondsman;" and Brethren are enjoined to be careful whom they recommend "that they may not bring any Disreputation on the Craft."

4. A Person to be proposed one regular Lodge and Balloted for the next. If accepted, "he must be registered in this Book." A mere majority of votes in the ballot suffices for the candidate's admission.

5. Fixes a guinea and a half as the fee for making, and a further payment of five shillings for passing "the degree of Master." Every member to obey the Lodge Bye-Laws.

6. Every new member to pay the first Lodge night of the ensuing quarter, and quarterly afterwards while he remains a member, the sum of three and sixpence towards the Lodge expenses.

7. Provides that a master and wardens be chosen half yearly on "the Lodge nights immediately preceeding Christmas and Midsummer," care being taken that the brother chosen master "be right worthy, and capable of exercising and discharging that high Office." The master only to nominate and appoint his wardens.

8. The good of the Lodge to take precedence of private interest. A proposition for the good of Masonry in general or of the Lodge in particular to be heard in silence, and if complied with, recorded in the minutes.

9. Presents made to the Lodge to be registered with the donor's name against it, and the latter "to be wrote or engraved" on the most convenient part of the gift, if possible.

10. The master, with the consent of a majority of the brethren, to have power to make new regulations, such new regulations to be read and approved the next Lodge meeting before being entered in the book.

11. A brother proposing a candidate to pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of half a guinea: such sum to be returned if the candidate be not approved of.

12. Any dispute in the Lodge to be discussed in an orderly manner, only one member speaking at a time.

13. As in many other Lodges, no one to be admitted to dispose of "any Play House Tickets."

14. Fixes ten p.m. as the hour for closing the Lodge.

15. Provides that the members may read these regulations at any time, and that they be read out to every new member on joining.

After the above regulations we find a record under date of "the 10th January 1748," to the effect that certain brethren agree to meet at Bro. Eedes's the "Three Tuns Tavern without Bishopsgate," and did then and there constitute a regular Lodge. This terminates abruptly, and is followed by no signature whatever. Following this comes another and fuller record of the same date, fixing upon the same place of meeting, and constituting themselves into a regular Lodge. Appended to this is a long list of signatures, among which, however, we do not notice the names of any of the original petitioners to Lord Carnarvon. Lastly, is an inventory of the Lodge utensils,

which consist of jewels, mauls, aprons, &c. &c., and for these we have the receipt, dated 16th May 1751, for "ten Pounds in full for the above inventory," signed "Fras. Eedes," and a second receipt, dated 8th May 1753, for eighteen Pounds and eighteen shillings, signed by "Jona. Cload R.W.M.," "John Lambley S.W.," "Thos. Bankes J.W.," and Wm. Rooke Secre." On the same page is an enlarged inventory enumerating the additional utensils, and bearing date the 17th March 1776.

Such, in outline, are the Warrant and appendices of the Lodge of "Peace and Harmony," No. 60. A *verbatim et literatim* copy of the whole will be given shortly.

SKETCH OF AN OLD LODGE BOOK, No. 6, ANCIENTS.

THERE is no surer or more satisfactory way of learning the inner life of Freemasonry, as the Royal Art was practised in the days of our grandfathers and great grandfathers, than by consulting those Lodge records which have come down to us. Published histories of the Society contain valuable information as to the progress of Freemasonry, the inter-relations of Grand Lodges, and of Lodges in this or that country, but if we would know the class of men who composed our Order a century or, it may be, a century and a half ago, if we are desirous of some insight into the working of our Lodges—so far, of course, as such working may properly be divulged—we must look to these same records of which we have just spoken. Latterly, we have been publishing a number of warrants of what are known as Ancient Lodges, that is, of that body of Freemasons which, about the middle of the eighteenth century, seceded from the Grand Lodge of England as revived in 1717 and established for itself a separate Grand Lodge. Latterly also, by an unexpected piece of good fortune, we have had brought under our notice, by Bro. Constable, P.M. 185, an old minute and account book and register of one of the highest of these Ancient Lodges, one, be it added, which still remains on the Grand Roll of English Freemasonry, and still, at all times, plays its part to perfection among existing Lodges. This register of members, minutes, and accounts, regarded simply as such, contains nothing, perhaps, of very serious moment. It helps to elucidate no important problem in Freemasonry. But it throws much light on the interior working of an Ancient Lodge a hundred years ago, and this being so, we think a brief sketch of its most interesting features will be not wholly unwelcome to our readers.

This old "Lodge Book" of No. 6, Ancients, now No. 11 on the Roll of Grand Lodge, England, is in three parts. It includes the register of members, the minutes of Lodge meetings, and the Lodge accounts. The Register extends from the very beginning of the year 1771 to the close of the half-year to June 1784. There is, however, a gap in it, there being no register for the latter half of 1774 and the first half of 1775. The first minute is dated 17th December 1770, the last 23rd April 1782; and there is no break in the continuity of the record. The statement of accounts opens on 17th December 1770, and goes on uninterruptedly to the latter half of the year 1798. We shall deal with the minutes first, as being, of necessity, the most interesting.

The first minute under date, as stated, of 17th December 1770, announces that the W.M. occupied the chair; that a lecture "in the first part" was given by Bro. Wm. Bayley, P.M. of No. 93; and that Mr. Robert Irwin proposed to become an "Entiant" Mason, he being a Modern, and Intitled to a certificate, was entered immediately and made a Fellow Craft. Paid ten shillings and sixpence for his dues. On the 7th January 1771, having approved, as joining members, of Bros. W. Bayley P.M. No. 93, John Bexwell W.M. No. 93, William Dagnia of St. Johns, Charles Bearblock P.M. of No. 93, Will. Finch J.W. of the same Lodge, and John McCormick of St. Johns, the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing half-year, this important duty having been omitted the Lodge night before St. John's Day, as only three members were present. Bro. W. Bayley was elected W.M., and having appointed his Wardens and Bro. Chas. Bearblock as Secretary, he then nominated Bro. Bexwell as Senior Deacon, while the Senior Warden nominated Bro. John McCormick as Junior Deacon. Then followed the installation, after which the

Lodge was closed and adjourned. At the next meeting a brother was summoned to attend and explain his absence during the last half-year, and excused himself on the ground that he had been in the hospital. Bro. Chas. Bearblock paid ten shillings and sixpence proposal money in respect of a candidate, and another "Modern certified Mason" proposed to be admitted "an Entient." Then follows a record that a brother was made a Master Mason; that the Lodge moved to the prentice, when a Modern was made an Ancient, who was then Crafted and raised. On the minutes of the first "Emergency" Meeting certain "emendments" were made in the Lodge rules, and the Lodge closed "in Harmony," the record containing the name of a visitor, of "present members," of "absent members not summoned," and of "Ditto summoned from the Chair." At the next regular meeting, a member, who was also W.M. of another Lodge, made a motion, and said that "a great aspersion had been thrown against his character in a Lecturing Lodge in the house where No. 8 is kept." He said it was further proved that a member of the Lodge "had shown a scandalous paper" to the present W.M. of No. 6, greatly against the character of the complainant as a Mason. It was thereupon resolved that the offending brother make due submission to the complainant, and "contradict the aspersion," not only to all who may have heard it, but also "in the Grand Lodge if required." The due submission was made accordingly. We then read of a Mr. Moses Meyers sending up a "furring certificate," and his being proposed, if a Modern, to be made an Ancient Mason. On examination this turns out to be the case, and Mr. Moses Meyers is converted accordingly. On the 1st of April, a letter is read from the Grand Secretary, "in respect of entertaining our R.W. Grand Master," and, at an Emergency Meeting on the 8th of the same month, it is announced that "the four following brothers proposed dining with his Grace"—the four being the W.M. and three other members. The minutes that follow contain simply records that the Lodge was opened and a lecture given. On the 17th June 1771, the half-yearly election took place, and the installation at the meeting on the 1st July, on which latter occasion it was "ordered from the chair, that summonses be issued against next Lodge night, for the purpose of raising a general subscription for the benefit of this Lodge." Subsequently, we read of a motion being accepted, to the effect that every member who does not dine on a St. John's Day with his Lodge, or at the public festival with the Grand Officers, shall forfeit two shillings, while every one dining at this Lodge shall spend five shillings. A motion, however, to raise a subscription for the purpose of buying sundry Lodge necessities was rejected. At the meeting on the 16th December 1771, we read that a certain brother "proposed to make two Deacons' jewels in order to clear his dues," which was approved of. At the election which took place at the same meeting, it is stated that "the two Wardens proposed to stand candidates for the chair of the W. M.," the Senior being elected unanimously. We also have an instance of a brother proposing himself a candidate for the Junior Wardenship, but his proposition did not commend itself, for his competitor was chosen by five ballots against two. On St. John the Evangelist's Day of this year, we have an instance of two brethren being excluded "for non-attendance and non-payment of dues." On the 20th January the Lodge received the visit of the Grand Officers and sundry Lodges as per list Fo. 3, but the list is wanting. On the 3rd February following, a brother discontinues his membership, it having been proposed and seconded and approved of, "that the landlord should not be a member of the Lodge in his own house." On the 6th April a former member proposed to rejoin the Lodge, and his proposition was referred to the next Lodge night, in order to "enquire after his character." This inquiry was found to be satisfactory; for at the Lodge immediately following, it was stated that the character of the brother in question had been so enquired into by the S.W., who "finds him to be a man of honour, and gets his livelihood in a genteel way. Consequently qualified to rejoin this Lodge." In June of this year, a proposal to move the Lodge from the Admiral Vernon—Bro. Bearblock's house, 114 Bishopsgate-street-without—to the King and Queen, in Distaff-lane, is carried by six ballots to five. The election of officers was held the same evening, their installation, partly at the next Lodge, and partly at an emergency called to complete the "transaction." On the 3rd August no meeting was held, as the W.M. and J.W. were the only ones present. Shortly after we find "the Worshipfull was fined

sixpence for offering to lay a wager." Later, the Lodge received "a letter from the Grand Secretary in regard to the R.A. or G^d C^r, dated 3rd September 1772, copy of which is the Book of Rules and Orders." In the minute of 21st Dec. 1772, we find it ordered that the Festival of St. John's day shall be held on the 30th, the brethren to be summoned to meet exactly at 1 o'clock, dinner to be on table at 2 o'clock precisely. It was further agreed that the election and installation should take place the same day. On 15th March 1773, a brother desired to be discontinued, and that dues might be mitigated, as he had not attended Lodge for some time. The request, however, was not complied with, the return of his certificate, and the granting of another being made contingent on payment. In June of the same year "Bro. Withers, with his own consent, was unanimously continued as M^r. for the ensuing $\frac{1}{2}$ year." During this year but little activity among the officers was exhibited, there being several entries to the effect "No Lodge opened, never an officer being present." At the first meeting in 1774, the Lodge nights were altered from the first and third Monday to the second and fourth Tuesday. At first, however, the change seems hardly to have worked well, as it is not till the month of June we find the meetings follow with anything like regularity. In October, it seems, the W.M. exhibited much patience. We read that he "attended his duty about 7 o'clock, but no other brother coming before nine" the Lodge was not opened. The following month occurs this record: "Not opened the W^r. M^r. unwell, the Senior confined in business, and the Junior Warden same." In 1775, the conduct of the Senior Warden appears to have given rise to some suspicion, and justly, too. On the 4th September both he and his jewel were absent, and inquiry was ordered. On the 14th of the same month it was resolved he be excluded if he did not appear by St. John's Day next, and on the 24th December effect was given to this resolution, the S.W. being excluded and reported to the G.L. During the interval between the last two dates we gather the brethren met regularly, but no business was transacted, "there being only five members belonging to the Lodge, and having no Tyler, the Lodge could not be opened, the Landlord not being willing to become a Mason." Moreover, in December it was resolved that "the Warrant, Jewels and Furniture" of the Lodge, "should be removed to the house of Bro. Charles Bearblock, till a proper place of meeting be agreed to." Accordingly, we find the Lodge adjourned on this occasion, "till another opportunity, of which every member shall have notice." In April 1776, a move is made to "the house of Mr. John Treaskins, the Bricklayers Arms, Bristol-street, Blackfryers," and Mr. John Treaskins, in spite of the resolution we have already quoted, is proposed as a member. We learn, also, that notice of removal is sent to Bro. William Dickey, Grand Secretary. The change seems to have benefited the Lodge, for henceforward the meetings are held regularly, outstanding dues are likewise called in, and notice is sent to one brother that he would be excluded in the event of his not forwarding his arrears. In October of the same year, we find Bro. John Treaskins makes "a present of a Secretary's desk to the Lodge, so long as it continues at his house." In November, it is mentioned that notice be sent to a member, calling upon him to pay up his dues, under pain of being "summoned before the Stewards' Lodge." On 24th December, Bro. John Treaskins becomes W.M., though landlord of the house in which the Lodge meets, and his installation takes place this 27th of the month.

On 28th January 1777 it is minuted that one who had been "made a Modern Mason in the Lodge No. 42 at the 3 Morris Dancers, in the Old Change, Cheapside, in the year 1772" was made an Entered Apprentice, Crafted and raised and "paid 10/6 for his making." The same evening "Cash for the Deficiency of the Supper on St. John's Day last" was collected. At the next Lodge, "John Clementson, at the Crown and Anchor, in Lombard Street, White Fryers," is unanimously chosen Tyler. The next record of any moment is of an agreement between the Lodge and one of its members, to the effect that the latter shall be returned to Grand Lodge as a member on condition that he present the Lodge "with a new Past Masters jewel and repairing the old one," such presentation and repairs to be in acquittance of the arrears due by him to the Lodge. On the 22nd April, "a Modern Mason belonging to the Lodge No. 5, in Totenham Court Road," was proposed and unanimously elected. On the 28th May, it is minuted that

"under the Warrant of this Lodge a Royal Arch Lodge opened at 6 o'clock according to Regulation." The following were proposed and approved:—Bro. Simeon A. Bayley P.M. No. 4, Bros. John Errington and Richard Tidcombe P.M.'s No. 6, Bro. John Treaskins W.M. No. 6, and Bro. John Clementson P.M. "formerly of No. 93, now of St. John's, in order to qualify him to Tyle this Grand Chapter." The other brethren present were Bros. Chas. Bearblock of No. 4, Moses Choppin of No. 81, George Archer of No. 81, and Thomas Wiston, Chas. Cupid, and William Bayley, all of St. John's. On the 27th of the same month we find it mentioned "that a Lodge of Emergency be called on Sunday next, the 1st June 1777, at 6 o'clock in the evening, on account of several of the members not having complied with the former By Laws of this Lodge." The "Lodge of Emergency" was accordingly held, when it was unanimously proposed to make the following alterations in the "Hangings belonging to this Lodge," namely: "The linings to be blue and the middle crimson, with three rows of silver lace on two hangings, viz., on the Master and Past Masters' hangings. The same linings and the same middle, with two rows of the same silver lace as above, on three hangings, viz., the Senior and Junior Wardens and Secretary's hangings. And the same linings and same middle, with two rows of silver lace, but narrower, on the two Deacons' hangings." On St. John's Day we note that the installation of officers follows the dinner, and that a brother was installed Senior Deacon "in the room of Bro. Edward Jenkins, who was rejected for his being absent this day." The ceremony over, "Several Loyal toasts were drunk to the praise of Masonry." Shortly after, we read that Bro. John Rule, Senior Deacon of this Lodge, having occasion to leave this place on his own private business, begs leave to depart the Lodge for a time, and that he may be granted a Grand Lodge certificate for such purpose, which was agreed to. In October, another Emergency Meeting is ordered to be held, on a Sunday evening. We cite the following as an instance of the frequency with which members declare off and then rejoin the Lodge. It is recorded on 19th October, that "Bro. John McCormick declared off from being a member of this Lodge, on the 6th October 1777, which was omitted in that night's transaction." On the 25th November following, we read that "Bro. John McCormick was unanimously admitted to join this Lodge on his paying his dues for the last quarter, being 6s 6d, and 1s for his Grand Lodge dues for this quarter, and 3s to the Lodge for three nights expences." This is only one of many cases of a like character. In December, "The General Rules from the Grand Lodge was read, and an alteration was made in the 8th Rule." On 28th April 1778, a case occurs of a brother being advanced to the degree of a Fellow Craft and Master Mason. On 26th May following, the "Worshipful proposed the question for augmenting the Grand Charity, and was unanimously agreed to pay as formerly, or to be at their own free will to pay annually what ever sum they can afford towards the Charity, and it was further agreed that the moneys belonging to the Charity shall not be expended no other ways than to Distressed Brethren, and that no Imolument shall be voted for by the Officers of this Lodge to be paid out of the aforesaid Charity to any person whatsoever." Perhaps, however, the most important announcement in the whole series of minutes is entered under date of 9th June, 1778. We read "the W^r. Past Master Bro. John Fakins gave an account of the Proceedings of ye Grand Lodge, No. 2 was propos'd to be dispos'd of by ye grand and the members present of No. 6 Agreed to purchase the said number in Case the upper Numbers do not accept of it." This is very valuable, as showing the practice amongst the "Ancients" which allowed of an inferior Lodge—speaking, of course, as to their numerical sequence only—obtaining by purchase the rank of a superior. No such purchase, however, appears to have been effected, at least prior to the month of September 1798, that being the latest entry in the statement of accounts contained in this "Lodge Book, No. 6." We may infer, therefore, that one of the "upper numbers" did accept of this No. 2, or, perhaps, the disposal of the number never took place after all. Be this as it may, we call the attention of our more curious brethren to the interesting fact we have recorded, in the hope that one of them—Bro. Hughan's name naturally occurs to us at the moment of writing—may be able to throw additional light on the subject. On the 23rd of June the half-yearly election of officers took place, but owing to the number of absent members the feast was postponed till the next stated

meeting. At an emergency meeting held on 5th July, an amendment to Rule 14 was proposed and carried, to the effect that every member shall spend the sum of sixpence "to defray the said Lodge of Emergencie when duly summoned and the absent members to pay the same for not attending." The further business related to the absent members, and in the case of one of them, it was proposed that, "being a distance from the Lodge," he "should be dealt with According to our Good Rules and orders of our Antient Constitution, it was Unanimously agreed to shew him Linty for the next Quarter and not to Expend upon him." It was further proposed in the case of two other brethren, that "if they do not Appear to pay their Dues to the Treasurer, on or before the 14th January, shall be Excluded, Accept the Brethren may exite further Linty on their shewing a just cause for their Non-aperence." At the installation banquet, on the following day, it is minuted that the brethren proceeded to dinner "with the Usual happiness of our Antient Constitution as York Masons." In July of this year is mentioned the case of a Mr. John Smith, whom, owing to his being on the point of going abroad, "the Lodge approved to make him, and Finished him" there and then. We also note the case of a candidate being accepted and made a Mason "in Lodge No. 6 by the Recomendation" of a brother "of No. 3." The month following, the W.M. "gave a satisfactory Account of the Proceedings of the Stewards' Lodge." Shortly follows a minute in which the gift of a guinea to a brother, who is "lame and in a bad state of health," is recorded. In October, the Worshipful again "gave an Account of the Transactions of the Stewards' Lodge;" and on the 8th December the same officer "gave the Lodge a just Account of the Transactions of the Grand Lodge, and also agreed to support Bro. John McCormick as a candidate at the election for Grand Secretary on the third of March 1779." At the installation of officers, on the 28th December 1778, we are told the Lodge "concluded with many Harmonious Toasts suitable to the Feastival of St. John's Day." At the meeting on the 26th January 1779, a letter was received "from Bro. Charles as a candidate for Grand Secretary, which was read."

(To be Continued.)

THE MEANING OF CERTAIN MASONIC WORDS.

WE have had communicated to us the following brief, yet interesting, sketch of the early use of certain words, the meaning of which is familiar to our readers. We publish it with pleasure, for though a chosen few may have been curious in their Masonic researches, and may have lighted on the substance of what follows, it is by no means improbable the bulk of Freemasons have but a slight knowledge of the use of the three well-known terms in Masonry which the writer has chosen for illustration.

The first word we select is "HELE." It is not at present in use in our current standard English, but yet it was once found in our best writers, and is yet in vogue in some out of the way districts, both in the west and north.

In the west of England a man who has roofed a building says he has "heled it." A mother in the north of England tells her child to "hele it up;" for the same action a mother in the south would say "tuck well in;" in fact, the meaning is, "to well or closely cover up." It is not synonymous with "conceal," from which it varies somewhat in meaning. It is needless to say that its true signification ought to be pointed out to every E.A. Mason, for the explanation of the word in the First Lecture is very imperfect.

Halliwell, in his Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words, gives this word, at page 443, but does not give its northern use. John Wickliffe, in his Translation of the Bible, uses it (in various moods and tenses) no less than sixteen times, and with the meaning of "covering" about four times. Chaucer uses the word three times. Wickliffe's Translation was made about A.D. 1380, and was in the language used by scholars and learned men of the time, or in the current language of the day. Chaucer was a contemporary, but flourished a little earlier. The Bibles printed in Queen Elizabeth's time do not contain the word at all; it had been dropped out of use by writers and general society in

those days and become obsolete, and was only used by the so-called unpolite; it is now going out of use even by such as these.

The next word that we propose to examine is "ABIF," and a very curious word it is. It means "Our Father," and is from the Hebrew word "ABI." It is not to be found in most English books. The first mention the writer can find in printed books is in Coverdale's Bible of 1535, in 2 Chronicles ii. 13. "HIRAM ABI." In the so-called Matthew's Bible, which was reprinted more than once, the word is used, but in every translation afterwards made it is, as we have it now, simply "HIRAM." In German Bibles, of Luther's translation, the word is "ABIF," at least, those the writer has seen, but he has not seen many. In an edition of 1716 there is this curious note: "Some books have Hiram Abi, others name him simply Hiram." Of course the note is in the German language. It is known that Coverdale translated the Old Testament in Antwerp, and it is curious that a Flemish translation was published in that city in the very same year, 1535, that Coverdale printed his Bible, and in which, in 2 Chronicles ii. 13, occurs "HURAM ABI." The coincidence is worth a further careful inquiry.

There is another word very commonly used by English Freemasons, and only by them, "COWAN." It is not to be found in any English book at present, nor is it in use amongst Englishmen of any grade or station in society. In tracing its history without any access to MSS. there is a great difficulty to contend with. When an old MS. is printed some editors transpose the letters "v" and "w" and some do not, and as they were used in old times interchangeably, some Dictionaries not very old still mix up words beginning with those two letters.

The first use of the word that the writer can find is by Peter Langtoft, who died about the year A.D. 1308. He was a Yorkshire man, and a Monk at Bridlington; in his History, see edition of 1725, vol. ii., page 303, using English type, we find "Thirty of ther couyn." "All these and vele mo atteynt of traytorie."

Gower, in his *Confessio Amantis*, see Pauli's edition, 1857, vol. i., page 42, uses the word "covine" in the same sense. Gower was a contemporary with Chaucer, and Chaucer used the word "covine" several times, e.g. in *Romaunt of the Rose*, see edition 1721, page 241.

"Wickid tonge, whiche that the 'covine'
Of every lovir can devine."

In the sixteenth century the word was lost to the learned, and was out of use by the polite of that time, as it is not used by Shakspeare or by the Divines and other writers of that period.

Of "covitie" we find that in the next century John Cowell, in his Law Dictionary, edition 1637, gives the word as a new term in law, and from the French word "convenancer" or rather "convenir," and says, "it is deceitfull assent or agreement between two or more to the prejudice or hurt of another." T. Blount in his "Glossographia," edition 1656, professing to give law terms, does not mention the word at all. Bailey, 1736, in his Dictionary, evidently merely copies Cowell. Halliwell gives it as an archaic or obsolete word. Jamieson, in his Scottish Dictionary, edition 1817, gives "Cowan," 1st. One who does the work of a Mason, but has not been regularly bred. 2nd. One who builds dry walls. The word, he signifies, is Scottish only. From these examples Freemasons can have little difficulty in getting at the real meaning. There is another circumstance that should be borne in mind, and that is when anything is written or composed for the use of numbers of men, it must be in the current language, or it will not be able to command any wide or enduring sympathy. If the ritual of Freemasonry was to be made to-day we should not have either "HELE," "ABIF," or "COWAN;" they are dead words now to all Englishmen, except to attentive Freemasons, and we are only drawing a just conclusion when we say that those words were in current use when the respective parts of the ritual were composed or arranged. It is fair also to conclude that they were used in their present meaning not after the fifteenth century, though it is possible the second word may have been interpolated.

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RISE AND EARLY PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED.

OUR known anxiety to promote, as far as in us lies, the study of Masonic History induces us to lay before our readers the following interesting chronological table of Freemasonry in the State of New York from its earliest known introduction down to 1776, the year when the War of Independence broke out. It is compiled from the prefatory chapter to the Early History of the Grand State of New York, a lengthened review of which has appeared so recently in these columns. The writer or editor of this prefatory chapter is "John G. Barker, P.G. Librarian," and the materials he has collected are derived from authentic sources. We may add, that all the Masonic Lodges existing in this State during this period owed their allegiance to the Grand Lodge (Moderns) of England. Elsewhere, in what were then our North American Colonies, the Grand Lodge "Ancients" established and maintained its footing, and the Masonic History of this State, from 1781, so long as its dependence on England lasted, belongs to the so-called "Ancients." But in New York, anterior to the war, no "Ancient" Masonry existed, so far as we know. With these brief remarks, we submit the Table, as follows:—

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- 1730—5 June. Deputation issued by the Duke of Norfolk G.M., appointing R.W. Bro. Daniel Cox of New Jersey to be Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of "New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania" for a term of two years, commencing on St. John the Baptist's day (24th June) next ensuing. No records relating to New York.
- 1733—30 April. Warrant granted by Viscount Montagu G.M., appointing R.W. Bro. Henry Price Provincial Grand Master in North America.
- " —30 July. A Grand Lodge opened at Boston, Mass., by R.W. Bro. Henry Price D.G.M., Bro. Andrew Belcher appointed D.G.M., and Bros. Thomas Kenelly and John Quann Grand Wardens. This known as the St. John's Grand Lodge.
- 1737—15 November. Deputation granted by the Earl of Darnley G.M., to R.W. Bro. Captain Richard Riggs as Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- 1739—22 January. *New York Gazette* contains announcement, issued "by order of the Grand Master," and signed, "Charles Wood, Secretary," to the effect that the Lodge for the future will be held at the Montgomerie-Arms Tavern on the first and third Wednesday of every month.
- " —24 September. Same journal contains a somewhat similar announcement, that the Lodge will meet on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth inst., at the same place, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1751—Patent issued by Lord Byron G.M., appointing R.W. Francis Geolet Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- 1753—9 June. Deputation granted by Lord Carysfort, G.M., appointing R.W. Bro. George Harison Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- " —2 July. Announcement in *New York Mercury* that on Monday, the 25th June, was held the celebration of St. John the Baptist's day by regular procession in due form from Spring Garden "to the King's Arms Tavern in Broad Street, near the Long Bridge," where an elegant entertainment was provided.
- " —19 November. Notice, in same journal, summoning members to attend a Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at the King's Arms Tavern, on 19th December, on business of importance.
- " —26 December. R.W. Bro. George Harison installed and proclaimed Provincial Grand Master of New York by his predecessor, R.W. Bro. Francis Geolet.
- " —31 December. Notice, in *New York Mercury*, of celebration of St. John the Evangelist's day, when the P.G. Lodge attended Trinity Church.
- 1754—10 June. Summons in *New York Mercury* for members of Provincial Grand Lodge to meet at the house of Mr. Edward Willett, Broadway, on 19th June "on special business," issued "by order of the Grand Master," and signed, "H. Gaine, Secretary."
- " —9 December. Similar summons, in same journal, to meet on 27th December at 9 a.m. "on business of importance."
- 1755—17 December. A similar notice in same journal convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
- 1756—28 June. Notice in *New York Mercury* of death and funeral with Masonic honours of Bro. Alexander Lightfoot, innkeeper.
- 1757—7 December. St. John's Lodge, No. 2 Prov. [English Registry, No. 272] [now No. 1] warranted by R.W. Bro. Harison.
- 1753—23 December. Summons in *New York Mercury* to members of Temple Lodge, City of New York, and also to "all strange brethren who can conveniently," to attend and celebrate St.

John's day (27th of the month) at the Fountain Tavern, issued by order of the Master, and signed "John Armstrong, Secretary."

- 1758—*Temple Lodge, City of New York.
- 1760—15 December. St. John's Ind. Royal Arch, No. 8 Prov. (now No. 2), New York City. Warranted by R.W. Bro. Harison.
- 1762—St. John's No. 1, Fairfield, Conn. Ditto.
- 1764—24 April. Zion No. 1, Detroit (English Registry 448). Ditto.
- 1765—2 February. Union No. 1, City of Albany (now Mount Vernon No. 3). Ditto.
- " —23 May. St. John's No. 1, Norwalk, Conn. (now No. 6, Grand Lodge of Conn.) Ditto.
- 1766—22 April. St. John's No. 1, Stratford, Conn. (now No. 8, Grand Lodge of Conn.) Ditto.
- " —23 May. St. Patrick's No. 8, Johnstown, N.Y. (now No. 4). Ditto.
- 1767—*Trinity Lodge, City of New York.
- " —*Union Lodge, City of New York.
- " —*King Solomon Lodge, City of New York.
- " —22 June. Notice in *New York Mercury* requesting brethren who are disposed to celebrate St. John the Baptist's day "in conjunction with the members of Trinity Lodge, at their Lodge Hall," to give "timely notice to Mr. John Marshall, at the Masons' Arms, at the Upper End of Queen Street."
- " —28 December. Announcement in same journal that the brethren of the St. John's, Trinity, Union, and King Solomon's Lodges propose to celebrate St. John's day at Mr. John James, Vintner's, at the Masons' Arms. Sojourners, members of the fraternity, invited to join.
- 1768—2 January. Announcement in the *New York Gazette* and the *Weekly Mercury* that several Lodges attended Divine Service in Trinity Church on St. John's day, when a collection, including £100 from Hiram Lodge alone, was made for the poor of the city.
- " —5 March. Masters' No. 2, City of Albany (now No. 5). Ditto.
- 1769—17 February. King David's, City of New York. Ditto.
- " —*Hiram Lodge, City of New York.
- 1771—18 April. Solomon's No. 1, Poughkeepsie, New York. Ditto.
- " —Installation of R.W. Bro. Sir John Johnson, Kt., as Provincial Grand Master of New York appointed in succession to R.W. Bro. George Harison under a commission issued in 1767 by Lord Blany G.M. He appoints Dr. Peter Middleton D.G.M.
- 1773—3 July. The P.G.M. confirms Warrant granted in 1765, by R.W. Bro. Harison to Union Lodge No. 1, City of Albany.
- 1774—21 June. Issues dispensation to form a Lodge at Shenectady.
- " —14 September. Grants Warrant to same under the title of St. George's Lodge No. 1 of Shenectady.
- 1775—24 July. Warrants St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1, attached to the United States Battalion.
- 1776—April. Warrant issued to Military Union Lodge.

Most of the above facts were noticed in the Review to which reference has already been made. We present them, however, a second time, in the above form, in the hope they will convey to our readers a clearer and more connected idea of the rise and early progress of Freemasonry in the State of New York.

* Those marked with an * are said to have been "no doubt, established by P.M. G. Harison at, or prior to the dates" written against them.

We gather from the *Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette* that the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, at Havant, will be honoured with another visit from the Provincial Officers next Monday, the R.W.P.G. Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) having consented to dedicate the new Lodge Room on that date. It will be remembered that Bro. Beach laid the foundation stone some months since. Notices have been issued to the members of the various Lodges in this district, and it is anticipated there will be a large attendance of members of the Craft.

Bro. H. Wright announces a grand vocal and instrumental concert, to take place on Monday evening, 2nd October, at Exeter Hall, on which occasion Bros. Wilford Morgan and Chaplin Henry will lend their valuable services.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, on Sunday evening, the 24th inst., at the Rising Sun, Green Street, Bethnal Green. Bro. Webb will conduct the work.

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WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been for many years, and still am, a frequenter of Lodges of Instruction, favoured by opportunities for learning from skilled professors of our art, and for subsequently endeavouring to impart to others in some degree the information I have gained. "Uniformity of ritual" being a subject the necessity of which I have already advanced, and only wait favourable time and circumstances to be again heard upon, I have, from time to time, taken note of the various discrepancies in the rendering of our lectures which all Freemasons must have more or less observed who attend more than one Lodge of Instruction. Failing a recognized personal authority to whom we can refer for final decision upon moot points, the arguments between brethren upon any difference in the respective teachings of our several Preceptors have no practical result. These arguments more frequently terminate with some such expressions as "Well, that's our way of working;" "So I was taught, and so I shall teach." "That's Bro. So and So's notion, and he is a great authority," &c., &c. This without the slightest consideration being given to the propriety or otherwise of the word or action in question. Our system of teaching being oral, is peculiarly open to the probability of erroneous expression, the misunderstanding of certain words and phrases, and the continued transmission and perpetuation of errors so arising; and in many instances the firmness with which some will hold to the original language of their Preceptor in spite of its unreason is remarkable. It is not that a brother is always bigoted to his own opinion, but that he has derived his information from one whom he has highly respected, and in whose capacity his faith so rested that to set his teaching aside, even in the minutest point, without the most convincing proof of error, would be, in his opinion, almost a sin. But laudable, as such fidelity to his tutor may be, no brother should persist in perpetuating what is antagonistic to common sense, and there can be no doubt that a controversy on the several discrepancies alluded to, if carried on without personality, and in a good Masonic spirit, in the pages of your Journal, might elucidate considerable information, create much interest, and serve to determine many questions which arise in Lodges of Instruction.

With this view, should you see fit to open your pages for the purpose, a series of enquiries may be made, having for their object the exposition of portions of our lecture work, which some amongst us consider erroneous, while others as firmly believe to be right, and which neither may properly understand or appreciate the reason for.

My object will be best understood by a sample of the difference of expression I allude to.

Preceptor No. 1 says: "Benevolence rendered by Heaven born charity is an honour to the nature whence it springs."

Preceptor No. 2 says: "Benevolence, &c., to the nation whence it springs."

Which is correct?

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 11th September 1876.

AN OLD MASONIC TERM.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In glancing through an old Lodge Minute Book, I have more than once lighted upon the word "cratched." The meaning of it is pretty obvious, but possibly some of your readers may be in a position to show how it came to be used in Freemasonry, or, in other words, its Masonic origin. Perhaps Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, Editor of the *Masonic Cyclopaedia* now publishing, may be able to say something on the subject.

Yours fraternally,

"Q."

COLOURED FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to *Nimium ne Crede Colori*, I must beg to decline giving any opinion just now as to the question agitating the Grand Lodges in the United States, as I think it pre-eminently one for them to decide, *first of all*. The point at issue, I take it, is not as to the regularity of the Lodge of which Bro. Prince Hall was a member, as of that there cannot be a doubt. It was certainly struck off the Roll of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, immediately before the list of the United Grand Lodge was compiled, but that of itself would not prove the irregularity of the *African Lodge*, for more than forty others were served the same way, belonging to the *United States*!—admitted to be regular. Neither can I admit that a single Lodge had the right to form a Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction previously occupied by a Grand Lodge, unless under very special circumstances; but the fact is, the whole matter involves so many facts and considerations, and, moreover, must be viewed according to the laws then in operation rather than those in

existence now, that for the time I must ask leave to be silent, promising, however, when my views are desired by my American brethren, they shall be forthcoming, and will also be given when a solution is offered "*across the big pond*."

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 14th September 1876.

P.S.—The "references" forwarded by your correspondent are most satisfactory, and I hope he will excuse my silence *pro tempore*.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A CONVOCATION of the District Grand Chapter of British Burmah was held in the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Thursday, 8th June. Present—Comps. J. V. Douglas de Wet D.G.H. as Superintendent, Joseph Dawson D.G. Treasurer as D.G.H., W. H. Porter as D.G.J., W. D. Cruickshank, D.G.N. as D.G.E., W. Ford as D.G.N., B. Samuel as D.G.P. Soj., W. A. Nicol as D.G. Assist. Soj., &c. The Chapter was opened with prayer at 8.30. p.m. and the summons convening the District Grand Chapter having been read, the minutes of the District Grand Chapter held on 17th December 1875 were confirmed. M.E. Companion De Wet, District Grand H., said he had been requested by the District Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. Col. H. T. Duncan, to express his regret at being unable to attend any Masonic Meetings in Rangoon. Apologies were also tendered for the absence of M.E. Companions H. Krauss and M. M. Friend Pereria, and Ex. Comp. A. Hotson. Comp. De Wet reported that the Committee appointed at the last District Grand Chapter to prepare Bye-Laws had completed their task; that the proposed Bye-Laws had been circulated for the information of all members of the District Grand Chapter and Principals of Private Chapters resident in Rangoon; and that they were now submitted to the District Grand Chapter for consideration. After some discussion it was proposed by M.E. Companion Joseph Dawson that the Bye-Laws be adopted by the District Grand Chapter, and that the District Grand Scribe E. be authorized to have them printed, after approval by the District Grand Superintendent and the Grand Chapter of England. This was seconded by E. Companion Porter and carried unanimously. The District Grand Scribe E. reported the receipt of Returns from Royal Burmah Chapter attached to Lodge Victoria in Burmah No. 832, at Rangoon, up to 31st December 1875. Royal Arakan Chapter attached to Lodge Arakan No. 646, at Akyab, up to 31st December 1875. The District Grand Treasurer submitted the Accounts of the District Grand Chapter, and some other business having been completed, District Grand Chapter was closed in form at 9.15 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge met at St. John's Hall, on 7th Sept., and was opened by Bros. Barrow D.P.G.M., 32°, J. Baird S.P.G.M., with R. Prout R.W.M. of No. 4 as P.G.S.W., D. Murray R.W.M. 103 as P.G.J.W., McFarlane of 427 acting as interim Secretary. On the dais were the whole of the other Provincial Grand Officers, and Bro. H. Inglis of Tarsonce 33°, Past Substitute Grand Master of Scotland. There was a full attendance of Provincial Grand Lodge members, nearly 60 being present. A communication was read from the P.G.M., who was too unwell to attend, containing a proposition for the obtaining of a Hall for the Provincial Grand Lodge, with suitable offices and accommodation for such of the Lodges as might choose to meet there, and offering a very liberal donation towards the object should the plan be adopted. The suggested plan was warmly recommended by the Deputy and Substitute P.G.M.'s: Bro. Inglis recommended that they adopt the suggestion as a whole, but appoint a committee to consider and modify some of the details. In an eloquent speech, he pointed out the advantages to the Province the possession of such a hall would give, and the absolute necessity of their maintaining their standing as the first Province in Scotland. He would gladly do all in his power, both with his purse and influence, to further the cause in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Bro. Harper R.W.M. 408 seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Munro, R.W.M. of Commercial Lodge (of which Lodge Bro. Inglis claimed to be a member), also by Dr. Martin I.P.M. of 360, and R. McDougal of 553. As Master of one of the youngest Lodges in the Province, and the one who met nearest to the proposed hall, he would say, though they had just spent several hundred pounds in getting and decorating a suitable place for themselves, he would give £10 and invest £100 in the place. (Cheers.) The motion was then carried unanimously. The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., S.P.G.M., and the Master of every Lodge in the Province, were then appointed a committee to give effect to the plan. The acting Master then stated the arrangements already made for the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the laying of the foundation stone of the New Post Office.

CHINESE CARVING.—For Sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen; The Kings stand 8½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application to W. W. MORGAN, 67

THE NEW GREENOCK POORHOUSE.

ON Tuesday, 12th inst., the Earl of Mar, assisted by several of the Grand Officers and a large concourse of Master Masons of Scotland, laid, with Masonic honours, the foundation stone of the new Poorhouse and Lunatic Asylum, at Smithson, near Greenock. The building (the cost of which has been estimated at about £100,000) will be constructed in the baronial style, and will have accommodation for 750 inmates. The north-east corner of the dining hall was the spot where the foundation stone hung ready to be placed, and the enclosure around it was crowded by the various corporate bodies, and as many Freemasons as could obtain admission.

The Freemason Lodges represented in the procession were:—No. 391 Zetland, Grangemouth (3), headed by Bro. J. Wallace; No. 360 Commercial, Glasgow (3), headed by Bro. Dornig, Glasgow; No. 355 Felix (3), headed by Bro. H. W. Findlay; No. 335 Argyll, Dunoon (14), headed by Bro. J. F. Muir, R.W.M.; No. 178 Scotia, Glasgow (4), headed by Bro. A. Donaldson, R.W.M.; No. 175 St. John, Greenock (180), headed by Bro. M'Master, R.W.M.; No. 174 (3), headed by Bro. J. Smith; No. 173 St. John Kilwinning, Largs (12), headed by Bro. W. Thomson; No. 145 St. Stephen, Edinburgh (3), headed by Bro. John Taylor; No. 129 St. Mirren, Paisley (9), headed by Bro. T. Bustard; No. 68 Doric Kilwinning, Port Glasgow (28), headed by Bro. W. Forgie, R.W.M.; No. 18 Dumbarton Kilwinning (6), headed by Bro. W. Hodge, R.W.M.; No. 12 Greenock Kilwinning (24), headed by Bro. D. Cunningham; and Mother Kilwinning (3), headed by Bro. J. Harrison. The following brethren composed the office bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland present:—The Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Acting Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Acting Depute Grand Master, William Mann, Sub-Grand Master, Captain G. F. R. Colt, Grand Sword Bearer, William Hay, Senior Grand Warden, David Kinnear, Junior Grand Warden, James J. Grieve, M.P., Senior Grand Deacon, John Reid, Junior Grand Deacon, John Laurie, Grand Secretary, Andrew Boag, Grand Treasurer, Rev. Archibald Fullarton, Grand Chaplain, R. Farquhar Shaw-Stewart, Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Starforth, Grand Architect, C. W. Müller, Grand Master of Music, W. Barton, Grand Bible Bearer, A. T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshall, W. Bryce, Grand Tyler. The Grand Stewards were Bros. F. Shaw, H. W. Finlay, J. Taylor, and R. Morrison. The following brethren carried the working tools of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—G. S. M'Lea, J. M. Pollock, J. Marquarrie, Wm. Tough, T. M. Stevenson, James Robertson, Archibald Cameron, John Smith, G. M. Butler, and Henry Chalmers. Everything being in readiness for the ceremony to commence, Rev. Bro. Fullarton offered up prayer, after which Bro. Laurie, Grand Secretary, read the usual statement regarding the origin and object of the building. The Earl of Mar, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, then deposited in the cavity of the lowermost stone a bottle containing English coins from a farthing up to a sovereign, copies of the local newspapers, and other documents. The customary ceremony of spreading the lime and placing the stone having been accomplished by his Lordship, assisted by several brother Masons, his Lordship tapped the stone thrice with a mallet, declaring the stone to be laid, and using the words, "May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have laid the foundation with every success." (Cheers.) A bouquet of flowers, which was surrounded with the first-fruits of the harvest, was afterwards placed on the stone, and his Lordship, from two silver cups poured oil and wine upon it.

The Earl of Mar said that, having laid the foundation stone of this Institution which was about to be erected, it was his duty to say a few words on the occasion. He confessed that he had not undertaken the duty with unmixed pleasure. He was sure that it was perfectly unnecessary for him to say to the Masons of Scotland and the inhabitants of Greenock and that part of the county that nothing but severe illness would have prevented Sir Michael from officiating on this occasion. Referring to the institution and its purposes, his Lordship said that it was a subject which might well be deplored that such institutions are necessary; at the same time we must recognise their necessity, and having recognised it, it was our duty to do our best with those poor persons who are placed in such a state as to require their removal to such a home, and to those persons who are often in a worse position—who have been deprived of that reason which was the greatest benefit we ourselves enjoy.

In the course of some further remarks, his Lordship congratulated Mr. Blackmore and the Parochial Board on the site acquired for the building. He concluded by expressing a wish that prosperity would attend the institution about to be erected, that no accident might occur to the men employed in its erection, and that it might be a blessing to all the community. Mr. Blackmore replied on behalf of the Parochial Board. Having gracefully acknowledged the presence of the ladies in such large numbers, he thanked the inhabitants of Greenock generally for the very splendid turnout which they had made. A splendid silver trowel with an inscription having been handed to the Earl of Mar for presentation to Sir Michael, the band played "Rule Britannia," and the ceremony came to a close. The procession was reformed and marched back to the town. A grand Masonic dinner was held in the afternoon.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION AND FREEMASONRY.

SOME of the Glasgow brethren, thinking that their confrères from other jurisdictions might be glad to see the working in a Scotch Lodge, arranged three special meetings, which were held in the Masonic Hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on the evenings of the 11th,

12th and 13th September. As stated in the circular, they were intended to be somewhat of a festive character, and not confined to work. That on Monday was held under the auspices of the Union and Crown Lodge, No. 103, and was presided over by its R.W.M., Bro. David Murray, who was well supported by nearly the whole of his office-bearers, and Past Masters Gillies P.G. Treasurer and A. Bain P.G.B.B. There was one gentleman initiated, the ceremony being performed by the Secretary, Bro. J. Gillies, in a very careful manner. The Lodge was then called to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given from the chair. In reply to that of the Visiting Brethren, proposed by the S.W., Bro. Bushey of 213, (E.C.), P.P.G.M. Wexford, and Kingston, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London, replied, thanking the Lodge for the warmth of their reception, and expressing themselves pleased with the style of work. Bro. C. Mackenzie of No. 354 also returned thanks, in a telling speech, and afterwards proposed "Prosperity to the Union and Crown Lodge." Bro. Murray suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Bain P.M. gave the "Press," which was responded to by Bro. J. Stewart, of the *Daily Mail*.

On Tuesday, the meeting was under the able presidency of Bro. J. Munro, R.W.M. of the Commercial Lodge, No. 360, in whose hall the meeting was held, and was in every sense a success. Letters of apology were read from Bro. G. Bushey, No. 213, and Bro. Semple, F.R.G.S., P.G.S. Organist of P.G.L. of East Yorkshire, who also sent copies of some Masonic music of his own composition for the Master of the three Lodges presiding over this meeting, a present that was duly appreciated, and the songs were rendered in the course of the evening by Bros. Pentland and Peterkin, of Commercial Lodge, whose abilities, both vocal and instrumental, are well known to the Glasgow brethren. Here, too, we may mention the comic recitations of an old professional friend, Bro. Fitzroy. The singing and reading of Bro. Lamb D.M. of 360 were also much appreciated; while in the more solid matter, the speech of Bro. Munro, in proposing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that of Bro. Nelson R.W.M. St. John's 3 bis, in responding to it, and Bro. Kingston's, in reply to that of "Our Distinguished Visitors," were very noteworthy. Bro. Mackay R.W.M. of Hamilton 7, and S. M. Morrison P.M. of Alloa 69, also replied. Bro. C. Spalding P.G.S.W. of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire, proposed "Prosperity to 360," highly eulogizing the Lodge and its R.W.M. Bro. Munro said a great deal of the prosperity of the Lodge was due to the harmony of its members, and also to the thorough efficiency of all his office-bearers. The S.W., Bro. J. Oliver, gave the "Press," which was responded to by Bros. W. H. Bickerton, and G. W. Wheeler for the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, and Bros. Stewart and Innis for the *Daily Mail and Glasgow News*. Bro. Nelson proposed the S.W. and J.W. Bros. Oliver and Graham suitably acknowledged the compliment, and a pleasant evening's proceedings terminated by making Bro. Kingston of 813 (E.C.) an honorary member.

On Wednesday, the meeting was ably presided over by Bro. Ferguson, of Caledonian Railway 354, ably assisted by Bros. Hurley S.W., and C. McKenzie J.W. Like its predecessors, it was a complete success, the only drawback being that early notice of these meetings had not been given to allow more of the English, Irish and Continental brethren availing themselves of such a happy re-union as these three fraternal meetings have proved.

A Swimming Fête was held on Tuesday afternoon and evening, at the Brill Baths, Brighton, when every available seat was filled. At the afternoon performance the entertainment commenced with amateur races for youths under sixteen. The display of swimming was excellent. A quadrille was gone through in the water, the graceful swimming of Miss Saigeman and Miss Wilson eliciting rounds of applause. M. Olbin gave a trapeze performance. Mr. Giles, the swimming master, went through some extraordinary fetes, while great fun resulted from the Duck Hunt, in which Mr. Dunn, also a swimming master, was the duck. Messrs. Whittle and Robinson exhibited a new life-saving dress, from France, which was introduced by Bro. T. Hadley Prestage, who is well known to our readers as the Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Park Swimming Club. This dress, which has been patented, presents the appearance of an ordinary bathing costume, and consists of inflated tubes running round the body. Both exhibitors showed the invention to perfection, and we think it will answer all the purposes required. Mr. Attwood, the "Man Fish," gave his marvellous tricks in a tank in the afternoon, but was too unwell to appear at the evening performance. Bro. Sir John Bennett, F.R.A.S., came expressly from London to present the prizes, and made some appropriate remarks to each successful candidate. At the conclusion, hearty cheers were given for Sir John. Mr. Dyer was the manager, Mr. Taylor, of the *Brighton Gazette and Daily Post*, was the judge, while Bro. T. Hadley Prestage acted as starter. Altogether, the gathering was a most successful one.

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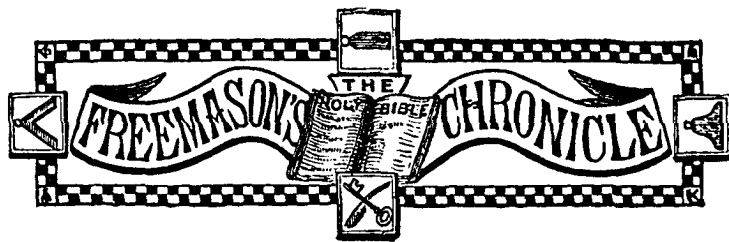
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE week has been an eventful one, at least in respect of the growing excitement over the Bulgarian business. All over the country meetings are being held for the purpose of expressing the indignation of the people at the barbarities practised by the Turks. We sympathize most deeply with the sufferers, but we trust our people will not allow sentiment to over ride common sense.

The Doncaster Meeting was honoured by the presence of royalty, the Prince of Wales having gone there for the express purpose of enjoying the sport. The St. Leger was won by Lord Dupplin's Petrarch, the same which carried off the Two Thousand, the Duke of Hamilton's Wild Tommy being second, and Julius Cæsar third. The race towards the finish was very exciting, a neck only separating the first two horses, but Julius Cæsar was a good half-dozen lengths behind Wild Tommy. Only nine started, and Kisber, the favourite, was nowhere.

The Annual Meeting of the British Association is at an end. A number of valuable papers have been read in the various sections. A large number of grants were also made for scientific researches during the coming year, and at the close of the session a number of pleasant little excursions were organized in the neighbourhood of Glasgow. The Council, moreover, have arranged to take the necessary steps for the foundation of a scientific museum, and will bring the subject under the notice of the Government in due course.

The Annual Conference of the Associated Chambers of Commerce was held this week, at Bristol, under the presidency of Mr. Sampson Lloyd, M.P. One of the subjects brought under discussion was the neutralisation of the Suez Canal. The question of bankruptcy was also taken into consideration, and was referred to the Committee appointed in the month of February, with a request that they will deliver their report to the meeting that will be held in February next.

Mr. Gladstone, having delivered himself of a pamphlet on the Turkish Atrocities in particular, and the aspect of the Eastern Question in general, addressed his constituents on Blackheath on Saturday last. The day was not a brilliant one, but as regards numbers the event must be set down as a great success. The Ex-premier no longer holds the leadership of the Liberal Party; he is free, therefore, to express his views on the subject. But a former minister has certain responsibilities which he cannot wholly shake off, and we question if, at the present moment, it is altogether wise for so eminent a politician to express any views on so delicate a matter. What is needed, especially now, is that the hands of our government should be strengthened. It is hardly possible to foresee from one day, hardly from one hour to another, what direction affairs will take. It behoves, therefore, the British public to be particularly calm and dispassionate just now; for then the chances of meeting even greater calamities than any that have yet taken place will be proportionately greater. The Earl of Derby was clear and certain in his replies to the two deputations which recently waited upon him, and it is a satisfaction to feel, apart from all party feeling, that the helm of the government, as to its foreign policy, is under such able governance. In the whole range of politicians of every shade we do not know a better man for Foreign Minister than the Earl of Derby.

In the International Rifle Match at Philadelphia, our American friends have gained the victory, having scored 3126, the Irish with 3104 being second, the Australians with 3096 third, and then the Scotch with 3061, while the Canadians brought up the rear with 2923. It was at the 900 yards' range the Americans made such headway, the Irish being unable at the last range, of 1000 yards, to make up their lost ground. The contest was conducted

admirably throughout, and we offer the winners our hearty congratulations on their well-earned laurels.

The Festival of the Three Choirs was held this year at Hereford, and the result, so far at least as the first two days, is a great success, a sum of £125 having been added to the Charity. Mdlle. Titiens was among the *artistes*, and Mr. Sims Reeves would have been, but for an attack of hoarseness, which rendered it impossible for him to sing. A comparatively new oratorio, by Mr. J. F. Barnett, and entitled *The Raising of Lazarus*, was performed on this occasion, and was most favourably received by the audience.

There is little additional news from the seat of war. The Servians still occupy Alexinatz, and the Turks are said to be threatening Deligrad, which, we are told, must be taken before the former can be attacked with a reasonable chance of success. The influx of Russian officers and soldiers into Belgrade still continues, and the *Standard* Correspondent estimates that by the end of the month General Tcherniaieff will have under his command from eight to ten thousand Russians. From the Cape the news is to the effect that the Boers have been completely defeated by the Kafirs, and have lost all their supplies. From Spain we learn that the action of the Spanish Government towards the Protestant Churches is still the subject of discussion. The Geographical Congress at Brussels has been closed. The Marshal-President of the French Republic has been making speeches on several occasions in the course of his present tour of inspection in the provinces. His utterances have been distinguished, as usual, by that judicial calmness for which he is so eminently distinguished.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, in the Library, Freemasons' Hall. Lient.-Col. Creaton was voted to the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, James Brett, A. H. Tattershall, Benj. Head, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Stedwell, John G. Stevens, R. W. Little, W. Stephens, Dr. Hogg, W. Hilton, H. G. Warren, Thos. Cubitt, W. Hale, F. Adland, John Constable, Joseph Smith, and Bro. James Terry, Secretary.

The death was reported, by Bro. Terry, of four of the annuitants, one of them after having received in all over £250. The report of the Warden of the Asylum at Croydon, Bro. J. Norris, was also read by the Secretary. From this it appeared that one more annuitant had been received into the asylum; that one had died, and her furniture had been removed by her relatives, in accordance with the rules. The health of the inmates was, considering their age, good, and the attention of Dr. Strong to their wants is unremitting. The inmates expressed their thanks for the entertainment lately given, from which they derived much pleasure.

Two petitions were received from poor country brethren, and authority to sign some cheques was given to the Chairman.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Bro. J. Norris, on behalf of himself and the other inmates of the asylum, thanking the Committee for the increase lately made to the annuities. Bro. Terry also read a letter from W. Walkley, the son of the late Mrs. Walkley, conveying his thanks for the benefits which his late mother had received at the hands of the Craft, of whose beneficence he expressed his high admiration.

The meeting was then brought to a close, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Obituary.

It is with sincere regret we announce the sudden death, caused by disease of the heart, on Tuesday evening last, of Bro. William James Page, aged 62, J.W. of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, and of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, proprietor of the celebrated cricket ground and hostelry at Tufnell Park. He was in his usual health, and played a cricket match the previous afternoon. His well known, somewhat burly form, will be sadly missed in the grounds, as well as among his numerous friends and brethren, by whom he was held in the highest estimation, and who will sincerely mourn his death.

THE LEGACY OF THE PAST.

A PRESAGE.

"Oh cease! must hate and death return?
Cease! must man kill and die?
Oh! drain not to it's dregs the urn
Of bitter prophecy!"—SHELLEY.

THE DEAD. Let creed and culture mourn, to-day,
For part of Europe wrench'd away!
Byzantine walls beheld the fray
And could not check the foe.
In savage hate the Turk rushed in,
To beast of prey—not man—akin;
And Crescents flouted, o'er the din,
The trampled Cross below.

THE DYING. Since then—what slaughter, storm and sack,
In teeming towns what waste and rack,
What provinces in ruin black,
What tortures and what woe!
The sons of Orkhan lord o'er all,
Their rule benumbs, their lusts appal,
And where their horses' hoofmarks fall
No blade of grass may grow.

THE DEAD. Of Constantine the last, the name
Will linger long in mournful fame:
Byzantium his throne, became
Stamboul—a martyr's grave.
'Twas there he fell, amid the slain,
A brighter diadem to gain;
And died defending, all in vain,
The land he could not save.

THE DYING. A day like that may dawn again
When missiles shower like wintry rain
And valour's arm defends, in vain,
A min'd and tott'ring wall.
But Othman's blood the tide will stain,
And Islam's badge will mark the slain,
And Crescents there will fade and wane
On banner changed to pall.

THE DEAD. It comes! The false *must* pay to Fate
The compound int'rest bred by hate,
Above the Bosphorus tower and gate
The Cross again shall wave.
"Mené—Tekel—Upharsin" glows
Athwart the Golden Horn. Who knows
How soon hereditary foes
May sink upon our grave?

THE LIVING. Our souls are pierced, with awful cries
Of womanhood that bleeds and dies.
Peace! peace! dread shapes that round us rise,
Ye spectres fierce and red!
Revenge is not—and man is blind:
A brighter day may dawn behind
To heal the woes that scourge our kind.
Let "Peace to all" be said!

CHORUS. No peace is here! We aid the right.
When cries like ours urge on the fight,
Stronger than kings in all their might—
The dying and the dead!

C. T. F.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Thursday, the 28th instant, at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, which meets at No. 111 Cheapside, at 6.30 every Thursday evening.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Tuesday evening, 24th October, at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

On Sunday last the seatholders of the Brighton Hebrew Congregation presented Bro. Lewis Lewis, the President, with three very elegant and artistically designed silver centre pieces, and an illuminated address with suitable inscription.

Old Warrants.

No. 24.

No. 140, "Moderns;" No. 170 at the Union of 1813; No. 122 A.D. 1832, and No. 105 from A.D. 1863.

ABERDOUR, G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren. WE, CHARLES SHOLTO DOUGLASS, LORD ABERDOUR, GRAND MASTER of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, send Greeting.

Know ye that We, at the humble Petition of our right worshipful and well-beloved Brethren Samuel Simpson, Andrew Allen, William Brown, and Richard Hayes, and several other Brethren, as well by a Certificate of the Brethren of the Lodges at Plymouth, in the County of Devon, Do HEREBY constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened at the *Three Crowns*, at Plymouth. And do further, at their said Petition, and of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in every of the said above-named four Brethren, hereby appoint SAMUEL SIMPSON, to be Master, ANDREW ALLEN, Senior Warden, WILLIAM BROWN, Junior Warden, and RICHARD HAYES, Secretary, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof; it being our will that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no-wise affect any future Election of Officers of the Lodge; but that such Elections shall be regulated agreeable to such By-Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the General Laws of this Society contained in the Book of Constitution. And We do hereby will and require you, the said SAMUEL SIMPSON, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitution. And further, that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a book, to be kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such Rules, Orders and Regulations, as shall be made for the good government of the same: and that in no-wise omit, at least once in every year, to send to us, or our Successors, Grand Masters, an account, in writing, of your said proceedings, and copies of all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a List of the Members of the Lodge, and such sum of Money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge, and reasonably be expected towards the general charity. And we do moreover hereby will and require you, the said SAMUEL SIMPSON, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account, in writing, of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London,

This Second day of January, 1759.

JOHN REVIS, D.G.M.

Witness,

SAMUEL SPENCER, G.S.

A Centenary Medal was granted to the Members of this Lodge (upon petition), by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Honourable the EARL OF ZETLAND.

The present No., title, &c. are, The Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.

No. 25.

No. 175, "Ancients;" No. 213 at the Union of 1813; No. 153 A.D. 1832, and No. 131 from A.D. 1863. An approximate copy of the original Warrant of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, which should have followed the Warrant of Confirmation of 1826, published in "THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE" of the 26th August.

No. 175.

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Seal

Atholl, Grand Master.

John Christian, J.G.W.

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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 in 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 and Marquis of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullybardine, Earl of Strathgairn and Strathardale, Viscount of Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belony and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, Knight of the most noble Order of the Thistle. And in that part of Great Britain called England. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS!

The Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esqr., DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; The Worshipful William Clarke, Esqr., SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; and the Worshipful John Christian, Esqr., 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 empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz: Mr. John Booth, one of our MASTER MASONS, Mr. John Harford, his SENIOR WARDEN, and William Hoveay, his

JUNIOR WARDEN, to Form and Hold a LODGE of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid, in the Sixty-Seventh Regiment of Foot, 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 farther authorise and empower Our Said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Messrs. John Booth, John Harford, & William Hoveay (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 this WARRANT to be of no Force nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the SEAL of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON, this Sixth Day of July in the Year of our LORD One thousand Seven hundred 72, and in the Year of MASONRY Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Two.

Wm. Dickey,
GRAND SECRETARY.

NOTE.—This WARRANT is registered in the GRAND LODGE, Vol. 7, Letter G.

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The present No., title, &c. are, The Lodge of Fortitude, 131, Truro.

No. 26.

No. 314, "Ancients;" No. 399 at the Union of A.D. 1813; No. 276 A.D. 1832, and No. 228 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL Grand Master.

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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 in the year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz: The Right Worshipful The most Noble and Puissant Prince John Duke Marquis and Earl of Atholl Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine Earl of Strathgairn and Strathardale Viscount Balquidder Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveney and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kenclavin Lord of Man and the Isles; Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester &c. &c. &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful William Dickey Esqre. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill Esqre. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful George Bowen Esq. Junior Grand Warden, (with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges No. 314 held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren viz: The Worshipful William McCullagh one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Bird his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful George Young his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid at the Green Dragon Paradise Row Chelsea in the County of Middlesex or elsewhere in or near the Cities of London and Westminster the first Tuesday in every Calendar Month and 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 farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren William McCullagh John Bird and George Young (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 Johns 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 this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Nineteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred Ninety and eight and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred Ninety and Eight.

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THE MASON'S DUTY.

THE following Oration was delivered by Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D., D.P.G.M., at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at South Molton, on 31st August 1876:—

DEAR BRETHREN,

To me, who have so often had to perform the grateful task of speaking to you and of your words of praise and encouragement at our annual gatherings, who have made so many and warm friendships, who have received so many marks of fraternal kindness and regard, who have always been so nobly and generously supported in my efforts to relieve the wants of our poorer brethren, to mitigate the sufferings of their widows and orphans, and to exalt and sustain the character of our Order for diffusive and universal benevolence, the duty I am driven to perform to-day is peculiarly painful. I should, however, be unfaithful to the proud position I fill if I forgot that it carries with it responsibilities as well as privileges, the discharge of onerous duty as well as the enjoyment of much honour, and if I left my Chief to stand alone, and was silent while he denounced the practices which in so many Lodges are poisoning the very spring and current of Masonic life, it would be treason for me to cry Peace! Peace! while sentiments are expressed and things are being done before my eyes with which true Masonry can never be at peace. I cannot stand by with folded arms and silent tongue while the standard of our noble Order, which has for so many ages floated proudly in a pure and spotless atmosphere, is hauled down from its pre-eminence and dragged in the dirt by men who make Masonry a cloak for and means of self indulgence, and whose daily life and conversation show they are ignorant of, and care nothing for its elevating lessons and purifying principles. What I am about to say to-day has been submitted to your Chief and mine, and it comes to you stamped with his approbation. You know as well as I do that he would never shift to another's shoulders a burden that ought to be carried by his own, and that he would never shrink from the pain (and none but himself can tell how great the pain is) of blaming and, if need be, reprobating conduct among his brethren which is worthy of blame and condemnation. So many circumstances however, have lately occurred in various Lodges tending to subvert Masonic discipline, to bring the Order into contempt with the outer world, and to make it odious with the family circle, which ought to love and respect Masonry, and which would love and respect it if the principles taught in our ritual were not utterly forgotten in domestic and public life, that longer silence becomes a fault if not a crime. Can a wife, a mother, a sister, or a daughter fail to wonder at and denounce "that peculiar system of morality" which permits its members to return to their homes from their Lodges at one or two o'clock in the morning in a state of semi-intoxication? Can the outer world respect the Order or give it credit for brotherly love when an old Past Master goes from his Lodge to the bar of a public house, and with oath following oath, boasts of having used the black ball, and that he would use it even in the case of the Grand Master himself, if by doing so he could spit his spite against the Master of his Lodge? What shall we say to the members of a Lodge who sit still and, without a protest, allow a candidate to be initiated who was so intoxicated that he could not even walk round the Lodge without support? To what will the Order be reduced if men who cannot sign their own names, and common sailors, in whose favour the tongue of good report has never yet been heard, are admitted without protest, if men who cannot or will not pay their just debts are proposed to fill the chair of King Solomon, or after compounding with their creditors for 2/6 in the £ in the morning take their place at the festive board in the evening without compunction and as a matter of course? If men are admitted who, within a month of taking the third degree, carry round begging letters for funds to enable them to emigrate? If others, on the very day following their initiation, use the Masonic emblem for trade purposes, and resent remonstrances with the most profane and obscene language? I will not multiply instances, which are as numerous as they are outrageous, for I think there is not one brother in this room who could not furnish me from his own knowledge with similar cases, but I will proceed to consider what remedies can be applied to remove evils of so serious a character. But before doing this, I know that the great majority of the Lodges of this Province will be eager to clear themselves of participating in acts or expressions so derogatory to the dignity of the Craft, and I willingly endorse their disclaimer. But not the less do they, individually and collectively, share the odium and some, at least, of the responsibility. As a little leaven leaveneth the whole mass, so do the malpractices of even a few bring odium and public discredit on the entire body, and this would not be possible unless the discipline of certain Lodges, and those not a few, was so bad as to admit of the entrance of improper persons into the Order. And as one evil breeds another, so this very admission of improper characters is the result of the indulgence and dissipation of which I have already spoken. Every initiation fee in such Lodges is an excuse for a late sitting, and furnishes the means of paying for it, and it is in these very Lodges where late hours and self indulgence most prevail, that the most unfit characters are admitted, and consequently the greatest number of complaints occur. It is, therefore, the duty as well as the interest of every Freemason not only to guard his own Lodge against the admission of unfit men, but to scan the list of candidates for initiation into other Lodges within their cognizance, so that such may not obtain admission elsewhere. Too much care cannot be taken in making enquiries into the character of every candidate for initiation, by whomsoever he may be proposed. Independent of this general enquiry, I think it should be the special duty of the Worshipful Master and his Wardens to make these enquiries diligently, and to be able to report the result to the brethren in open Lodge before the ballot box goes round. They should satisfy themselves that the candidate is moral in his daily life, upright in his dealings with others, solvent in circumstances, genial

and amiable in manner, sober in habits and in intellect, one who can appreciate the teachings of Masonry, and, in a liberal and charitable spirit, apply his teaching not only to communion with his fellows, but in his dealings with all classes in daily life. How much honour would be reflected on our body, how much comfort, happiness and credit would be saved to our Lodges, if men, whose dispositions, tempers, tastes, and moral characters do not come up to this standard were rigorously denied admission into the Order!

To sustain the character of the Craft, I believe that all brethren should be called upon and be zealous to insist on the adoption and strict enforcement of the following rules, in addition to the all important suggestions implied in my previous remarks:—

- 1.—The abandonment of refreshments, as a rule, after every Lodge Meeting.
- 2.—That when refreshments are taken on special occasions they should, under no circumstances whatever, be prolonged beyond eleven o'clock.
- 3.—That no brother should be allowed to sit at table who had not attended the duties of his Lodge during the evening.
- 4.—That no brother who becomes insolvent should be allowed to continue a member of a Lodge, nor be admitted into any other Lodge until his debts have been paid in full.
- 5.—That the Worshipful Master elect should be pledged to perform all the duties of his chair, and to instal his successor.
- 6.—That the provisions of the Emergency clause should be rigidly complied with, and that a notice be duly sent to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary, the Masters of every Lodge in the town in which the candidate resides, and to the W.M. of every Lodge within three miles of the Lodge in which he is proposed as a candidate.

That brethren who receive Provincial honours should consider that they, more than any others, are bound by their presence both at the Provincial and at their private Lodges, and by their conduct in and out of Lodge, to support the authority of the P.G. Master, and to maintain the principles of the Order. Lately I witnessed, with much regret, that on an occasion when moral support ought to have been afforded in the discharge of a very painful duty to the Provincial Grand Master not one brother in this large Province on whom the exalted rank of Warden has been conferred was in his place.

There are many other points which will suggest themselves to the minds of the brethren which I have not time to dwell on in this address, but the observance of which will assist in bringing us back to the straight road from which so many Masons have wandered.

My task is finished, and I, your brother, sensible of my own faults and shortcomings, ask you, my brethren, to sustain me in the path of duty to our noble Craft as I am seeking, by this feeble address, to sustain you. By your own conduct, and by your own influence with your brethren, render unnecessary, nay, render impossible, the recurrence of the painful duty I have, in obedience to your chief, and in accordance with my own convictions of what is required of me, been obliged to perform to-day. If we cannot blot out the memory of the events which have occurred, let the years to come witness for us that they were but spots on the hitherto unclouded sun of Masonry. Resolutely put on one side all that is false, mean and self-indulgent, and as resolutely strive to discover and practise what is true, to love only what is good, and be zealous to accomplish all that is in accordance with the principles you have voluntarily adopted. Make it a point of conscience so to outwardly guide your steps in every day life as to walk uprightly before the world, and that you may inwardly be so conscious of your own rectitude that you may entertain no thought and commit no action incompatible with the strictest honour and morality. Then will the glow of pride and pleasure mantle the cheeks of your fellows when they claim to be members of the same noble Order as yourselves, rather than the blush of shame that they are linked to you by the close ties of brotherhood, which they would see broken, buried and forgotten if they could.

THE DRAMA.

"Dan'l Druce" at the Haymarket.

The long delayed production of *Dan'l Druce* took place on Monday last, and was decidedly a success. The author, Mr. W. S. Gilbert, acknowledges his indebtedness to the *Silas Marner* of George Eliot for the leading incident in the play, but the piece is none the less in all essential features the work of Mr. Gilbert. *Dan'l Druce* labours under the obvious disadvantage of having no strong female character; it is, in fact, what may be called a one character play, *Dan'l Druce*, as portrayed by Mr. Hermann Vezin, being the all important personage from beginning to the end. It need hardly be stated that the dialogue is admirable, those who have seen any other of Mr. Gilbert's plays will be prepared to take this for granted. The language is everywhere forcible and suited to the occasion. A greater measure of real pathos is observable here than in Mr. Gilbert's former productions, and to this, perhaps, and the excellent opportunities thus afforded for Mr. Vezin's powers of pathetic expression, the success of this play mainly deserves to be attributed. An exquisite love episode in the second act merits more than a word of commendation, and the manner in which it is rendered by Mr. Forbes Robertson and Miss Marion Terry, in the characters of Geoffrey Wynward and Dorothy Druce, is beyond all praise. For the rest, Messrs. Howe, Odell and Braid fill up the measure of a most excellent cast, and conduce, as far as the author has permitted them the opportunity of doing, to the general effect of the representation.

A new Masonic Journal has been started at Louisville, Kentucky, its name being the same as the journal published at Greensboro, North Carolina, that is to say, *The Masonic Journal*. We heartily welcome the new member, and we express a hope that its career may be both a long and a prosperous one.

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, 16th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
R. A. 586—Elias de Dereham, Masonic Hall, Salisbury.

MONDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

TUESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
R. A. 419—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1288—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. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
1137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
693—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1114—Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
R. A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge.
R. A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C.
R. A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4.
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, 162 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
1428—Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
280—Worcester, Bell Hotel, Worcester.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle, Sussex.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
R. A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King-street, Penrith.
R. A. 602—Marwood, Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough.

FRIDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Installation.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

SATURDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

424—Borough, Freemason's Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
M. M. 124—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.

TUESDAY.

1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
R. A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.

WEDNESDAY.

1334—Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
1389—Fenwick, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.

THURSDAY.

531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent's-square, Hartlepool.
940—Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

FRIDAY.

K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

IRELAND.

MONDAY—795—Ashfield, Private Rooms, Church-st., Cootehill, County Cavan.
WEDNESDAY—161—Excelsior, Bishop-street, Tuam.
THURSDAY—129—Industry, Dundoran, Donegal.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—41—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
226—Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
503—Plantation, MacLean-street, Govan-road, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
87—Thistle, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
437—Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.

The G.M. of Scotland will lay the Foundation Stone of the new Asylum at Ayr, on Tuesday, at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary's, School Room, Douglas-st, Partick.
571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 213 Buchanan-street.
R. A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
116—Royal Arch, School Room, Harris-street, Pollockshaws.

SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
R. A. 67—Cathedral, 21 Struthers-street, 4 o'clock.
R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, 4 o'clock.
R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate, 6 p.m.
R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, 6 p.m.
R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, 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, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Hogarth S.W., Salmonese J.W., Grammer Secretary, Crawley P.M. Preceptor pro tem, Ellis S.D., Powell J.D., Baxter I.G., and several other brethren. The W.M. worked the 2nd degree, Bro. Hill as candidate. Bro. Webb worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and the 1st section was worked by the W.M. assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell 186 was elected a joining member. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday evening, 28th September, at 7, when Bro. Horsley will preside.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 11th September, at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate. Bros. Saul W.M., Pilbeam S.W., Crawley J.W., Trowinnard S.D., Isaac J.D., Fenner I.G. After the Lodge had opened, and the minutes were duly confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Millward acting as candidate. The W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked several of the sections of the first and second lectures. This Lodge meets every Monday, at 8 p.m. Bro. Beckett is the Preceptor.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 12th inst., at 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, Comp. T. M. Campbell presiding. Visitors—Comps. J. Duthie Z. 67, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, J. Balfour P.Z. 73, G. Thallon Z. 119, and Fisher and McPherson, of Paisley Chapter. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when Comp. Wheeler, at the request of the Principals, conferred that degree on one brother for St. Andrew's, and on one for his own Chapter, after which the following Comps. were elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—T. M. Campbell Z., W. Harper II., R. Prout J., J. Fash S.E., W. Thomas S.N., John McInnis 1st S., J. McGinnon 2nd S., Stark 3rd S., J. W. Bisland Superintendent of Works, and Thos. Warrick Janitor.

St. Aubyn Rose Croix.—This Chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite held a Grand Lodge of Perfection and Council of

Princes at East Devonport on the 29th ult. The business was to elect and enthrone the M.W.S. for the year ensuing. The Chapter having been opened in form, minutes read and confirmed, Ex.P.P. J. Baxter, Recorder, proposed Ex.P.P. C. Godtschalk, then 2nd General, as fitting in every way for the honour of filling the chair, to be their M.W.S. for the ensuing year. This being seconded by Major Shanks, the M.W.S. of the Chapter, was put to the ballot, and unanimously carried. The Treasurer, S. Chapple, Past M.W.S. being re-elected, the thanks of the Chapter were expressed to him for previous services. The members then proceeded to the enthronement of Bro. C. Godtschalk, the beautiful ceremony being wholly and very ably rendered by Major J. G. Shanks. After a few words of thanks for the honour conferred, Bro. C. Godtschalk M.W.S. appointed his officers for the year. General Doherty C.B. 33°, Inspector-General of the Western Provinces from the Supreme Grand Council of the 33°, being present, offered a few remarks, and suggested the advisability of the Chapters in the western districts holding their regular meetings as near the same date as possible; by so doing they would enable members of the Supreme Grand Council of the 33° to be present, which would at all times afford them pleasure. Amongst those present, in addition to those already named, were Vincent Bird Past M.W.S., Ex. P.P. Norman, W. H. Honey, Spry, &c.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Now that the Masonic season is approaching, and brethren who were scattered in all directions are returning from their holiday trips, there was a considerable increase in the number of members who attended on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bro. M. D. Loewenstark occupied the chair, having the able assistance of Bros. Rudderforth as S.W., Sayer J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Pelton acting Secretary, Groener S.D., Fenner J.D., Geo. Corner I.G., Staley Steward, Christopher Tyler. Among those present were also Past Masters Bros. F. Binckes, John Constable, Loewenstark sen., Birch, Dwarber, and James Stevens. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Croaker acting as candidate. Three of the sections were then worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Binckes and Birch were elected joining members. Bro. Binckes thanked the brethren heartily for the honour. He had intended to make his appearance in the Lodge at a much earlier period of the evening, but circumstances had prevented, and fifty-two years' experience had taught him that but too frequently circumstances cannot be controlled. He was, however, pleased with the cordial reception vouchsafed him, and was surprised and highly gratified to find himself amongst so many who, to judge by their hearty greetings, seem to know all about him. Some of those present, such as Bros. Stevens, Gottheil and two or three others, were perfectly well known to him, but of the rest, the faces were familiar, though the names he could not for the moment recollect. He was a reader of Masonic periodicals, and somewhat of an observer, and was pleased to note the good work this Lodge has been and is doing, not only in the matter of imparting instruction in the various rituals and lectures, but in actively promoting the interest of our great Institutions. It is invidious to single out any particular individual where all are doing their best, but he was sure it would create neither envy nor jealousy when the name of Bro. John Constable was especially mentioned; he, by his exertions and energy, has done much in support of the charities. His first endeavours were directed in favour of the aged, next he worked for the girls, for one year he has lain fallow, and now, for the Festival of 1877, he proposes to work side by side with me, to do what he can for the most important of all the Institutions. If there were a few more workers like him then our institutions would speedily become what they should be, what in time to come he trusted they would be, in fact, what they ought to be. For it must be borne in mind that the continual influx of great numbers of members must naturally result in increased demands upon the Charities. Many a one upon entering the Order, is in the enjoyment of fortune and affluence, but through no fault that could be avoided, is suddenly thrown into difficulties, and who among you would not willingly stretch forth a helping hand? He had always held that the institutions should be supported by the great mass of the brethren, by small contributions, rather than by the few who have hitherto given large donations; and nothing is better calculated to carry out the idea than the system of drawing life governorships, derived by sums collected by means of shilling tickets. Bro. Constable proposes to sell 20,000 tickets, but he (Bro. Binckes) thought five times that number might be sold if every brother were to purchase but one, and this might be done without any considerable amount of self-sacrifice. With concerted action he thought success must be ensured. Like many others, you will say here is the man again, always harping upon the same theme; but he considered it a holy duty, and to shrink from its performance would render him unfit for the position he has the honour to hold. He would point with pride to the results of the Examinations at Cambridge and South Kensington, where, amongst numerous competitors, three of our boys obtained the distinction of Associates of Arts. While health and strength was granted him, his best energies would be directed to promote the welfare of the Boys' Institution. (Bro. Binckes resumed his seat amidst loud and prolonged cheering.) Bro. Birch expressed his thanks to the brethren for his election, and remarked that he had had great difficulty in finding the place of meeting. He had that day arrived from Swindon. He however managed to find his way, and was pleased with what he had witnessed. The brethren might depend upon it that whenever he came to London, which was four or five times in the year, he should make it his business and pleasure to visit them. Bro. Gottheil, adverting to the great services Bro. Binckes had for so many years rendered to the Craft, proposed that he should be enrolled honorary member of the Lodge. This being carried with acclamation, Bro. Binckes again briefly addressed the brethren. It was announced that on next Wednesday, after rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Abbott would give a translation of the ceremonies as they are practised in

France. It was announced that the fifteen sections would be worked by Bro. Webb on Sunday evening, the 24th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Green-street, Bethnal-green. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for his efficiency in conducting the work for the first time in this Lodge, was unanimously carried. Bro. D. Poseuer, W.M. of the Upton Lodge, will preside next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington, Bros. Pearcy W.M., Macarthy S.W., Ross I.G., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and several sections of the second degree worked. Bros. Ross, Braisted and Baxter were elected members. Bro. Macarthy was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday evening, at 8 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. Pearcy.

Star Lodge, No. 219.—Held a very successful meeting on Monday, 11th inst., at 12 Trongate, Glasgow. All three degrees were ably wrought by Bro. J. Morgan R.W.M., who was well supported by his office bearers.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, 14th instant, when there were present Bros. T. Cull W.M., A. Swallow S.W., G. Davis J.D., S. Lloyd S.D., Docker J.D., Hancock I.G., Mander Preceptor, and Bros. Burrell, Wright, Watts, Shand, Gillard, Blundell, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Gillard being the candidate. The W.M. then worked the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections, after which, Lodge having been closed to the first degree, he worked the 1st and 2nd sections, assisted by Bro. G. Davis. Bro. Swallow having been unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, the Lodge was closed.

East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.—This Lodge, which went into recess in April last, held its re-union at the Greyhound, Croydon, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst. There was a goodly muster, considering that the attractions of a regular banquet were wanting. There were present—Bros. T. P. Dickin W.M., W. Sharp S.W., John Close J.W., George Yaxley S.D., Charles Legg J.D. (acting for Bro. H. A. Pocock), Streeter I.G., Price P.M. Treasurer, Woodward P.M. Secretary, and P.M.'s Bros. Docell and Podmore. After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. James Russell was unanimously elected a joining member. Mr. Alfred Long was initiated. The W.M. then raised Bro. Skerman. On the motion of Bro. J. K. Pitt, it was carried that a jewel be presented to Bro. P.M. Ebbutt. Bro. Price's motion that a sum of money from the Lodge funds be voted for the Provincial Grand Secretary's testimonial was also carried. Several propositions were handed in, and the Lodge was closed. A choice little dinner was served by Bro. Budden, which was "considered" with good effect.

The East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—This Lodge was re-opened for the season on Tuesday evening last. The officers, as in the Mother Lodge, took their position at this meeting, to work up for Mother Lodge meeting. The W.M. worked the 1st degree, Bro. Gardner acting as candidate; for the 2nd degree Bro. Ridge acted as candidate. Sixteen brethren were present, amongst whom we may mention Bros. H. Reed, Black, Bignell, Sheard, Wisdom, Pitt, Hook, &c.

Maryhill Lodge, No. 510.—At this Lodge an emergency meeting was held on Monday, 11th September, at 116 Main-street, Maryhill. Bros. John McKay R.W.M., J. Lockhart P.M., A. Newey D.M., D. McLachlan S.W., J. Kay J.W., P. F. Cruigie Secretary, and a goodly number of brethren. The work consisted of two passings and a raising. On Wednesday, the 13th, the regular meeting was held, when arrangements were made for the New Hall that this young but prosperous Lodge are about to erect for themselves. Arrangements were also made for the visit to Glasgow on the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laying the stone for the New Post Office.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The meeting of this Lodge on Tuesday last, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, was well attended. Bros. Barker W.M., Perrin S.W., Weige J.W., Williams S.D., W. J. Smith J.D., Johnson I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Crawley, Ashburner, Brown 1607, Hogarth, Baxter, Cambridge, &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Cambridge acting as candidate. Bro. Wallington worked the 1st section of the lecture; Bro. Crawley, assisted by the brethren, the 2nd. Bro. Hogarth gave the Six Periods of Creation in a careful and impressive manner. The Lodge was then opened to the 3rd, and closed down to the 1st. Bro. Crawley worked the 4th section of the lecture in that degree. Bro. Hewlett, of Faith Lodge 174, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, with his son, attended this Lodge of Instruction for the first time. The Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, spoke in high terms of Bro. Morgan, of his readiness at all times to assist in promoting the welfare of the Craft. By the insertion of the notices of their meetings the CHRONICLE had done good service to the several Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Wallington urged every one present to support the paper. They would be able to gain knowledge and in-

struction from the various articles therein, and he finished his remarks by proposing that both Bro. Morgan and his son be elected honorary members of the Lodge of Instruction. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Crawley, and carried unanimously. Bro. Morgan replied: He was proud of the hearty reception given him by the brethren. He was exceedingly gratified at the kind remarks of Bro. Wallington, and though he did not anticipate being able to attend their meetings frequently, he felt that when his duties would permit his being present he should always meet with a cordial reception. Bro. Morgan jun. also acknowledged the honour conferred, and thanked Bro. Wallington for the eulogistic way in which he had spoken. Bro. Perrin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor stated that the 15 sections would be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on the fourth Tuesday in October. P.M. Crawley kindly consented to preside on that occasion. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Tuesday next, the 19th inst. After the Lodge was closed, Bro. Weige S.D. of 860, sat down to the piano, and delighted those of the brethren who stayed with some capital music and songs, he also accompanied Bros. Wallington, W. J. Smith, Herbert and others, who were induced to favour the company. The meeting broke up before eleven, all being pleased with the impromptu entertainment.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th of September, at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., Brown S.W., H. Meyer J.W., Robinson S.D. Dignam J.D., Spencer I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor; Hill, Bailey, Cull, Brasted, E. Deitrich, Gilchrist, Hewlett, Young, Brand, B. Meyer, T. Dand, Lee, Chapman, Pool, Philp, J. B. Shackleton, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes were then read and confirmed. Bro. Hewlett was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hewlett was passed. The five sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gilchrist, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed, and the first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. Gilchrist be elected a life member of this Lodge. Bro. Hewlett was elected a joining member. Bro. Chapman proposed that the annual banquet in connection with this Lodge of Instruction be held on the first Wednesday in October; this was seconded by Bro. Lee, and carried unanimously. Bro. Brown was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 20th inst., at 8 p.m.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.—The installation meeting of the above was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound, Croydon. The W.M., Bro. Turquand, took the chair about 3 p.m., and duly opened the Lodge. There were present Bros. Mullett S.W., W.M. elect, Parsons Smith, M.D., J.W., J. W. Gray S.D., Pitt J.D., L. Turquand I.G., Masterman P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, T. W. Lambert, A. Lambert, Chumley, Foss, Wheeler, Davis, Firminger, Abbott, Lourie, Godwin, Cooper, &c. Visitors—B. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 890, Myers P.M. Lily Lodge, Dickin P.G.D.C. W.M. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Podmore P.M. P.G.S.W. of the same Lodge, Pitt, Sugg P.M. 463, Dickson, M.D., P.M. Mount Lebanon. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Jesse, to raise Bros. Firminger and Abbott. Bro. Frances then presented Bro. Mullett for installation, and the W.M., in a most impressive manner, installed him into the chair of K.S., Bro. Turquand thus completing the work of his year of office, and setting an excellent example to his successors. He has, during his year, initiated, passed and raised 18 candidates. It will be long before the Lodge can find one of its members to excel him as a zealous and painstaking brother. He has most conscientiously performed the arduous duties devolving upon him as the first W.M. of the Lodge, and has ably earned the jewel that was presented to him at a later period of the evening. Bro. Mullett being duly installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers. Bros. Parsons Smith S.W., J. W. Gray J.W., Pitt S.D., L. Turquand J.D., Carpenter (by proxy) I.G., A. Lambert D.C., S. W. Lambert W.S., Masterman P.M. Treasurer, Frances P.M. Secretary. A portrait of the I.P.M., Bro. Turquand, painted in oil by Bro. Frances, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Wheeler. A vote of thanks was given for the valuable present. This is a very good feature, as it must be most interesting to have upon the walls of a Lodge room the resemblance of those who have done good suit and service to the brethren, and who have been honoured by their esteem. After the installation ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when a most agreeable evening was spent.

We gather from *Le Monde Maçonnique* that at 8 p.m. on the 28th July was held, at the hotel of the Grand Orient of France, a distribution of prizes to the successful students in the several departments of German, English, and Geographical study, founded, since the close of the war, by the Masonic body in France. There were assembled close on two thousand persons, Bro. President de Saint-Jean occupying the chair, supported by Bros. Armand, Caubet, Moreaux, Adré Rousselle, Members of Council; Bros. Garnier, Venerable of the Lodge Travail et Persévérante Amitié, and Koch, director, and MM. Mac Enery and Scot, professors. Bro. de Saint Jean delivered a most eloquent address on the occasion. Then followed recitations in English and German, and then the distribution of prizes to the successful students.

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Great Western	2,045	141,814	144,508
Lancashire and Yorkshire	437½	70,743	70,511
London and Brighton	378½	38,141	41,137
London, Chatham and Dover	153½	25,158	25,164
London and North Western	1,613½	189,078	188,704
London and South Western	—	43,378	43,086
London, Tilbury and Southend	45	2,359	2,632
Manchester and Sheffield	259½	32,899	34,305
Midland	1,062	123,305	120,302
Metropolitan	8	—	—
" " District	8½	4,494	4,274
" " St. John's Wood	1½	—	—
North British	870	46,019	47,098
North Eastern	1,411	128,579	129,135
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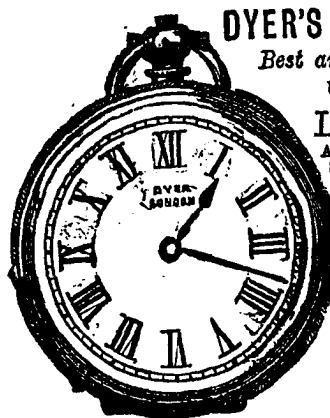
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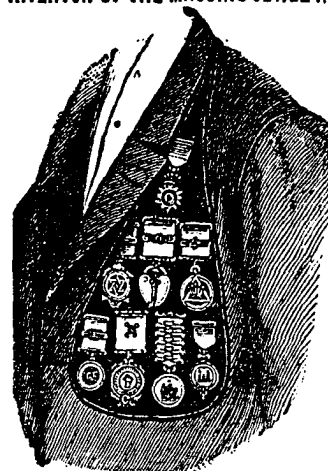
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