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## LODGE RULERS.

IT is undeniably a matter of the greatest importance that those who are elected to high office in Freemasonry should possess the requisite qualifications. We are becoming almost daily a more numerous body than we have ever been at any previous period of our history. We are attracting to ourselves a larger share of public attention. It follows then that we should be at greater pains than ever to create a favourable impression in non-Masonic circles, or rather to confirm the very favourable impression already formed of us. Every individual Craftsman has it in his power to add to, or detract from, the esteem in which we are held, and, *à fortiori*, has every Lodge. It is our duty, then, to see that the latter are well organised and efficient in their work; and to this end it is imperative that those to whom is entrusted the government of Lodges should be capable men. It is a sad spectacle to enter a Lodge of worthy Masons, and find its Worshipful Master and Wardens incompetent to fulfil the simplest duties; the former obliged to vacate his seat when one of our ceremonies has to be rehearsed, or at a loss to answer when one of the brethren asks him for information on some not very difficult question, while the latter are not only incompetent to assist their chief, but are likewise unacquainted with their own business. Of course, we cannot go so far as to affirm that brethren possessing all the requisite qualifications for office will always be found in all our Lodges. We do say this, however, that where such men are wanting, it is the duty of brethren to select for their rulers those who possess more rather than less of the needful competence. It is only when the tale of able men is quite exhausted that a Lodge should elect incompetent members to rule and govern it; and we trust the day is yet far distant when it can be said of any one of our Lodges that it contains no members qualified to rule over it.

Many labour under the belief that the Mastership of a Lodge has attached to it no serious responsibilities, that in fact it is little else than the Chairmanship of an ordinary social gathering. But even in the Chairmanship of such a meeting, there are certain qualifications which he is expected to possess, or the social gathering may very likely prove to be a confabulation of bears. He who presides over any body of men, for no matter how brief a season, must have tact and good temper. He must likewise exhibit some slight knowledge of human nature, and a certain power of discrimination, or he will never be able to reconcile the different views and feelings of those who sit around him. But the Master of a Lodge is something more than the Chairman of an ordinary meeting. In addition to the qualities we have enumerated, and others which must as readily occur to our readers as to ourselves, he must know well how to perform certain ceremonies, how to advise brethren when any unwonted difficulty arises, and how to instruct his subordinates in the fulfilment of their several duties. Lawrence Dermott, who in his day was Grand Secretary, and afterwards Deputy Grand Master of the "Ancients," and who merits, therefore, the honour of being described as one speaking with authority, says of the choice of officers to rule and govern the Lodge, that it is a matter "of great concern;" for, he adds, "the officers of a Lodge are not only bound to advance and promote the welfare of their own particular Lodge, but also whatever may tend to the good of the Fraternity in general." He then proceeds to point out that, "therefore, no man ought to be nominated or put in such election,

but such as, by his known skill and merit, is deemed worthy of performance, *viz.* He must be well acquainted with all the private and public rites and orders of the craft; he ought to be strictly honest, humane of nature, patient in injuries, modest in conversation, grave in counsel and advice, and (above all) constant in amity and faithful in secrecy." Later on he says:—"I have known men whose intentions were very honest and without any evil design, commit great errors, and sometimes been the destruction of good Lodges; and this occasioned by their brethren hurrying them indiscreetly into offices wherein their slender knowledge of Masonry rendered them incapable of executing the business committed to their charge, to the great detriment of the Craft and their own dishonour." And Oliver, in charging the brethren to beware of incompetency in the Master, says very justly, "It requires knowledge and experience to preserve respect; tact and firmness to maintain authority; affability and kindness to secure affection; with many other traits of character to enable him (the Master) to discharge the duties of his office creditably, if not triumphantly." Unfortunately, it is within the experience of most of us that there are many Worshipful Masters who, so far from possessing "knowledge and experience to preserve respect," have hardly acquired the A B C of their duties. In one or two cases we have heard of Masters who not only never threw even a solitary glimmer of light on Masonic duty, during their tenure of office, but hardly so much as opened their lips to utter half-a-dozen consecutive words, except when they were prompted by a friendly Past Master. These we admit were extreme cases, but they should never have been allowed to happen. No amount of respect for the man and brother should ever have intervened between the members and the fulfilment of their duty. A brother who is incompetent to discharge the functions of the Master should not be chosen. He may be the very personification of kindness; he may, indeed, be the embodiment of all the Masonic virtues, but if he lack the requisite knowledge, he is worth nothing as Master. How can members respect a W.M. who is scarcely able to open and close his Lodge without assistance? How can they respect him, if the moment he is called upon to work one of the ceremonies, he vacates his seat in favour of some competent brother? Is it not likely that our younger brethren will regard as moonshine the obligations that are imposed, and the advice that is tendered them, when they find the ruler of their Lodge is little, if at all, less ignorant than themselves of Masonic doctrine. What is the good of telling a young member that at a particular stage in his career he will be expected to acquire some further knowledge of the science of Freemasonry, when the supreme authority in his Lodge, who has passed through all the stages, is absolutely and entirely ignorant of anything but the colour of his Masonic clothing, and the metal of which his jewel is composed, as well as the necessary signs and tokens which are now and again demanded of him. In all other pursuits it is considered necessary that a man should possess some knowledge of the duties he is about to be entrusted with. He may not already be furnished with much knowledge, in which case he is expected to acquire it. But it seems that in the pursuit of Masonry, chance, or the accidents of chance, are not unfrequently allowed to determine an appointment to a superior office. And what is the result where these things happen? For a time, perhaps, the respect which brethren feel towards Freemasonry restrains them from all outward manifestations of impatience. But the limits of forbearance are at length reached, and the Lodge falls into a state of anarchy. The attendance of mem-

bers is unsatisfactory. The interchange of courtesies with other Lodges is of rare occurrence. The meetings are purely formal. An air of somnolence pervades everything, and the Lodge may think itself fortunate if it does not fall into abeyance, with little or no chance of resuming its labours.

Now and then it happens that a brother is called upon to fill the chair of some Lodge at a time when he is less capable than he was in his earlier days of exhibiting the needful energy, less able to master the duties he will have to perform. He is sensible, perhaps, of his unworthiness. He appreciates the honour that is paid him, but accepts it only when he finds that a refusal will be painful to his future subjects. It were unkind indeed to blame a brother who accepts office under these circumstances, and if he is careful to acquire as much knowledge as he can, and to appoint zealous, skilful, and enthusiastic brethren to assist him in his labours, he will very likely complete the term of his Mastership, not only without detriment to the interests over which he has been called upon to preside, but probably also with a fair degree of credit to himself. It is almost certain he will possess already some qualities which eminently fit him for his post, or, when seeking for a new ruler, his Lodge would never have selected him. He will enjoy, therefore, from the very first, the respect and esteem, if not the affection, of all his fellows. A certain amount of study, and the requisite practice will soon enable him to do "creditably, if not triumphantly," as Oliver phrases it, all he is ever likely to be called upon to do. We should not care, in the interests of Freemasonry, to see even such a case as this too often reported, but we protest against men being pitchforked into power who have absolutely nothing to recommend them but, in some cases, a certain harmlessness—combined with geniality; and in others, inordinate ambition, untempered by any pleasing and commendable quality. It is against the election of such as these latter we feel inclined to protest so strongly. The government of a Lodge is of too great importance to be entrusted either to child-like simplicity of character, or ambitious ignorance. Of the two, of course we prefer the simplicity, yet it is beyond all question that both are out of place in the conduct of a Lodge.

## DEMOLITION OF THE FIRST MASONIC LODGE IN PARIS.

From "THE BUILDER."

ENGLISH Freemasons curious in the history of their Craft, and familiar with Paris and its innumerable memorials, must remember the old *traiteur's* in the Rue des Boucheries St. Germain (now the Rue de l'Ecole de Médecine), where the first Masonic Lodge established in Paris was founded by Lord Derwentwater in 1725.

Every Mason must know how this antique confraternity of the arts was transformed in 1717, at London, from a mechanical and philosophical corporation into an institution purely philosophic, abandoning for ever the material portion of its labours, the construction of monuments, but preserving at the same time scrupulously its doctrines and traditional symbols.

The first towns on the Continent where Masonry thus regenerated was carried from London were Dunkirk (1721) and Mons (1721).

It was only in 1725 that a first Lodge was founded at Paris, by Lord Derwentwater (and two other Englishmen), under the title of *St. Thomas*, and constituted by them in the name of the Grand Lodge of London, 12th June 1726; its members, to the number of five or six hundred, met at Hurre's, a *traiteur*, in the Rue des Boucheries St. Germain. By the care of the same Englishmen, a second Lodge was established, 7th May 1729, under the name of *Louis d'Argent*; its members met at Lebreton's, another *traiteur* at the sign of *Louis d'Argent*. The 11th of December, the same year, a third Lodge was constituted under the title of the *Arts Sainte Marguerite*, its meetings were held at the house of an Englishman named Gaustand. At length, in 1732, 29th November, was founded a fourth Lodge, called that of *Buci*, from the name of the Hotel where its members met, situated in the Rue de Buci, and held by the *traiteur* Landelle; this Lodge, after having initiated the Duc d'Aumont, took the name of the *Loge d'Aumont*.

Lord Derwentwater, who had in 1725 received from the Grand Lodge of London full powers to constitute Lodges in France, was, in 1735, invested by the same Grand Lodge with the functions of Grand Provincial Master; and when he quitted France to return to England where some time after he perished on the scaffold, the victim of his attachment to the Stuarts, he transferred the powers he possessed to his friend Lord Harnouester, whom he charged to represent him during his absence.

The four Lodges existing then in Paris resolved to found a Grand Provincial Lodge of England, to which the Lodges, which would in time to come be founded throughout France, could address themselves directly as representants of the Grand Lodge of London. A short time after the departure of Lord Derwentwater, this resolution was

put into execution, and, in 1736, under the presidency of Lord Harnouester, this Grand Lodge was legally and regularly constituted.

Little by little were established at Paris, by the side of those Lodges founded on the principles of the Grand Lodge of London, other Lodges, constituted by a Scotchman, Baron Ramsay, a firm partisan of the exiled Stuarts. This famous Mason for some time held the functions of Orator to the Grand Provincial Lodge of England, above referred to. He, however, succeeded in establishing and introducing another Masonic system, called the Scottish, with seven grades, which had been created at Edinburgh by a Chapter of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, with a political aim,—the support of the Stuarts, the subjection of Masonry to Catholicism, and the founders of which, not being able to state its true origin, had attributed the creation to Godefroi de Bouillon. This Masonic Rite has never been accepted either in Scotland or in England; but, introduced by Ramsey into France in 1730, it has served as the basis of all the Masonic systems propagated from that time throughout France and in many parts of the world.

In 1737 Lord Harnouester, the second Provincial Grand Master of France, wishing to return to England, asked before his departure to be replaced, and manifested the desire to be so by a Frenchman. The Duc d'Antin, a zealous Mason, succeeded him in June 1738. The Duc d'Antin was chosen among those members of the Court who had shown the most zeal for the Order. He had in reality faced the prohibition of Louis XV., who had forbidden any of the nobles of his Court to belong to any of the societies of Freemasons, and the Duke showed much courage in accepting the functions of Grand Master, inasmuch as the King had threatened to immediately put into the Bastille any member of his Court who would preside over Freemasonry in that quality. The king, however, did not carry out his threat, but the police of the Châtelet continued the proscription against those members who could not oppose to them the influence of their names or capacities.

To follow the subsequent history of Freemasonry in France would be a study beyond the limits of these pages, but by a recent return it appears that there are at present in France no less than 203,400 active members of the Craft; adding to these those Masons who have renounced any share in the work of the order, we have a total of some 500,000 Masons in France.

Within, then, a very few days, this interesting old building will have disappeared. Not far from it rises the venerable old church of St. Germain des Prés, which has existed here since the sixth century.

This quarter and its historical surroundings are about to be demolished to make way for those changes which, since the announcement that the Exhibition is to be opened in 1878, have received such an extraordinary impetus.

The Boulevard St. Germain, which has partially existed already for some years, will, by 1878, be completed. Those who believe in Abernethy's prescription, that it is healthful to look into the shop-windows, and those fond of the asphalt pavement (and really it would be affectation to be otherwise than fond) may then enjoy a walk or drive of some ten miles of *cafés* (where *bock* is chiefly consumed), *bouillon* shops, and *Articles de Paris*, between rows of trees, starting from the Place de la Concorde, pursuing the Boulevard St. Germain and the Boulevard Henri IV.,\* passing through the Place de la Bastille, along the Boulevard Beaumarchais, and so along still under the trees, to the Porte St. Martin, to their beloved Boulevard des Italiens, and the Café Anglais, and the familiar Madeleine.

As for the rue de l'Ecole de Médecine, which has now to give away, it has existed under this name but for a very few years, since, indeed, 1851, up till which time it was known as the rue des Boucheries St. Germain.

Originally only a country road from the hamlet of St. Germain, in April 1274, the butchers of the suburb were allowed there to establish sixteen stalls, and from this time the street became one of the most commercial in the locality. After the battle of Poitiers (1356), when the English, victorious, advanced up to Chanteloup, these butchers abandoned their establishments, and took refuge within the walls, and it was only after all danger was over that they ventured back to their deserted shops.

Sauval, writing at the commencement of the eighteenth century, gives us a description of the street in his time. "The shops," says he, "are part of the houses in which live, above, the masters. Each shop is accompanied by a spacious slaughter-house in the open air." Judging by this, we can easily imagine the narrow street, lined with the stalls, while through it ran a gutter reeking of infection. Happily, the creation of public *abattoirs* in 1809 purified the street.

The butchers, judging by the appearance of the streets in Paris, seem always to have been a very important class of the *bourgeoisie*. and if, as vegetarians tell us, that their own innocent diet is provocative of clear-headed sprightliness, it is difficult to account for the proverbial *esprit* of the French who, we are told, are much larger consumers of meat than we in England. The fact is, that the French, who have gained, and justly gained, so high a reputation for their provident ways, are provident and self-denying merely with a view to obtain the means for the indulgence of habits and modes of life that are very much opposed to asceticism. When the people were poor, they were temperate and sober; as the workman's income increases, he eats more meat and drinks stronger wine. He is, still, thanks to some unknown reason, a far more temperate man than his English brothers, but it is evident that the use of alcohol is even here on the increase.

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Bro. Jas. Terry (Secretary to the Institution), 4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, will take place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-garden. Bro. John Coutts P.G.P. is the W.M. designate, E. Jacobs J.W. 1348 S.W. designate, A. J. Ireton S.W. 1348 J.W. designate, Bourne P.M. 1348 Hon. Sec. *pro tem*. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. W. Watson P.G.S., assisted by Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, W.M. City of Westminster Lodge.

The "Wolsey Lodge," 1656, will be consecrated on Saturday next, at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, at half-past 3 o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.S.G.W. and P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex. The officers designate are Bros. W. Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex W.M., B. Sharp P.M. 84 S.W., and J. Bond P.M. J.W.

As announced in our columns last week, the ballot was taken at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, for one Life Governorship, value £10 10s, and one Life Subscribership value £5 5s these amounts being a portion of the proceeds of the Concert given by Bro. Charles Blain at the Bow and Bromley Institute, on 14th December last, in aid of our Masonic Institutions. The result was as under:—Bro. W. N. Lash (Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73), one Life Governorship; Bro. C. H. Webb (Sincerity Lodge, No. 174), one Life Subscribership. The following brethren were present:—Bros. P.M. Austin, P.M. Moore, Appleby, Blasby, Bennet, A. H. Brown, T. Brown, C. Blain, Baxter, F. Fraser, J. Fraser, Gardener, Hewlett, Hill, and J. Rawley.

Bro. Douglas Cox, No. 11, acting manager of the Globe Theatre, announces his first benefit at that establishment on 15th inst., on which occasion Mr. E. Solomons' comic opera will be revived. The principal characters will be sustained by Bro. Edgar Bruce, Douglas Cox, Jas. Edwards, Wingrove, Miss Rachael Sanger and Miss Jenny Lee. The entire company will appear in the extravaganza of the *Invisible Prince*.

We have once before described briefly the very elaborate and artistic display of needlework which for some months past has been on view at No. 50 Buckingham Palace Road, opposite the Grosvenor Hotel. We were very much pleased with what we saw, and strongly recommend our readers, when they have a leisure hour or two, to spend it in inspecting these various works on exhibition. Ladies will be especially delighted, and not a little astonished perhaps at the skill and labour which have been bestowed on the collection by the fair artists.

The Anniversary Ball of the veteran Preceptor, Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., was held on Tuesday, the 6th, at

Willis's Rooms, and the number present showed the respect in which "The Octogenarian" is held. An excellent supper was provided, and those assembled thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Among those present were Bros. Treadwell, C. W. Davis, Cooper, C. Burmeister, W. Smith, Kingham, W. Palmer, Wane, T. Bull, T. Foxall, Jenkins, Solomons, Tribbel, Ponsford, H. M. Levy, &c.

We notice that the partnership hitherto existing between Bros. David Posener and Adolph Posener, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Bro. David Posener has removed to more spacious and commodious premises, at 15 Commercial-road-east (City end), where he intends carrying on the business of pipe manufacturer and importer of meerschaum pipes, as before, under the style of "David Posener and Co." From the well-known reputation of our brother as a business man, and the increased facilities he now has for doing a more extensive trade, we feel sure that his energy will be rewarded, and we heartily wish him success.

The current number of the *Lifeboat* contains, *inter alia*, a highly interesting article on "Weather Charts and Storm Warnings," in which are noted the various steps that have been taken of late years by Government, scientific bodies, and men of science, to advance the science of meteorology, and so enable our marine authorities to give timely warning of approaching storms. The basis of the article is a chapter from the work, bearing the same title, by Mr. Robert H. Scott, Director of our Meteorological Department. The number likewise contains a record of services latterly rendered by the lifeboats of the Institution, and also a full report of the late Special Communication of Grand Lodge, when it was resolved to present a donation to the Institution of £4,000, for the purpose of building and endowing two lifeboats in commemoration of the Grand Master's safe return home from India.

It seems our hope that, at the destruction by fire of the Masonic Hall, Portland, State of Maine, Grand Lodge, sustained no serious loss in the shape of books and records, will not be realised. The *Keystone* says, that not only were the regalia, &c., &c., burnt, but the records and the Masonic Library were burnt likewise. This and the disaster recorded above are two serious blows to the cause of Masonic literature. Craft records are so few in number, and have at times been so indifferently kept, that we can ill afford to lose those which it is known must be authentic.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces that Bro. Perceval Lowell Everett, and Rev. Charles H. Titus, have been re-elected Grand Master and Recording Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We read also, in a recent issue of the *Keystone*, that Bro. E. G. Davis is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia; Bro. J. H. Jochum D.G.M., Bros. H. A. Whitney and Joseph S. McCoy, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary, and Bro. W. J. Stephenson Grand Treasurer.



## NEW ZEALAND.

## THE PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY.

ON the 28th November, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker (a member of the New Zealand Cabinet), P.M. of Lodge Ara, I.C., and one of the founders of Freemasonry in the colony, was affiliated in Lodge Sir Walter Scott, S.C., preparatory to his taking the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, for which he has been nominated by all the Lodges interested and holding under the Scottish Constitution. The W.M. and officers of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., and those of the Lodge of Light, I.C., together with a large number of visiting brethren attended, and the Freemasons' Hall, in which the ceremony was held, was crowded to excess. The R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. James Hill, performed the impressive ceremony of affiliating the distinguished brother. After which the Lodge was called off, and re-assembled in less than half-an-hour to partake of an excellent banquet. The R.W.M. of the Lodge (the Rev. J. Hill) presided, and the guest of the evening was seated at the right of the R.W.M., and His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Macdonald) on his left.

The R.W.M. (the Rev. J. Hill) proposed the toast of the evening. He said: Brethren, I have now to propose the toast of the evening. In common with all the Lodges under the Scotch Constitution in New Zealand, the Sir Walter Scott Lodge has been in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dunedin. For several years it has been the opinion of the brethren, both in the South and North, that there should be a Provincial Grand Lodge in the North Island, and Bro. Hislop, the Provincial Grand Master in Dunedin, kindly agreed to recommend its formation to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some months ago the idea was revived. One of the first things to be done was to nominate a brother to occupy the high and important position of Right Worshipful Master of the proposed new Lodge. The brethren at the Thames suggested the name of Bro. Worshipful Past Master the Hon. Frederick Whitaker, and the unanimous concurrence of the Lodges concerned was given. Bro. Hill concluded by proposing "The health of Bro. Past Master the Hon. Frederick Whitaker."

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, who, on rising to respond, was received with loud cheering, said: Right Worshipful Master and brethren, I hardly know how to thank you for the honor you have this day accorded me, first by affiliating me into your Lodge, which I heard spoken of as the best worked and best managed Lodge in New Zealand, and for your having put me up as your representative in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and then again this evening the manner in which the R.W.M. has proposed my health, and you have responded to it. (Cheers.) Well, now all these honours conferred on one man in one evening would be enough to turn his head, and would be enough to turn mine if I was subject to such. It does strike me to ask myself why do I deserve this honour, or do I deserve it? I say I do not feel that I can answer that I have done anything to entitle me to this honour which you have done me. It is true, as the R.W. chairman has said, that I was connected with the first Masonic Lodge in New Zealand, and when I look back at that time, 33 or 34 years ago, I do so with satisfaction. There were then in Auckland only a few wooden and raupo houses, and in a small room, not one-fourth the size of this, we established the first Lodge in New Zealand. It is with pride and satisfaction I look back to those days, and notice how early men from the mother country plant Masonry in the countries they take up their abode in. With about a dozen brethren we set to work and laid the foundation of Masonry in New Zealand, and now we see the fruit thereof; and those who took part in that opening—and there are few that remain—look with pride and satisfaction on that tree which they have planted, and which has now spread and flourished to such splendid proportions. (Cheers.) During the time I have been in New Zealand I have been connected, in a Masonic way, with some important events. I was present, as a Mason, at the laying of the foundation stone of the first church in New Zealand—that of St. Paul's, in Auckland. Occasions such as these are peculiarly pointed out as occasions on which Masons should meet. I also feel proud of another instance in which, in a Masonic manner, I took part in a Masonic ceremony, that was when I, as a Master Mason, laid the foundation stone of the Supreme Court in Auckland, and I am proud to say that in no other part of New Zealand have I seen as Court buildings anything to compare with the Supreme Court in Auckland, and of that building I, as one of the craft, laid the foundation stone. (Cheers.) It is possible that these connections have given me some claim to the honor which you have conferred on me. In accepting your offer to be nominated as Provincial Grand Master of the North Island, I felt I was undertaking something that I did not know much about, and it has been a principle with me, through my life, not to undertake anything of which I do not at least think I know something, but in accepting the honor of being Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I feel I have a great deal to learn, but I promise that I shall devote my best energies to justify your choice. (Cheers.) Now, this evening I see a gathering round me. I recently came from a place where there used to be a gathering of about the same number, but it was of a widely different character, (the New Zealand House of Representatives). Here we are met in fellowship. There, there was nothing of the kind, and we fought—if I may be allowed to use the expression—like cats and dogs. But, leaving politics out of the question, if I could take you there with me, you would see something which would surprise you, and I feel altogether greatly relieved in coming out of a hotbed like that into a community like this, where we all feel alike. It is totally unlike what I have left, and I feel a certain amount of recreation in being amongst you. (Cheers.) I feel that I have come to a re-union of brethren, and feel that it is a happy occasion on which men of different religious beliefs and different political opinions can meet on a common platform, where all their endeavours are directed to the one object—the benefit of each other and the benefit of the community—(cheers), without bickering or quarrelling, seeking the same

end, the benefit of the Craft, and, through the Craft, of the world. (Cheers.) Masonry has now taken root, and I feel happy that here we can meet without that clashing of interests which is experienced in the political world. Now, when I looked around amongst you I thought it rather incongruous that I should have been chosen by you as Provincial Grand Master; but I have now begun to look upon it as a matter for congratulation. I did think that the Hon. Sir Donald McLean was more fit to be appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution, and that I would have been better fitted to the English Constitution; for although I was connected with the opening of the first Masonic Lodge in New Zealand—and that was under the Irish Constitution—I was made a Master Mason in the English Constitution in 1839, and am on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. But in New Zealand, up to the present, I have been connected with the Irish Constitution, and this is my first introduction to Scottish Masonry, and if it improves as I go on, I have now landed in the best. (Cheers and laughter.) I now think, on the whole, that this is better. It shows that Englishmen are willing to accept a good Scotchman, and that Scotland is willing to accept what you, I suppose, believe to be a good Irishman engrafted on a good English stock. (Cheers.) I agree that, on the whole, this is the best as it is; and I am sure you all honour and respect the Hon. Sir Donald McLean, P.G.M. of the English Constitution. Whatever opinion we might entertain of Sir Donald McLean's politics, or his action in the Native Department, we must all acknowledge that he is a good Mason, and wish him long life and happiness as the head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the English Constitution. (Cheers.) When I was asked to take the position of P.G.M. of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island, I began to consider what you would expect me to do. Not having a great deal of connection with the people of Scotland, except in this country, I began to ask myself would they expect me to play the bagpipes—(cheers and laughter)—for after all, although in Scotland that is a favourite instrument, it is not so in mine, and is very seldom heard there. I heard it played exceedingly well, too, in Nelson, on board the Hinemoa. A man in the ship struck up the Scotch bagpipes, and I felt very much inclined to dance. (Cheers.) I thought to myself, surely he does not know that I have been elected Provincial Grand Master, but I accepted the honor as being paid to myself, and considered that I had been paid the highest compliment. (Cheers and laughter.) Then I hope you do not wish me to embrace the Scotch thistle. (Laughter.) I remember the old adage—*nemo me impune lacessit*. (Laughter.) And then I hope you do not want me to learn Gaelic. I fear I could never accomplish that. (Cheers.) But if what you desire is that I should get up in the duties of Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, all I can say is I will try. Not being connected with any other Lodge in New Zealand, I shall look on this Lodge as my parent to bear me out, and I shall pay it the greatest gratitude for rendering me that assistance. (Cheers.) Permit me again to thank you for the honor you have done me. I feel that more honor has been conferred on me than I now deserve, but in the future I will try to deserve it all. (Cheers.)

The *New Zealand Herald* thus comments on the appointment of Bro. Whitaker:—"It has come to be the fashion now to find out that everything that has been done in apparent conformity with law has really been in violation of the law, and we feel it incumbent upon us as journalists, if we would not be quite left behind, to find out and make public something in that line on our own account. However, we do not profess in this to speak from our own knowledge, but upon information. The Hon. F. Whitaker was a few days ago installed into the office of Provincial Grand Master by the Masonic Lodge Sir Walter Scott, at the Thames. Outsiders wondered how this Lodge, which is but of yesterday, compared with other Lodges in the North Island, should have assumed this duty, but they considered that it was one of the mysteries of the Craft with which the profane must not intermeddle. It seems, however, that it is all wrong in point of Masonic law, and that the duty of appointing a Provincial Grand Master lay with an Auckland Lodge. As we are informed, Bro. Whitaker is not Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges under the Scottish Constitution. Just to mention another catastrophe. Sir D. McLean was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the English Constitution by a Lodge in Wellington, while there is a more ancient Lodge in Auckland with whom only is the power to appoint."

We may add that the appointment of Sir Donald McLean, as District Grand Master for the whole North Island has not given satisfaction to the Lodges under the English Constitution in Auckland, and steps are being taken at the present moment to nominate Bro. G. S. Graham, of Auckland, an excellent Mason, and a gentleman, of good social standing for the office of District Grand Master for Auckland. The reasons why such an appointment should be made are difficult to explain within reasonable limits in the columns of this Journal, but they are easy to be understood by all Colonial Masons, and we shall be glad if the Colonial Board can see their way to carry out the wishes of the Northern Lodges in this matter, feeling confident, as we do, that such an appointment would have a marked effect on the prosperity of English Masonry in that important division of the Colony of New Zealand.

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## Old Warrants.

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ATHOLL GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT D.G.M.

WILL<sup>m</sup>. TINDALL S.G.W.THOS<sup>s</sup>. CARTER J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and 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 (the third), Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tallibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Lau. Dermott Esq<sup>r</sup>. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Will<sup>m</sup>. Tindall Esq<sup>r</sup>. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter Esq<sup>r</sup>. 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 im-

power our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Worshipful Alexander Smith, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful George Irons, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Massey, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Bedford Head, in Maiden Lane, Covent Garden (or elsewhere), in London, upon the First and Third Thursday of each Kalender 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 Alexander Smith, George Irons, and William Massey (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 fourteenth day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred seventy five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred seventy and five.

WM. DICKEY, Grand Secretary.

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### ENDORSEMENT.

Transferred to our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., John Hales, one of our Master Masons, Nathaniel Acland, his Senior Warden, Robert Crawford, his Junior Warden, and their Successors (being first duly registered pursuant to the Statute) to be held at the Ship, Brick-lane, Bethnal Green, upon the second Monday in every Month and on other lawful occasions, subject always to the Provisoes and Conditions within mentioned, and paying due respect and obedience to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by whom the within Warrant is granted.

THOS<sup>s</sup>. HARPER, D. Gd. Master.

ROBT. LESLIE, G.S.

J. HUMMER, S.G. Warden.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Prudent Brethren,  
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### "THE OLDEST MASON."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to your query in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, "Is there an older Mason in England?"—

Bro. Norris, the present respected Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, was born 21st January 1790; and was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, then 290, now 174, on the 10th March 1812. He is therefore a month older than Bro. Donnithorne, whose name you mention.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

North End, Croydon, 5th February 1877.

H. J. STRONG.

## BOMBAY.

### Lodge Rising Star of Western India, No. 342, S.C.

—On Saturday, the 6th January, the most important meeting of the season of this flourishing Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Gowalla Tank-road. At the previous sederunt of the Lodge, the Senior Warden, Bro. Rustomjee M. Patel, had been unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, and, at the regular monthly meeting on Saturday last his installation took place. To mark the high estimation in which this Lodge is held, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India (Bro. H. Morland), accompanied by R.W. Bro. Balfour (Depute Grand Master) and a large number of his officers, paid an official visit on this occasion, when they were received in due and ancient form by the R.W. Master, Bro. Darashaw D. Reporter, the Wardens and brethren—including a large number of visitors. The M.W. Grand Master having assumed the Hiram presented to him by the Worshipful Master, raised the Lodge to the sublime degree, and, in the presence of a numerous body of Past and Installed Masters, proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he conducted with his wonted ability, setting a bright example to all present, and illustrating, in a striking manner, how essentially necessary it is for all those Masters in Israel who aspire to rule the Craft to be thoroughly proficient in all the duties devolving on them. It was quite evident on this occasion, as on many others, that M.W. Bro. Morland had 'his soul in his work,' and that it was 'a labour of love' for him to perform the onerous duties imposed on him—which he carried out with such solemnity and efficiency that made a most vivid and lasting impression on all who had the honour and privilege to witness and take part in the proceedings of the evening. The Right Worshipful Master elect having been proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees, then proceeded to invest the following brethren with the jewels and badges of their respective offices, and delivered an appropriate address to each on the responsibilities attaching to their several positions in Lodge:—R.W. Bros. Darashaw D. Reporter I.P.M., Hormusjee Dadabhoy Pleader D.M., Cursetjee Nusservanjee Cama S.M., Burjorjee Framjee Doctor S.W., Hormusjee E. Chichgur J.W., Cursetjee F. Khory Treas., Rustomjee M. Chichgur Sec., Nowrajee Dajeebhoy Jeweller, Atmaram Pandurang Architect, Manackshaw D. Docturna Organist, Heerjeebhoy F. Cooper S.D., Hormusjee A. Sunket J.D., M. M. Bhowngree I.G., Nusservanjee D. Patel Tyler and Steward. The M.W. Grand Master delivered an eloquent address, impressing upon the newly installed Master and his officers the importance of their relative positions, the necessity of their working in peace and harmony, and their solemn obligation to support the R.W. Master in the duties of his office. The business of the evening having been brought to a conclusion, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where covers had been laid for upwards of eighty, and every chair was filled. The dinner was served à la Russe, the table being ornamented with several beautiful silver epergnes and vases of antique and oriental design, filled with choice flowers. The whole of the arrangements reflected the highest credit on the Stewards. The menu was tantalizing, and the wines were choice and of the best vintage. The usual Loyed and Constitutional toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged. "The Sister Lodges" and the "Visiting Brethren" drew forth the eloquence of several well-known and popular brethren. W. Bros. Nowrajee Fardonjee and W. M. Clampha responded to the latter toast, and acknowledged, in suitable terms, the hospitality so freely extended to all comers, and particularly the fraternal welcome accorded them on so interesting an occasion. The M.W. Grand Master retired after the last toast of obligation, and the meeting broke up shortly after 11 p.m. It would be unjust to close this brief record of a most interesting meeting without recording the fact that the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. Darashaw) has completed his term of office, after a most painstaking, earnest and creditable twelvemonth of hard work, zealously undertaken and most successfully accomplished. He is, therefore, pre-eminently entitled to the gratitude of his brethren, who have not been slow to recognise his genuine merits. It is confidently hoped that his successor will follow in his footsteps, and maintain and extend the prestige of Lodge "Rising Star of Western India."

## REVIEWS.

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*John Lillywhite's Cricketers' Companion for 1877.* Thirty-third Edition. London: John Lillywhite, Cricket Warehouse, 10 Seymour-street, Euston-square, N.W. Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

We have received a copy of this invaluable handy-book for the Cricketer. It contains a full record of events and performances during the past season, with the bowling and batting averages of the principal elevens—County, University, Public School, Clubs, local and others, &c., &c.—with comments on the style and success, or defects, of individual players. There is also a Guide to the Cricketer, containing hints on the game by the late John Lillywhite, and several papers by noted amateurs. In fact, all the information that can possibly be needed by a Cricketer, be he amateur or professional, will be found clearly and concisely stated in these pages. No lover of the game can afford to be without it.

*Cassell's Family Magazine.*—Those who have carefully followed the career of "Paul Knox, Pitman," will read with pleasure the present instalment describing the gallant service he rendered in saving the life of an obnoxious "butty," with his splendid treatment of the miner "Ned Foord," the professional athlete, whom he vanquishes in every way. The scene by the canal is well described. "My Guardian," is progressing satisfactorily. Then follow the usual papers, here and there interspersed amongst them, being such excellent short tales as "A Fight at Close Quarters: a Yarn from Ceylon," and "Old Money-Bags," a "Story told over a Counter." There is a short sketch of Covent Garden, some sensible advice to those who may be desirous of entering the Indian Civil Service, directions by Phillis Browne "How to Make Children's Toys," "Chit-Chat on Dress," the usual excellent Gardening Notes for the month, together with Notes by "the Gatherer." We must not forget to mention as among the other contents, that there is a very clever serviceable paper giving hints, for those who may require any, as to "Home Billiards." Mr. B. H. Cowper contributes a very readable description of "Epping Forest and its Ancients Camps." A Family Doctor indulges in "A familiar Chat about Vaccination," and there are some particulars about "Winter Sessions at the London Colleges." We may further mention that the Frontispiece is from a drawing by Mr. Fred. Barnard, and is entitled "Just now we are Selling Valentines."

*The Leisure Hour* has a most excellent programme. The serial "A Young Wife's Story" being one of the chief attractions. For example, there is a very good account of "An Armenian Wedding," and this is followed by a biographical sketch of "The Late Sir Robert Peel, Bart.," he who was Prime Minister, and died in 1850, of injuries received when thrown from his horse. "The State of the Funds" is the title of a most valuable article, in which are shown the amount of the National debt, and the rise and fall of the Government Funds for the years from 1789 to 1876. This is very ingeniously managed, by means of a tabular statement, not unlike at a distance a Berlin wool or shawl pattern, measured according to scale, only in this, there are deep black patches on the space marked for each successive year, showing the highest and lowest quotations for that year. Thus at a glance the reader can obtain a clear notion of the fluctuations to which our funds have been subjected within the period referred to. "Americanisms" is worth reading, while "Zoological Disillusions" is of a lighter character than we find in this periodical. But the papers to which we would rather draw the attention of our readers are those in which are described "Brazil and its Chief Cities," and the second instalment of Miss Bird's impressions of Victoria, under the taking title of "Australia Felix." We may add that Mr. E. Paxton Hood contributes an interesting sketch of the "Great Smith Family, Lineal and Collateral." The illustrations are for the most part as good as usual, that of "Canadian Toboggin," which forms the frontispiece, being particularly so.

We have noticed in the *Sunday at Home* a very neat story, entitled "The Fords of Dingle Nell," by the author of "A Golden Harvest." Though short, it is exceedingly well told. No. II. of "Pictures from Jewish Life" have also impressed us most favourably. Not so, however, "Personal Adventures of a Young Officer during the Peninsular War," though our objection is rather to the manner in which these are related than to the matter they contain. Of the other contents we have been most pleased with "A Wonderful Caro," by the late J. de Liefde, of Amsterdam. Those who have read any of the late de Liefde's works will readily understand how effectually he succeeds in fixing and retaining the attention of his readers. The story is very short and very simple, but it is, perhaps, the more effective on that account. The frontispiece is "My First Sermon," from Mr. Millais' picture, and fills admirably the place assigned to it.

In *The Countries of the World*, Part 6 (Cassell, Petter and Galpin), are several capital illustrations, among them being "Hunting the Prong-horned Antelope with Greyhounds on the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains," "A Winter Hunt in the Saskatchewan Country," and "Birch-bark canoes on the Red River of the North." Among the literary contents, the chief interest will attach to the particulars given about the Fur Trading, and also of the different "Types of the Mountain Men."

Many of the contributions to the *London Magazine* are worth reading. "May Fair," for instance, by one who signs himself "A

London Writer," is more than a passable representation of serial fiction. "Men (and Women) of the Time" will, no doubt, prove useful to the class of people who are fond of collecting lists and indexes. The compiler, Mr. G. Kingfrede Cooper, has been at some pains in preparing this list of eminent personages, who, he tells us, are conspicuous by their absence from Routledge's *Men of the Time*. But, if useful, this list is not exactly what we care to find in a magazine of light literature. Far more appropriate is the true sketch of "A Civil Servant," "Up the Rhine," and the "Story of My Little Lady," by St. D'Arros Planche. There is also, by Mrs. M. A. Baines, a song, to be set to music, bearing the title "Oh, let me Dream that Dream again," which, like all Mrs. Baines's effusions, reads very gracefully. The last verse will convey an excellent idea of the song:

"Dream on, poor soul; while such bright dreams,  
By fancy's art, can set thee free,  
To revel in a world that seems  
Foretaste of blest eternity."

*The Age of Science*, a newspaper of the XXth century, by Merlin Nostradamus, had it been even moderately well written, and had not the same idea been many times worked out in other and more attractive forms, would have been worthy a few minutes' attention. But it in no way realises our idea of what such a paper should be, and we should be sorry to go out of our way to read a line more than is necessary to enable us to form a judgment of it.

We regret to announce that, owing to the state of his health, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will be unable to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Monday next. The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, has, however, very kindly undertaken to supply the vacancy.

## BROTHERHOOD.

Speak kindly to thy erring brother; God pities him; Providence waits for him; Heaven's mercy yearns towards him, and the spirits of the just made perfect are ready to receive him back with joy. Why, then, should not your voice be in unison with all those powers that God is using for his recovery?

Pray for thy erring brother in every prayer  
That thou offerest to the Great Architect's care;  
When in the Lodge, 'midst happiness and joy,  
When charitable thoughts thy heart employ,  
When thy yearnings point to duty's call,  
Then pray for thy brother—pray for all.  
We are all erring, thou might'st well say,  
We have all forgotten God's will to obey.  
True, but there are those more guilty still,  
True they have erred more greatly against His will.  
Pray that they may not be beyond mercy's call,  
Pray for thy erring brother; oh! pray for all.  
Yes, pray for the erring—day by day—  
Yes, even when they wrong thee, brother, then pray—  
That those now in darkness may see the light,  
That their lives, henceforth, be pure and bright.  
Pray, for we all are erring, and may soon fall,  
Pray for thy erring brother; oh! pray for all.

C. Hosgood

## DEATH OF BRO. W. R. BAKER.

WITH feelings of the profoundest sorrow we take pen in hand to chronicle the death of William Richard Baker, of Cripplegate and Camden-square, which took place on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the age of forty-two years. The interment took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Kensal-green Cemetery, in the presence of above 250 of his most intimate friends. At half-past 2 o'clock the hearse drew up in front of his residence in Camden-square, and the body was placed therein. Having moved a few paces off, four mourning coaches drew up, the first three containing his sorrowing and bereaved family. These were followed by twenty-five pair-horse carriages, occupied by some of his oldest friends. The funeral cortege slowly and solemnly wended its way to the cemetery, where it was met by a large concourse of sympathising friends. The body was borne to the church through a line densely formed, and attended to the grave by his brethren and fellow citizens. A wreath of flowers was placed on the coffin, which was of polished oak with brass mountings. The dead silence of the vast assembly around the grave gave proof of the pure feeling of respect which existed for their friend and brother. He was a brother, not only in name but in deed. His ear was never deaf to the appeal of the poor, and his hand was ever open to the cry of the needy. The shortness of his illness, the suddenness of his death, and the loss of his kind and genial countenance, will leave a gap in many a circle which it will take a long time to fill up; and his loss will not only be regretted amongst the Craft, but by a numerous circle of non-Masonic friends to whom he had endeared himself during his whole life, which has been passed in the Ward of Cripplegate. His memory will ever be enshrined in the hearts of those who love truth and honesty above the external advantages of rank and fortune. Amongst his many friends we noticed Messrs. T. Beard, T. Fisher, E. Coleman, S. Haines, B. Bright, J. Carle, J. Foulger, D. Smith, H. Dix, H. Freshwater, J. Constable, J. Lawrence, E. Jones, J. G. Marsh, C. Hosgood, &c., &c.



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FOR

**AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.**

**T**HE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

**H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.**

**R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,**

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

**JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,**  
*Secretary.*

\* \* H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th. 4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

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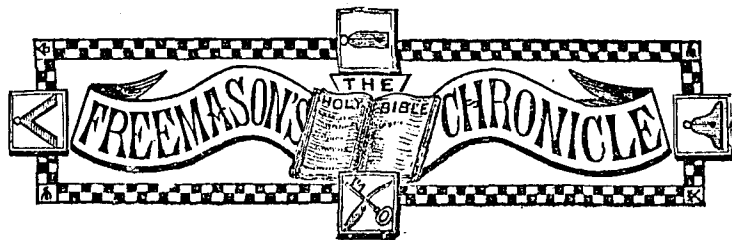
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

**T**HE Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, arrived at Buckingham Palace from Osborne early on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, Quo-Ta-Zhan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of China, was introduced to Her Majesty by the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Sir Thomas Wade then had an audience, and introduced the other members of the Embassy. Later, the Queen presided at a Council, at which were present the Duke of Richmond, the Earls of Derby and Beaconsfield, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the Right Hon. R. A. Cross. On Thursday Her Majesty opened Parliament in person. There were present the Yeomen of the Guard, the principal officers of the Court, various members of the Royal Family, the Queen being accompanied by the Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice. The weather was fine, as it invariably is when Her Majesty appears in public, and therefore there was a considerable crowd along the prescribed route. Barriers had been erected where the pressure of people was likely to be greatest, the Household troops, both cavalry and infantry, together with some 3,000 police being on duty to help preserve order. At the appointed time,

the Queen entered the House of Peers, attended by the great officers of state, the whole assembly—which consisted, by the way, mostly of peeresses—rising to receive her. The House of Commons having been summoned, rushed in pell mell, in accordance with ancient custom, and the speech having been delivered by the Lord Chancellor by Her Majesty's desire, salvoes of artillery announced to the outer world that the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament assembled during this reign was opened for the despatch of business. On the Queen leaving the House of Peers, the whole assembly dispersed, but in the evening both Houses were very well attended in order to hear the debate on the address which, as had been foreseen, was more exciting than almost any debate that has taken place during the last two or three and twenty years. However, our readers have doubtless gleaned all they desire to know on this subject from the daily papers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have likewise returned to town from Sandringham, their Royal Highnesses having been present, as stated, at the opening of Parliament. On Wednesday afternoon, they were both present at the Gaiety Theatre, on the occasion of Mr. John Parry's benefit. It is not necessary we should dwell on the merits of this distinguished public entertainer; they are so generally known and appreciated. We may, however, express the pleasure we feel that the benefit was so marked a success, not merely financially, but as furnishing proof how well Mr. Parry is esteemed and respected by his friends and admirers. The young Princes, Albert Victor and George of Wales, were likewise present, with their father and mother, and no doubt thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We are sorry to hear that the Duke of Connaught met with a slight accident on Wednesday. His Royal Highness was about to attend the meet of the Duhallo hounds, in company with Lord and Lady Listowel, when the latter's horse became restive and kicked the Prince on the leg, severely enough to put a stop to his hunting—for that day at least. We trust this slight mishap will not seriously interfere with the Duke's movements for any length of time.

On Wednesday, of course, the principal party leaders gave their usual Parliamentary banquets. That of the Earl of Beaconsfield was held at the Foreign Office, while the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as the new leader of the House of Commons, gave a dinner at the official residence of the Prime Minister. At the former were present the Dukes of Richmond and Gordon, Buccleuch, Manchester, Northumberland, and Wellington, the Marquises of Bath, Salisbury, Bristol, the Earls of Derby, Malmesbury, Donoughmore, and others. The Right Hon. the Speaker dined with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as did Lord Galway and Mr. Torr, respectively the mover and seconder of the address, Lord J. Manners, Mr. Cross, Sir M. H. Beach, Sir W. Dyke, &c., &c. The Earl of Granville and the Marquis of Hartington, as the Liberal leaders in their respective houses, also entertained their principal supporters.

The week has not passed without additional calamities to record in the shape of wrecks and colliery accidents. It is quite recently we chronicled one of these latter as having occurred in the neighbourhood of Bolton, and caused the loss of eighteen lives, and now another has taken place at Fogg's Pit, Darcy Lear, in the same neighbourhood, by which it is believed that ten lives have been lost. When the men had been at work some hours, those at the pit's mouth were alarmed at the sudden emission of a considerable column of smoke in the return air-shaft, and the usual signal was given to wind up the cage. This was done immediately, and many of those who were brought up were much exhausted, owing to their inhalation of the sulphurous fumes. On the list of names being called, it was found there were ten still missing, and as they are known to have been working at the greatest distance from the pit's mouth, it is not believed to be possible they can have escaped. Parties have been sent down with a view to exploring the pit and recovering the men; but the work is dangerous, and can only be pursued with the greatest caution. Meantime, the greatest anxiety is felt, while the utmost commiseration is shown for the families of those who are supposed to have perished. In the way of wrecks there have been two, both of them being accompanied with a serious loss of life. In the one case, the steamer *George Washington*, on its way from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Newfoundland, was wrecked off Cape Race, all on board, to the number of twenty-four, perishing; in the other, the



Newcastle steamer, *Ethel*, on its way from Bilbao to Newport, Monmouthshire, became enveloped in a fog, and struck on the rocks lying south of Lundy Island, filling and sinking immediately. The captain and eighteen men went down with her, the only survivor being the mate, who managed to get into a boat, and when that was broken to pieces, on to some portions of wreck. Ultimately he reached the shore, but in a very exhausted and bruised condition.

There appears to be a very strong probability that the Easter Monday Review will take place this year. Formerly this was one of the principal events of the year, but for some time past the railways have found it impossible to afford the necessary facilities for the conveyance of so many thousands of men on a Bank Holiday, when their resources are already taxed to the very utmost. Lord Ranelagh, however, is reported to have hit upon a place most suitable in all respects for a review, in the neighbourhood of Dunstable, and latest reports favour this belief, that this old institution of the early Volunteer days will be revived in all its pristine glory.

Another annual event is beginning to assume its wonted degree of importance in the eyes of the British public. Not a day hardly passes but we find notes of the doings of the rival 'Varsity crews. We are told how the places of this or that 'Varsity crew are changed, how this old 'Varsity oarsman coached from the bank, and how certain members were out all the morning in tub pairs, under the immediate eye of the president of his club. All these matters are recorded daily with the most exact minuteness, a fact which betokens that the day of the great struggle is pretty close at hand. The race, indeed, is fixed for the 24th prox., and as Wednesday next will be Ash Wednesday, why there is little difficulty in reckoning the few weeks that will intervene between the commencement of strict practice and the race. Indeed the crews will be in training next week, and almost before we are aware of it we shall hear of their arrival in London, and their doings on the London waters.

The annual meeting of the Seamen's Hospital was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, under the presidency of the Duke of Northumberland. According to the report that was read, the year 1876 left the society indebted to the extent of £1,539 6s. There had been an increase of income derived from voluntary sources, the same being close upon £1,000 above the average of the last ten years, while the receipts derived from legacies were below the average. The expenditure had increased by £1,121, but nearly one half of this arose from the increased cost of provisions. Mr. S. Cave, M.P., moved the acceptance of the report, which was duly accepted and agreed to. In doing this he pointed out that a special appeal should be made to the public in support of an institution which had existed for so many years, and done such good work. Before the meeting broke up some £500 in donations were promised towards making good the deficiency of £1,500. It is hoped the public will show their sense of good work done by liberally supporting this useful Institution.

Of the wonderful changes that occur in the progress of an Eastern political question, we have the latest illustration in the dismissal and banishment of the Grand Vizier, Midhat Pacha. It is but the other day he supplanted his great rival, Mahmoud Ruchdi Pacha, prepared a new Constitution for the whole Turkish empire, and firmly but politely declined to entertain even the mildest of the proposals offered by the Great Powers of Europe for Turkey's acceptance. Hardly, however, has he achieved this brilliant triumph, hardly have the different Ambassadors taken leave of Constantinople, when the Minister, whom no amount of Ambassadorial pressure affected in the slightest degree, is turned ignominiously adrift, and sent no one knows whither. Whether the present Sultan has a taint of his uncle's madness or his brother's imbecility about him, we know not. It seems, however, an act of sheer wantonness on his part to dismiss his most trustworthy minister at, perhaps, the most critical epoch in Turkish history. There are those who attribute this sudden change to the machinations of General Ignatief, who, finding Midhat the resolute enemy of Russian intrigues, and the most capable of successfully resisting them, has been secretly at work undermining Midhat's position, and has, for the moment, succeeded. We should not be in the least surprised if this were the case. Other reasons are assigned for the dismissal of the Grand Vizier, but, whatever the true cause, we cannot but regard the matter

as likely to induce further complications—not immediately, perhaps, but at no very distant date. However, now that our English Parliament is in session, we shall be in a better position to understand all the complex transactions of the past few months, and the present aspect of the question.

We have just received the *Masonic Review* for December. It contains a very elaborate sketch of American Union Lodge, No. 1, jurisdiction of Ohio, to which we may recur in some future issue. Our present purpose is to note the severance of Bro. Cornelius Moore's connection with this magazine, after having piloted it skilfully through all those vicissitudes to which periodical literature is liable. We wish we could have said successfully as well as skilfully, but in such case there would have been no severance to record. It is the very reverse of creditable to our Ohian brethren to find that after a distinguished member of their brotherhood has devoted the energy and ability of a lifetime to promoting, as far as in him lay, the cause of Masonry; after he has worked on the *Masonic Review* throughout forty-eight volumes, that distinguished member should find himself under the necessity of abandoning his task to others who, though not abler or more energetic in the cause of Masonic literature, are financially in a position to continue it. Bro. Moore, we repeat, deserves to have met with a better return for his labours than to find himself, towards the end of a long and well-spent life, in the position he was when he was first admitted into a Lodge of Freemasons. We are pleased to hear that he will give the new editor, Bro. Melish, the benefit of his long experience, and we trust, for the honour of Ohian Masonry, that the latter may experience better fortune. This, indeed, is the only amends our Ohian friends can make for their shabby treatment of Bro. Moore—namely, to support the magazine which owes its being to his energy and ability.

It appears, according to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, that the Grand Orient of Italy has just recognised the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the coloured Grand Lodge of Ohio. We learn further that the Grand Orient of Egypt, by a decree dated 1st November 1876, declines to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a regular Masonic Power, unless the proposition adopted at the annual meeting of the latter in September, relative to Article I. of the Constitution, is withdrawn. Our readers will, no doubt, remember that this proposition has for its object to strike out so much of the Article in question as declares that belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U. is a fundamental principle of Freemasonry; that it was carried by a large majority of votes; and that it only awaits confirmation by the several French lodges in order to become law at the next meeting of the Grand Orient.

The *Masonic Jewel* records an irreparable calamity which has recently befallen the Masonic Grand Bodies of Arkansas. On the 19th December last a fire broke out at Little Rock, in the head quarters of Freemasonry in this State, the result being that all the records, jewels, and paraphernalia, as well as of the subordinate, as of the Grand bodies, were totally destroyed, together with the Grand Lodge Library. The fire attacked the staircase, so that access to the different halls was rendered impossible. Last year, it seems, all the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, Chapter, and Council, were burned just when they were ready for delivery; and the *Jewel* trusts that after this second and more terrible mishap our brethren of Arkansas may be less unfortunate. We fully endorse this wish.

In the *Voice of Masonry* will be found a very elaborate notice by Bro. Hughan, of Bro. Smith's History of the Humber Lodge, now No. 57, published at Hull in 1855. Bro. Hughan points out several errors which need to be corrected, but speaks generally in high terms of Bro. Smith's work. For the benefit of our readers we may as well mention that Humber Lodge has, at the present time, about two hundred and fifty members; that the value of its Hall and furniture is about £2,500; that its "Benevolent and Pension Funds" are in the possession of funds to the extent of close on £5,000; and that, in addition, it has a "Poor Fund" for the education of children of deceased members, and casual relief, and an "Independent Sinking Fund" likewise.

## 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, 10th FEBRUARY.

- 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
 1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

**Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.**

- 45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
 104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 202—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
 605—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
 1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.  
 55—Constitutional, Wheat-sheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Masons Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.  
 R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.  
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
 184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

## WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
 193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
 862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Pinsbury Park, Flusbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1624—Duke of Connaught, Harelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
 281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.  
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
 857—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1312—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
 1424—Browning, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Canoe, Staffs.  
 1582—Manidrees, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.  
 1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

## THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, at 4.  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

## THURSDAY—continued.

- 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. (Instruction.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

## FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—Hervoy, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

## SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

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

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## TUESDAY.

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.  
 R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## WEDNESDAY.

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

## THURSDAY.

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

## FRIDAY.

- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
 TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
 WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's-chapel, St. John's-street.  
 R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.  
 R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.  
 FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

- MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 " 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
 " 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

- TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 " 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
 " 411—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
 " R. A. 60—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

- WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
 " 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 " 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.  
 " R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

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

- FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
 " 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
 " 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.

We learn from the *Hebrew Leader* that on the 18th ult. Bro. Marshall B. Smith was elected Grand Master of New Jersey Grand Lodge; Bro. Nathan Haines D.G.M., Bros. Hamilton Wallis and Joseph W. Martin Senior and Junior Grand Wardens; Bro. Chas. Joetad Grand Treasurer; Bro. Joseph H. Hough Grand Secretary; and Bro. T. H. R. Reaway Assistant Grand Secretary.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—**

The installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Bro. C. Painter's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. G. Angold W.M., W. B. Kiddor S.W., Bateman J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas., J. Snelgrove Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Cleaver, Lemaitre, W. R. Stewart P.G.D., Dudley Rolls, Lilley, S. Rolls, and Bros. Krehl, E. B. Kidder, Crick, Marshall, H. G. Rudderforth, D. Nicols, Mower, Crouch, Frost, Bower, Ruf, Henshaw, Elliot, Cooper, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. J. Kent, who had been balloted for and accepted, was duly initiated into the Order, and Bro. W. J. Beedel was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. W. B. Kiddor S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters, 18 in number, was formed, and Bro. J. Cleaver P.M. duly installed Bro. Kiddor into the chair, in a manner that reflected great credit for its perfect and careful rendering. He was deservedly congratulated at the conclusion by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. having been saluted, proceeded to invest his officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Angold I.P.M., D. Nicols S.W., Bateman J.W. Leopold Ruf, Father of the Lodge, Treas., re-invested for the eleventh time, amid the enthusiastic applause of the brethren. G. S. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., R. Coombs J.D., T. K. Freeman I.G., Rudderforth D.C., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. gave notice, "That the number on the Lodge roll being complete, the initiation and joining fee in future be fifteen guineas." Brother Kiddor W.M. then, amid the congratulations of the brethren, presented an elegant gold jewel, with suitable inscription, to the retiring Master, Bro. G. Angold I.P.M. for the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Angold briefly returned thanks, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, sixty-two in number, sat down to a banquet provided by Bros. G. and A. Painter, that gave unqualified satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem. The toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he was proud that one of the members of the Lodge had been selected as a Grand Officer—all who knew him respected him. He referred to Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., whose name he would couple with the toast, which was acknowledged by Bro. Stewart. Bro. Angold I.P.M. then rose. He had to propose a toast that he was sure they would receive with pleasure, the health of the W.M. (loud cheers.) He and the W.M. had worked together in Masonry, and he knew his qualifications. His best services he was sure would be at the disposal of the Lodge. Bro. Snelgrove then sang an excellent buffo song; he was accompanied by Bro. F. Meen. The W.M. on rising to respond was greeted with loud applause. He thanked the brethren cordially and sincerely for the enthusiastic manner the toast had been received. He appreciated the honour of being placed at the head of so influential and ancient a Lodge, every member of which is entitled to wear the centenary jewel. They had also a Grand Officer among the Past Masters. He hoped to be enabled to carry out the duties of the chair satisfactorily, and nothing should be wanting on his part to merit their approbation. To the Past Masters he naturally looked for assistance, they were eminently qualified to render it. The officers he had invested that evening he knew would co-operate with him, and he entered upon his duties with every confidence. He might say for himself and officers,

"Be to our faults a little blind,  
And to our virtues very kind."

He hoped on his retirement from the chair to hear he had done his duty. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He mentioned their names seriatim, and spoke of the able and valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Angold I.P.M. replied: he saw Past Masters who had been in that capacity over 20 years; he was, he might say, only a few hours old; he saw one among them, Bro. L. Ruf, the Father of the Lodge and the respected Treasurer. He as well as every Past Master would only be too happy to render assistance if required of them. The W.M. then gave the Visitors. They were not only numerous but also distinguished. He mentioned their names, and coupled with the toast the name of Fred. Binckes P.G.S. (Cheers.) Bro. Binckes replied, with his customary eloquence, and was followed by Bro. J. Binge, who said it was just 20 years since he last visited the Lodge, and that was at the installation of Bro. Leopold Ruf, a brother whom all were proud to see among them. Bro. Jardine also said he hailed from New York, he was proud to be an American Mason, Bro. George Washington was the 1st Grand Master, and Bro. Abraham Lincoln, the late respected President, made the slaves free; that was something to be proud of. Should any of the brethren visit his country, he was sure American Masons would give as hearty a welcome as he had received that night. (Cheers.) Bro. George Honey, in admirable style, then sang "Simon the Collarer," which was loudly encored. Bro. J. Kent, the newly initiated brother, very appropriately returned thanks. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said the former brother had been among them for 30 years, he is esteemed for his genuine worth, and also for the efficient manner he had always discharged his duties. The same remarks might be applied to the worthy Secretary, whose duties are always fully appreciated. After a song from Bro. Hogarth, Bro. L. Ruf, who on rising was cordially greeted, said he had been invested as Treasurer for the eleventh time, and he felt it an honour for his name to be associated with the toast. He was pleased to see the Lodge in so flourishing a condition, he was proud to see so many members now, for he remembered when only eighteen met. He felt a pride in being associated with this Lodge, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be among them. His services were always at their com-

mand. Bro. Snelgrove also replied. After the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was proposed by Bro. Stewart, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Wardens." He trusted he had given satisfaction by his selection, and hoped the Senior Warden, Bro. Nicols, would receive at their hands the same kindness they had shown him. He was a resident of another country, but his heart was in the right place, and his charity knew no bounds. He was a Vice President of the Institutions, and qualified to occupy the position of S.W. (Cheers.) The J.W. was one whom all respected. The same remarks might be applied to each officer, who, in turn, would merit the suffrages of the brethren. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The following brethren were present as visitors:—A. Bird 7, W. B. Shackleton W.M. 1521, J. Robins P.M. 452, A. F. Rowley W.M. 917, R. Davids 1470, W. Marks W.M. 1612, Durham, Fountainmerr 115, 85, L. Cartier 11, E. Grabham W.M. 19 P.G.S.W. Middlesex, E. Legge 1196, C. Coleman Royal Albert, Themans P.M. 141, J. Blum P.M. 1119, L. Stean P.M. 917, Warner Sleigh Kennington Lodge, T. H. King No. 72, F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Honey No. 1319, F. Binge, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—**

This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., Saunders Secretary, Oldroyd S.D., F. Hallows J.D., Appleby I.G.; also Bros. Upward Brand, Cambridge, Mumford, Franklin, Evannett, Brown. Business.—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cambridge acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Franklin acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Groome was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—**

At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 8th February. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Hogarth S.W., Maidwell J.W., Grammer S.D. and Sec., Horsley J.D., Hollands I.G., Webb Preceptor *pro tem*, and several others. The ceremony of the 2nd degree was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hogarth will fill the chair next Thursday.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—**

A meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday the 5th inst. Present—Bros. Killick W.M., Powell S.W., Millward J.W., Cook S.D., Piercy J.D., Curry I.G., A. W. Fenner Sec., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Christopher Tyler, Robinson, Leber, Parkinson, Saul, Weedon, Alford, Halford, Gay, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Tolmie worked the 5th and 6th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Parkinson (46) and Leber (1366) were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Powell, and seconded by Bro. Halford, "That this Lodge of Instruction be removed to more convenient premises." After some discussion, the proposition was carried unanimously; it was also decided that the Lodge be removed to the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, near Goswell-road. A proposition that the Lodge hold its first meeting at its new quarters on the last Monday in the present month was also agreed to. The necessary alterations in the Bye-laws were then formally settled. It was also unanimously agreed that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the first meeting night of the Lodge at the old Rodney's Head, Bro. Tolmie having kindly consented to work the same. Bro. Fenner was requested to report the same to the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, in the hope that brethren—other than members of the Lodge—may find it convenient to attend, as the situation of the future place of meeting is most central. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—**

The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Lewis Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. Auerhaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert Grand Pursuivant P.M. Secretary, M. Hymans S.D., Campion J.D., Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C. P.M.'s Bros. A. Dodson, L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams F.G.S., M. Alexander, E. Hunt, S. Hickman, and Bros. S. Davies, Langley, A. Auerhaan, J. L. Shater, Rohman, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Osborne was balloted for and duly initiated. Bros. Buck and Wilenski were passed to the second degree. Bro. M. Spiegel then called the attention of the brethren, and, though the Lodge of Joppa, of the Craft in general, to the following facts: In one of the Grand Lodges in Germany is an existing law, "That only believers in Christianity can be admitted into Freemasonry." Such a law in the present enlightened age is against every principle of humanity. He then moved, that this Lodge appoint a committee to co-operate with the other Jewish Lodges, as the brethren most aggrieved in Europe, jointly, to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to this obnoxious law. Bros. Israel Abrahams P.M., L. Alexander P.M., and Hymans S.D. having spoken in favour of the resolution, it was carried. A committee was appointed of the former brethren and Bro. Spiegel, for the purpose of making arrangements. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of slight refreshment.



The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M., Wardens, Visitors and Officers were given. Bros. M. Levy 1017, Stunt 1641, Goldsmith 339, and Barbo 1533, were present.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 63.**—A numerous assemblage of members of this Lodge sat down to the annual supper, which was provided in a very sumptuous manner, by Bro. Maidwell, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 6th February. Bro. Carruthers W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. Rudderforth S.W., Ellis J.W. The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with vocal harmony by the following brethren:—Bros. Carruthers, Brown, Hogarth, Dart, Richards, White. Bros. Rudderforth and Maidwell rendered a duet, which was rapturously received. Excellent speeches were made by Bros. Carruthers, Daniel, Maidwell, Holtham, Hollands, &c.; and the manner in which the Craft supported this Lodge of Instruction was commented upon. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

**Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.**—The regular monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, 29th January, at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, was supported by Bros. W. Sharp P.M. Prov. G.J.W. as S.W., John R. Young J.W., W. H. Robinson I.P.M., A. H. Young S.D., James Paterson J.D., James Hannah as I.G., John Bowes P.M. (Prov. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland) Hon. Sec., John Armstrong (S.W. No. 1250) Treas., J. S. Patten, P. J. Edolston P.M., and other members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Richard Walker Francombe, of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 269, Blackburn, as a joining member. The result was unanimously in that brother's favour, and he, being in waiting, was announced as "a member of this Lodge." The W.M. said the next business was a source of extreme pleasure to him. In the name of the Lodge it was his privilege to place upon the I.P. Master's breast a massive gold P.M.'s jewel. The jewel was inscribed:—"Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington. Presented to Bro. W. H. Robinson, by the Lodge, in acknowledgment of able services as W.M. A.L. 5876." He would not dilate on Bro. Robinson's merits in his presence, but he must be permitted, as the representative of the members, to say that it was many years since the Lodge was presided over by so young a brother. He had, moreover, performed all the duties of his office in an able manner, and he assured him his services were very highly appreciated by every member of the Lodge. He would not trespass further on their time; but he should be glad if the Secretary would supplement his remarks with a few words of wisdom. Bro. Bowes was glad of the opportunity, and addressing Bro. Robinson, said—The jewel which the W.M. has just placed on your breast, as a gift from the Lodge, is one that you are entitled to wear, having filled the office of Master of this Lodge during the past year. The jewel is a square with the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid pendent therefrom, and is intended by the Constitutions of our Ancient Order to mark your rank as a Past Master. This proposition of Euclid's Elements is one of the most important discoveries of the learned Brother Pythagoras, who flourished 555 years B.C., and in the joy of his heart he is said to have exclaimed, *Eureka*, "I have found it," and to have sacrificed a hecatomb. As the figure depends upon several lines, angles, and triangles, as shown in the diagram before you, so Freemasonry depends upon its several members, and the principles upon which the Institution is established. Some of our brethren, from their station in life, standing as they do on the basis of earthly bliss, are emblematical of the great angle which subtends the right angle; others, blessed with means to tread the flowery meads of prosperity and affluence, are descriptive of the squares which stand on the sides; those brethren who enjoy every social comfort and never exceed the bounds of mediocrity, symbolize the triangles within the square; and those who have the satisfaction of administering to the wants of the indigent and industrious, may be compared to the triangle which surrounds and supports the figure; whilst the lines which form it may remind us of those brethren who are incapable of providing the necessities of life unless aided by cheerful and ready assistance. May the lessons taught by your beautiful jewel ever influence your actions for good, while treading the thorny path of this life, so that when you are summoned to the Grand Lodge above you may receive a much more glorious jewel—one which will never fade away. Bro. Robinson made a feeling response, and assured the brethren that when elected W.M. he determined to try to do his duty, and if he had succeeded to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The beautiful and costly jewel they had given him he should ever treasure with pride. After some propositions, the Lodge was closed.

**Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Mr. W. H. Davies was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The election of Master then took place, and Bro. E. Jones was duly elected as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Kenning was also re-elected Treasurer. The somewhat sudden death of Bro. W. Baker, an old member, having been announced, the old and many young members retired.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 192.**—This Lodge met at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Wednesday the 7th inst. Bro. Abell occupied the Worshipful Master's chair. Bros. Turner was S.W., Sayer J.W., E. Gotthell P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Hon. Treas., J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec., Fenner S.D., Lay J.D., Walker I.G., Christopher Tyler, Past Master

Bloomfield and a full complement of usual attendants were also present. The first ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. I. P. Cohen W.M. of 205 acting as candidate. The second candidate of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Walker, and the third by Bro. Constable, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Turner was elected Master for the next meeting, when, according to the bye-laws, the second ceremony and lecture will be given. Bro. Abbot will deliver the fourth of his series of Lectures at this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday the 28th inst.

**Lodge Commercial, No. 360.**—Held its regular meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Oliver D.M., with Bro. McPherson P.M. as S.W., Mitchell J.W., J. Pattison S.D., A. Burnett I.G., J. Minnock Tyler. The acting Master, Bro. Oliver, said he was sorry to have to read a letter from the R.W.M., who was prevented by illness from being present on this occasion. There being three Fellow Crafts to be passed, he would ask Bro. D. Lamb to perform that ceremony. Two brethren were then raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being most carefully and elaborately worked by Bro. Lamb. There being no other work, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Consecration of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 592, Polmadie.**—This interesting ceremony was performed on Wednesday, the 31st ult., by Col. Campbell, of Blythwood, P.G.M. of Renfrowshire East, and D.G.M. for Scotland, in a most satisfactory style. The following officers were installed:—Bros. R. Nesbit R.W.M., T. White D.M., W. Clark S.M., A. C. Kellir S.W., J. Grey Sec., J. C. Shand Treas., Walter Gunn S.D., G. Cater J.D., W. Milton S.S., W. Gourlay B.B., G. Stark I.G., G. Read Tyler. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Nesbit, had invited the P.G. officers, as well as the officers of his own Lodge, the Masters and Wardens of the Thornliebank and Paisley Lodges, and some of the visiting brethren from Glasgow, to a beautiful repast at his residence, Eastfield House, where ample justice was done to his bounty, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to. The P.G.M., in the course of his remarks, paid some well-merited compliments to the officers of the new Lodge, saying he thought it promised to become one of the best working Lodges in his province, if they only continued as they had that day began.

**Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, 31st January, at the Assembly Room, Market Hall, Chesterfield, by special dispensation. Present—Bros. T. F. Hale W.M., R. H. Robinson S.W., W. W. Jendwine J.W., C. J. White Sec., W. M. Hewitt Treas., Arthur Milner S.D., J. G. Knighton J.D., Geo. Lee D.C., C. G. Busby I.G., H. W. Smith Tyler. Past Masters Bros. S. Foulds, Geo. Haslehurst, W. M. Hewitt, George Haslehurst, G. A. Rooth, and H. Osborne. Visitors—Bros. Cox 253, Horsley, and H. J. Foulds 253, R. Strafford 731, Stamford, Cupar and Schofield 1028, Moore 1235, Hawksley, Hayes, Jervis, and Gurnett 139, Pawson and Drury 296, and Whitham 850. Business—Installation of Bro. W. W. Jendwine as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. F. Hale. The W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—R. H. Robinson S.W., C. J. White J.W., Smithson Sec., W. M. Hewitt Treas., C. G. Busby S.D., J. Gould J.D., Lee D.C., A. Milner Steward, Mills I.G., H. W. Smith Tyler. A banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, at which there were about sixty present, including the above visitors.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The weekly meeting of the above took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 6th February. Bro. W. J. Smith W.M., Dr. Defriez S.W., Barker J.W., Lay S.D., Cambridge J.D., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. A. C. Macklin, Brown, Lovelock, Fieldwick, Coombes, Hewlett, Wordell, &c. The Lodge was opened with due formality, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., and the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Defriez was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 7.30.

**Welch Pool Lodge, No. 998.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 2nd February, at the Railway Station, Welch Pool. The W.M., Bro. T. R. Morris, opened his Lodge in the 1st and 2nd degrees, and entrusted Bro. the Rev. Alfred Whitlow, who retired, and the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree. Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. then ascended the pedestal, and Bro. Whitlow was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree, and Mr. William T. Parker J.P. (previously balloted for) was initiated. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Owen retained possession of the pedestal, and informed the brethren that he had a sad and painful task to perform, but one that he should have been extremely jealous of any one else—under present circumstances—doing, and that was, to announce to them the death of the first Master of the Lodge No. 998. On Monday last, it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to erase the name of Thomas William John Goldsbro' off the list of those various earthly Lodges which had been honoured by his connection with them, but he expressed a firm conviction that it was now enrolled on the tablets of the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Owen reminded the Lodge that by the loss they had sustained he now was in the position of Senior P.M., and sorry was he that so soon, and by such an event, he had attained so high a position in his mother Lodge. He was the only one present that evening who was also



present on 4th March 1864, when, working under dispensation previous to consecration, our late Bro. Goldsbro' opened the first Masonic Lodge in his native town; for, although resident in London, the Doctor was designated as first Master, and that during the two years he had held the office he presided at 23 meetings, and had initiated 44 candidates. The death of Bro. Goldsbro' came extremely sudden to him (Bro. Owen), as it was only on the Sunday he had received a letter from Dr. Goldsbro' in reply to one of his, in which he had asked him to write and invite (in his name) the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, to be present at the anniversary, on the 29th of March, and in 36 hours afterwards the silver thread was broken. When he recollected the time when he was initiated by Bro. Goldsbro', and his (after the banquet) asking him (Bro. Owen) to be sure to stick fast to 998, a promise how glad he was now that he had kept, he could hardly realise that no more within their walls would be heard that voice, so impressive in its manner, teaching us all the beauties of his beloved Masonry; the kind look no more to shed light and lustre amongst us, and the want of that kindly council given as soon as asked, that had enabled him (Bro. Owen) to help to steer 998 in difficulties and in dangers into a sea of rest. But not only would the loss be felt in 998, it would extend all over the Province, for when this Lodge was consecrated there had not been a new one opened for six years, and during the last thirteen years Bro. Goldsbro' had (at the request of the Pro. G.M.) consecrated fourteen new Lodges. The Marlborough Lodge, Woodstock, the Prince of Wales Chapter, Tredegar, and their own Chapter received the same great service at his hands. He was also the first P.Z. of 998, and arrangements were made for him to consecrate the Towyn and Rhyl Lodges in the summer. In addition, our late brother was a P.M. of Jordan 201, and a P.Z. of Jerusalem 185, and had served the office of Steward to the three Charities, and was also a Past Prov. G. Senior Warden of North Wales and Shropshire. Before concluding, Bro. Owen expressed a sure hope that many a long year would elapse before the name of Goldsbro' would cease to be a revered and "household word" in 998, and it was with a sad heart that he had to move that a vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family of the one to whom he owed his entrance into—and the whole of his knowledge of—Freemasonry. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Withy P.M., who spoke in the most feeling terms of the loss sustained, not only in the Lodge, but also as a precious and sincere friend. He would wish to add, further, to mark their sense and feeling, that the Lodge clothe itself in mourning until after the June meeting. The above propositions were carried in solemn silence. In addition to the above, Bro. Collender P.M. 998 and W.M. of the Llanidloes Lodge, which was consecrated by Bro. Goldsbro', intimated his intention to insert on their next Lodge summons a request that the brethren of 1582 would appear in mourning, and Bro. F. Britton P.M. 850 and 998 and W.M. of the Cedewain Lodge, which also was consecrated by Bro. Goldsbro', expressed his intention to act in the same manner. Bro. Owen then informed the brethren that the time had now arrived when it was necessary to elect a W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonth. The lot fell unanimously on the S.W., Bro. Grahame Brown, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Withy P.M. returned thanks for being re-elected Treasurer. The worthy old Tyler, Bro. Sergeant Barnard, was also re-elected. Bro. D. P. Owen then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Bro. Thos. R. Morris, for the many services that he had done for the Lodge, not only during his year of office but also during the two years that he had held the office of Secretary. This was seconded by the S.W. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the anniversary, 29th March.

¶ **Southam Lodge, No. 1054.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on 5th February, at the Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Present—Bros. Richard Nichols W.M., James Crooke S.W., John Jamieson J.W., Henry William Smith Secretary, Robert Kenyon Treasurer, John Drummond I.G., Joseph Yarwood Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Fred. Keeley, P. M. Watson and Schofield. Visitor—Bro. C. Morehouse P.M. Lodge No. 274. After preliminaries, Mr. William Mitchell was initiated.

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.**—This Lodge met on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. W. T. Lover W.M. in an able manner passed Bros. Bailey, Gibbs, Judge, Gehringer, and Parratt, and initiated Messrs. H. Tarryer, T. Turk, and J. Long. Ten guineas was given to a distressed brother, once a member of the Lodge, and five guineas to a deceased member's widow. The Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. Present: Bros. W. Batchelor S.W., F. Garbett J.W., F. H. Elsworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Stock S.D., J. Porter J.D., T. Simpson I.G., J. A. Smith P.M., G. J. Grace, P.M., &c. The Visitors were Bro. E. John P.M. 879, W. Richardson 72, R. Reynold 169, G. Dyke 141, Wren P.M. 1056, Nicolson P.M. 101, H. Hyman 141, H. Haywood 106, A. Thomson J.W. 1416, W. Thompson 72, W. D. Loewenstark S.W. 1360, &c.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The ordinary meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday the 6th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C. Present—Comps. E. Gottheil Z., John Cox H., J. Constable J., T. W. White S.E., M. Loewenstark S.N., J. Highe P.S., E. Legg, R. P. Tebb, G. J. Row, C. Nash, H. McPherson, J. B. Sorrell, G. L. Walker, G. Lemann, G. B. Finney, W. M. Goss, P. A. Nairne, A. Barfield, P. Wagner, S. W. P. Moore, Catterson, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walker acting as candidate. One clause of the Lecture was worked by Comp. Gottheil, assisted by the Companions. The convocation was then adjourned. Comps. Goss, Tebb, Loewenstark and Walker were elected members. Comp. E. Gottheil P.Z. will again occupy the first Principal's chair at next meeting.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 2nd February, at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Oldroyd W.M., Lane S.W., Andrews J.W., A. W. Fenner S.D., Cleverley J.D., Townsend I.G. Bros. Simpson, Bolton, Lupinsky, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes were then read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

**Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.**—Met on Tuesday the 6th instant, at the Regent Masonic hall. Bro. Gorton Adkins was passed. The ceremony of installing our popular Bro. J. Perry Godfrey into the chair, was then most impressively performed by Bro. Allworth, the retiring W.M., after which the new Master signalled the day of his installation by initiating Messrs. J. E. Beckett and James G. Wilkin, with equal efficiency and solemnity. Bros. W. H. Muggeridge W.M. 1328, and J. A. Burgan 1622, were elected joining members. After a well served banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; after which the W.M. proposed the health of the initiates, whom he had known for many years. Bro. Wilkin, always a good fellow, could not but become a better henceforward. Bro. Beckett was his old brother officer in the Irish Rifles; he had been best man at that brother's wedding, and felt that in initiating him that evening he had again done the proper thing. Bros. Beckett and Wilkin expressed their thanks. The latter stated that some years back, his friend the W.M. on learning his desire to become a Mason, had begged him to wait until he should give the word. He had waited until Bro. Godfrey was in the chair to initiate him; had it been ten or fifteen years he would have done the same; and he fully intended to reflect credit upon the friend who had initiated him at last. W. Bro. Allworth proposed the health of the W.M., whose Masonic career he had watched with interest from the day, whilst yet a raw recruit, that he declared his intention not to slacken his endeavours until he had attained the chair. He had attained it, and the faultless working they had seen that day, had amply justified the ambition. W. Bro. Perry Godfrey returned thanks, and said that when he first found himself in office, he had felt it a duty to his father in Masonry thoroughly to qualify himself for the career before him. To that end, although the duties of the world weighed heavily upon him, he determined not to accept the chair until he had proved himself thoroughly qualified in a Lodge of Instruction to fulfil its duties. This he had done. As in his past career, so in the future, that which he professed to undertake he expected to carry out. Some good speeches were made by Bros. Bigg, Rose, Dr. Cross and others. The proceedings were diversified by loyal and humorous songs, exquisitely rendered by Bro. Vernon, and an effective duet by Bros. Bigg and Williams. Quite a number of visitors were present; amongst whom we noticed Bros. E. J. Hartly W.M. of 1201, J. Norton W.M., 969, Rose P.M. and Preceptor of 73, and W.M. of 1622: Mander W.M. of 1201, Canton W.M. of 1475, Hall, Vyse, A. S. Godfrey, Barker, Spencer, Garner, Captain Howitt, and Dr. Payne.

**Beaminster Lodge, No. 1367.**—Held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 1st of February, at the Lodge Room, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster, Dorset. Present—Bros. Edward Gapper Legg W.M., John Hine P.M. acting S.W., Edward Holland J.W., Samuel Cox Sec., James Andrews P.M. Treas., Edward Toleman S.D., J. S. Webb P.M. D.C., Toby P.M. Steward, William Murrant I.G., F. Long Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. Purkis and James Broad. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Montague Guest, as to the claim of Bro. Lovelace, Provincial Grand Tyler, and a sum was voted to purchase a life governorship (for this Lodge) for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Lovelace's claims were heartily responded to by the brothers subscribing to purchase votes on his behalf. Bro. James Broad was passed to the second degree, and Mr. John Williams, of Beaminster, having been ballotted for, and unanimously elected, was properly prepared and initiated in ancient form in the mysteries and privileges of the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Hine, it was carried unanimously that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family of our late lamented Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Joseph Gundry, sympathising in their bereavement, and expressing the high esteem in which Bro. Gundry was held in this Lodge and the Province generally. The Lodge was closed in peace, order, and harmony, at 9.15, after which the brethren retired to refreshment.

**New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.**—On Saturday last, at New Cross Hall, the regular meeting was held. Bro. F. Walters P.P.J.D. Middlesex P.M., Treasurer, opened the Lodge. He raised Bro. A. Macgilvary. He initiated Messrs. Swain, Knibbs, Willson and Thornton, the W.M. Bro. W. B. Woodman completing the ceremony. He installed Bro. H. Keeble W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. H. Thielley P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 145, W.M. elect 1423, S.W., W. A. Simmons J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer, Grammant Secretary, L. Beck S.D., H. J. Green P.M. 1538, W.M. 1275, J.W., S. Jewell I.G., E. Smith D.C., W. B. Woodman I.P.M., W. S. Church Tyler. E. M. Hubbuck gave the working tools explanation in the three degrees, and address to the W.M.; W. Smeed the address to the Wardens, and F. Walters the address to the brethren. The W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. W. B. Woodman with a massive ten guinea P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the Lodge funds. It bears a suitable inscription, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. W. B.

Woodman. All the work was well done, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned. A banquet followed, when the usual toasts were given. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex P.M., J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524, G. Macdonald W.M. 1158, and others.

**Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613.**—At the meeting on the 2nd of February, Bro. Ingram was raised, and Bros. Gibbs and Holliday were passed. Bro. Coste I.P.M. proposed, Bro. C. J. Benson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. W. R. Baker, on the death of her husband, Bro. W. R. Baker, of Cripplegate Ward. The funeral was conducted from his residence, 16 South Villas, Camden-square, the hearse being followed by a long string of carriages containing his friends and members of the Cripplegate Lodge. The interment took place in Kensal Green Cemetery, where his friends had assembled to the number of near on 300 to testify the great esteem and respect in which Bro. W. R. Baker was held by the Ward of Cripplegate, and by his friends elsewhere.

**Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.**—This Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Friday, 2nd February, at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. W. F. Raymond W.M., Chas. E. Soppet S.W., W. E. Gordon Leith J.W., Donald M. Dewar Secretary, Hyde Pullen Treasurer, H. R. Gill S.D., Samuel Browne D.C. and Steward, H. M. Sydney I.G., also Bros. Gass, Percy Leith P.G.D., J. Dunning, G. R. Matthews, Geo. T. Robinson and others. Visitors: Bros. Richard W. Smith (St. Paul's Lodge, Boston, U.S.), Chas. E. Parden (Prudence Lodge, No. 388). Business—The Lodge being opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. S. H. D'Avignon, of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, was elected a joining member. Mr. Geo. W. Tustin having been approved on ballot, was duly initiated. Bros. Dunning and Gass were passed to the second degree; and Bro. G. R. Matthews was raised to the sublime degree, all the ceremonies being performed by V.W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, in his usual masterly style. Bro. Pullen officiated at the request of the W.M., who was suffering from indisposition. A gentleman was then proposed for initiation at next meeting; after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.**—Held its installation meeting on 1st February, the V.W.P.G.M. Bro. Col. Walter Montgomery Nelson presiding, supported on the dais by Bros. F. A. Barrow D.P.G.M., John Baird S.P.G.M., J. Gilles P.G.T., W. H. Beckerton P.G.S., J. Ritchie P.G.A., R. Robb P.G.M., T. Halket P.G.D. of M. In the absence of the P.G.W. the chair of P.G.S.W. was filled by Bro. Dr. McInnis R.W.M. 27, and that of J.W. by Jas. Thompson R.W.M. 102. At the request of the P.G.M. Bro. Barrow, his deputy, proceeded to install the officers, a list of whom was given in our last week's account of the election. The P.G.M. himself investing each of them with their jewel of office. Bro. Barrow then passed a high eulogium on the S.D. Bro. John Morgan, their interim Secretary, stating that in the 16 years he had acted as D.P.M. he had never found a brother who had so zealously performed the duties, and as he had declined to take the proportion of salary due for the time he had filled that post he now moved that the sum of £10 be voted to present him with a suitable testimonial of their appreciation of his conduct. This was carried by acclamation. The subject of Grand Lodge business for the ensuing Monday was then discussed, and some rather sharp remarks were passed on certain of the officials by Bros. Barrow, McCannicush and others. Bro. D. M. Nelson G.S.D. requested the brethren to suspend their judgment till they saw what the Officers elected in November would do; he could assure them that they must effect some sweeping reforms. The P.G.M. concurred in these remarks, still he thought it would be well for the Glasgow brethren to be in their places on Monday to assist in this object. He was sorry to find that his own efforts to improve the status of Masonry had not been responded to as he could have wished. He thought the possession of a Provincial Grand Lodge Hall a very necessary thing; he was sorry to find that after the sum paid, £180 now, and about £60 being promised, that his efforts were not appreciated, and that he could have put his money to a better use. Bro. J. Kennaird R.W.M. 73, Dr. McInnis 27, and J. Murray 103 were appointed auditors. The report of the Provincial Benevolent Fund shewed that £47 had been given in charity during the past quarter.

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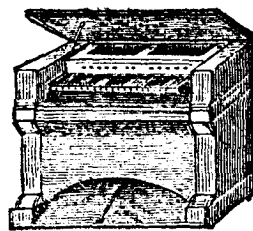
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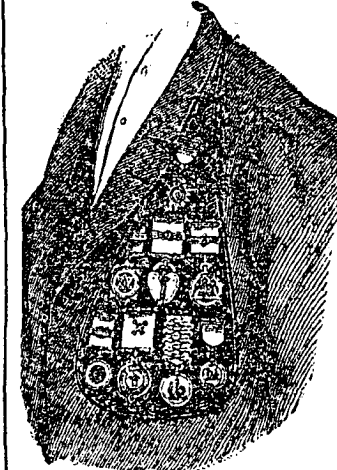
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