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## THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

AT the Quarterly Communication, to be held on Wednesday next, after the minutes of the last Quarterly and the Special Meeting on the 3rd January have been read and confirmed, the M.W. Grand Master will recommend the adoption of the motion passed on the latter occasion, when it was determined to present the sum of £4,000 to the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, for the purpose of building, furnishing, and endowing two additional Life-Boats, as a memorial, in perpetuity, of H.R.H. the Grand Master's safe return from his visit to India. Then will take place the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. The reports of the Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes will then be submitted for approval. The former recommends certain grants of money, amounting together to £600. The latter brings under notice certain irregularities committed by two provincial Lodges, in passing and raising sundry brethren at shorter intervals than are prescribed by the Constitutions, and the penalties inflicted by the said Board in consequence. To this latter report is appended a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, on the 16th ult., showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6,997 19s 2d, together with the usual balances, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty expenses and servants' wages. The report of the auditor for the year 1876 will then be read, and certain appeals made against a decision (a) of the D. Prov. Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Hunts, and (b) of the Board of General Purposes. Then will follow two motions. The first of these will be brought forward by Bro. the Rev. H. J. Hatch, W.M. No. 160, to the effect that a Masonic Temple, with more extended accommodation, and worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of the Craft, be erected, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some conspicuous part of London, and that to this end a committee be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote this object. The new Temple thus to be erected might also form a lasting memorial of the Grand Master's visit to India. The second motion is by Bro. Benjamin Mallam, P.M. 108, who proposes that a sum of money be voted to the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficient to allow the Committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of infant orphans of Freemasons. As to the first of these motions, we are not in the secrets of our Rev. Bro. Hatch. We cannot, therefore, even divine the nature of the arguments he will adduce in support of his proposition. It is not to be denied that on important occasions, when the attendance of members is unusually large, Grand Lodge is inconveniently crowded, and, doubtless, this will form the chief ground of his motion. But in all respects the Hall, though it may not accord with the more expensive tastes of the time, is not unworthy of the Craft. The simpler Masonry is in its tastes and habits the better. The receipts of Grand Lodge are considerable, and show annually, as the Pro Grand Master said at the Special Communication in January, a large surplus. But the demands on its Charity are increasing likewise, while our three Institutions have already a hard battle to fight in order to raise the necessary funds for their maintenance, and enable them to keep pace with the heavier claims which are now made on their resources. The sum that was raised last year towards their support was considerable, and we trust that when the present year is ended it will be

found that a still greater sum has been raised on their account. But there is such a thing as "having too many irons in the fire." There is no doubt the English Craft, as a body, is wealthy. Its members stand well in society, and its importance is steadily on the increase. But we must not attempt too many things at once. The Girls' School will shortly accommodate over two hundred pupils. In May next, the number of annuitants, male and female together, on the Benevolent Fund, will be raised from 243 to 273, and there are in addition twelve other females in receipt of more modest pensions. A scheme is now under consideration for the purpose of raising the number of pupils in the Boys' School from about 180 to 300. Once all these additional claims on our Charitable Institutions have been established, it will require still more strenuous efforts to be made yearly in order to satisfy them. What suffices now for their maintenance will not suffice when the numbers have been thus greatly enlarged. Grand Lodge may need more extended accommodation, but we must not trespass too far on the benevolence of the Craft. We already have in hand a large amount of charitable work which must be done. There never was a time when the Fraternity generally were better able or more willing to satisfy the claims of charity. But the construction of a suitable Temple, "on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London," will be costly. The new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia cost over a million and a half of dollars, or about £300,000 in English money. The Grand Lodge of New York is at the present time in debt to the extent of between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars on account of its new Temple, opened in June 1875. Nor do we imagine that the erection of a similar structure in some favoured spot in our metropolis, would be in any respect less costly. The site alone would probably cost a large fortune, for land in London commands a very high price, while the structure itself would require a still larger expenditure, to say nothing of the furniture and fittings which would be needed in order to make it suitable for Masonic purposes. Let us then be content with what we have already. If not as large and commodious as we could wish, it has at least the merit of satisfying the ordinary requirements of Grand Lodge. For the present let us turn our whole and undivided attention to the necessities of different Charitable Institutions.

The motion of Bro. Mallam must be described as inopportune. We have said a plan is now being considered for the extension of the Boys' School, and one of the propositions which will be brought under the notice of the House Committee of that Institution is to establish a Preparatory School for small children. This, of course, would meet the case of the small boys. Let us know, first of all, the decision of the House Committee before any further proposition is made, and likewise ascertain if a similar proposal in connection with the Girls' School may not be practicable. Nothing, at all events, will be lost by waiting the issue of a well-digested plan. And if Grand Lodge is at a loss to dispose of its surplus funds, we know no better way of appropriating them than by increasing its annual grants to our existing Charities. This seems to us, at all events, a far preferable course to that of giving money for the purpose suggested in Bro. Mallam's motion.

It remains for us to add that attached to the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication on 6th December, the usual statements of account, showing in the first place, the receipts in detail from the different Lodges during the quarter ended the 30th September, and then the receipts and expenditure for the same period of (a)

the Fund of Benevolence and (b) the Fund of General Purposes. The receipts in the former case amount to £2,983 11s 10d, including a balance brought forward of £1433 12s 5d, half year's interest on Consols £630 4s 11d, and contributions of Lodges £899 15s 6d. The expenditure reached £1,223, leaving a balance in hand of £1,760 11s 10d. The Fund of General Purposes opened with a balance in hand of £1,108 8s 10d, the total receipts, including contributions of Lodges, £1,919 11s 6d, being £3,753 4s 5d. The expenditure, which, with one exception, is of the usual character, reached the sum of £2,427 11s 2d, thus leaving a balance in hand of £1,325 13s 3d. The exceptional item of expenditure is one amounting to only £6 14s, which was paid to the "Tavern Company, for refreshments supplied to scrutineers on the day of Grand Lodge in June." We do not consider the duties of a Scrutineer are very arduous, or more arduous in June than at other seasons of the year, when such officers may be needed. £6 14s is a small sum in itself, but sufficiently large, if we bear in mind there were only twelve brethren who fulfilled these duties. We ask, under what circumstances it was thought necessary to incur this expenditure on this particular occasion, and who authorised it. Whatever is exceptional should be explained.

### ATTACK AND DEFENCE.

A NOTABLE controversy raged in Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, in the month of October last, between the Freemasons and their inveterate opponents, the Roman Catholic priesthood. The provocation came in the first instance from the Rev. Robert Bede Vaughan, who rejoices in the style and title of Archbishop of Nazianzus, *in partibus infidelium*, and is, in plain English, a Romish Missionary Archbishop in one of the Australian Colonies of Great Britain. With that intolerance of free thought which animates the Ultramontane section of the Romish priesthood, the Archbishop made a furious onslaught on the tenets of Freemasonry, of which he evidently knows nothing, on the three principal grounds that it is atheistical, immoral, and disloyal. But Dr. Vaughan had evidently reckoned without his host. We presume he must have anticipated either that this tremendous attack of his would pass unnoticed except by the obedient members of his own flock, or that the Freemasons of New South Wales would be so terrified at finding themselves denounced as common vagabonds, by a high dignitary of the Romish Church, as to be unable to meet his charges with anything like a reasonable prospect of success. It matters, of course, very little what his motives were, or what result he anticipated. It is sufficient for us to state that his lecture was only a fortnight old, when our Rev. Bro. Dr. Wazir Beg, Deputy Grand Chaplain of New South Wales and the able editor of the *Australian Freemason*, took up the cudgels on behalf of the Craft. Dr. Vaughan's charges were made at the opening of the Romish Guild Hall on the 9th October. Bro. Dr. Beg's lecture was delivered on the 23rd of the month in the Masonic Hall, York-street, Sydney; and so densely packed was the audience on the latter occasion, that a large portion of them had to stand in the passages, while hundreds were unable to obtain admission. It is believed that over two thousand people were present, and the lecturer was frequently interrupted by the hearty and sympathetic applause of his hearers.

Let us, however, deal with the attack first, as being the first in the order of events. We need not dwell upon it at any length. The old stock arguments were brought against our Society with more than the usual parade of words, and with at least as much of the *suggestio falsi* and *suppressio veri* as we are justified in expecting from a thoroughly disingenuous opponent. The scraps of knowledge which the Archbishop had gathered up were twisted so as to convey a meaning totally at variance with their true import. He declared Freemasonry to be the prime mover in the dissemination of materialistic doctrine, but he did not attempt to prove, or attempting, did not succeed in proving, that any connection whatever existed between the Craft and materialism. The true designs of our Fraternity were kept out of sight altogether. He did not tell his audience that Freemasonry is one huge benevolent and beneficent society spread over the whole surface of the earth; that its members meet together in their several sections or Lodges on the one common ground of humanity; and that when they thus meet

together, they lay aside, for the time being, those differences, both political and religious, which, in the nature of things, are likely to create dissension. He carefully concealed from his audience the wide difference there is between a man of no religion at all and the man who is tolerant of all religions; between him who has no sense of loyalty towards any form of government and is always plotting and contriving against the powers that be, and him who considers loyalty is obedience to constituted authority, but is careless as to the particular form such authority may assume; or, in other words, between the man of anarchical tendencies, to whom all forms of government are alike distasteful, and him of archical tendencies, by whom all such forms are alike respected. And as in making these charges, it would not unnaturally occur to the majority of his audience that a society could hardly be disloyal and atheistic which included in its ranks men of princely and noble estate on the one hand, and on the other many learned priests and deacons of different religious faiths, the Archbishop was careful to repeat the grotesque old statement that only a limited and perfectly harmless knowledge of our mysteries was vouchsafed to these worthies. There were "hidden springs" of knowledge which were reserved to a select few, in whose hands the good and wise and noble men who join our ranks are mere puppets. The third charge brought against us was that of immorality, but as the falsity of this is self-evident, we need not give it even a moment's attention. Freemasonry is defined to be a peculiar system of morality. The men who profess it are known in their respective circles, and the tenour of their lives will prove more conclusively than any words of ours the untruth of this accusation.

We have said the Archbishop's attack on Freemasonry was made before his audience with more than the usual parade of words. In fact, the lecture occupies several pages of the *Freemason's Journal* of Sydney. But its sum and substance we have already stated. As regards the very powerful defence of Bro. Dr. Beg, that worthy brother was not content with merely repelling, as he did most effectually, the attack of his opponent. He, to use a common phrase, carried the war into the heart of the enemy's country. He not only demonstrated, to the satisfaction of his audience, that Freemasons were religious, loyal, and moral men. He argued most forcibly that Roman Catholic priests, if loyal to their church, must be disloyal to the temporal government under which they lived. His quotations from Romish writers of acknowledged merit were very much to the point. His rendering of the oath which Dr. Vaughan had taken at the time of his elevation to episcopal rank, was a skilful and most effective blow at his adversary. In the correspondence that ensued in one of the local journals, Dr. Vaughan made an attempt to lessen the force of this blow, but Dr. Beg was not to be denied. Our able brother challenged his adversary to publish the oath he had actually taken, and even promised to accept the Archbishop's own rendering of the original Latin. To this, however, the astute Churchman—it may be very wisely—made no response whatever. And as in personal conflict, where one of two combatants declines to continue the *duello*, the other is saluted as victor, so in this contest of words, the honours of victory must be taken to rest with Bro. Beg.

Here we should have been disposed to leave the question. The attack of Dr. Vaughan is merely a repetition of those attacks by dignitaries of the Romish Church to which Freemasonry is periodically subjected, while the defence that was offered was, in the first instance, the same which has again and again been adduced by other brethren. Nor do we think it expedient to follow Dr. Beg far into the religious or political phases of Roman Catholicism. These are matters which it is our duty to avoid. But without entering into any religious disquisition, we feel bound to offer certain remarks on the extra-religious influence which the Roman Church is always striving to exercise; and the injurious effect this has, not on Christendom only, but on the whole world. Masons in common with all members of every religious persuasion lament the spread of materialism and those so-called atheistic tendencies which unhappily prevail in some countries. Many justify these latter on the ground that every man has a right to hold what opinions he chooses, not only as to the nature and attributes of God, but as to His existence or non-existence. Dr. Vaughan holds "the Sect," as he is pleased to call us, responsible for the spread of these pernicious opinions. On our part, we say that no power on earth has inflicted greater injury on the cause of true religion than the

Romish Church itself. We respect the members of that church who conscientiously accept, not only its doctrines, but even its dogmas. They, as we, have the right to worship the G.A.O.T.U. in their own fashion. But the rulers of that Church, or we ought rather perhaps to say, a section of its rulers, denies, and has ever denied this right to other people. In its earliest days the Christian Church was terribly persecuted by the monarchs of Imperial Rome. But it succeeded in establishing itself firmly notwithstanding. In time the Bishops of Rome came to exercise temporal sovereignty, and the Church of which they assumed themselves to be the head became a political as well as a religious body. It followed, as a matter of course, that this body brought all its political influence to bear in maintaining its ecclesiastical authority, and all its ecclesiastical influence to bear in upholding its political authority. Not unfrequently it suffered grievously for this confusion of the temporal with the spiritual, but more frequently still it inflicted grievous suffering on others. The crusade against the Albigenses, the cruel destruction of the Order of Knights Templar, the persecutions of the Hussites and of the followers of Wickliffe, the Marian persecution, the iniquities of the Inquisition in Spain and wherever else it exercised its fearful influence, the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's—these are merely some of the most conspicuous instances in which the Christian Church of former days set at defiance the vital principles of Christianity. The essence of this religion is love, love of God and our fellow man. But how can we describe these crusades and persecutions and massacres, the wholesale murder and torture, not of men only, but likewise of women and children, as in accordance with this essential principle? Either Christianity must have been nothing worth, that it required all these terrible crimes to be committed in its name, in order to vindicate its power, or they who perpetrated these crimes in its behalf were monsters in human form, whom the world, as it has grown more and more enlightened, has at length deprived of the power, if not of the will, to re-enact such fearful scenes. *Semper eadem* is still the motto of the Romish Church. The power to persecute unbelievers in its dogmas is lost to it we trust for ever, but the will remains, or we should not witness these occasional denunciations of Freemasonry. Let Dr. Vaughan confine himself to his proper sphere of duty. It is wide enough and serious enough to tax all his energies and power. To train up his flock in the love of God and man is the duty he, as priest, has undertaken, while, as an Archbishop *in partibus Infidelium*, the business of converting heathenism to a sense of religion, if properly fulfilled, will leave him no spare moments for denouncing the members of other religious faiths. We all of us have our appointed task to do, and the appointed task of Dr. Vaughan is apparently the conversion of the heathen to a belief in Christianity as it is understood by the Pope, Bishop Dupanloup, and others. Let him, however, not lose sight of that Charity without which, as a grander Christian teacher than he has told the world, man is but "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." If he is so engaged in expounding the dogmas of the Romish Church that he can find no place in his programme for Charity, let him not envy and disturb us poor Freemasons, who strive humbly, yet honestly, both to inculcate and practice this chiefest of all virtues.

At the meeting of the House Committee of the Boys' School, held at Freemasons' Hall, last Saturday, the important question of extending the School so as to admit of there being three hundred instead of the present number of pupils was discussed. It is hardly necessary for us to add that in a matter of such vast importance, the Committee resolved to act with the utmost deliberation, and in consequence our readers will not be surprised to hear that the meeting was adjourned till to-day, when the subject will be again discussed judiciously.

### MASONIC BALL AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

THE ball at the Agricultural Hall, in aid of our Masonic Charities, was, as regards the support it received, a great success. Intended in the first instance to be merely a friendly re-union among the members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge and their lady friends,

it gradually assumed far more formidable proportions, until the question where to find space enough to accommodate the numerous applicants became somewhat serious. Bro. Rafferty at length solved this difficulty by placing at the disposal of the committee as much of the gallery space in the Agricultural Hall as they were likely to need. Accordingly, the eastern portion was at once fitted up as a ball-room, Brother Unite contributing all the decorations for the evening, which was most tastefully fitted, under the gratuitous superintendence of Bros. Ellen and Bewis. The flowers and shrubs were supplied by Bro. John Rainbow, jun. Bro. Cattermole did all the cartage of decorations to and from the hall free of all charge, while Bro. Weaver's admirable skill as a conductor was also placed at the service of the committee with equal readiness, and disinterestedly. Thus, at the outset, the committee found themselves most favourably circumstanced, all the above-mentioned brethren having undertaken to supply free, certain goods, or fulfil, voluntarily certain duties which are usually found among the heaviest items of expense in organising a ball. As the day approached, it became evident there would be a very large gathering. Many, were, of course, prevented attending by prior engagements, but the committee, in arranging for the supper, were able to guarantee 350 guests, which number would, of course, be catered for, whether all of them came or not. As a matter of fact, those present were close on 400 in number, and when all were assembled, and the brethren and their partners were busy paying their devotions to Terpsichore, the scene was a very busy one indeed. Great taste had been shown in the decoration of the ball room. Shields and banners with various devices on them were placed along the walls at very frequent intervals. Festoons of flowers hung suspended from the light network of iron which ordinarily forms the only ornament in these galleries. Gaseliers were placed at close intervals. Indeed, nothing could have been better, or in better taste, than the arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the guests. The office of member of the committee, especially in the case of the Chairman, Bro. Somers, and the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Osborne and Weston, was no sinecure. All of them, but especially those we have mentioned, laboured hard in promoting the success of the ball; and if, in addition to the excellence of the arrangements we have already mentioned, the large number of guests, and the evidence they gave that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves, must be taken as a measure of their success, it was certainly a very full measure. That the weather as regards warmth was not quite as propitious as it might have been for a ball in a long gallery, from which, in spite of every effort, it was impossible to exclude the keen wind, was no fault of the Committee. They had done all that was possible to make the rooms as snug and cosy as possible, but the drafts were not to be denied. And if the supper was not all that could have been wished, the price agreed to be paid was not illiberal. If any Brother, or the friend of a Brother, quitted the Hall without having had his dues in the way of refreshment, we set that down as the fault of the contractors, whose provision for the occasion was neither choice nor sufficient. Craft clothing only was to be worn, but this sufficed in the way of colour with the gay dresses of the ladies. With the pecuniary results the Committee have every reason to be satisfied, and no doubt the Charities will largely benefit as a result. Indeed, we believe this is merely the first step, *Primus Gradus*, towards having a similar gathering every year for the same purpose. If so, and the plan should be carried out, we are confident our three Institutions will largely benefit. Success generally follows where duty and pleasure are combined. Among those present were Bro. Binckes and the Misses Binckes, Bro. J. and Mrs. Constable, Bro. Groner and Mrs. Groner, Bros. Somers, Rafferty, Cattermole, T. Hadley Prestage, and R. G. Thomas—these three last kindly undertook the duties of M.C.—Weston, Osborne, Rowley, Richardson, &c., &c.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Bro. J. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Oldroyd W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., Saunders J.W. and Sec., T. Franklin S.D., F. Hallows J.G., Evennett I.G. Past Master Pinder; also Bros. Brand, Christian, Mumford, and Brown. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 3rd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. G. Hallows was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Oldroyd for his admirable working, this being his first time of occupying the chair. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday evening, 1st March, at 6.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Goodman W.M., Payne S.W., Gladwell J.W., Bisset S.D., Moss J.D., Saul I.G., Moody P.M., Blackie, Lambe, Levy, Thornes, Ockendon, Cadiot. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Lambe having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the Lecture were then worked. Bro. Payne was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Colmer was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Blackie was elected Hon. Sec. for the ensuing year. Bros. Goodman, Cadiot, and Saul were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the fourth Thursday, 22nd March. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.



## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

**T**he following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1877 :—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December 1876 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. The Minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 3rd January 1877 will be read and put for confirmation.

4. The M.W. Grand Master will move that the following recommendations of the Especial Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January 1877, be received and adopted, viz. :—

(1.) That the sum of £4,000 be voted to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for the purpose of founding and furnishing two Lifeboat Stations, in perpetuity, in such localities on the English Coast as the Sub-Committee, hereafter mentioned, shall decide.

(2.) That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, detail, &c.

(3.) That a Memorial Tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event.

5. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Lodge of Nine Muses, No. 235, London	... £100
A Brother of the Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal	... £200
A Brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester	... £50
A Brother of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, Lymington	... £50
A Brother of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford	... £150
A Brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	£50

8. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to report, that it having come to their knowledge that the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, had been guilty of Masonic irregularity by passing and raising brethren at shorter intervals than the period prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, the Board investigated the circumstances, and, in result, ordered that the brethren in question be duly re-obligated and their Certificates withheld until that be done; and, further, that the Lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

The Board further report the investigation by them of a similar Masonic irregularity on the part of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 1028, Alfreton, a brother having been raised in such Lodge at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and that, in result, they have ordered the brother in question to be re-obligated, and his Certificate to be withheld until that be done; and, further, that the Lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON,

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,

President.

20th February 1877.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February 1877, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6,997 19s 2d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1876.

10. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal of Brother Edmund Waller M.D., the then W. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough, against the judgment of Brother Butler Wilkins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, relative to dissensions which have arisen in the Lodge, arising chiefly on the subject of the powers and privileges of the W. Master.

(2.) Appeal of Brother the Rev. William T. Hobson, of the Tywald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, against a resolution of the Board of General Purposes declining to interfere between himself and Brother John A. Brown in a complaint submitted to them in a matter not relating to the Craft.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

11. Notices of Motions.

(1.) By Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch W.M., No. 160 :—

"That a Committee, consisting of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, and such other members of the Craft as the said Committee shall, in their discretion, deem fit, from time to time to add to their numbers, be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote the building, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London, of a Masonic Temple, which, while offering more extended accommodation for the present requirements of Grand Lodge, shall be at once worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of Freemasonry; an ornament to the chief city of the world, and a lasting memorial of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., not only for the safe return from India

of our M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but for the success of his visit in elioiting and confirming throughout that vast territory a feeling of universal loyalty and attachment to the Imperial rule of England."

"That such Committee shall be invested with full powers to procure plans and estimates for such a building; shall consider the best means of raising the necessary funds; and shall continue to act and report to every succeeding Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall think proper to discontinue the said Committee.

(2.) By Bro. Benjamin Mallam P.M., 108 :—

"That a sum of money be given out of the funds towards the funds of the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficiently large in amount to allow of the Committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of Infant Orphans of Freemasons.

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

1652.—Inverell Lodge, Inverell, N.S.W.

1653.—Prince of Wales Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W.

1654.—St. Leonards' Samaritan Lodge, St. Leonards, near Sydney, N.S.W.

1655.—Corinthian Lodge, Thames, Auckland, New Zealand.

1656.—Wolsey Lodge, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

1657.—Aldersgate Lodge, Aldersgate-street.

1658.—Skelmersdale Lodge, Camberwell.

1659.—Fidelity Lodge, Green Bank, Newfoundland.

1660.—Arlecdon Lodge, Frizington, Cumberland.

1661.—Newton Lodge, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

1662.—Beaconsfield Lodge, Walthamstow.

1663.—Hartismere Lodge, Eye, Suffolk.

1664.—Gosforth Lodge, Gosforth, Northumberland.

1665.—Natalia Lodge, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

1666.—Akaroa Lodge, Akaroa, Canterbury, New Zealand.

1667.—Hutt Lodge, Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

## THE ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAL B'HAI.

**A**N Ashayana of this Order was held at Kensington, on the 20th February 1877, under the presidency of one of the Censors. The Order Roll of the Arch Secretary was presented for inspection, and the signs duly verified. A report of the Mahanbathas and of the Indian Council, or Mahanatha-i-Hind was received and approved. A draft of the Anglo-Aryan Constitution was submitted and referred to the sponsors. The Ritual Committee made a report, which was approved. A report was also received from the Regalia Committee, and a general report was made as to the progress of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland for the year 1876. The keys for the current cycle were then passed, and, after some other business, the Ashayana dispersed.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

**A** QUARTERLY Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 27th December 1876. Present—W. Bros. H. Krauss D.D.G.M. as D.G.M., Jos. Dawson P.D.G.S.W. as D.D.G.M., Edward Hopper P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.S.W., A. M. Buchanan P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.J.W., Rev. J. E. Marks P.D.G.O. as D.G. Chap., E. G. Man D.G.Reg., W. H. Porter D.G.Sec., B. Samuel P.D.G.Sec., A. Hotson D.G.S.D., G. D. Hodding D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton D.G.S. as D.G.O., J. F. Briddon as D.G.P., D. M. Paul P.D.G.P., Bro. H. B. Davidson D.G.S., and J. H. Clarkson as D.G. Tyler. Representatives of the following Lodges :—Star of Burmah, No. 614; Victoria in Burmah, No. 832; Rangoon, No. 1268; and Bro. A. L. Valliant P.S.W. No. 832, visitor.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in form, at 6.15 p.m., and the summons convening the Communication read, the proceedings of the last regular Communication, held on the 12th September 1876, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master, taken as read, and were duly confirmed. The District Grand Secretary reported receipt of apologies for their absence from several brethren, and read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, with the District Grand Treasurer's accounts since the date of last audit, &c., which was adopted.

The District Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows :—The Masonic year which closes to-day has been an important one to this province, and we have to record many changes; chief among them the resignation of our D.G.M. Bro. Colonel Hervey Tucket Duncan, C.S.I. We have already recorded our sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his resignation of the office of ruler in this province and our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Fraternity during his Masonic career in Burmah. I have now to tell you that his resignation has been accepted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and I lately received a letter from our R.W.D.G.M., conveying the command of the V.W. the Pro Grand Master, that the wishes of the Lodges in the province regarding a successor to him should be ascertained and made known to the Pro Grand Master through R.W. Bro. Duncan. This information I have procured, and am sending to Bro. Duncan, and we shall no doubt in due time be informed what is the pleasure of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master regarding a successor to Bro. Duncan as D.G.M. of British Burmah. The hand of death has been busy amongst us during the past year, and we have to deplore a serious loss in the untimely demise of W. Bro. J. V. Douglas De Wet, our D.G. Treas. and a P.G.W. of this Lodge. I need not enlarge

on his excellent Masonic qualities, which are well known to all present. His place will be hard to fill, and his familiar face will long be missed by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him within these walls, and those of the other Lodges in Rangoon. Lodge Star of Burmah has also to mourn the loss of an old and worthy member in the person of Bro. Andrews. But it is not merely by the hand of death that brethren are taken from our midst. Changes of other kinds in a station like this are frequent, and we have to regret the removal of Bro. W. D. Cruickshank, who has just left us to fill a higher post in his profession in Calcutta. I know that I am expressing the feelings of every brother in this Grand Lodge in recording our sense of the untiring zeal and energy which this Worshipful Brother has displayed in promoting every good work in the Craft during his stay in the province. That useful Institution, the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, is largely indebted to him, not only in the matter of liberal personal contribution, but for the excellent organisation under which the funds are invested and managed, and for the untiring attention its affairs have received in his district during his tenure of office as its Secretary and Treasurer. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and the Lodge was closed.

### GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

**B**RO. J. LAURIE having announced his intention of resigning the office of Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there will, doubtless, be some anxiety as to the appointment of his successor. At present there are two brethren in the field; Bro. D. Murray Lyon, favourably known as a Masonic historian, having written the history of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge, No. 0, as well as that of St. Mary's Chapel, No. 1, Edinburgh. The other is Bro. Robert Wylie, formerly Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, who for the last dozen years has filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of the largest province in Scotland in a manner which has gained him golden opinions from all with whom he has come in official contact. For many years he has performed the duties of Deputy P.G.M., as well as been the Acting Master of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge. The varied experience he has thus gained would doubtless stand him in good stead in the Grand Secretary's office, while his wide-spread correspondence as Secretary of the reputed oldest existing Lodge in the world, or, at any rate, in Scotland, has made him favourably known on both sides of the Atlantic. Nearly every American or colonial Mason of note, who has been on this side, has made a pilgrimage to Kilwinning, as the reputed cradle of Masonry, where Bro. Wylie has always cordially received them, and cheerfully shown them the old records. Many of these visitors have continued to correspond with him, and as there are many colonial Lodges under the Scotch Constitution, this would doubtless facilitate business in that department, which is at all times a rather difficult one.

No doubt either of the brethren named is competent for the office, but it rests with the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to say which of them has the preponderance of claims upon their suffrages. In this Journal another pen has been dwelling on the qualification of our "Lodge Rulers," an important theme. But it is surely as important we should duly weigh those of an officer who, to a certain extent, has to rule our Lodge Rulers. We, therefore, trust that all our Scotch brethren will carefully weigh the matter and consider it in all its bearings before recording their votes.

### CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

**T**HE first annual meeting of this Association was held on the 26th February, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, Bro. Rawley P.M. 174 and Z. 174, President, in the chair. The total amount received from the members during the year ending 26th Feb. was £236 2s 6d, including £1 15s 6d for sale of Book of Rules, &c. The whole of this amount has been voted to the Masonic Institutions, in the names of those members who have obtained the draw by ballot. Considering that the above-named sum was the result of one shilling per week subscriptions, the Association may be considered as a success. A very cordial vote of thanks to the Secretary (Bro. Newton), and to the Treasurer (Bro. G. Ward Verry), for their exertions was unanimously passed, and the business of a new financial year commenced.

### LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

**I**T has become the custom with the members of this Club, so successfully inaugurated by the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., to have a monthly meeting, when they might dine together. One of the most successful of these gatherings was held on the 21st ult., when the R.W. Bro. Col. F. Burdett Prov G.M. Middlesex, not only honoured the members with his presence, but worthily and ably filled the chair. There were about 44 members and visitors present, all of whom seemed to enjoy the banquet, which was provided in a way which reflected great credit on the manager, Bro. States P.G.S. The worthy Chairman, whose genial presidency is always thoroughly appreciated, proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. She had reigned over us satisfactorily for forty years; long may she continue to do so. She would always live in the hearts of her subjects, and he was sure she would find a worthy successor. (Cheers.) The National Anthem was then sung, Miss Florence Levander singing the solo, assisted by Bros. B. Perry, Arthur Thomas, Musgrave, and Moss. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given and received enthusiastically. The Chairman said that the fact of H.R.H. being Grand Master had exalted Freemasonry in every respect. In the course of time he would ascend the throne of England, when we should be sorry to lose him as Grand Master, but feel proud to hail him as our Sovereign. Bro. Langton (the Chairman of the Club) then said he

had a toast to propose that he was very sorry to take out of the hands of the Chairman; it was the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He would couple with the toast the name of their present Chairman, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, whom all were pleased to see among them, and hoped he would be present on many future occasions. The glee "Summer Eve" was then sung. The Chairman, on rising to respond, was received most enthusiastically. He spoke of the interest the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale took in the Craft, referred to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India, and also to the commemoration of that event by the vote of Grand Lodge. He had attended committees on the subject, and he was pleased at the result. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered his sincere thanks. Bro. Theodore Distin sang "Jack's Yarn." The Chairman, in referring to clubs, said that the first one was instituted in 1815, since that period they had flourished, and he was sure that none could be more successful than the London Masonic Club; he asked them to drink to its success, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Smith. (Cheers.) Bro. Walter Pelham gave a recitation of the "Penny Readings," the facial delineations of the various characters being received with roars of laughter. Bro. Smith thanked Bro. Col. Burdett for his kind expressions, not only on his own behalf, but also on the part of the Club; he was pleased to see so many present on the occasion, but he hoped to see more on the next, and by the attendance this evening he was sure the Club would in every respect be a success. Bro. Arthur Thomas then sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," by particular desire, after which Miss Florence Levander sang "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," which received long and deserved plaudits. Bro. Langton said, that as many of the members expressed a wish to found a musical association in connection with the Club, arrangements had been made to provide a room to meet the requirement; the subscription had been settled at 10s 6d per annum. As it was the first of its kind that had been organised, he hoped it would meet with the support it deserved. In proposing the health of the Chairman, he hoped the present would not be the only occasion on which they would be favoured with the presence of Col. Burdett; he considered it a great honour to the Club. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Burdett thanked them for their kind expressions, and said his great aim was to render service to the Craft; he also felt a great pleasure in occupying the chair. He saw what a Masonic club was, and, as a member, he was proud to be among them. The glee, "Soldier's Love," was given, and Bro. Theodore Distin sang "The heart bowed down," after which the brethren separated, with the hope of passing another agreeable evening. Among those present were Bros. Joseph Langton (Chairman of the Club Committee), T. J. Smith, Fredk. Flint, T. A. A. Rumpff, L. Lumley, A. J. Ireton, Dr. Spurrell, B. F. Fountain, F. W. Potter, Thomas Bishop, John E. Shand, James Edell, D. F. Cook, A. C. Hunter, Burgess Perry, G. Musgrave, E. Moss, L. Herf, Klein, Southwood, A. G. Gosnell Sec., and H. M. Levy.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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### "THINGS NEW AND OLD."

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The evidence adduced by "Q." in support of his opinion, that Comp. Dunckerley did not hold the office of G.S. of Cornwall, is not new to me, and I do not regard it as by any means conclusive, or I should not have formed and committed myself, to a contrary opinion. It is true that "Q." does not say that my deduction (from the correspondence already given), is wrong, but he asks for "more substantial evidence." I think he will find corroborative evidence in the following letter:—

"Portsmouth Common, 13th August 1795.

"DEAR BRO. AND KNT. COMP.—By a letter from Capt. Hannam, I am informed that about five weeks ago he received, among other things from Mr. Knight, at Redruth, a petition to the G. and R. Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter at Truro, but on his application, was informed that the names were not registered. If you had applied to me or, if Capt. Hannam had applied to me, as Superintendent of Cornwall, I should have granted a Dispensation for Truro, and the Patent of Confirmation would have been sent to you. This is not the only omission that has been found in the Grand Register, owing to hurry and inattention. Whenever supper was reported to be on the table, the Chapter was immediately closed, and the loose papers hurried into the drawer of the desk.

"Believe me your faithful and affect. Bro.,

"THOS. DUNCKERLEY."

The evidence as afforded by Dunckerley himself in his own letters so quoted, will surely be regarded as superior to that of Bro. White, who wrote the sketch referred to by "Q." and whose account does not contradict what I have put forward, although it does not support it; and as "Q." says, "I do not expect perfect accuracy in a Masonic or any other journal."

Yours fraternally,

Quiz,

## Old Warrants.

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No. 57.

No. 96, "Ancients;" No. 120 at the "Union of A.D. 1813," No. 96 from A.D. 1832, and No. 81 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ATHOLL GRAND MASTER,

THO<sup>s</sup>. HARPER D.G.M.

WILLIAM OAKS S.G.W.

ARCHIBALD HERRON J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable 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 Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Strathsay and Strathardale, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny & Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester &c. &c. &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq<sup>r</sup>. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Oaks Esq<sup>r</sup>. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Archibald Herron 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 empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Worshipful Cornelius Leggatt, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Robert Melles, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Joseph Revitt, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the New Commercial Inn, Aldborough, in the County of Suffolk or elsewhere upon the First Friday in every 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 Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Cornelius Leggatt, Robert Melles and Joseph Revitt (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 thirteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand eight hundred and twelve.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.



NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3,  
Letter C & E. March 1762.

By permission of the Right Worshipful Sir William Fowle Middleton, Bart. P.G.M. for the County, this Warrant may be removed from Aldbro' to the Bull Inn, Woodbridge, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. 1824 by Brothers Benj<sup>n</sup>. Gall, W.M. .... Ja<sup>s</sup>. Hibbett, J.W. Wm. Baxter P.M. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Sherning, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Smyth, Rich<sup>d</sup>. Fisher, Mark Luke ..... Geo. Gross, Henry Carter, under the Title of the Doric Lodge.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Doric Lodge, No. 81, Woodbridge.

## MEETINGS HELD, &c.

The Eureka Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Saturday, 10th March, at 3.30, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. the Rev. Edward Walker, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Essex, M.W. Sov. The M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. C. J. Smith, will be installed and the officers for the ensuing year appointed. A Past M.W. Sov.'s jewel will be presented to Bro. the Rev. E. Walker and several candidates perfected.

The Bayard Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Tuesday, 13th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 5 p.m. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Barney 31<sup>o</sup> M.W. Sov., for the perfection of candidates.

The Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar will meet on Friday, 16th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 5 p.m. V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Barney E.P., for the reception of candidates, and the election of E. Preceptor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383 will meet on Tuesday, 6th March, at 8.30, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-

square, W. W. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.P.S.G.W. of Devon W.M.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Friday, 2nd March, at 5 p.m., at the Southdown Hotel, Howard-square, East-bourne. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane 30<sup>o</sup> M.W.S. for the perfection of candidates.

The Bard of Avon Preceptory K.T., met on Thursday, 1st March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.

The Oxford and Cambridge Universities Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Friday, 19th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., for the installation of the M.W. Sov. elect, and appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix met on Tuesday, 27th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Ill. Bros. Charles Hammerton 31<sup>o</sup> as M.W.S. Lieut. James T. Ritchie R.A., J. M. Kleuck and W. G. Brighton were perfected in the 18<sup>o</sup>.

The Philips Chapter Rose Croix met on Wednesday, 28th February, at the Athenæum, Lancaster. Bro. Edward Airey M.W.S. Ill. Bro. J.D. Moore, 31<sup>o</sup>, installed Bro. Wm. John Sly as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year, the officers were appointed and several brethren duly perfected in the 18<sup>o</sup>.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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*Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part VIII. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street; D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.*

THE eighth part of this valuable record deals with the events which occurred between the close of the year 1807 and that of 1810. Most of the circumstances minuted are of the usual character, and relate to the issue of Warrants for the constitution of new Lodges, the compositions of sundry Lodges for the payment of their dues, differences among members of Lodge A B C or X Y Z, &c. Occasionally we find interspersed throughout these pages records of matters of greater moment. But to give our analysis of the part in question. We find at the very outset—that is to say, at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 2nd December 1807, a minute to the effect that a communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania relative to a convention proposed to be held for the purpose of organising a supreme Grand Lodge for the whole Union of States. The matter was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Senior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Vanderbilt W.M. of Trinity Lodge, No. 10. We likewise find on this occasion that three members of a Committee, appointed to consider an application some time previously made for permission to hold a Lodge in the City of New York, to be called Le Temple de l'Amitié, and other circumstances submitted by the petitioners, reported that there was no likelihood whatever of the Committee coming to any agreement. Thereupon it was resolved that the said Committee be discharged, and a new one, with similar powers, was appointed in its stead. A communication from the Grand Lodge of England having been read, and ordered to be filed, the Grand Lodge was closed. On 3rd March 1808, the new Committee just referred to delivered their report, which was accepted. It is evident the petition was refused. Though the fact is not so stated, we find later that a communication from the petitioners was not allowed to be read. We note likewise that two other petitions to erect new Lodges in the City of New York having been submitted, a motion was carried to the effect that for the present no more Warrants for new Lodges in the City should be issued. A letter from the Tammany Society, inviting Grand Lodge to take part in a certain demonstration about to be made at the Wallabout, is referred to a Committee, and at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 1st June, the Committee report, that having carefully inquired into all the circumstances, they could find no evidence that any Masonic brethren had died on board of British prison ships, and therefore they were of opinion that it would be improper for the general Society of Freemasons to join in the procession. The report was unanimously confirmed. A Worshipful Brother having been censured for using some memorandum in writing, which he had made for his own private use, to assist him in fulfilling his Masonic duties, but which was utterly unintelligible to any but himself, expresses a wish that the writing should be submitted to the Grand Officers for their opinion and decision, and hands it to the Deputy Grand Master for that purpose. The request is granted, and a resolution passed that the Grand Officers make the required examination, and report their opinion. The report delivered later fully bears out the statement of the writer, and exonerates him from all blame. At the meeting of the Grand Stewards' Lodge on the 25th May, it is noted that a sum not exceeding 20 dollars is ordered to be given as relief to a brother who is "in confinement in the jail in this city." It is further noted that an application for assistance to the extent of 14 dollars was made on behalf of a certain Mrs. Hogbin, who had received Mrs. Vanché, widow of a Freemason, into her house, on the latter's assurance that her board would be paid for by Masonic contributions. Mrs. Vanché, however, had Vanished in debt to the extent above stated. We presume that Mrs. Hogbin's faith in the beneficence of Freemasonry, how rudely soever it may have been shaken by the consummate assurance and mysterious disappearance of Widow Vanché, was confirmed; for orders were given to the Committee of Charity to make



the usual inquiries, and, these duly satisfied, to pay over the same as requested. On the 1st June, Bro. de Witt Clinton, and the majority of the other Grand Officers, were unanimously re-elected. Four petitions for Warrants for the erection of as many new Lodges, namely, Charity Lodge, Spencer Town, Co. Columbia; Eagle Lodge, to be held alternately at Spencer Town, Co. Tioga, and Town of Ulysses, Co. Seneca; Angelica Lodge, Angelica, Co. Alleghany; and Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Co. Dutchess, having been read and granted, a proposal for a Masonic procession on St. John the Baptist's Day, was made, but withdrawn, when a counter-motion seemed likely to be passed over it. On 7th September, after three more petitions for new Warrants, namely, for Zion Lodge, Bloomfield, Co. Ontario; Rochford Lodge, Rochford, Co. Otsego; and Charity Lodge, Village of Cookhouse, Tompkin's, Co. Delaware, had been read and granted, and certain other business submitted, the Committee appointed to examine the Reports of Grand Visitors, G. N. Edmonds and G. V. Woods, delivered their report, and also an opinion to the effect that the Grand Visitors in question were entitled to the thanks of Grand Lodge for the industry and ability with which they had discharged their several duties. A motion, giving effect to this report, was then unanimously accepted, and the Lodge closed. The chief matter recorded in the minutes of the 7th December, is the appointment of seven brethren for the purpose of devising and reporting to Grand Lodge a plan for the education of children of poor Masons. Warrants for the erection of Sangor Lodge, Sangerfield, Co. Oneida, and Temple Lodge, Guilderland, Co. Albany having been granted, a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, announcing that the Grand Lodge of 'Ancient York Masons' and of Free and Accepted Masons had been reunited in one body under the name of "The Grand Lodge of South Carolina," was read, and ordered to be filed. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, enclosing account of their proceedings at their annual meeting on 24th June, and also a copy of their contributions was read. Then a letter was read from Grand Visitor Phyletas Swift, to the effect that he had experienced great difficulty in collecting past dues, and requesting that power be granted him to compound with the Lodges in his district. The prayer of the Grand Visitor was granted in respect of all dues outstanding up to the previous St. John the Baptist's Day; but Bro. Swift was notified that the payment of all subsequent dues would be rigorously enforced. The one other minute deserving to be noticed records that a communication had been received from an association styling itself Sovereign Grand Council in the sublime Masonic degree of P.R.S., announcing to this Grand Lodge in very respectful terms its establishment in this city on the 28th day of October last, under patent regularly served from lawful authority, and disclaiming any power or authority inconsistent with the local supremacy of the Grand Lodge over Master Masons. This document was ordered to be filed. On the 1st March 1809, we gather from the report of the committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, that the receipts from 20th March 1806 to 20th February 1809, amounted to dollars 8727.79, while the disbursements reached dollars 8330.30, leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of dollars 397.30, and, in addition, were due from the Jersey Bank three quarter dividends, amounting together to 210 dollars, so that the whole balance to the credit of the Lodge was dollars 607.39. We learn, also, that the funds of Grand Lodge consist of dollars 4134.14 per cent. deferred stock nominal of 40 full, and 60 half shares of the Jersey Bank stock, on which dollars 3,500 had been paid at par, and that the present stock is worth from 110 to 112 per cent. On the 60 half shares there require dollars 1,500 more to be paid on the 1st May next; and the committee recommend the appropriation of the present balance towards that payment. They likewise express their belief that a time will come when the interest of Grand Lodge funds will suffice for every proper and charitable purpose. At the same time they draw attention to the laxity with which the Charitable Fund had hitherto been administered. We quote their statement:—"There are certain persons that have been for many years as regularly relieved as any of our Government pensioners, and look and ask for it as a matter of right, when, in truth, were their characters a little sifted, they would be found, in many instances, not entitled to our beneficence; and in several cases it will be found that certain individuals have received 20, 30, 40, and from that to 50 or 100 dollars in the space of a very short time." For this purpose they recommend that the city should be marked out in districts, that Visitors should be appointed to each, and that no sum be granted by the Committee of Charity till two or more of their Visitors had inquired and reported. This report is accepted, and also a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to give effect to the proposal for dividing the city. On the same occasion was delivered the report of the committee appointed to devise a plan for the education of children of poor Masons. In this report a plan is proposed, by which it is believed that fifty children may be educated at comparatively small cost, and for raising the necessary funds to meet such expenditure. This plan, however, was ordered to stand over for further consideration till the next meeting of Grand Lodge, when it was unanimously agreed to refer it to the Worshipful Masters of the different City Lodges, with full power to alter or amend it, or to propose any other in lieu of it; and when they were ready to report, then a special meeting of Grand Lodge should be summoned. At this session a nice point was raised, and referred to a special committee—namely, whether a Past Master belonging to another jurisdiction, being only member of a Lodge in the jurisdiction of New York, is entitled to a seat and vote in the latter Grand Lodge. It was also resolved that a committee be appointed to arrange with the Grand Secretary the numbers of the different Lodges in the New York jurisdiction. On the 7th June Bro. De Witt Clinton, and other of the Grand Officers were unanimously re-elected, but the election of a Grand Chaplain was unanimously dispensed with. The Committee for dividing New York City into districts, for the better administration of the Charitable Fund, recommended a division, corresponding with the different City Wards, except that Wards 7 and 10 were to form one district. They also suggested the appointment of

certain brethren as visitors for the several districts; but the further consideration of this report was postponed till the next meeting. The Committee to whom the point as to a P.M. of a Lodge belonging to another jurisdiction sitting and voting, decided that no P.M. is entitled to a seat and vote in the New York Grand Lodge, "unless he has passed the chair of some Lodge under its jurisdiction." This report was unanimously accepted. There was also read at this meeting a protest from St. John's Lodge, No. 31, Ancient York Masons, of Charleston, South Carolina, against the union of the Grand Lodge A.Y.M. and Grand Lodge, as has been already announced. On the 6th September, the discussion of the report, recommending the division of the City into districts, was postponed *sine die*, after which the Masters of the City Lodges reported unfavourably of the plan proposed for the education of a certain number of children of poor Masons, explaining at some length and in minute detail their reasons, and then submitting an alternative plan of their own, as well as suggesting the appointment of a Grand Lodge School Committee for the conduct of this particular business. This report is accepted and ordered to be printed and distributed, while the appointment of the Committee is vested in the presiding officers of Grand Lodge. After this business had been disposed of, various communications from other Masonic bodies are taken into consideration. The first emanated from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, inviting the New York Grand Lodge to take tickets in a certain lottery about to be arranged, with a view to building a Masonic Hall in Baltimore. The amount to be raised in this manner is set down as 12,500 dollars, and a motion is agreed to, authorising the Grand Master, if he deem it expedient, to purchase not less than five, or more than twenty tickets in such lottery. We next find a letter from Georgia, protesting against the union of the two South Carolina Grand Lodges, and also a communication from the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, announcing its resuscitation by those Lodges of A.Y.M. who had refused to join in the union with the Moderns. Lastly comes a letter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, announcing its organisation on the 4th of January 1803, and requesting recognition and an interchange of courtesies and correspondence. To this, we need hardly add, that a favourable answer was directed to be made. On the 29th of November a letter was read from the Grand Master, to the effect that on the special recommendation of several brethren in Washington, he had paid a debt of one hundred dollars incurred by a Miss Jones, the blind daughter of a deceased brother, in coming to New York to have her eyes examined and operated upon by a medical man, that he had done so because he thought it "due to the honour of the Fraternity and the cause of humanity," and praying Grand Lodge to make such order as they might deem expedient. Thereupon it was resolved that the Grand Treasurer be directed to refund the hundred dollars so expended to the Grand Master. We also observe that the Grand Secretary is directed to furnish the Committee of Charity with a list of all persons relieved during the past two years, and the sums that were given to each. The transactions recorded for the meeting of the 4th of December relate chiefly to Warrants, complaints, and relief, but among them we have noticed that in a communication dated the 7th March 1809, the School Committee of Grand Lodge report that the fifty children proposed to be educated by Grand Lodge have been placed in charge of the Trustees of the New York Free School, and that they are already making great progress in their education, and recommending that a sum of ten dollars in clothing be furnished to each child. The report was read and approved. It was then resolved that a dispensation in a funeral procession should not be granted, except on a written and signed application of the three first officers of the Lodge of which the deceased brother was a member, or a majority of them. It was also arranged that a Committee of brethren should be appointed to visit the different Lodges in the City of New York, with a view to securing uniformity of work among them. We remark that communications were received and read from the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland respectively. On the 7th of June 1810, Bro. de Witt Clinton was re-elected Grand Master, and so too were Bros. Van Ransseleer, Robert Cocks, Joseph Jacobs, and James Varian, as Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, Bro. Colden being elected Senior Grand Warden. In the course of the meeting a case is reported for advice by Albion Lodge No. 31, respecting a candidate proposed for initiation who had received a wound in his knee, and in consequence walked stiffly, the Lodge being anxious to know if such a blemish was a bar to his admission into the Fraternity. A reference of this kind must appear to brethren of the present day as very ridiculous, and still more ridiculous is it to find Grand Lodge gravely appointing a Committee of five learned brethren to determine "the degree of blemish or defect which should be considered a disqualification for admission." Had the candidate been about to enter a pedestrian club, there would have been some reason in questioning his fitness, for people with a stiff knee-joint are not good walkers, while a damaged limb is no block to the study of morality. At the meeting on the 5th of September, the Committee report on the Treasurer's Account, which commenced with a balance in hand on the 20th of February 1809, amounting to 397.39 dollars, sums received since bringing the total of the capital to 4071.10 dollars, while the expenditure having reached only 2587.42 dollars, there remained a balance in hand at date of report of 1483.68 dollars. A difference between the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's account was ordered to be adjusted, and it was further directed that of the above balance a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars should be invested in some productive stock on behalf of Grand Lodge. Mention of an unusual petition follows, namely, from Holland Lodge No. 8, stating that the W.M. had been robbed of, among other things, the Warrant of the Lodge, and requesting that a new Warrant, securing to them their proper rank, should be issued. The prayer was granted, the Lodge to retain its seniority from 24th September 1787, and the customary fees being received. Part of the minutes of the meeting on 28th November of the Grand Stewards' Lodge complete this portion of the history.

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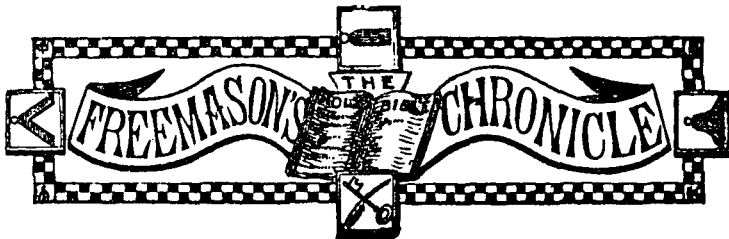
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### OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

**A**FTER the usual trouble and excitement attending the opening of the Session, Parliament seems to have settled down steadily to its work of legislation. Lord Stratheden and Campbell brought forward a motion relative to the Eastern Question on Monday. This led to a long and interesting debate, extending over nearly four hours, in which the Earl of Derby, Earl Grey, and the Duke of Argyll took a principal part. The motion was negatived without any division being taken. On Monday the House of Commons devoted several hours in Committee of Supply to discussing and voting a portion of the Civil Service Estimates. On Wednesday afternoon a Colonial Marriages Bill passed its second reading by 192 to 141, the Attorneys-General for England and Ireland being among the Opposition. This Bill is intended to regulate marriage with a deceased wife's sister according to certain conditions, such marriages being already legal in our Australian Colonies. An Open Spaces (Metropolitan) Bill also passed this stage. We have already said that several important Government Bills have been steadily pushed forward on the way to become law, and this week the further progress has been considerable.

On Monday, by command of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held a Levee at St. James's Palace. His Royal Highness arrived about two o'clock, attended as usual by his Gentlemen-in-Waiting, and escorted by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards. Prince Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Duke of Teck were present. The Queen's Body Guard of Gentlemen-at-Arms was on duty under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and so were the Yeomen of the Guard under Captain Lord Skelmersdale. The Great Officers of State and the Royal Household were in attendance, and the Diplomatic and General Circles were

numerously attended. A considerable number of presentations to His Royal Highness was made, these, by desire, being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Queen herself, it is announced, will hold a Levee at Buckingham Palace on the 12th instant.

We are not prepared to say whether the Zodiac has latterly got of gear, or the Gulf Stream been playing some pranks, but the seasons appear to vary very considerably from what they were in the good old time, when our readers and we were boys together. We were just beginning to think about the near approach of Spring, the Vernal Equinox not being very distant, when, all of a sudden, Winter, which ought to have paid us a visit in December last, but has been so uncomplimentary as to absent itself during the whole of the season, turns up, and drives people into great coats and clothing suitable to the Arctic regions. We are very pleased to meet our old friend, with his bracing air and his genial smile, for Old Winter is a seasonable and jolly fellow in his way; but we cannot help complaining of his very irregular and dilatory habits, especially during the last forty or fifty years. Sometimes he drops in a little too soon, before we have had time to lay in our stock of seasonable clothing. Sometimes, when we have made all the needful preparations for his reception, and have got in our woollens and our muffs, and our wraps, shawls, and the like, all in decent time, he either disappoints us altogether, or comes late, when people are preparing for the Boat Race and Amateur Athletic Club meetings, Volunteer reviews, and Eastertide excursions. Sometimes he does not condescend to pay us any visit at all, and then the whole round of the seasons behaves irregularly. We have certainly had some keen, wintry days this week; it may be owing, in some indirect way, to the eclipse of the moon on Tuesday, and if the blood circulates less freely in our veins, the circulation in our streets is more rapid. Who knows but the earth may have stopped in its revolution, so that the seasons are just one later than they used to be, winter coming in spring time, spring in summer, and so on? However, these are questions we cheerfully leave to the consideration of others. For ourselves, we take things as they come, and make the best of them, as Speculative Masons should do.

The Agricultural Hall is a very proper place for the exhibition of fat cattle, horses, and dogs, agricultural implements, &c., &c., and we all know the Mohawk Minstrels have made a portion of it their home, and a very comfortable and very lively home it is, as most of our readers are aware. But except for its spacious accommodation, it is almost the last place in the world in which we should expect to hear of a Masonic Ball being held. Yet one was held on Wednesday, and for an excellent purpose—the support of our Charities. Some 400 people, brethren and their lady friends and relatives together, disported themselves till the small hours of the morning, as will be seen in fuller detail elsewhere in these columns. The Craftsmen present showed themselves very skilful in piloting their fair partners through the intricacies of the dance, and the ball, so far, proved a great success; but there was no keeping out the cold. The most energetic committee in the world must find it difficult to deal with so terribly inconstant a personage as the Clerk of the weather.

On Wednesday took place the funeral of Mr. Oxenford who for the last thirty years has held the important post of dramatic critic of the *Times*. Kensal Green Cemetery had been selected as the last resting-place of the respected deceased, and accordingly, for two hours before the time appointed for the ceremony, there were assembled playwrights, dramatic critics, and actors in very considerable numbers, among them being Messrs. Andrew Halliday, Leopold Lewis, Kelly, Cresswell, Cave, Horace Wigan, and the two Emerys. In the funeral procession were Messrs. E. and A. Oxenford, Edmund Yates, Frank Marshall, and other of the more immediate friends and relatives of the deceased. A heap of flowers were thrown into the grave, until the coffin lid was quite hidden from view.

On Monday next the Cambridge crew will arrive in London for its usual course of practice on the Thames water, and in three weeks' time exactly, the University race of 1877 will be rowed, at, we believe, the somewhat early hour of ten. Our readers, of course, are tolerably well posted in the doings of the rival crews on the Isis and Cam respectively, for the daily papers are careful to set forth in detail their respective merits and demerits. We need not, therefore, discuss these knotty points whether this or that crew slides best, jerks least, or feathers most



indifferently. The crews are both heavy, averaging somewhat over twelve stone per man. All we need say in connection with the annual event is that, bar accidents, the best crew will assuredly win, but which that best may be it is not possible at this present time to say. There is, perhaps, one noticeable feature in the race of this year. There are more old blues rowing than, as far as we can remember, on any previous occasion. Meantime, light and dark blue favours are beginning to show themselves more frequently as the day for the race approaches, these being, of course, among the earliest public symptoms of that "Blue fever," to which London is annually liable.

The latest news from the East is so far satisfactory, that we believe peace has been actually concluded between Turkey and Servia on terms certainly more favourable than the latter, as a hopelessly defeated power, could have had any right to expect, had she not had the influence of the Russian Empire at her back. Considering that the provocation to war came in the first instance from her, the terms are very handsome indeed. However, Servia, we fancy, has suffered too grievously to repeat her error. By this time she fully recognises the value of the old familiar story about the dwarf and the giant who went out together to do battle against their enemies. The dwarf was so foolishly valorous, that he thrust himself into the forefront of the battle, receiving all the hard knocks, while the giant merely advanced opportunely and secured the victory. Servia has gone forth to battle with her enemy and has just escaped the contest with life, thanks to the influence of that powerful empire of Russia, which has been looking on the while, and, for aught that is known to the contrary, may even now be waiting an opportunity to dash at her enemy the Turk. Peace with Montenegro is not yet arranged, but doubtless this will follow at an early date. The one momentous question that remains is whether Russia and Turkey will come to blows or not. With every day that passes, the prospects of a continued maintenance of peace appear to be brighter. There have even been rumours that Russia has given orders for the demobilisation of her army. This, of course, must be a work of time, and will require very delicate management, or dissatisfaction will break out, not only among the troops assembled at Kischeneff, but elsewhere throughout the Empire. Let us hope, however, the news is true, and and that for the present, at all events, we may be no more harassed about the Eastern difficulty.

There is talk of the marriage of the young King of Spain with a daughter of the Duke de Montpensier. King Alphonso is yet a young man, and seems to get on well in the difficult task of governing a country so unsettled as is Spain. The marriage is announced to take place at the end of next month. We trust the event may be for the happiness both of the King and the Princess, and that it will exercise a kindly influence over the country which Alphonso has been called to rule over.

We have received a short note, penned with difficulty by our worthy and zealous brother John Young, W.M. of Lodge 704, Ahlaghill, Ireland. We learn with great regret that he is under treatment by the principal oculist of Belfast for blindness; the sight of one eye only being partially preserved, though fears are entertained for even that. He was first registered on the books of Grand Lodge in 1823, having now been a Mason for 54 years, with yet undiminished fervour, though in the seventy-third year of his age. The brethren employed upon this Journal send him their fraternal greeting. If the expression of our high esteem and deep sympathy can convey a gleam of gratification to one so afflicted, we would remind our brother that, under God's blessing, alleviation and resignation may best mitigate his calamity with the balm of a satisfied conscience, and the memories of a well-spent life.

As announced in another column, the Provincial Grand Secretary designate for Essex is Bro. T. J. Ralling, of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, where he was initiated in October 1869, since which he has been an active and hard-working member. He has been its Secretary since 1871, and the appreciation in which his services are held by his brethren is evidenced by the fact that in May 1875 a valuable gold watch, suitably inscribed, and a handsomely engrossed vellum, were presented to him, in the presence of the D.P.G.M. and several distinguished brethren (reported in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE at the time, May 1875).

We believe that the nomination of Bro. Ralling to this distinguished post in the province has caused great satisfaction among the members of his Lodge, and we doubt not will be popular throughout the province. It is a little singular the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. John Wright Carr, was an initiate of the Angel; and it is a further remarkable circumstance that the present P.G. Treasurer for Essex, the W. Bro. Burton, and Bro. Carr first saw the light on the same evening and in the same Lodge.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has consented to preside at a dinner in aid of the funds for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, on the 13th of March, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's. Numerous noblemen and gentlemen, distinguished in the Order, are Stewards. Tickets, 21s, can be obtained of Bro. W. Van Praagh, 12 Fitzroy-square.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. E. Moss, Director of the Masonic Quartette, has been appointed tenor to the Foundling Chapel.

The Consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, will take place on Friday, the 9th March, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at four o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony, and instal Bro. Samuel James Harvey, the W.M. designate.

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Monday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. Marsh Case J.G.D., the President, in the chair. The Hon. Sec., Bro. Jas. Terry, announced that the total amount subscribed was £12,836 14s, with five lists to come in. He hoped to have to communicate the pleasing fact that it had reached £13,000. The accounts were audited, and found very satisfactory, leaving a balance (out of the money paid as Stewards' fees) of £47. The following propositions were duly carried:—

1. Proposed by Bro. J. Stevens, and seconded by Bro. H. M. Levy:—That the cordial thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby given, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire, for his great exertions in promoting the interests of this Institution by his powerful advocacy of its claims whilst acting as Chairman of the Annual Festival, held on the 12th February, in which he was nobly supported by brethren from all parts of the country, resulting in the munificent sum of £12,656 13s being announced on the occasion. That a copy hereof be forwarded to his Lordship.

2. Proposed by Bro. W. A. Tharp, and seconded by Bro. G. W. Verry:—That the best thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to the V.W. Bro. J. Marsh Case J.G.D., the President to the Board, for the very admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office, and for the kind courtesy he had evinced towards the brethren when presiding at their various meetings.

3. Proposed by Bro. Hicks, and seconded by Bro. W. J. Murlis:—That the thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to the V.W. Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer to the Board, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and for the courtesy he had shown towards the brethren.

4. Proposed by Bro. J. G. Stevens, and seconded by Bro. W. Murlis:—That £10 be given from the balance on the account to Bro. G. Knill, and that a £10 Life Governorship be presented to V.W. Bro. J. M. Case, the balance to be handed over to Bro. James Terry, the Hon. Secretary.

A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. James Terry, the Hon. Secretary, for his unremitting exertions in promoting the interests of the Institution, and the great success that attended the Festival. Bro. Terry thanked the brethren for their kind expressions; he hoped they would never have a worse Chairman or a worse Festival. The brethren severally congratulated him, and expressed a hope that next year the amount might be increased. There were present Bros. W. A. Tharp, Godtschalk, J. Stevens, Hicks, E. Spooner, Lancaster, W. Kirk, G. W. Verry, C. G. Hill, T. Ross, W. J. Murlis, H. Higgins, J. W. Watts, and H. M. Levy.

## 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, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 5th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
118—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Wheat-sheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.  
1381—Kearington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
393—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

## WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.  
Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-st., E.C. 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.)  
1238—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
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.)  
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1035—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alwrick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, C. lege-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Londo Road, Spalding.  
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1093—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tradeagar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1369—Bala, P asgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

## FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

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—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
34—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.  
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

## TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

## THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

## FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.  
K. T. Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.  
THURSDAY—8—Journeyman, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 531—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.  
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
" 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.  
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.  
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.  
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.  
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.  
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.  
" 129—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.  
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.  
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.  
THURSDAY—570—Kennmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.  
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
FRIDAY—170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.**—The members of the Past Masters' Club attached to this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, on Tuesday, 27th February, in celebration of the anniversary of the Centenary of the Lodge, which was founded in 1769. Bro. Charles Tyler, P.M. 19, 66, presided. Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M. P.S.G.W. Middlesex, having completed his year of office as Master of the Lodge, was formally admitted a member of the Club, and invited by the President to partake with the brethren of a loving cup, presented that evening by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge, to whom was accorded a sincere vote of thanks for his very handsome and acceptable gift. Some customary toasts followed, after which Bro. D. Nicholson P.M. was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its weekly meeting at its new quarters, the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street (Goswell-road end), on Monday last, in a very large and convenient room. A fair muster of some of the old members took place. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Saul S.W., R. Pearcy J.W., Walker S.D., Stock J.D., Beckett Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Christopher I.G., H. Moss, Rudderforth, Isaac, E. Legg, Defries, W. Meanwell, Baker, Gibbs, Read, Chinn, Frost, Jones, Powell, Curry, Sadler, G. Gardiner, Kidder, Cook, and Cook Visitor. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then worked the Fifteen Sections, the questions being answered as follows:—

1. Bro. Walker ...	429	8. Bro. Jones ...	907
2. „ R. Pearcy ...	228	9. „ Saul ...	1201
3. „ A. W. Fenner ...	1227	10. „ Defries ...	45
4. „ Isaac ...	...	11. „ Sadler ...	1471
5. „ Rudderforth ...	12	12. „ Rudderforth ...	12
6. „ Frost ...	...	13. „ Kidder ...	228
7. „ E. Legg ...	861	14. „ R. Pearcy ...	228
		15. „ Stock ...	228

Lodge being resumed to 1st degree, Bros. S. Chinn 858, and Rudderforth 12, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had worked the sections. Thanks were also voted to Bro. Curry for renovating the jewels of the Lodge. Officers were formally re-elected for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., when, doubtless on account of the extremely cold weather, the attendance was somewhat limited. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. G. Gard Pye) upon his wedding-tour, the chair of K.S. was ably filled by the W. Bro. Alfred Welch I.P.M., W. Bro. Alfred Cobb P.M. and Treas. acting as S.W. There were also present—Bros. T. J. Ralling J.W., S. Chaplin P.M., Fred. A. Cole P.M., W. P. Lowes P.M., W. Richey P.M., J. J. C. Turner Organist, I. Harris S.D., G. Mercer as I.G., U. B. Mattacks, A. R. Staines, H. Sandford, T. M. Bear, W. Bray, E. Hennemeyer, Jas. Collins, D. Hill jun., A. O. Stopes, and C. Gunne Tyler. The business of the evening comprised two passings and a raising, which were carried out in the able manner in which Bro. Welch always conducts the ceremonies. The Secretary read a circular letter from the Worshipful the D.P.G.M., announcing that Bro. T. J. Ralling J.W., and Secretary of the Lodge, had been appointed by the R.W.P.G.M. acting Provincial Grand Secretary, vice Bro. John Wright Carr deceased. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Ralling upon his appointment to so distinguished an office in the Province, and expressed his conviction that the nomination would be received with pleasure, not only by the members of the Angel Lodge and its sister in the town—the United Lodge—but also by the brethren of the whole Province. A candidate for initiation and a joining member having been proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, the “social hour” being greatly enlivened by some capital vocal music by some of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Turner.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 27th February. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Lees S.W., Brown J.W., Rich S.D., Horsley J.D., Hallar I.G., West Cand., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, Holtham Treasurer, and Bros. Geibernan, Edgington, Baxter, Hulet, Hogarth, Dudley P.M. 1178, Williams. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. West as candidate. Bro. Edgington answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Edgington passed. Bro. Hulet answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree. Bro. Daniel vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Horsley. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Horsley worked the ceremony in a very able manner, Bro. Hulet as candidate. Bro. Daniel resumed the chair. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bros. Edgington, Horsley, Dudley, Williams were elected members. Bro. Lees was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Daniel for the able manner in which he filled the chair.

**Commercial Chapter, No. 79.**—Held an emergency meeting in their Chapter-rooms, 30 Hope-street. In the absence from the city of the First Principal, the Chapter was opened in the Mark degree by Comps. J. Munro, J. M. Oliver, and R. Brodie, when Bro. J. McInnis of 360 was advanced to that degree by J. Duthie. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, and the same was duly

inducted. The Chapter was then opened by Comps. J. Duthie, J. Munro, and R. Brodie, when the same gentleman was duly exalted to that degree.

**Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.**—The first regular meeting of this ancient Lodge, since the installation, was held on Tuesday the 27th ult., at Freemason's Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Bro. W. Moulton W.M., Haslett S.W., Hughes J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. P.M. Secretary, Manly Assist. Sec., Leggett S.D., Lister J.D., W. Wilkinson I.G. Past Master's Bros. E. H. Thielay, T. Ball, G. Parkess. Bros. A. Hugon, W. Wayre, H. Hall, Dowsou, T. Cherer, Parns, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The report of the audit was read, and showed a satisfactory account, with a balance of £64 15s 9d. Messrs. Read, Head and Parnacott were initiated into the Order. Bros. F. Lee, J. B. Lamb, W. A. Lefevre, and H. F. Davis were passed; and Bros. Graves, Dawson and Groom were raised. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his careful working on this the first occasion of his occupying the chair to work the ceremonies. It was then proposed, seconded and carried, pursuant to notice of motion, “That the initiation fee of this Lodge, on and after the regular meeting in March, be £15 15s, and from the same date the joining fee be £12 12s for each member.” The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. Bros. T. Benson 521 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 were present as Visitors.

**Caveac Chapter, No. 176.**—The regular Convocation of this well-established Chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Saturday, 24th February. The Chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann Z., J. B. Sarrell H., Dr. W. S. Wyman P.Z. as J., F. Walters P.Z. P.P. 1st A.S. Middlesex Treasurer. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Rudolph Liebmann 1423, Era Lodge, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The meetings of the Sphinx and Caveac Chapters clashing on this occasion, caused the absence of the J., Comps. W. M. Goss and P. A. Nairne P.Z.; and, as many of the Comps. belong to both Chapters, a notice of motion was given by the Treasurer, that the meeting in October be abolished or altered to September. It was stated that the Sphinx had changed all their other meetings, which fell on the same days as this Chapter; but it was found that they were unable to alter their October one, consequently, to meet that difficulty, the Caveac meeting might be changed or abolished. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Comps. A. Williams C.E. 1st A.S., Dr. C. Browne 2nd A.S., whose professional duties prevented their attendance. It was unanimously resolved that Comp. R. Liebmann be the Steward to represent the Chapter at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls. At the earnest solicitations of the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters agreed to accept the Stewardship, and to become a Life Governor of the Institution. It was understood some one or two brethren would be introduced at the next meeting, who were ready and anxious to be exalted in this Chapter. The business of the meeting being ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 24th May.

**St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180.**—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., W. Smithett H., W. C. Parsons J., H. Reid P.Z. S.E., Knyvett P.S., N. A. Annett 1st Assist., A. Cameron, P.Z. Treas.; P.Z.'s L. Herf I.P.Z., H. Stacey, R. F. Hill; and Comps. Marner, E. Farwig, Pink, A. Godfrey, Thatcher, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. A. H. Smith, which was unanimously in his favour. He was duly exalted in R. A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfectly rendered. Comp. A. Cameron P.Z. gave the mystical portion very impressively. The election of Principals and officers took place, and were unanimously in favour of Comps. W. Smithett Z., W. C. Parsons H., Knyvett J., A. Cameron P.Z. Treas., H. Reid P.Z. S.E., Pillin S.N., A. Annett P.S., and Gilbert Janitor. Comp. Smithett proposed, and Comp. Cameron seconded, that a P.Z. jewel be presented to Comp. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter in every respect during his year of office, which was carried unanimously. Comps. Morgan, E. Farwig, and C. Smith were elected auditors. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions, 30 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins, and superintended by Bro. Knill. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. The Chapter was always pleased at the accession of members. On this occasion he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the newly exalted Companion. His recommendation and introduction was sufficient to show they were pleased to hail him as a member. Comp. Smith, in a very excellent speech, responded. Although, on his introduction into Freemasonry, he was fully impressed with it, the solemnity of the ceremony, so impressively delivered that evening, would never be effaced from his memory. The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Comps. Barfield, Pearson, and H. M. Levy severally responded. Comps. L. Herf I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and spoke of the admirable manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter. He hoped he might be spared for many years among them, for he was one worthy of their regard. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Herf for his kind remarks, and the Companions for the manner they received the toast. In presiding over them it was a labour of love. He hoped to meet them for many years to cement that bond of friendship that existed among them, and be in the proud position of a Past Principal. He then asked the Companions to drink a toast that he was sure would be received with feelings of great pleasure, an



that was the H. and J. The H. had been elected as the future Z., a post he is qualified to fill. The J. Comp. Parsons has been elected to a higher position, and they had seen how he had worked the ceremony that evening. He had passed the chair of the Chapter with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren, and this was but a stepping-stone to the chair of Z., which he was sure he was qualified to fill. Comp. Parsons briefly and appropriately returned thanks for the toast. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s Comps. L. Herf, Cameron, Stacey, and Hill; he mentioned their names with feelings of respect. He personally knew that their services were always at the command of the Comps. Comp. H. A. Stacey P.Z. responded. The M.E.Z. proposed the Treasurer Comp. Cameron, and H. Reed the S.E. The former Companion is one that can rarely be equalled in Lodge or Chapter, he is so *au fait* in his duties, and always looks after their interests. The same remarks apply to Comp. Reed, but in a different, and perhaps, a more ordinary capacity. Whatever he undertakes is successfully carried out. Comp. Cameron and Reed both returned thanks for the toast in excellent speeches. The M.E.Z. then proposed the Acting P.S. and the rest of the officers. He might be congratulated on his officers, for they would enable him to carry out the duties of the chair. Comps. Knyvett and Annett severally returned thanks, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening, Companions Warner, Smith, and Hobson singing some very excellent songs.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—The annual meeting was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., on 24th February. Bro. Geo. Cooper, W.M. of the Percy Lodge, presided, assisted by Bros. Percy S.W., P. Stock J.W., and J. A. Powell I.G. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Percy, with the assistance of Bro. James Terry and brethren, worked several sections of the first Lecture. The Secretary then read the report of the past year, by which it appears that the Lodge, having been in abeyance several years, was resuscitated in February 1876, when Bro. James Terry P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire presided, and rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. During the past year 180 members have been elected, who have attended in the aggregate over 1000 times. In addition to defraying the expenses of new furniture and clothing, the Lodge has become a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Robert Halford was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. C. Killick Secretary. A vote of thanks was given by the Percy Lodge to the officers of the Instruction Lodge for the efficient manner in which they had fulfilled their duties. Bros. James Self 204 and P.G.S.W. Essex, Gibbs 1178, and W. Regan 192, were elected members. Bro. Bedwell will preside this day. The Lodge adjourned at eight o'clock to the annual supper, at which about fifty members were present. A very pleasant evening was spent, being enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. J. Constable, Mullord, Beasted, &c., and an excellent reading by Bro. H. P. Isaac, from the "Lady of Lyons." The Lodge meets every Saturday at eight o'clock, and closes at ten. Tram cars from the City pass the door.

**Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.**—Held at Bro. Yetton's, The Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green. At the usual meeting on the 25th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked, nearly 50 brethren being present. Bros. Hewlett W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., Appleby J.W., T. Austin I.P.M., W. Musto Hon. Secretary. The sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Lovelock, Calver, Appleby, Ashburner, Rudderforth, Webb and Barnes; the second by Bros. Taylor, Musto, Defriesz, Myers and Baxter; the third by Bros. Lazarus, Job and Cohen. After the Master had risen for the third time, Bro. Austin P.M. expressed his gratification at the manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties in the chair, and at the same time proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for his efficient services, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge; this was seconded by Bro. Appleby J.W. Bro. Barnes P.M. on rising to put the motion, said that he had never experienced so much pleasure in hearing the Fifteen Sections worked as he had on this occasion. He saw around him a large number of brethren, nearly all of whom he looked upon as his children in Freemasonry; they had devoted a great deal of time to learn the ritual from him as a Preceptor, and the excellent manner in which the W.M. put the questions was such as to merit the warmest thanks of the brethren. The motion was carried unanimously. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Yetton seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had assisted him in the working of the sections, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to the 4th inst.

**Virtue and Silence Lodge, No. 332.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Hadleigh, Bro. A. J. Grimwade W.M. in the chair. There was a good attendance of the brethren, including the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—W. Hart P.P.G.J.D., H. Golding P.G.S., E. B. Powell P.G.P. Sup. Works, J. A. Pettit sen. P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Pettit jun., P.P.G.D.C., F. Spalding P.P.G.S.D., and W. Gardiner P.P.G. Pursuivant. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Grimwade, in his usual impressive and able manner, installed the S.W., Bro. W. C. Eltham, as W.M., who then invested his officers as follow:—Bro. A. J. Grimwade I.P.M., T. Chisnal S.W., F. Grimwade J.W., W. Hart Treasurer, H. W. Hitchcock Organist, W. Mackney Secretary, S. Cooper S.D., A. A. Seaborne J.D., J. King I.G., and W. Kersey Tyler. The W.M., in investing his officers, addressed a few appropriate and encouraging remarks to each, whilst the brethren frequently gave expression to their appreciation of the selection made. Bro. Hart, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. A. J. Grimwade with a valuable Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, to mark their recogni-

tion of his efficient services during the past year, which had been the most successful and prosperous one the Lodge ever had. Bro. Grimwade, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks for the gift, which would be highly prized by him, and his regret at leaving the chair, although he felt sure that, in his successor, the Lodge had one who would ably perform the duties of W.M. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Aldons. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and a very happy evening was spent. The Lodge recently sent Bro. Bobby, who is this year one of the Stewards to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, the sum of £5; and during the evening it was decided to forward another £5, which would entitle the Lodge to a Life Governorship. The broken column was consequently sent round, and the necessary sum handed in to the W.M. A memorial to the R.W.P.G.M. for Suffolk, Lord Waveney, was signed by all the brethren present, praying that the Provincial Grand Lodge, which this year is to be held at Hadleigh, may be fixed for a Friday, that being the most convenient day in the week for the brethren in the province.

**Union Lodge, No. 332.**—Held its regular meeting on Monday, 19th February, Bro. D. McGrady presiding, assisted by nearly all his office bearers. There was a heavy night's work.

**St. George's Lodge, No. 333.**—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 14th February, Bro. Jas. Findlay R.W.M. in the chair. Present—A. Thompson I.P.M., Thos. Hill S.W., Robt. Fairbairn J.W., A. Dunn T., A. McIntyre Secretary, J. K. Adam S.B., A. Taylor S.D., J. Findlay J.D. Visitors—Bros. D. M. Nelson P.M. 3 bis, G.S.D., G. Muir 103, and Bro. Gilmore 129 P.G.S.W. Renfrewshire East, and W. Edwards I.P.M. 129. There was one gentleman for initiation, and one brother to be raised to the sublime degree, both ceremonies were admirably wrought by the R.W.M., Bro. Findlay. Bro. Thompson I.P.M. presented the Lodge with a handsome hour glass and scythe, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge.

**Athol Lodge, No. 413.**—Held its regular meeting on Friday, 27th February. Bro. Nelson in the chair. J. Louttit I.P.M., G. Holmes D.M., J. Leeds S.M., J. Bramlie S.W., J. Wilson J.W., P. Agnes Treasurer, pro. tem. Bro. W. Bell P.M. 3 bis, G. W. Wheeler 73, J. Booth R.W.M. 87, J. Gray, St. John's, Kirkwall. The business consisted of the raising of two brethren, which was ably performed by P.M. Louttit.

**Neptune Lodge, Glasgow, No. 419.**—Held their festival in the South Side Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Bro. Malcolm Stark R.W.M., who was ably supported by the rest of his office-bearers. There was also a large attendance of visiting brethren and ladies, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

**Thorntree Lodge, No. 512.**—Held their annual festival on Friday, 23rd February. Bro. Lochlar Kellar R.W.M. in the chair. Bro. A. Nicholson Cronprier. On the dais were the Rev. G. Campbell Chaplain, J. Scobie I.P.M., Capt. Hays R.W.M., Busby, St. John's, the Master of the Royal Arch, Pollockshaw, R. Nisbett, R.W.M. of the Albert Edward 592, and a number of influential brethren from the Province of Renfrewshire East. Bro. L. Keller supplied an abundant repast, and the intellectual food was equally good; the speeches, if short, were all to the point, and the singing was of a class rarely heard from amateurs. The Thorntree Lodge will, we doubt not, flourish under its new rulers.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—The members of this Lodge met at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 23rd ult., for the first time, under the presidency of Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Rolfe, which being unanimous in his favour, he was introduced and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. H. P. Matthews, Fulcher, and Pash were then passed to the 2nd degree. A ballot was then taken for Bros. J. E. Fullager, of the Tuscan Lodge No. 14, and George Smithers, of the William Preston Lodge No. 766, which proved unanimous in their favour. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Strickland No. 180, J. Garrett P.M. 183, J. O. Carter P.M. 209, P.G.D.C. (Berks and Bucks), W. Nicholes No. 209, and G. W. Dixon P.M. 861 P.P.G.D.C.

**Cherwell Lodge, No. 599.**—The members of this Lodge held their twenty-fifth anniversary at the Red Lion Hotel, Baubury, on Monday, 26th Feb., when Bro. Rev. J. Spittal was installed Wor. Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Havers, P.G.D. of England, with his accustomed ability. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Potts I.P.M., Rev. A. Ayton S.W., G. A. Hardacre J.W., R. Havers P.G.D. Treas., E. J. Hartley P.M. Sec., T. W. Holland S.D., C. H. Pemberton P.M. J.D., W. Chamberlin and T. Fowler Stewards, R. C. Hamfrey I.G., T. Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Bird, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, H. C. Risley P.M., R. Havers P.G.D., the newly invested officers, &c.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 27th of February, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. E. T. Worsley W.M., Lovelock S.W., W. J. Smith J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Allen Treas., Saunders S.D., Defries J.D., P. M. Wallington, Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wright, and Bros. Dallas, Ould, Watkins, Perry, Perrin, Brown, Glover, Bonner, Wardell, Pavitt, Barker, Davis, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, when the Preceptor performed the installation ceremony; after which that of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Perry acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed to the first degree when Bro. Smith worked the 3rd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ould 781 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Lovelock was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor stated that, according to the rules, the annual supper takes place in the month of March. He would therefore propose, which was seconded by Bro. Lovelock, that it be fixed for the fourth Tuesday—viz., the 27th. Those brethren wishing to be present will kindly communicate with the Secretary, at the above address. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday next.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—This Lodge was held at Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 23rd February. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearcy W.M., Lane S.W., Powell J.W., Crouch S.D., Kent J.D., Webb I.G., Townsend Sec., Bolton, Simpson, Smith, Crellin, and A. W. Fenner. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Smith being candidate. Questions leading to 2nd were answered. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 2nd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell 186, and Bro. Crouch 1297 were duly elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lane was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was agreed to by the brethren that the first annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction take place at Bro. Bolton's, as above, on the third Friday in March. Full particulars, with names of Stewards and price of tickets, will be duly announced in next week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Asaph Chapter, No. 1319.**—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 19th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. E. Stanton Jones M.E.Z., C. Coote P.Z., H. Dodd J., Harry Cox, Arthur Swanborough, E. J. Henson, &c. The minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. Tisley D.C. Star Lodge, No. 1275, W. Welsman P.M. South Middlesex, and S.W. 1589, which were unanimously in their favour. Bro. John Caulford had been previously accepted. These were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. There being no other business before the Chapter, it was closed, and the brethren separated.

**Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329.**—A Convocation of this Chapter took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on 25th February. The Chapter was opened in due form by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Nairne, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. A Board of installed Principals was formed, and the M.E.Z. elect, Dr. Bedolfe was installed by Comp. Nairne. The new M.E.Z. then installed Comp. Vockins as H. and Comp. Goss as J., and appointed Comps. Reynolds Treasurer, Temple Scribe E., Cobham Scribe N., and Middlemas as Principal Sojourner, who in turn appointed as his assistants Comps. Bryant and Bickerton. Comp. Harrison was re-appointed Janitor. The M.E.Z. then presented the P.Z. Comp. Nairne with the usual jewel, as a slight memorial of his very efficient and able services to the Chapter during the past year. Bros. Perrowan, Webb, and Runacres, were then exalted to the Royal Arch degree. The business of the Chapter ended, the Comps. retired to the banqueting-room, where the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts having been disposed of, the M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the retiring First Principal, desired to express the high esteem in which he was held by the Chapter, and its sense of the services he had rendered. Comp. Nairne might be truly looked upon as a conscript father of the Lodge; for, under his fostering care, it had sprung to life, and assumed the vigour of manhood whilst as yet a child. He knew and felt that the toast would be worthily responded to. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. Vockins and Goss, alluded to the services Comp. Vockins had rendered to the Chapter, of which he might be called the Sponsor. He had laboured honestly for it, and all must esteem him for his work. The M.E.Z. had long known the W.M. of the Lodge in which Comp. Vockins was initiated, and from the character of its members it was an honour to have had such a Masonic origin. On proposing the health of the Visitors, to which Comp. Bickerstaff replied, he expressed regret that Comp. Constable had been compelled to leave, but hoped the Comps. would not forget his benevolent aim of obtaining £1,000 for the Boys, by the sale of 1s tickets, each giving a chance of a Life Governorship to its holder. Comp. Constable was one of the most energetic Masons in London, and he hoped the members of this Chapter would appreciate and aid his noble undertaking. He also read a letter from Comp. Hngham, regretting the meeting was beyond the length of "his cable tow." He referred to Comp. Hngham as performing a most useful part in collecting traditions of modern Masonry; he had not undertaken his task a day too soon, for in these days of change passing events are soon forgotten. For his own part, he thought Masonry too timid of investigation, but if it were undertaken with an earnest desire after truth, a strict observance of the rules of criticism, and a careful definition of what is to be taken as fact, and what as allegory, united to an honest

confession of the difficulties surrounding our position, it had all to gain, and nothing to fear. Men like Brother Hngham are not always to be found. Could not Grand Lodge be induced to found an annual lecture or oration, to illustrate Masonry, its history, traditions and objects, and thus clear away the rubbish with which our ears are too often assailed? An honour of this kind would be highly esteemed, for men will not work to be snubbed and slighted. The M.E.Z. here passed round an autograph letter of the historian Guizot on Masonry, and reminded the Comps. of a favourite toast both in Lodge and Chapter—viz., that of their excellent Treasurer, Comp. Reynolds, than whom no man more kindhearted, or more worthy of esteem for his high character, existed. Whilst he continued to perform the duties he had undertaken the Chapter would prosper. The next toast was that of "The Principal Sojourner, Middlemas," a Comp. and friend whom each had learned to appreciate, whether in Chapter, Lodge, or the civil affairs of the outside world, judging by the effect produced upon the audience of the two most effective speeches he had ever heard; one was delivered by Daniel O'Connell, and the other by Comp. Middlemas, who was an exact and excellent worker, and an honour to the Chapter. All the officers had well done their duty, and each Companion had striven with them to bring the Chapter to that condition of efficiency and respect which it had undoubtedly won. The repast was excellent, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the Companions, when, at length the Janitor appeared, and with his *finale* closed the scene.

**Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Trewythen Arms Hotel, Llanidloes, on 14th February. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. Collander J.G.D.C. of North Wales and Shropshire, supported by Bros. W. A. Davies S.W., John Kitto J.W. and Hon. Secretary, W. H. Williams S.D., J. H. Webb acting J.D., W. Russell I.G., J. Trewin Tyler. There were also present Bros. E. Davies, Hugh Jones, Owen Williams, F. Britton W.M. 1594, E. J. Williams 1072, &c. The minutes of the last regular Lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davies, who was duly elected and initiated. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Owen Williams, having proved himself qualified, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Owen Williams was re-admitted and raised. The Lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree, when the W.M., on rising, said, since they last met it had pleased the Great Disposer of all Events to remove from amongst them one to whom the Llanidloes Lodge must always feel deeply indebted, for when they first met on the 8th of June last, they passed a vote of thanks to their late Bro. Goldsboro for his great services towards them in consecrating their Lodge; also investing him as their immediate Past Master, in addition to which they asked him to accept a further compliment, and elected him an honorary member. But death had commenced with their roll early, and he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare them for a very long time before they had to make a similar announcement. It was now his melancholy duty to propose a vote of condolence to the widow and family of their late Bro. Goldsboro; also that the Lodge assume mourning emblems until the May meeting. To most of the brethren of the Lodge Bro. Goldsboro was known only by name, until the day that he came amongst them to consecrate the Lodge, but to himself he had been known long before his entrance into Freemasonry; he had not only to join in their sympathy, but to mourn the loss of a dear and valued friend. When he told them that in the province of North Wales and Shropshire, their late brother had consecrated upwards of a dozen Lodges during the past twelve years, he was sure theirs was not the only Lodge in which he would be missed, and the want of his kindly counsel and advice would be felt. His feelings would not permit him to say anything more, and he had only to ask them to pass a vote of condolence to the widow and family of their late brother, who had gone to that "bourne from whence no traveller returns," and who was now, he trusted, in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. He felt sure that the Province of North Wales and Shropshire would not soon forget the works of their departed brother. The motion was seconded most feelingly by Bro. W. A. Davies S.W., and carried in solemn silence. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Kitto J.W., that the best thanks of the Lodge were due to Bro. D. P. Owen I.P.M. 998, for the present he had made to the Lodge of twenty copies of the "Masonic Calendar for North Wales and Shropshire." Mr. William Sutcliffe, of Llanidloes, was proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday, 14th of March.

**The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615,** met at the Masonic Hall, 38 Golden-square, on Monday, 26th February. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Barney, P.M. P.P.J.W. for Essex, W.M. Present—Captain Leeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., the Rev. Charles J. Ridgeway P.M. P.P.G.C. Worcester, Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.M. Treasurer, Captain Portlock Dadson Secretary, Robert Fyers J.D., James Keene P.M. D.C., Francis C. Compton Organist, Major Wemys I.G., Captain N. G. Philips P.M., Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.M., the Chevalier Habicht P.M., Hugh H. Riach P.M., Lieut. A. G. Walker R.A., C. N. Longcroft, Lieut. G. Le C. Egerton R.N., W. Bezley Thorne, E. B. Bernard, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G., Arthur Spicer, F. Calrow, C. Malcolm Wood, Captain S. C. Pratt R.A., W. B. Lethbridge, Captain H. S. Andrews, F. C. Maitland, Rev. G. Sutton Flack, Nicholas Herbert, C. P. Kempe, Captain S. J. Dyer and Major A. Wood. Visitors—Colonel Randolph, 1383, Major F. J. Ricarde-Seaver, and Pelham Bullock, 214. Bros. Spicer, Bernard, and the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G. were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons; Bros. the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, F. Cave Maitland, and Nicholas Herbert were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; and Lieut. G. Le C. Egerton R.N. and Mr. C. N. Longcroft were initiated. The W.M. presented a handsome banner to the Lodge, and the sum of one hundred guineas was voted as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

**Glasgow Provincial Royal Arch Festival.**—St. John's Hall, kindly lent for the occasion, was well filled on Wednesday the 21st ult., by the members of the various Chapters in the province of Lanark. A most excellent repast was provided, by Comp. Galloway, to which full justice was done. After the cloth was cleared came the intellectual feast. Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, took the chair, supported by Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., J. F. Mitchell P.G.J. On the dais were also seated Comps. H. Inglis, of Torsonce D.G. 1st Principal of Scotland, L. Mackersey G. Scribe E., and Comp. R. S. Brown, 1st P. of Chapter 83, as a deputation from the Supreme G.C. The other provincial officers present were Comps. James Balfour P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S., G. Thallon P.G.C., J. Dunthie P.G.S. of W., J. Miller P.Z. 50, J. Louttit 50, H. Mackenzie J. of 50, J. Dunthie P.Z. 67, J. Campbell Z., W. Harper, R. Prout J., and J. Fash S.E. 69, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, G. McDonald I.P.Z. 73, J. Kinnird H. 73, W. Gunn J. 73, J. Balfour S.E., G. Muir Z. 87, D. Lamb Z. 79, R. Brodie J. 79, T. Halket Z. 113, G. Thallon Z. 119, D. Baker Z. 143, H. J. Shields P.Z. 143, G. Dyer T., and C. Meak 1st S. The P.S. expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding over such a large and influential meeting of the Arch Masons of the Province, more especially as they were favoured with a deputation from the Supreme G.C., the Deputy Grand Principal, and the G.S.E.; he then commented on the state of the Order in the province. After this due honour was paid to the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and that of the Army and Navy and Volunteers. The latter toast was ably responded to by Comp. Baker Z. of 143, as a non-commissioned officer of twenty years' standing, and now a volunteer, who could testify to the efficiency of both arms to do all that was required of them. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was then given from the chair. In replying in a high eulogistic speech, Comp. H. Inglis D.G.P. expressed the pleasure he experienced in being present that evening at the gathering of Royal Arch Masons of the West of Scotland, although he was suffering from a violent attack of neuralgia. He felt half a citizen of Glasgow, especially as he saw in the chair his old friend Barrow, than whom a better Mason whether in the Blue or Red, he did not think existed in Scotland. He was glad to corroborate his testimony as to the statement of the satisfactory state of the Order, as compared with that of the Craft, as they were in perfectly good working order, and everything in harmony; and this they would be while they continue to have such officers as those they now had, like his good friend Mackersey. Comp. Smith P.G.H. then gave "the other Grand Chapters." He was glad that those of England and Ireland were as prosperous as themselves; as for those on the other side of the Atlantic, he could not say much, but he believed that they were doing well, there were a number of them, and all prospering, even as themselves. "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire," was then proposed by Comp. Inglis D.G.Z. He held this to be the toast of the night, and he felt proud to have the honour of giving it, for it was the largest Province, and he believed it was one of the best, if not the very best of them all, and presided over by one of the best of working Masons, who had the esteem of them all, and was always honoured when he came to the East. He was one who knew Masonry from its foundation up to its very summit—up to the 32nd degree. Comp. Barrow acknowledged the compliment paid to him, as the head of the Province, and to the Comps. who had so loyally supported him in all his efforts to carry out the true principles of the Order. Comp. Mitchell P.G.J. then gave "The Daughter Chapters." If it was not for the Daughter Chapters, neither the Provincial nor the Supreme could exist. The Order was deserving of support, and every M.M. ought to be a R.A. Mason; it was the completion of the 3rd degree, and he trusted every one would exert himself till there were as many R.A.'s as they now had Master Masons, for he felt that the Provincial Chapter was now composed of men of energy who would do all that was necessary to advance the best interests of the Order, and make it what it should be. Comp. Louttit H. replied on behalf of Chapter 50. They had not been quite so successful this last two years as formerly, but she was now regaining her former prestige. Comp. Baker returned thanks for 143; Comp. Dunthie P.Z. replied for Chapter 67. He was of opinion something was necessary to give it a higher standing in the eyes of the Craft; for his part, he did not fully understand Masonry till he took the Royal Arch. Comp. Campbell, Z. of 69, was fully impressed with the necessity of something being done to improve them, and stated he was glad that the Order was progressing now. Comp. Wheeler remarked that 73 was in a very flourishing state, his officers were all very ably supporting him, and from his experience he was able to say that the Order was already taking a higher standing. For his own part, during the two-and-a-half years he had had the honour of filling the principal chair, he had himself exalted in his own and other Chapters, eighty-seven, and been present at, and assisted in the exaltation of eighty others; so if they were only true to themselves, to the Order, and their principles, they would get the higher status required. Comp. Muir, as Z. of 87, was pleased at being present for the first time at this re-union. Comp. Lamb, on behalf of 79, said that having reconstructed the Chapter, they meant it should be second to none. Comp. Thallon, for 119, said they were progressing. Comp. T. Halket, for 113, said, having now a new hall, they should progress still more rapidly. W. Smith P.G.H. gave "The other Orders of Masonry." Comp. Mackersey replied, saying it was a herculean task, if he went into the whole of them, so at this late hour, he would only just sketch them; but he thought that he must say a word about the next, viz.: the Royal Order, and also that of the Rose Croix, by advising them to establish a Chapter of the 18th degree. It would afford the members of Supreme Grand Council, great pleasure to come to Glasgow and establish one; all the Colonies were getting them, and he did not like to see Glasgow left out in the cold. Comp. J. Halket P.G.T. gave "Visiting Brethren," showing the good that resulted from such visits. This was the first time for several years they had a visit from the Supreme. Comp. R. S. Brown replied it was a great pleasure for them to be present, and he thought that it was a mutual benefit, both for the Visitors and the visited, and trusted that the members would

return the visits, and come to the Supreme Chapter next month. Comp. Mackersey then gave "the Benevolent Institutions." Too often he found that charity began, and often ended at home, but he found that in Glasgow they really had something like charity, and it set an excellent example to all other Provinces in this respect, for without charity, what was our system but a set of mystic rites? Comp. J. Thomson replied, it was a source of pride to him, that he had conceived the idea of this Benevolent Institution, he had got it established, had watched its early growth, and now was proud to see its success; they wanted to relieve true distress, but discourage those who long had tried to live by imposture. He had lived to see it a perfect success, and now it was an honour to the Craft. Comp. Campbell P.G. 1st S., proposed the "Masonic Press," regretting that they had not a purely Scotch Masonic Press, but he hoped that that would soon be remedied by the establishment of one. Comp. Wheeler replied on behalf of the "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE." Comp. D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., then in a highly interesting speech, proposed "the Ladies." Comp. Wm. Ferguson, of Chapter 69, replied. Votes of thanks were then given to the Chairman, Cronpiers, and the Committee, who had ably carried out the arrangements during the evening. Comps. Miller and Halket at the harmonium, and Halket, Prout, Muir and MacConchie and W. Harden, by their vocal abilities contributed, to the enjoyment of the evening.

**Provincial Chapter of Lanarkshire.**—Held its quarterly Convocation on Friday, 23rd February, F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent, presiding. In the absence of the P.G. H. and J., their places were filled by Comps. G. Muir Z. 87, and Baker Z. 143. There were also present—J. Balfour P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 P.G.S.N., T. Halket, P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S., J. Dunthie P.G.S. of W., J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., and J. B. Handie P.G. Janitor. Arrangements were made for the annual visitations of the Chapter, after which an interesting discussion, on the present status of the Mark degree, and also the mode of working it, was entered into. The principal speakers were C. McKenzie, J. Dunthie, T. M. Campbell, D. Lamb, G. McDonald, T. Halket, G. W. Wheeler, and William Harding. The P.G. Superintendent was pleased that the discussion had taken place. It had tended to throw light on dark and different subjects, and with regard to the two modes of working, he held both to be constitutional, the one, though perhaps a little in excess of the recognised ritual, was not unconstitutional; and it tended to make the candidate more fully understand the real merits of the degree.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—Was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday last, under the following Comps.:—J. Constable Z., C. Nash H., J. K. Stead J., T. W. White S.E., E. Gottheil S.N., Major Finney P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed by the three Principals, Comp. Lindus acting as candidate. The following Comps. were elected to preside for the ensuing fortnight:—J. K. Stead Z., C. Nash H., H. W. Lindus J., S. P. Catterson S.W. The time of meeting having been altered to seven o'clock, it is hoped that hour may better suit the convenience of those who desire to attend.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-street, on the 28th ult, at the hour of seven p.m. Bro. Fenner presided as W.M., and there were present Bros. Levy S.W., Walker J.W., Mason S.D., Abell J.D., Crookes I.G., Pitt Sec., J. Constable Treasurer, and Preceptor pro tem. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gompertz, N. Gluckstein, S. Hickman, and Bloomfield. The business of the evening was in the first place the rehearsal of the ceremony in the second degree, Bro. Groner acting as the candidate, and this was very ably rendered by the W.M. Bro. Abbott then gave his fourth lecture on the history of the Craft in England, noting the principal events which occurred during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of London, the Earl of Darnley, and the Marquis of Carnarvon. Among those to which he called special attention, were the initiation at Kew of H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, in 1737, and that of the Crown Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great, at Brunswick in 1738. He also referred to the establishment of Grand Lodge in Scotland in 1736, and the Bull of Pope Clement XII. against Freemasonry in 1738. Bro. Abbott then said he should at this point digress from the strict chronological order of events in order to give them as much light as possible on those internal dissensions which had occurred fitfully in the first instance, and towards 1738, more regularly and forcibly, and which ultimately led to the secession of a considerable number of brethren, who, in the course of a few years more, established in London a Grand Lodge of their own. As this, however, was a large subject, Bro. Abbott contented himself with mentioning some few particulars as to the Grand Lodge at York, so that his audience might avoid the common error of confounding with this the Grand Lodge "Ancients," first started in London in 1753. Bro. Abbott was listened to with that kind attention he always receives at the hands of the brethren. Then followed the most interesting event of the evening, namely, the presentation to our esteemed Bro. Constable of a testimonial in recognition of his services in originating and working the Tranquillity and Confidence Masonic Benevolent Association. The testimonial consisted of a receipt for a proof engraving, by Bro. Harty, of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M., together with a record on vellum and framed, of the presentation, and the circumstances under which it was made. Bro. Gompertz, in presenting this to Bro. Constable, expressed himself very fully as to the valuable services which Brother Constable had rendered to the cause of Masonic Charity. He considered it was owing entirely to his exertions that the Tranquillity and Confidence Masonic Benevolent Institution had proved so great a success. £700 had been the direct result, while a further sum of £1,800 had been collected through its influence. Bro. Gompertz thus showed the power for good of such associations was very great, and he considered that



the immense increase in the annual subscriptions of late years was due to the energy of such brethren as Bro. Constable. If the committee of the Association had not been very attentive to their duties, it was not because they lacked the good will, but because they felt that in Bro. Constable they had a fellow-workman, who would desire nothing so much as that the principal share of the work should fall to his lot. Bro. Gompertz having concluded his excellent speech, Bro. Constable next expressed his thanks for the compliment that had been paid him. The work he had done had been to him a labour of love, and he should value the testimonial especially, because it furnished the clearest proof that his efforts on behalf of our Charitable Institutions had been so fully and so generally appreciated. He trusted that others would co-operate with him in the sacred cause of Charity, and that the testimonial he had just received would be regarded by his children as an incitement to go and do likewise. Bro. Gompertz then rose and presented a record of thanks on vellum and framed, to Bro. Bloomfield P.M., for his services as Treasurer to the Association, and in doing so paid the latter several well-merited compliments for the efficient manner in which he had discharged those duties in particular and his duty in general, both as a man and a Mason. Bro. Bloomfield acknowledged the testimonial in suitable terms and very feelingly, taking that opportunity also of paying Bro. Constable a compliment for his energy in this and similar works. Bro. Figell was elected a member. Bro. Lay was proposed and appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—Held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Anshell W.M., Digman S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Robinson S.D., B. Meyer J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., Fieldwick Proceptor, and Bros. Brown, Polack, Spencer, G. Ferrar, Braisted, Bonner, H. Meyer, Shackleton, Poole, O. Dietrich, Delafous, Stratton. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. Minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. H. Meyer as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was afterwards occupied by Bro. H. Meyer, who worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Delafous was elected a member. Bro. Digman was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Anshell for the very able manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

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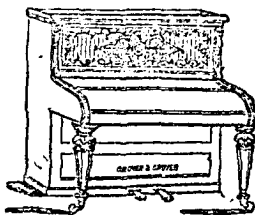
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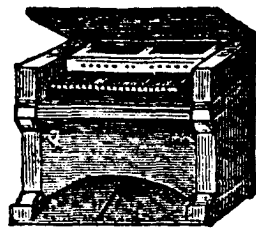
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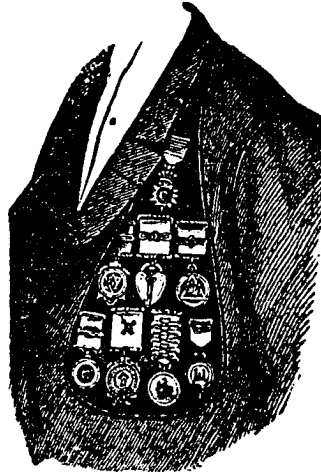
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