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## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

### MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE proceedings at the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held last Friday, must not be passed over without some notice. In the first instance the number of male annuitants to be elected this year was nine, but the wonderful success at the last Festival enabled the Committee to increase the number to twenty-four, and this was still further increased, by the occurrence of five deaths, to twenty-nine. To compete for these there were thirty-four candidates (of whom one died prior to the day of election) on the approved list, so that, thanks to the liberality of the Craft, there were only four poor brethren who were left out in the cold to endure the keen disappointment of failure. As regards the female annuitants, there were originally only three vacancies, but for the reason already mentioned this number was increased to eighteen. Six deaths subsequently occurred, and so raised the number of annuitants to be elected (out of an approved list of thirty-six candidates) to twenty-four. Thus only twelve were necessarily disappointed. The case of one of these twelve unfortunate old ladies deserves a passing reference. A day or two before the election was appointed to be held, the Secretary of the Institution received a letter from a Mrs. Stansfield, announcing the withdrawal of her name from all connection with the R.M.B.I., and her name was subsequently withdrawn. On the day of the election the son of Alice Stansfield called at Freemasons' Hall, to ascertain how his mother was prospering, and was told, of course, of her absolute withdrawal. He was shown the letter which had been received, and at once declared that the handwriting was not that of his mother. It was too late to remedy the misfortune, and poor Alice Stansfield, who, it is believed, would have stood an excellent chance of succeeding, was denied even the poor satisfaction of knowing that her failure was the result of the ordinary mischances of candidature. Unfortunately Mrs. Stansfield, who was in receipt of half her late husband's annuity, loses this now, in accordance with the laws of the Institution. When inquiry was made, it turned out that the letter had been written by another Mrs. Stansfield, who had never had anything whatever to do with the R.M.B.I., either as a candidate for an annuity, or as receiving half of her late husband's annuity. The latter part of this unfortunate episode necessarily occurred after the election was over, so that all chance of preventing or remedying the mistake was gone. Thus Alice Stansfield has lost her chance of appointment, and her half annuity has just lapsed.

It may be as well to note that the resolution of Bro. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China, to the effect that if the widow of a brother marry again, and become a second time a widow, she may be eligible for election on the Female Fund, was agreed to. The motion which stood in the name of Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, for the substitution of "guineas" instead of "pounds," so as to assimilate the subscriptions to this institution to those paid to the Schools, fell through, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Wilson. We trust, however, that the question will not be allowed to fall through altogether, as there is every reason why the qualifications for Life Governorships and Life and Annual Subscriberships should be the same for all our Charities.

One or two items of news remain to be added. Lord

Leigh, Prov. G. Master Warwickshire, was elected a Trustee of the Male Annuity Fund in place of the late Earl of Shrewsbury, and Bro. Sir Fred. Martin Williams Bart., M.P., D. Prov. G.M. Cornwall, Trustee of the same fund in succession to the late Bro. Alex. Dobie, P. Prov. G.M. of Surrey. The Committee of Management reported that the receipts at the last Festival amounted to £12,866, but we are in a position to state that sums have since been received which raise the total to £13,300.

## THE RECENT MASONIC FESTIVAL IN DUBLIN.

THE recent Masonic gathering in Dublin, of which full particulars, summarised from our contemporary, the *Dublin Mail*, are given elsewhere in our columns, is an event which demands something more than a passing notice. In the first place, it is only a matter of simple courtesy that we should offer to the Craft in Ireland our heartiest congratulations on the complete success of the day's proceedings. The Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, was absent, by reason of the continued indisposition of his wife. Other leading Craftsmen were unable to attend, but, in spite of these drawbacks, the assembly was a very brilliant one. The large Concert Hall in the Exhibition Palace was crowded. Craftsmen were conspicuous by their regalia, while the fair sex, in all the freshness and gay variety of spring attire, mustered in very considerable numbers—they always do where the welfare of children is concerned—and greatly enhanced the splendour of the scene. There have been magnificent Masonic assemblies in England and elsewhere, in connection with our Craft Charities, but we question if there has ever been a more successful one than that over which the Duke of Connaught so genially presided last Friday. In the next place, a meeting of this kind has a far deeper significance in Ireland than it would have in this country or in Scotland. Our readers hardly need to be informed that Ireland is a Roman Catholic country, some four-fifths of its inhabitants professing that particular form of Christianity. They know, likewise, how bitterly hostile to Freemasonry is the Roman Catholic priesthood. The only parallel case to this Dublin gathering of Masons which occurs to us at the moment was that which took place some time since in Rome, under the very nose of His Holiness the Pope, when the new Masonic Temple was formally consecrated to the purposes of the Craft. Why there should exist this hostility to our harmless fraternity on the part of the Romish priesthood, is immaterial. They hate us, and they take every possible opportunity of evincing their hatred. No greater damage befalls us than is done in mimic warfare, when a couple of armies blaze at each other with blank cartridges even for a long hour or more by Shrewsbury clock. Indeed, these onslaughts remind us of a story to which, we fear, we have alluded before, but which will bear repetition in this instance. We refer to the story of the big navigator, who allowed his little wife to pitch into him, for the twofold reason that it amused her, and did him no harm. So we Craftsmen all the world over have no objection to the little attacks of the old Scarlet Lady of Rome. They amuse her, and they do us no harm. But what must the Pope think of it all, and Cardinal Cullen, and other dignitaries of the same church, when they hear of this grand

meeting of Freemasons in the capital of one of their own most favoured countries—that is, of course, from a Romish ecclesiastical point of view? What can the *Freeman's Journal* say when they know that the members of the first and most respected families in Ireland assembled in Dublin, under the presidency of a Prince of the Blood Royal, to do homage publicly to the meritorious deeds of Freemasonry? In one respect, the occasion was one of very ordinary occurrence in the United Kingdom, the mere annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of orphan girls' and boys' schools. Yet, certain distinctive features about it gave it unusual prominence. The schools were established by Freemasons, for the maintenance and education of the orphan sons and daughters of brethren. And the Hall was crowded with fair ladies and Craftsmen and non-Masons, who had come from all parts of the country, in order to evince their appreciation of Masonry. The people who thus met together had nothing about them of the conspirator. They were not diabolical in their appearance; they were simply a very numerous party of ladies and gentlemen, loyal subjects of Queen Victoria, who love their fellow creatures, without a thought for the religion or politics they profess. Some of our Irish contemporary journals may occasionally try to make out that Freemasonry exercises a baneful influence on the flax trade of Belfast, or promotion in the army, but it will task all their powers to extract any harm to religion and society out of the brilliant Masonic gathering of Friday last. We again offer our Irish brethren our warmest congratulations on the splendid success of their School Festival this year.

### THE CENTENARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A SPECIAL Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on the 8th March, for the purpose of celebrating this auspicious event. A copy of the Proceedings at this and the regular Quarterly Communication on the 14th, as well as at another Special Communication on the 22nd of the same month, has reached us. For this we offer our fraternal thanks, and, as our readers will probably be pleased to learn some particulars of the celebration, we shall proceed to give a brief summary of the record of the Communication and its attendant festivities. It will be within the recollection of our readers that Freemasonry was introduced into Massachusetts under the auspices of Bro. Henry Price, who received his patent of appointment as Provincial Grand Master of North America from our then Grand Master, Viscount Montagu, in the year 1733, and that he opened a Prov. G. Lodge at Boston in July of that year. In Pine's List of Lodges for 1734—recently edited and published by Bro. Hughan—we find Lodge No. 126 located at Boston, Mass., this, no doubt, being the first Lodge warranted by the new Provincial G.M. This P.G. Lodge was known as the St. John's G. Lodge, and worked on regularly till 1775, after which no meetings were held till 1787. In 1756 the Grand Lodge of Scotland chartered the St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and in 1769 the same Grand Lodge, during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Dalhousie, issued a Commission to Bro. Joseph Warren, as Prov. Grand Master for Boston and one hundred miles round. Bro. Warren was slain at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, in 1775, and his commission died with him. In 1776 informal meetings of the Craft ("Ancients") were held. On 17th February 1777 the P. G. Lodge met, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, and it was agreed to take the necessary steps to organise an independent Grand Lodge. This was done on 8th March following, Bro. Webb being chosen to fill the office of Grand Master; and this was the event which our Massachusetts brethren assembled to commemorate on the 8th March of this year.

The meeting was worthy of the occasion. Bro. P. Lowell Everett, Grand Master, presided. The Grand Officers, Present and Past, mustered in strong force, and there were, in addition, about two hundred brethren from various parts of the jurisdiction present, together with representatives from the following Grand Lodges, namely:—the Grand Masters of New Hampshire and Connecticut, the Grand Master and a Past Grand Master of Rhode

Island, the Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of Vermont. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form with the customary preliminaries, the Grand Master delivered an excellent, though brief, address, in the course of which he touched on the leading events in the history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts; after which, Past Grand Master C. Levi Woodbury, in obedience to the Grand Master's summons, delivered a long and, for the most part, admirably conceived *résumé* on the same subject. Bro. Woodbury having mentioned the events we have already chronicled above, proceeded to show how, after the declaration of Masonic Independence, the new Grand Lodge took steps to clear away the doubts which appear to have existed as to the legality of its constitution, and also how, in due time, steps were taken to bring about a union between it and the older, or St. John's Grand Lodge, which had its origin in 1733, under Bro. Price, but had not met together during the war or for a few years subsequently. This union was happily effected in 1792, thus anticipating, by thirteen years, that still more important union of the rival ancients and moderns, which did not take place in England till 1813. Bro. Woodbury further details the different steps which were taken for the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States. He points out, also, how in the course of time other Grand Lodges, such as those of Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island, sprang into being. Indeed, Bro. Woodbury's historical sketch is a most exhaustive one, and—save in one particular, of which hereafter—most favourably impresses the reader with the idea that his task was undertaken as one of labour, and that to no one could it have been more safely entrusted. At the banquet which followed, Bro. Past Grand Master Nickerson very ably fulfilled the duties of toastmaster, and the speeches which were made in response to his various calls, breathed the true spirit of Freemasonry.

Appended to Bro. Woodbury's sketch is a mass of documents illustrating the progress of the Craft, not in Massachusetts only, but in other jurisdictions likewise. There are also included in the Proceedings a number of letters from officers of those Grand Lodges which were unable to accept the invitation to be present at the gathering. All these latter are written in the heartiest style of congratulation. There is but one point in the address to which, as we have said, any exception can be taken, and we doubt not, if Bro. Woodbury should happen to read our friendly criticism, coming as it does from a perfectly impartial source, he will say there is in it some validity. We fully recognise the patriotism of our American brethren of the War of Independence. We admire the loyalty they displayed in defence of their liberties. We understand the spirit which animated Bro. Joseph Warren and other of his compatriots who were members of the Masonic body. But we think that, as far as possible, the political and the Masonic should be dissociated. We do not like, for instance, at p. 16, to see any connection between the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at the Green Dragon Tavern, and the Tavern as the headquarters of the Revolution, or any mention of the St. Andrew's not holding its regular meeting on a particular evening in consequence of its member "having business with the consignees of foreign tea." Equally obnoxious to good taste, in our judgment, is it to speak of the brethren of Lodge St. Andrew being "busy preparing the tea with salt water." History has fully justified the political acts of the American patriots, and therefore it would be supremely ridiculous in us to presume to question them a century after they occurred. But these acts they did as citizens—not as Masons. It would have been in better taste had he praised these worthy fellows for their patriotism, without connecting their political with their Masonic labours, especially as there were very many equally worthy Colonial brethren who took a different view of their political duty, and remained loyal to the King's Government. No doubt Bro. Woodbury only intended to record the events of that stirring period, and to show what fine patriotic fellows the brethren then were. We do not dispute this for one moment. We think he might have paid the same tribute to their memory as patriots, if he had not made it seem as though they were prompted to do what they did as citizens by the teachings of Freemasonry. Save in this particular, we commend Bro. Woodbury's historical effort unreservedly, and we take this opportunity of offering our Massachusetts brethren generally our heartiest congratulations on the success of their Centennial Masonic celebration.

## THE KEMEYS TYNTE PRECEPTORY, K.T.

THE Installation Meeting of this Preceptory took place at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 18th inst. V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, P.P. Prior of Essex, as E.P. There were present—Major Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sub-Prior, Major-General Henry Clerk F.R.S., R.A., P.E.P., P.P. Prior of Kent, Captain N. G. Philips, P. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P. Prior of Bengal, Captain Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.E.P., P.D.P. of Kent, Treasurer, Colonel C. W. Randolph, late of Grenadier Guards, as Constable, James Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Marshal, the Rev. P. M. Holden as Chaplain, Thomas Harrison P.E.P. as Registrar, Peter Laird P.E.P. as Almoner, John T. Gibson, Captain C. F. Compton, Captain Adolphus Nicols P.E.P., S. Graham Bake, Captain Henry S. Andrews, Edwin M. Lott, and Captain Francis Pavy R.B.G. Also as Visitors—Sir Knights Dr. R. J. Nunn, of the Palestine Encampment, Georgia, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy P.E.P., Diamond of the Desert, South Africa, and Charles S. Jekyll as Organist.

A resolution was entered on the minutes, expressing the deep sorrow of the members at the sudden death of the Great Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who had honoured the Preceptory by his presence at the last meeting. A communication was read from Convent General, ordering mourning to be worn for the next six months. Companions Major F. J. Ricarde-Seaver, Captain Francis Pavy, Captain William Arthur Hicks, Edwin Matthew Lott, and Captain Kilner A. A. Brasier-Creagh, were balloted for and approved, together with Companions the Right Hon. Lord Henniker and Sir T. Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.I., and Companions Captain Pavy and E. M. Lott being in attendance, were duly installed as Knights Templar, and proclaimed accordingly. Companions Lieut.-Colonel Bousfield M.P. and Captain W. M. A. Barnes were proposed as candidates for ballot at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was submitted by the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the Preceptory of £66 5s 6d, and on the charity account of £2 17s 3d, after giving donations and subscriptions to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, the R.M. Institutions for Boys and Girls, and other charities. Sir Knt. Captain Adolphus Nicols P.E.P. proposed, and V. E. Sir Knt. Colonel Somerville Burney E.P. seconded the following resolution:—

"That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Sir Knight Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.E.P., in recognition of his services in having, by his indefatigable zeal, raised the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory to its present very high position, both in strength of arms and the status of the Knights (such vote to be entered on the minutes), and that in addition thereto some appropriate gift or token of our regard, to the value of ten guineas, from the funds of the Preceptory, be also presented to our worthy brother; the Audit Committee being instructed to consult his wishes as to the form of the gift."

This was supported by Sir Knt. Peter Laird P.E.P., and carried *nem con.*

Sir Knt. Colonel Randolph was then duly installed, and invested as E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, by Sir Knt. Colonel H. Somerville Burney, and appointed his officers as follow:—

- Sir Knt. J. Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Constable.
- " The Rev. P. M. Holden as Marshal.
- " Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.E.P. as Treasurer.
- " Thomas Harrison P.E.P. as Registrar.
- " J. Sandilands Ward as Sub-Marshal.
- " Edwin M. Lott as Organist.
- " Captain C. F. Compton as Master of the Ceremonies.
- " Peter Laird P.E.P. as Almoner.
- " Captain R. F. Leeson as Captain of the Guards.
- " John T. Gibson as 1st Standard Bearer.
- " W. H. Kempster M.D. as 2nd Standard Bearer.
- " Captain H. S. Andrews as 1st Herald.
- " Captain W. S. Gilbert as 2nd Herald.

Frater George Austin as Equerry.

The Preceptory was then closed in solemn form and with prayer. The members appeared in mourning, and the annual banquet was postponed in consequence of the death of the Great Prior.

The following interesting account of the family of Tynte was given by the P.E.P., Colonel Burney. Of the surname of this family, tradition (says Burke) has handed down the following derivation:—

"In 1192, at the celebrated battle of Ascalon, a young knight of the noble house of Arndel, clad all in white, with his horse's housings of the same colour, so gallantly distinguished himself, that Richard Cœur de Lion remarked publicly after the victory that the maiden knight had borne himself as a lion and done deeds equal to those of six crusaders. The King then rewarded him for his prowess, conferring on him for Arms; a lion argent on a field gules between six crosslets of the first, and for motto 'Tinctus crnore Saraceni.'"

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Ill. Bro. Charles Hammerton 30°, M.W. Sov. Bros. F. G. Bailey and the Rev. W. S. Moses M.A. were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Installation Meeting of the Bayard Lodge 1615 will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Monday, 28th inst., at 4 p.m. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney P.G.D. of Essex W.M. Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson W.M. elect.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the South-down Hotel, Eastbourne, on Friday, 8th June, at 5 p.m., for the reception of candidates, and election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane, 30° M.W.S.

The St. Aubyn Chapter Rose Croix will meet at Devonport on Saturday, 26th instant, at 4 p.m., for the reception of candidates. Ex. Bro. Godtschalk M.W. Sov.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday the annual communication of this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Malton, under the banner of the King Edwin Chapter, No. 630. The Companions, who were assembled in considerable numbers from all parts of the Province, mustered in the large Assembly Room, and the Grand Chapter entered in procession, E. Comp. J. P. Bell M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent being supported by E. Comp. George Marwood P.P.G. Supt., and many other past and present members of the Prov. Grand Chapter. After the completion of the formal business, the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. gave a very interesting address on the subject of the recent valuable discoveries made under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Society, by Comp. Lieut. Warren, and exhibited a number of valuable photographs of the foundation stones of the temple of Solomon. The subject of the Masonic Educational Charities was discussed at some length, E. Comp. J. W. Woodall P.Z. advocating the importance of primary education being carried on under home influences as preparatory to the final removal of the children to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The M.E. Prov. G. Supt. appointed his officers for the year as follow:—Comps. Handyside, Dundas 513, Prov. G.H., A. Fraser, Old Globe 200, Prov. G.J., M. C. Peck Prov. G.S.E., J. West Prov. G.S.N., C. H. Priestley, King Edwin 660, Prov. G.S., Thompson, Hull, First A. Soj., Chas. Johnson Second A. Soj., Thos. Smurthwaite, Zetland 236, Prov. G.R., G. H. Walshaw, Old Globe 200, Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Hunt, Hull, Prov. G. Organist, J. Ward, Zetland 236, I. Jan., Crier, Hull O. Jan. E. Comp. R. W. Hollar P.Z. was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, by acclamation. A banquet was subsequently served at the Talbot Hotel, at which the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. presided, supported by about forty companions.

## PSEUDO-MASONIC JOKES.

AN amusing story is told in a recent number of the *Hebrew Leader*. A countryman was wandering about Paris during a republican fête, gazing at the various attractions of that lively capital, but frequently puzzled at what he saw. Finding a respectable young fellow close by him, he asked several questions, and was very civilly answered. At length, the young man remarking to his companion that the latter was evidently a stranger, offered to do the hospitality of the city, and suggested they should attend a somnambulist séance at the house of Alexander Dumas. The countryman was delighted. They set out for the purpose, and the young man entered the Porter's Lodge, but came out again in a few minutes, and said the séance was put off for a day. He suggested, therefore, a dinner at the Palais Royal, and a visit to the theatre afterwards. They dined accordingly, in very luxurious style, and the wines, which were of excellent quality, began to take effect on the old gentleman. Dessert and more wine followed, when the young man began making a series of signs, in which his fingers and nose played a prominent part. The countryman fancied he was being insulted, and was indignant. "Ah!" said the younger of the two, "I see you are not a Freemason." "Is that the sign of Freemasonry?" asked the old gentleman, and he was told it was "the first sign." He then expressed a wish to be made a Mason, when his companion readily undertook to introduce him, and announced that the Grand Orient was then sitting, so that he could procure his election immediately. The countryman was delighted, and at once submitted to what he was told was the ceremony. He divested himself of his coat and waistcoat, and had his eyes bandaged, and sat down to wait his companion's return. An hour passed, but no one came, and at last the old gentleman was violently seized by the arm, and the bandage was removed. The landlord and three waiters stood before him. "My silver spoons, my silver forks, my clock, my silver candlesticks," cried the landlord. "My coat, my waistcoat, my watch, my money," demanded the old gentleman. An explanation was offered, and the landlord, in spite of his loss, roared with laughter. The two at once got into a coach, and drove to the Prefecture of Police. The story was told, the detectives were set at work, and before the next morning the young man and his booty were captured. The countryman appeared and gave evidence, after which he returned, home, a wiser if not a better man.

A not dissimilar story, even more amusing, but with no felony mixed up with it, is told in *Percival Keene*, one of the late Captain Marryatt's sea-novels. Keene was fond of practical joking, as our readers may remember. A very soft young gentleman, named Green, joined the ship as midshipman. He had not been long on board before he was almost frightened out of his wits by overhearing the first lieutenant severely wig a fellow "mid." He at once takes Keene into his confidence, and explains his error. Keene tells him that he gets on very well with his superior officer, as they are both Freemasons, and young Green offers him anything if he will only initiate him into the important secret. A bargain is struck, and Green agrees to give his telescope as an equivalent for the information. Keene then tells him that if ever the first lieutenant is angry with him, he is merely to wait till the latter has left off speaking, and then apply the thumb of his right hand to his nose, and distend his fingers. This, he is told, will at first appear to increase the lieutenant's anger, when, waiting as before for the latter to have said his say, he is to apply the thumb of his left hand to the little finger of his right, and distend his fingers, and the lieutenant will be satisfied. A few days later, Green upsets a pannikin of water on the quarter-deck, and is called up for reprimand. He follows out Keene's instructions to the letter, the result being that the first lieutenant orders him to be placed in irons, and young Green is in a fair way to be expelled the service. Keene, however, explains the secret, the lieutenant nearly dies of laughter, and poor Green is liberated. Keene, moreover, very properly offers to return the telescope, but his fellow "mid" will not hear of it, and they are fast friends during the rest of their career together.



## THE DUBLIN MASONIC SCHOOLS.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE PUPILS.

THE Annual Festival of Masonic Charity was celebrated on Friday evening, the 18th inst., in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, with a success alike worthy the cause and the influence of the Order. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, presided. Round him was gathered the cream of the Order and of Irish society. That his Royal Highness has faith in the principles of the Order, and desires initiation into all the arcana, the fact of his advancement beyond the domain of Craft Masonry fully attests. In conjunction with Lord Pelham Clinton, of the Rifle Brigade, he has lately obtained, at the Freemasons' Hall in this city, the Mark Degree, the Royal Arch, and, the other day, he became a Knight Templar. His Royal Highness is now Great Prior Elect for Ireland, and would have been in office ere this but for the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was to have come over specially to instal him. The sight which presented itself to his Royal Highness on Friday must have confirmed his opinion of the power and utility of the Order. Before him was arrayed a fashionable multitude of Freemasons and their lady friends, numbering fully seven thousand. Of the Masons, the number who displayed governors' badges was remarkable, showing to the eye what a wide-spread interest there exists in the cause of charity, and which the figures in the reports likewise testified. During the year the receipts for the Boys' School amounted to £2,375, exceeding those for the previous year by £493, and making, after paying expenses, a total to credit of £8,869. In this School 22 boys are maintained. Of the Girls' School, the account was still more satisfactory. During the year the receipts amounted to £5,315, and the total to credit, after paying expenses, £8,850. Forty-five Girls are maintained. Freemasonry, the ignorant allege, is opposed to religion, social order and the rule of kings! Yet Popes in past days granted the Masons bulls of protection and recommendations, as the precursors of religion and civilisation. Kings and princes of the present day are the chief rulers of the Craft. Its chaplains are, in most instances, eminent divines, one of those of the Irish Grand Lodge being a bishop. For sixty-four years the late Duke of Leinster—*clarum et venerabile nomen!*—was head of the Order in Ireland. There are those who will remember his Grace's testimony in the House of Lords to its worth, obtaining its exemption from the Illegal Oaths Act. Again, witness the testimony of Ireland's late popular Viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the present Grand Master of Ireland, delivered this time twelve months on an occasion similar to the present:—"It gives me most sincere gratification (said his Grace) that my first public appearance in the high position in which I have been placed as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland has been an occasion which so fully exemplifies the leading objects of our great and ancient Order. These objects are unity, benevolence, and charity to all men; and in no way can these great principles be better or more usefully carried out than in contributing, as far as lies in our power, to the education and instruction of our rising generation in such a way as, by God's providence, may serve to render them both sincere and good Christians, and also useful members of the universal brotherhood of mankind." On that same brilliant occasion, another speaker, Col. Ffolliott, who is remarkable both for his piety and loyalty, testified that the Charity in whose cause they had met was "the noblest example of Masonry, in which everything was carried out in the exercise of practical Christian feelings and principles." Few there are, whatever they may think of Masonry, who will not regret that the cause of the absence of the Duke of Abercorn from this ceremonial is the continued indisposition of the Duchess. It may not be amiss to mention here that the present Viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, is also a brother of the mystic tie. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Marquis of Headfort S.G.W., the Earl of Bandon G.S., the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Meath G. Chap., the Hon. David R. Plunket, Q.C., M.P., S.G.D., the Earl of Huntingdon Prov. G.M. of the Midland Counties, Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., Prov. G.M. of Wicklow and Wexford, the Marquis of Donegall, K.P., Prov. G.M. of Antrim, Lord Harlech Prov. G.M. of North Connaught, and the Right Hon. Edward Gibson, M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland. Both reports, which are given *in extenso* as read, afford a gratifying account of the state of the Schools during the past year. The children were healthy, and some of them launched into the world to do for themselves. Miss Shegog, whose brilliant execution on the pianoforte at previous gatherings never failed to elicit warm appreciation, has been sent to Germany to finish her education. The girls who remain maintained the credit of the School last night for good musicians, their performance being characterised by accuracy and expression. At present a question of momentous interest to the well-being of the Schools is agitating the governors—no less than that of their amalgamation. It presents two points for consideration—the financial and the moral. Financially, some saving would doubtless be effected in the cost of management, while, on the other hand, many of the brethren who now subscribe £1 to each School, would, in subscribing for both together, probably limit their subscription to £1. Hence, even the financial gain is open to doubt. If that be so, the moral side of the question scarcely merits attention, for none can gainsay that the children are in this respect better off separated from each other, especially as their ages range from seven to sixteen. The difficulties inseparable from the proposed system of amalgamation invest the question on every side with such objections as might well deter the governors from the danger even of an experiment. The experience of other institutions, conducted on the amalgamation plan, is diverse. However, three questions have been submitted to the governors, whose answers, which are to be received on or before the 1st prox., will determine the issue. The questions are:—1st. Are you in favour of the boys and girls being educated in buildings erected on the

same site? 2nd. Are you in favour of the Schools being amalgamated financially? 3rd. Are you in favour of the Schools being under the management of a common board? Accompanying the interrogatories is a summary of opinions expressed for and against amalgamation at a meeting of the governors held last February. It is no wonder that the question of amalgamation should have arisen, having regard to the too limited accommodation in the Girls' School, and the fact that the boys have not yet the fabric of a School for themselves.

On the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, at 8.30, he was received by the Stewards, the band playing the National Anthem. A procession was then formed, consisting of the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, Foreign Representatives, and the officers of the Dublin Lodges, who conducted His Royal Highness from the robing-room to the dais in the Grand Concert Room, through an avenue composed by the brethren; Bro. Charles Grandison playing Gounod's "Marche Romaine" on the organ, and the combined bands of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, under Bro. J. Brophy, and of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, under Bro. H. Murray, playing Mendelssohn's march from "Athalia," until the processionists took their places on the dais. Then came the pupils of the Schools, two-and-two, led by Stewards, the hon. Secretaries, Bros. J. F. Elrington, Q.C., Major L. H. Deering, and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Whitty, and some members of the Committee. The girls were dressed in blue and white, and presented a pleased and happy appearance. They took their places on the front tier of the dais to the left, the boys occupying the right. Led by the Right Worshipful the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, the 100th Psalm was sung, "With one consent," the ladies joining the brethren in producing a glorious volume of praiseful sound to the Almighty Architect of the Universe.

His Royal Highness wore the collar of the Senior Grand Warden of England, and on his left breast the stars of the Orders of the Garter and St. Patrick.

Dr. Elrington, Q.C., Hon. Secretary, read the Governors' report of the Female Orphan School for the year ending the 31st December 1876:—"The amount received from all sources, including the balance of £825 12s 2d from the former account, and proceeds of sale of stock, amounting to £1,772 17s 8d, was £5,315 12s 3d. The net revenue exceeds that of the previous year by £75 7s 3d. The expenditure, including the purchase of a plot of ground adjoining the Schoolhouse, and £1,000 invested in Railway Securities, amounted to £3,746 10s 3d; leaving at 31st December 1876 a balance of £1,569 2s, out of which £1,046 2s 5d has been invested in India Four per cent. Stock since the commencement of the present year. The increase in the receipts of the School arises principally from the annual subscriptions of individual and official governors, which is a very satisfactory source of increase. This class of subscription exceeds that of last year by £128 3s 6d; while the donations of Life Governors of all classes presents a decrease in the whole of £47 2s, which makes the net increase from donations and subscriptions amount to the sum of £81 1s 6d for the past year. The Governors have to congratulate the friends of the institution upon the fact that they have nothing to report save the usual summary of the number and condition of the pupils. During the year 1876 five of the girls have left the School; four have accepted situations as governesses, and one has obtained employment in a business establishment in Dublin. Four new pupils have been elected into the School during the year; and the total number of girls in the School, including the pupil teacher, is forty-five, a number which can only be accommodated by the expedient of converting one of the class rooms into a dormitory, as mentioned in report for last year. The health of the girls has been very good during the year which has elapsed, and the Governors have once again to express their thankfulness that they are enabled to report so favourably upon the sanitary condition of the School. The Governors have again to report that they have every reason to be satisfied with the conduct and efficiency of those to whom the management of the School and the education of the pupils have been committed, while the condition of the Schoolhouse remains the same, and the inconvenience already more than once pointed out, owing to temporary arrangements for first-class work and the accommodation of the girls, still continues to interfere with the efficient working of the School. The Governors trust that some plan may be shortly agreed upon which will relieve the Institution of these inconveniences. They feel that the blessings which they acknowledge with gratitude as having been hitherto abundantly bestowed upon their labour should encourage all those interested in the Masonic Orphan School to make the Schoolhouse and its arrangements more fitted for the requirements of modern education than it is; and as the School is generously supported, so should the sphere of its usefulness be extended, so as to make the Institution more worthy of the support which the brethren have so long and freely given to it, and more capable of affording relief to the class for whom it is designed."

The following Report of the Boys' School was next read:—

"The Committee of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School beg to present their ninth annual report to the Governors of the Institution, and annex hereto the usual audited statement of accounts for the year 1876, from which it will be gratifying to observe that, during the year, the total receipts from all sources exceeded those for the year 1875 by the sum of £493 19s 5d. During the same period—the year 1876—six boys left the School, viz.:—George Macartney, Alexander Semple, Despard Humphreys, John Sayers, Richard Watson, and James Frazer. George Macartney is at present engaged in an establishment with the view of adopting the medical profession; Alexander Semple has obtained the position of first-class clerk in the London and North Western Railway; John Sayers that of clerk in the office of the Great Northern Railway of Ireland; Despard Humphreys has joined his mother, who is at present residing in Germany, with a view of furthering his educational studies; James Frazer, who only left the School at the commencement of the Christmas vacation 1876, is preparing for the examination for entrance at the Royal College of Surgeons, but neither he nor Richard Watson,

who left at the same time, have as yet obtained any situations. The number of boys at present maintained in the Institution is twenty-one; and they are still in the establishment of Brother the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at Merrion. The Committee continue to have special examinations of the boys at Midsummer and at Christmas; and they are happy to be able to state that the several examiners generally reported favourably on the results of the examinations. The Committee cannot close their report without again urging the brethren in the country to come forward and support the Institution more liberally than they have hitherto done, and thus enable the Committee to extend the benefits of the School, and to provide for a larger number of the orphans of their deceased brethren."

The Right Worshipful R. W. Suckleton, Q.C., Dep. G.M.—I ask the brethren to assist me in saluting the patron of the Order, represented by the Senior Grand Warden of England, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

The salute was given according to ancient custom.

Bro. Suckleton—I have been directed by the M.W. Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, to express his deep regret that he is not able to be present. He is absent in the south of Europe, and but for that he would have been at the annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic School, in which he takes a deep and warm interest. (Applause.) I desire on behalf of the Order at large to return our thanks to the fairer portion of the audience for their kindness in attending here to-night. (Applause.) It is a great satisfaction to us that they have not been deterred from venturing amongst Masons by certain pictures which were exhibited recently in reference to Masonry. (Laughter.) I am sure our lady friends do not consider that we Masons in Ireland, or Masons in any country, would participate in those barbarous and cruel atrocities which are portrayed in those pictures to which I refer. (Applause.) I can assure you those pictures and these facts are as unfounded as their anatomy is at fault. In those pictures they represent Masons as having their hearts at the right side. Now, I can assure you Masons' hearts are at the left side, but though at the left side, they are in the right place. (Applause.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on coming forward to propose the first resolution was received with enthusiastic applause. He said,—Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Lords, Ladies and Brethren, I have the pleasure to propose "That the report now read be circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the Institution, and also to the medical officers of the School, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." I hope I may be allowed, Sir, this opportunity of expressing to every one here present the great pleasure I feel in being present on this interesting occasion. As Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, this pleasure is very much enhanced by my being enabled to express to you the deep sympathy and interest taken by our fellow Craftsmen in England with their brethren in this country. (Applause.) I have to thank you, Sir, for affording me this opportunity of meeting so large and so influential a number of the Freemasons of Ireland. (Renewed applause.) Charity has ever been the first principle of Freemasonry; and I am sure when we look on this charming array of girls and boys, who show by their appearance, and by what we have just heard, that everything connected with the mind and with the body is cared for, I say when we see this, I am sure you will agree with me we should congratulate those connected with the Institution on the admirable manner in which they carry out this principle. I cannot sit down without expressing my deep regret that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, should be absent on this occasion. You all know the deep interest he takes in this Institution, and in everything connected with Freemasonry. (Applause.)

Judge Townsend, in seconding the resolution, spoke of the flourishing financial condition of the Schools. He remembered the time when the total annual expenses did not amount to as much as one item of the expenses did now. A great deal of this was owing to those who were called governors, but who were really merely subscribers. It could not be expected that the large number of those who were governors would pay any attention to the management of the School, and so it was managed by committees elected from out of these, and he (Judge Townsend) was quite certain every one would agree with him that they had performed their duties well. The appearance presented by the pupils of the School that evening was a sufficient proof that their temporal condition had been well cared for, and the result of the examinations showed how well their education had been looked after. They were a credit to the Institution in which they had been brought up, and to the exertion of the committee who directed the School. (Applause.)

The resolution was passed amidst applause.

General Darby Griffith moved the following resolution:—"That whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution has hitherto been favoured, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order still further to extend its usefulness." He said that, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who always felt the sincerest interest and sympathy with the Freemasons of Ireland, he had very great pleasure in being present on that occasion, and on being called upon to propose a resolution in favour of the noble Institution, in which the interest felt was plainly manifested by the magnificent assemblage that evening. He felt the greater pleasure, and an additional pride, owing to the presence that evening of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the orphans of their deceased brethren, the pupils of the Female Masonic School, which was a noble example of Christian charity. The report which had been read showed that the financial condition of the School was satisfactory; but the Governors had further efforts in view, and they were deserving of hearty support. (Applause.)

The Solicitor-General, who was received with loud applause, seconded the resolution. He said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ladies and Brethren—I wish that the choice of the Deputy Grand Master had fallen on some other Brother to second this resolution, for I feel I can make no claim to the honour he has conferred on me, except that I hope I do represent a somewhat old body—namely, those of the youngers of this Institution, who are willing and anxious to do their best to fill the places which time will necessarily render vacant in the ranks above them. The resolution I have to second contains two parts. The first is an expression of thanks; the second is an expression of hope. The thanks are rendered to the brethren who have hitherto assisted the Institution which we are here to-night to help and advocate. The hope is that their brethren of the Order may be stirred to assist and do actual work in aid of so excellent an Institution. With regard to the thanks, I wish it to be distinctly understood that the gratitude conveyed in this resolution is largely leavened by the expectation of favour to come (applause). The annual governors of the Institution will no doubt be willing and anxious to continue the help they have hitherto given, and will, I hope, be prepared to confer on themselves the position of governors for life. The governors for life, I hope, will be willing to renew their annual existence, and continue to act as they have hitherto done. It should however be remembered that the work will be only half done, for we are here to-night to advocate and assist the cause of the girls of the Orphan Masonic School only, and when that is perfected, the boys remain behind (hear hear). As to the expression of hope that others will come forward to assist, I think it should be remembered we have strong claims to expect that our appeal will not be made in vain. You have been told, and told truly, that charity is one of the first principles of Masonry. It is not all. I am not here to preach a charity sermon. I am here as a lawyer, and I want to enforce obedience, and I want to enforce the obligations of duty, and to tell the brethren that it is their duty to assist in the work we are endeavouring to remember not in the light of a mere work of charity, but in the performance of a grateful and becoming duty. (Applause.) In doing so they are discharging an obligation first to themselves, for the most selfish amongst us must remember that no one can foresee when the hand of death or misfortune may not be heavily laid; but those who know what the principle and spirit of Masonry is, will be glad to think that it has amongst its brethren an institution which will protect the orphans of its deceased members. But there is a higher duty. Reference has been made here to some amongst the many manifestations of ignorance and prejudice which have from time to time shown themselves outside our city. It is all very well for those high in the Order to come forward and manfully denounce those falsehoods and misstatements; but that is not a sufficient answer. These are our brother's children, and yet we are told that the Masonic brotherhood is a dead form—that we are but the dry bones of some repulsive monster that are here exhibited. I say that this meeting, this magnificent assemblage, is the best answer which can be given to such a calumny as that. (Applause.) Still if you wish calumny—if you wish prejudice and falsehood to be overcome, you must bear in mind that you will not overcome it by mere prejudice. (Hear, hear). You must do it by deeds, and what deed can be better than that which is only part of the great work of Masonry that we are here to forward. If it be true we are brothers—if it be true that we are not engaged in a secret dark work, but in a work of charity and brotherly love, then, I say, by our fruit let us be judged. It is a fact as yet unparalleled in the history of the Order that this year the Grand Lodge of England is governed by three brothers, the sons of our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen. (Loud Applause). May I express some ray of hope, from the manner in which the Freemasons of Ireland receive that announcement, that we may look forward to the time when their visits will not be few and far between, but when the Grand Lodge of Ireland will have some representative of Royalty to whom they may accord a welcome such as that given to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught this evening. (Loud applause). I think the little circumstance in which these anticipations are received is a sufficient refutation to the charges made against them of not being obedient to the laws of the Constitution and to the Crown under which we live. (Applause). I repeat that we must show that the love which begins at the throne extends to the poorest brother of our Order, and that when the gate of death opens to some poor brother, his children will be cared for by his surviving brethren. (Applause). This School is doing a good work, but it might do much more. It might become one of the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown if every member present to-night determined to contribute according to his ability to this most deserving Institution, so that they might never see their brother's children want.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

In the intervals between the speeches a selection of music was admirably played by the pupils on the pianoforte.

The following is a list of the prizes awarded:—

The Ffennell Prize, value £3, for the best answerer in Scripture and English, founded by a donation from Lodge No. 218, Roscommon, in memory of Bro. John Ffennell, Past Master of that Lodge. This prize was not awarded in the year 1876, the examination not having been completed at the time of distribution of prizes last year. It is now awarded to Grace Harte, for 1876. Ffennell prize, 1877, Gertrude Gill.

The Astley Prizes, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works, consist of two divisions, two prizes being given in each division. First division, English (spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic)—1st prize (£2) Frances Smith, 2nd prize (£1) Grace Harte. Second division, French—1st prize (£1 5s) Gertrude Gill, 2nd prize (15s) Frances Smith.

Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. B. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary, awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves:—Silver medal, Elizabeth Emily Christian; bronze medal, Florence Hordley.

For the general prizes the following were the successful candidates :  
**FIRST CLASS.**—Grace Harte, Frances Shields, Gertrude Gill, Emily Christian, Emma Hendley, Minnie Burdgo, Phoebe Shogog, Frances Smith.

**SECOND CLASS.**—Sophia O'Reilly, Jane Crymble, Lillie Bradshaw, Helen Perry, Kate Lowry, Jessie Wallace, Alice Richards, Sophia Fenton, Anne Orr, Gertrude Malone, Henrietta M'Nally.

**THIRD CLASS.**—Emily Wigmore, Mary Orr, Anne Christian, Emily Fraser, Henrietta Little, Elith O'Reilly, Emma Little, Florence Hendley, Susan Green, Lillie Haye, and Florence Anketell.

**BOYS' PRIZES.**—History—1st, Robert C. Burton; 2nd, Bagnel C. Harvey. Geography—1st, Frederick S. Clayton; 2nd, Edward L. Coleman. Arithmetic—1st, F. S. Clayton; 2nd, R. R. M. Groome. Latin—1st, Edward T. Shields; 2nd, R. C. Burton. Greek—1st, F. S. Clayton; 2nd, Julian H. Verdon. Dictation—1st, Fraser; 2nd, George S. Hitchcock. Scripture—1st, George A. Du Noyer; 2nd, Henry George Wilson. Mathematics—G. Paris. Classics—E. Shields. English—G. S. Hitchcock. Good Conduct—R. Watson and Edward Atkins.

Promenading now became general, and, with the music of the bands, was so enjoyable that it was twelve o'clock before the assembly dispersed.—*Dublin Mail.*

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*The Prince of Wales' Tour: A Diary in India; with some account of the Visits of His Royal Highness to the Courts of Greece, Egypt, Spain, and Portugal.* By William Howard Russell. With illustrations by Sydney P. Hall, M.A., Artist in the Suite of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, Crown-buildings, 188 Fleet-street. 1877.

THOSE of our readers who are desirous of possessing some memorial of our Grand Master's visit to India will find this narrative of the journey, by one of the ablest descriptive writers of the day, a most suitable one. The name of Russell is sufficient guarantee of its merits as a history; it is, for the most part, well illustrated, and it has the further advantage of being excellently printed, and very handsomely bound. It is, indeed, in all respects a worthy memorial of an ever-memorable event in the annals of our Anglo-Indian Empire, and, we feel assured, will be properly appreciated by members of our Society. The Masonic ceremonials which occurred during the Prince's journey were few and far between, and, as they formed but a comparatively insignificant item in the glorious pageant, Mr. Russell has, very properly, bestowed on them only a passing notice, but none among Her Majesty's subjects evinced a deeper or more genuine interest in the tour than the Freemasons. Under those circumstances no apology is needed if we devote a considerable portion of our space to a review of the events recorded in these pages.

In a brief introductory chapter Mr. Russell tells us how the idea of visiting India first suggested itself. The Prince, he mentions, declared, a day or two after his arrival in Bombay, that it had long been the dream of his life to visit India. Lord Canning, the last Governor General of the old régime, under the East India Company, and the first under the new system of government which supplanted it, was the first to suggest the idea to the late Prince Consort, though it is not improbable, as Mr. Russell suggests, that the same idea would have occurred to the Prince Consort even in the absence of any such suggestion. Be this as it may, a number of circumstances intervened to prevent for a long time the realisation of the project. When the government of India was transferred to the Crown, the Prince of Wales was but a youth. For a long time the native princes and chiefs, as well as people, were unable to realise the change. Tranquillity was not immediately restored when the mutiny was put down. Then followed, at intervals, the death of the Prince Consort, and the marriage of the Prince himself, while the additional duties cast upon the latter by the comparative seclusion of his mother necessitated his remaining more at home than otherwise he need have done. Among other events, we may mention his own illness and the assassination of the Earl of Mayo as offering further delays. However, early in 1875, the proposed visit was seriously considered. It was officially announced in the March of that year that, in the event of no unforeseen circumstances occurring, it would take place in the ensuing autumn. In due course, the necessary moneys were voted by the House of Commons, and a programme of the journey drawn up, which it was thought likely would meet the exigencies of the case, and enable the Prince to make as general an acquaintance with the country as the time at his disposal and the season would permit. At length, in the middle of October, His Royal Highness set out from London, and travelling overland as far as Brindisi, found the *Serapis* and her consorts there, awaiting his arrival; and, with his departure from this port, the diary begins.

A very few pages suffice to put us on the best of terms with the diarist. We may imagine how pleasantly the time passed on board the huge ship as it sped on its way eastwards, bound in the first instance for the Piræus, which the Prince was timed to reach on the 18th, and where he would land on a short visit to his brother-in-law, King George. We read at p. 9, for instance, how the first morning after starting "electric bells begin to tinkle, and various figures, draped after the antique, appear outside the cabins, and hold converse on the main deck, whilst they await their turns for the bath, exchanging ideas about the weather, past, present, and to come, and the sensations which the sea has caused or which it yet menaces. The athletically-disposed take to various strengthening exercises. Dr. Fayer armed with two magdals, or Indian clubs, whirls them round his

head with an air of entire resignation and devotion, diligently improving his already very respectable biceps, and Canon Duckworth gives demonstration that he is no bad representative of the school of muscular Christians. Sir Bartle Frere is one of the very early risers, and begins his work before breakfast hour; but, no matter how busy he may be, he never minds any interruption, and is always ready to give information, of which he has such ample stores in most matters, with the greatest cheerfulness." Off Cerigo it became almost dead calm, but "there was a glorious sunset—beautiful exceedingly—a great fire on the western horizon, which cast a purple glow over the sea, and flung a broad hemisphere of saffron, gold, and green into the sky." No wonder that "all the company turned up on deck, and watched the radiance in silence." The day following, and almost to the minute, Athens was in sight, the harbour of the Piræus being crowded with ships of war—British, Greek, Russian, and others, and yachts and small craft of every imaginable description. Then, amid the thunder of salutes, the *Serapis* made her way carefully along the avenue left for her, but an accident happened at the moment she was about to anchor, which fortunately ended in no more serious consequences than the loss of two anchors. The order was given, "Let go the starboard anchor," and as the cable "snapped at the fourth shackle," the anchor went by the board, and settled at the bottom on its own account. A similar order respecting the port anchor was followed by a similar misadventure, and there seemed a chance that "either the *Serapis* would crash up the whole flotilla of wooden vessels like so many eggshells, and run aground, or she would be impaled on the spur of one of our own ironclads." By no means a pleasing alternative, but fortunately no such catastrophe occurred, though the Royal Greek yacht, *Amphitrite*, had a narrow shave of being sent to the bottom. But we will give the words of Mr. Russell himself:—

"Gathering way rapidly, the *Serapis* came down on the astonished Greeks on board the yacht; but the King of the Hellenes, who is a thorough sailor, saw what was the matter at once, and sent the crew forward to fend off the coming mountain. In a second more, there was a loud crash and snap, as the *Serapis* avenged the damage done by the yacht's bowsprit to one of her boats by the abrupt removal of that spar, and then continued her career astern. There was speedily a scene of much activity all round us. Off came the Russian's boat with the end of a warp, and landed it cleverly on board the Osborne, which had her steam up, and was manoeuvring to help her erratic consort. There was not the smallest confusion, but there was a good deal of excitement on board. In a very short time the warp was made fast on board the *Serapis*, her way was checked just in time to avoid the danger of fouling, and, forging ahead again, she was brought up to her old ground, and then let go both sheet anchors, which held her fast at last."

The scene on landing is very vividly described. "After a short trip by rail from this port to the outskirts of the capital, a state procession was formed, and the line of route was pretty well thronged with people, among whom we read there were some who, albeit well-dressed and apparently well-to-do, pointed with a freedom unusual in Western cities. Others were dressed in Greek costume, and others again, with unwashed faces and wearing felt hats of every kind of shape, who were of all nationalities in the world, as may be seen in every crowd which assembles in a Levantine town. There is noticed the extremely modern aspect of the city, and the contrast of the splendid monumental remains of ancient Athens looking proudly down upon the new buildings. There is a lively scene on arriving at the Palace, and when the guests disperse to their rooms for the needful change of raiment, "even Canon Duckworth, whose Greek was of the freshest and best, was at fault when he came to 'hot water' and the like." But we must not dwell too long on the opening scenes of the Prince's Eastern expedition. Suffice it to say that everything passed off most admirably. The regrets when the leave-taking approached were mutual, and the departure of the *Serapis* and its consorts appears to have been even more brilliant than its arrival. Then follow again descriptions of the life on board the stately vessel, and we are told how the time was passed, now in discussing probable events in the future, now in the enjoyment of private theatricals, or a little negro minstrelsy, the company consisting of members of the ship's crew. Early on the 23rd October, the harbour-light of Port Said was reported in sight, and at 8.30 a.m. the *Serapis* and Osborne entered the Suez Canal. On mooring off the Custom House Quay, Consul General Stanton, and subsequently the Princes Tewfik, Hussein, and Hassan, attended by several officers of the Khedive's court, came on board to pay their respects to the royal traveller. The Prince then shipped his flag and went up the canal on the Osborne to Ismailia, where he landed and went by rail to Cairo, on a visit to the Khedive, who had set apart the Palace of Gezireh for the Prince's accommodation during his stay. We need not recount the events of the Prince's visit, but the picture of the Khedive himself is worth reproducing. He maintains a state of great magnificence, but this is only for purposes of state, and not from any personal love of splendour, as no one, it seems, is better pleased with a quiet life than Ismail Pasha.

"He is very happy when he can get out of gold-laced coats, put his jewelled scimitar and sash away; slip on his black Stamboulee coat, easy shoes, and sit down with a friend in a quiet corner for a little conversation, which on his side is always original and fresh, and is sustained by the aid of cigarettes, of which his highness keeps a store for himself and his friends in his breast coat pocket. To Europeans he speaks French, to his secretaries and to those who wait on him he generally addresses Turkish, and to the Egyptians he talks in Arabic. His powers of calculation are extraordinary, his conception rapid, his memory acute, and his love of work inexhaustible. He has a fair fund of anecdote, and appreciates a joke most thoroughly, for all his Turkish gravity. As an instance of his sagacity and foresight, it is related that when he returned to Cairo, after his visit to England and France, he expressed the strongest opinion that a war with Prussia was intended, or at least was inevitable, and tha



the Emperor, who then seemed at the summit of his splendour and power, was on the verge of a precipice."

After a visit to the Pyramids, which were illuminated in honour of the occasion, the Prince took leave of the Khedive, and journeyed by rail to Suez, where the Serapis and Osborne were awaiting him. On the 1st November Aden was in sight, and here he landed, and received the Arab chiefs, who were allies of England, the principal among them, namely, the Sultan of Lahaj, being decorated at the hands of his Royal Highness himself. Having returned on board, the Prince entertained the Resident and the principal officers of his staff, after which he continued his voyage to Bombay, which was reached early on the morning of the 8th November. The scene as the Serapis drew near the harbour was grand in the extreme, and is thus described:—

"At eight a.m., the ships of the East India squadron, under his Excellency Rear Admiral R. J. Macdonald (Commander-in-Chief), viz., Undaunted (flag), Briton, Daphne, Philomel, and Nimble, as well as the harbour ironclad turret ships Abyssinia and Magdala, and the ships of the flying, or detached squadron, under Rear-Admiral Rowley Lambert, Narcissus (flag), Raleigh, Topaze, Doris, and Newcastle, dressed and fired a salute, with magnificent effect, though the Serapis was rather too far at the time. They lay in echelon in two lines, the Indian Squadron on the port, and the Detached Squadron on the starboard side of the grand sea alley through which the Serapis was to pass. Behind the Light House, which rises out of the sea like one of the huge painted candles to be seen in foreign churches, there lay spread out, when the smoke rolled away, the fair panorama of the Bay, fenced in by the blue Ghauts, with the fleet in front, and enclosing in its arms the great expanse of buildings, steeples, and houses, which give some impression of the importance of the city of Bombay; but the scene was once more shut out by the rolling cloud of smoke from the broadsides and forts, which drifted slowly away before the land breeze northward. It was just nine o'clock when the Serapis, the Prince's stately yacht, entered between the lines of the men-of-war, the marines drawn up and presenting arms, officers in full uniform with uncovered heads, and the crews on the yards cheering ship after ship. The fleet then fired another salute, the bands on board each ship playing 'God Save the Queen' and 'God Bless the Prince of Wales.' The spectacle is not one to be described. There might be naval displays with more lively backgrounds, greater life and animation in flying yachts and countless boats and steamers crowded with people and gay with flags elsewhere; but where, out of India, could be seen such a stretch of coast fringed with tropical vegetation, and lighted by such a sun?"

Of course, all the arrangements had been made beforehand, not without some difficulty, however, so that when the Serapis came to her moorings all was ready for the Prince's landing. But, first of all, the Viceroy had to pay his visit of welcome, and this did not take place till some six hours later. In the meantime, however, members of the Vieregal suite came aboard, and also the officers who had been charged with the duty of accompanying His Royal Highness during his journey. With the passage describing these four gentlemen, we must bring our notice to a close, for the present. The four "were Major-General Sam Browne, V.C., Major Ben. Williams, Major Bradford, and Major Sartorius V.C. The first-named officer was charged with all the transport arrangements, trains, carriages, baggage, and the like. The second was entrusted, with the care of the stud-horses, syces, &c. The third had, perhaps, the most difficult and arduous post, for he had to look after the safety of the Prince's person, and to act as the head of the police. The fourth had the control of the tents and valetaille, and service of the Royal Camps. Among these four officers there were two Victoria Crosses, and only six arms, for 'Sam' Browne had lost one of his in an action near the Rohilcond Terai, near the end of the mutiny, and Major Bradford had to suffer the loss of one by amputation, in consequence of injuries received from a wounded tiger. There are few men whose four hands could do as much work as these gallant soldiers managed with only two."

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In another month or two people will begin to ask themselves the question—Where shall we spend our holiday? and no doubt a considerable number will elect to visit the Continent in preference to roaming about in some of our own counties. Belgium and the Rhine are favourite resorts for the English tourist, while Holland, albeit only a few find their way thither, is a country which will repay the traveller to cross the German Ocean in order to visit its quaint old cities and towns. But a traveller hardly stands a fair chance of enjoying himself in a foreign country who does not provide himself beforehand with some description of guide book. It is in order to meet this requirement that Messrs. T. Cook and Son are now publishing a series of Tourist Handbooks, and the latest of these is before us. We need not say much as to its general character, for all these handbooks are compiled on the same principle of giving, in as moderate a space as possible, the greatest amount of needful information. In this instance a long series of itineraries is given, embracing all the cities and towns of importance. Under each city and town are mentioned all the most interesting sights—the churches, the libraries and museums, the picture galleries, old buildings, public monuments, and the like. In the case of cities like Amsterdam, Haarlem, the Hague, &c., short histories are likewise furnished; while, in every instance, particulars are to be found as to hotels, railways, steamers, cabs, commissionaires, money, &c., &c. All, in fact, is included which the traveller is ever likely to want in the way of information, and a great deal besides which is interesting without being absolutely necessary. We advise our readers who may think of visiting Holland, Belgium, and the Rhine this season, to purchase this Tourists' Handbook. They will find it invaluable.

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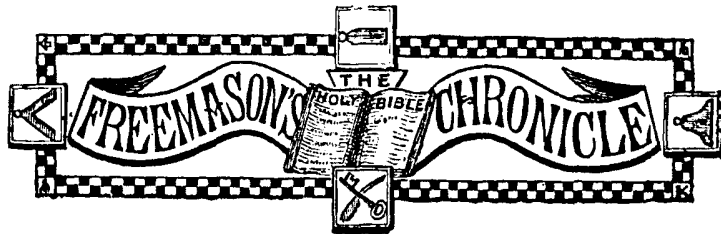
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen left Windsor Castle for Balmoral on Friday evening, reaching her Highland residence in the course of the following afternoon. The Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, and Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales are with her. The Duchess of Edinburgh accompanied Her Majesty as far as the Great Western Railway Station, and then left for Buckingham Palace, where she stayed some days. The Princess of Wales will shortly quit Athens, where she has been visiting her brother, King George, and is expected back in London about the 2nd prox. The Duke of Edinburgh, during the brief stay of our fleet off the Suez Canal, paid a flying visit to the Khedive, by whom he was very cordially received. The Prince of Wales arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday evening, on a visit to Sir Hastings Doyle, commanding the Southern District. A number of guests had been invited to meet His Royal Highness, among whom were Captain the Hon. Carr Glyn, C.B., R.N., Major Russell, Colonel Lord W. Seymour, Commander Lord C. Beresford, and the Duke of Montrose. The visit was as strictly private as possible, so that there were no decorations, crowds or addresses. On Wednesday morning, His Royal Highness, wearing the uniform of a Captain of the Royal Naval Reserve, accompanied by his host, Major Russell, and Captain Glyn, drove to the Dockyard, where the Admiral Commander-in-Chief, the Vice-Admiral in command of the Channel Squadron, and the Rear-Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard were in waiting to receive him. A guard of honour of Marines and Marine Artillery were drawn up, and received him with a Royal salute. The Prince shortly after embarked on Admiral Elliot's barge, for the purpose of inspecting the vessels of the Channel Squadron. He first went on board the monster turret ship the Thunderer, over which he was conducted by Captain Wilson and Commander Lord C. Beresford. The crew were exercised at turret and torpedo drill, and the practice under the new system in the fore turret, containing two 38-ton guns, proved a special attraction for the Prince, who highly praised the men for their smartness. He then went on board the Lightning, torpedo vessel, which can steam at the rate of over 18½ knots an hour. He then landed again at the Dockyard and inspected the Inflexible, now in course of building, only one-fourth of her yet remaining to be completed. This monster turret ship is intended to carry four 80-ton guns. The Dreadnought was then visited, and he then returned and went on board Vice-Admiral Seymour's flagship, the Minotaur. Here he was entertained at luncheon, after which he witnessed a series of torpedo experiments. He then went on board the Vernon, and saw further torpedo experiments, in which gun-cotton was used, and then visited the Vesuvius, on board which Captain Morgan explained to the Prince some of the torpedoes and torpedo gear with which his craft is supplied, a fish torpedo being exploded for purposes of illustration. He then returned to Sir Hastings Doyle's residence, and afterwards dined on board the Thunderer. The Duke of Connaught on Friday last presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, and the Boys' School in connection with it. The gathering was held in the Exhibition Palace, and the attendance of Craftsmen and ladies was very numerous and very enthusiastic. Everything passed off admirably.

The Holiday folk were not highly favoured in the matter of weather. In less than a month we shall



have reached Midsummer Day, but as yet we seem hardly to have had any spring. Of course, these eccentricities of the meteorological department are not to be explained by any known law of philosophy, nor is it our special province to concern ourselves about them. Our business is to record facts, and we have stated a fact, namely, that this Whitsuntide, the Clerk of the Weather was far from being gracious towards our holiday folk. Saturday last, for instance, was a magnificent day for ducks, but as a wag once remarked, it is necessary to be a duck to appreciate such weather. Sunday was delightfully cold and chilly, though there was nothing to speak of in the way of rain. Monday was dry over head, if not under foot, and thousands of pleasure-seekers went abroad for the purpose of enjoying themselves. Whether they found the pleasure they were in search of is a question not easily solved. We have no great faith in an hour's "squeedge" at a railway station, followed by an hour's journey in stuffy and overcrowded railway carriages as a corrective for people who are supposed to have been working hard since Eastertide. This "squeedge" and travel are of course repeated towards the end of the day's excursion, and, as a rule, we have found that people who thus spend their holidays are unfitted for business for several days, owing to the fatigues they have undergone in their quest for enjoyment. We are churlish enough to think that these public holidays are a great nuisance. They are a serious interruption to business, for nine out of every ten persons abuse instead of using them. No one appreciates a rest from labour more than we do. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but the play in which English folk indulge is more fatiguing than the hardest work. However, every man to his taste. Londoners made the best of their Bank Holiday under trying circumstances. Nearly sixty thousand people visited the Crystal Palace, where, as usual, a special programme was provided. There were nine military bands engaged, and these, it is almost needless to say, proved a great attraction. Then Mr. Coward performed on the great organ, and there was a children's pantomime, familiar enough to *habitués* of the Adelphi, but not so to frequenters of the Palace at Sydenham. Among the vocalists engaged were Mesdames Patti and Lemmens-Sherrington, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Patey and Hollins, while Mr. Manns was conductor of the combined military bands. At the Alexandra Palace, now re-opened to the public, some 50,000 people had entered up to 3 p.m., and this number was largely increased later in the day. Every variety of entertainment was provided. There were organ performances, a ballet, the inimitable Mackney, Mr. Howard Paul and his company, a Grand Concert in the large Concert Hall, which was crowded to overflowing, and in addition there were out-door sports for those who prefer witnessing athletic displays. The Zoological Gardens proved a great attraction, now that the new outdoor cages for lions and tigers, &c., have been erected and are in use, the visitors to these grounds being in excess of forty thousand. Among other places of amusement and instruction, the British and South Kensington Museums were crowded during the whole day, and so, too, was the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. Indeed, every place in London had its share of visitors, while the suburban attractions were equally well attended. We believe there are a good many people who have not yet recovered from their recent surfeit of pleasure.

A fatal fire occurred on Monday morning, in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross. About a quarter to four in the morning, a cabman noticed flames in the Charing Cross Restaurant, Villiers-street, Strand, a building four stories in height, and occupied at the time of the outbreak by a M. Calangue, who had staying with him some five and twenty persons, servants and others. The fire-escape men rescued M. Calangue and his wife. Some seventeen others got on to the roof, and thence to that of the next house, the Princess of Wales public-house, and were thus rescued. At the rear of the premises, which extended into Buckingham-street, two men jumped from one of the second floor windows, and were so terribly injured that they were conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, where they lie in a critical state. The others, however, were saved, all but a cook, whose body was found by the firemen so terribly burnt that identification was well nigh impossible. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained, but the premises are said to have been insured. Only the front and back walls remain.

News was received at Bristol on Sunday that a terrible explosion occurred in mid Atlantic on board the Anchor

Line Steamer Sidonian, by which seven men lost their lives. An accident had occurred to her engines, and they had been stopped in order that a pin might be repaired, when the boilers burst, and the captain, who was superintending the repairs, three engineers, two firemen, and a trimmer were so seriously injured that they all died in the course of twenty-four hours, the cook being also seriously hurt. Fortunately, no material damage was done to the sides or bottom of the vessel, and the chief officer decided to make for his port under sail, though assistance was offered by the Cunard Steamer China. The Sidonian reached King's Road on Sunday morning, and went up the river to Bristol, a day or two later.

The Wagner Festival came to an end on Saturday last, but there will be further opportunities for the British public to hear and judge of the music of the future, as two concerts have been arranged for next week, one on Monday afternoon at 3 p.m., and the other the day following at 8 p.m. They will be given in the Royal Albert Hall, and the prices of admission will be reduced. Several other concerts have been given, while among those that have yet to come, must be mentioned one for the benefit of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, to be held this afternoon, at the Royal Albert Hall, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princesses Christian and Louise, the Duchesses of Edinburgh and Cambridge, the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, and several members of the nobility and gentry. Nine military bands and 80 drummers of the Guards will take part in it. The same day in St. James's Hall will be held the third concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is President, in aid of the funds of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society. A series of three grand Opera Concerts has also been arranged at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, to come off to-day, next Saturday, and the Saturday following.

The excitement in Paris over the dismissal of M. Jules Simon is very great. The event is now described as a *coup d'état*, and people are naturally speculating as to what will be the upshot of it all. The Duc de Brogli is the new minister, and the chamber has been prorogued for a month, but in spite of changes of prefects and the customary arrangements for securing a majority for the conservative party, there is reason to fear that some unpleasant consequences may follow. No doubt the President, with the army at his back, is strong enough to repress any outbreak, but so he would have been, it is argued, had there been no dismissal at all. Some consider he has made a great mistake in acting as he has done, and that it would have been better to have given the party of M. Simon, M. Gambetta, and others as much rope as they needed. The idea spread abroad that France contemplates a change in her foreign policy is not held to be worth much, especially as the Duke Decazes still retains his portfolio as Foreign Minister. There need be no alarm of France attacking Germany or Italy, though it may suit some folk to say so.

The news from the two seats of war hardly keeps pace with the impatience of the public, who, many say, are sadly disappointed because there have not been already some half-dozen sanguinary battles. However, the Russians have gained an important success by the capture of Ardahan, for this will open for them another road by which they may approach and complete the investment of Kars. More, it is believed, has been made of this victory than the case warrants, for Ardahan was not in a position to offer any serious or protracted defence, as its walls and earthworks were out of repair, and the force stationed there was greatly outnumbered by the Russians. This does not, however, alter the fact that the Czar's troops have gained possession of an important place. There is no doubt either that the Turks, by the capture of Soukoumkaleh, are seriously disturbing the communications of their enemy, and that the Circassians are likely to rise and cause some trouble. On the Danube there have been no military movements of importance. The Russians are still concentrating their forces, but the weather is very unfavourable. The river has risen, and the distance to be traversed is considerable. But if there is nothing in the way of war news, the political events of the last few days are of some importance. Roumania has thrown off her allegiance to the Porte, and declared herself independent, and Servia is believed to be contemplating a renewal of the war. What effect these events will have it is premature to determine; but an opinion very widely prevails that Austro-

Hungary may possibly become involved in the war at no distant date. As regards the relations between Russia and this country they remain the same, but our Government are keeping a strict outlook, and Malta, Gibraltar, and other places are having their defences strengthened, and the Channel fleet will rendezvous off Plymouth to-day. Let us hope that these preparations to meet all eventualities may be the utmost limit of our undertakings.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 17th instant. Bro. T. Meggy, acting Vice-President, presided. The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to look after the musical arrangements was submitted. The Sub-Committee recommended that the tender of Bro. Louis Emanuel be accepted, and it was accepted accordingly. By this arrangement the following *artistes* will appear, namely, Mdles. Pattie Laverne and Sinclair, Mesdames Poole and Capponi, and Messrs. T. G. Carter, Theodore Distin, Weigl, and Burton McGucken, together with Herr Van Biene as solo violoncellist. The Special Stewards were appointed, and the next meeting arranged for the 18th proximo. There were present Bros. C. F. Matier, Rosenthal, S. Barton Wilson, John Seex, F. Newton, J. Tanner, Captain Wordsworth, G. Phythian, T. W. Murley, and J. D. Massey.

At the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday last, a letter was read from Bro. Francis Knollys, private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, announcing that His Royal Highness approved of the next Festival of the Institution being held on the 13th February 1878.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. Jas. Terry P.G.D.C. Herts., P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, and Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Wednesday next, May 30th, at 7 p.m. Brethren are to appear in Masonic clothing.

The installation ceremony will also be worked at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday evening next, at 7.

The *Masonic Review* announces that the two branches of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine now existing in the United States have come to a partial settlement of their differences, and that there is every probability they will be blended into one body in the course of next month. We learn, from the same source, that the Grand R.A. Chapter of Maryland has thirteen subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 1,304. Illinois has fifty-one Commanderies, with 3,664 members. We are further informed that William Astor, the well-known New York millionaire, while sojourning in Florida, for the benefit of his health, has joined King Solomon's Lodge at Jacksonville in that State.

We read in the *Masonic Record of Western India* for last month that a Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held on the 27th December last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck-street, Calcutta. Bro. J. B. Knight, D. Dist. G.M. presided as Dist. G.M., and there was a numerous attendance of Dist. G. Officers and representatives of Lodges. After an address from the acting D.G.M., and the transaction of certain usual business, the names of the officers for the ensuing year were announced, and Bros. W. H. Fitze, A. Le Franc, and G. Alexander were re-elected Dist. G. Treasurer, Custodian of the Hall, and Tyler respectively. The roll of officers is now as follows:—Bro. J. B. Knight D.D.G.M. acting as Dist. G.M.; Bros. T. Jones and T. J. Whilly, Dist. S.G.W. and J.G.W. respectively; Bro. Rev. W. B. Drawbridge, D.G. Chaplain; Bro. W. H. Fitze, D.G. Treasurer; Bro. G. C. Farr, D.G. Secretary; Bros. J. H. Turner and J. H. E. Beer, Dist. S. and J.G. Deacons respectively, Bro. C. F. Egerton Allen D.G.D. of C., and Bro. T. W. Fitch, Dist. Assist. ditto; Bro. Col. G. A. Browne, Dist. G.S.B.; Bro. J. V. Woodward, Dist. G.O.; Bro. H. Friedemann

D.G.P.; Bro. H. M. Rustomjee D.G. Standard Bearer; Bro. A. Le Franc, Custodian of Hall; Bros. G. T. Snead, C. F. B. Siddons, E. J. Dean, E. G. Sinclair, Thos. Duke, and E. Perry, D.G. Stewards, and Bro. G. Alexander D.G. Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, requesting, on behalf of the Pro Grand Master, to be informed of the name of the brother whom the Lodges are anxious to elect as Dist. G.M. in succession to Bro. J. B. Roberts. Shortly after this the Dist. Grand Lodge was closed.

The *Natal Witness*, of 3rd April, announces that by the last mail a warrant was received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., constituting a new Lodge in that city, under the name of the "Natalia" Lodge, No. 1665. The first Master to be Bro. G. O. Matterson, who last year occupied the Senior Warden's chair in the Prince Alfred's Lodge; the first Senior Warden, Bro. Jesse Smith, who was last year Junior Warden in that Lodge; and the first Junior Warden, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, late Hon. Secretary of the Prince Alfred Lodge. The "Natalia" Lodge, was, they understood, to have been formally consecrated on Wednesday evening, the 4th April.

We learn from the *Keystone* that the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 3rd instant. M.E. Grand High Priest Comp. Alf. R. Potter presided, and there was a more than usually large attendance on the occasion.

The *New York Courier* is our authority for stating that according to the latest returns there are 132,675 R.A. Masons in the United States, and of these 18,539 are in the state of New York alone.

*Der Freimaurer* for the current month contains two interesting biographical sketches—one of the Emperor Francis I., the same who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1731 at an occasional Lodge specially convened for the purpose at the Hague, and the other of Bro. Joseph Haydon, the celebrated composer, who was received into Masonry, in 1785, in the Lodge *Zur Wahren Eintracht* at Vienna. Of this Lodge he remained a member till the day of his death, on the 31st May 1809.

## Old Warrants.

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### No. 67.

No. 245, "Ancients;" No. 309 at the Union of 1813, No. 219 from A.D. 1832, and No. 186 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAS. PERRY, D.G.M.

THOMAS HARPER, S.G.W.

JAS. AGAR, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful, Most potent and puissant Lord, the Right Honorable Randal William McDonnell, Earl and Bar'n of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Perry, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Agar, Esq., 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 No. 245 our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Jacob Fisher one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Askew his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Emanuel Mansfield his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Friar, Play House

Yard, Black Friar's, London, or elsewhere in the City's of London and Westminster, on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Jacob Fisher, John Askew, and Emanuel Mansfield (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 Masous, &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 Fifteenth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Eight, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Eight.

JOHN MCCORMICK,  
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6,  
Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Industry," No. 186, held at the Restaurant, Westminster-chambers, Westminster.

### No. 68.

No. 23, "Ancients;" No. 36 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 33 A.D. 1832, and No. 30 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAURENCE DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W.

R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, and Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the No. 23 approbation and consent of the Warrant 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 Timothy Kelly one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Croke his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful George French his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Rosemary Branch, in Rosemary Lane, or elsewhere in London, upon the third Tuesday of each Kalendar month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Timothy Kelly, John Croke and George French (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 Freemasons, &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 Twenty-third day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,  
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 1,  
Letter A. And bears date, 10th  
October 1753.

Renewed 23rd June 1777.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "United Mariners' " Lodge, No. 30, Gresham-street, London.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

WITH a few exceptions, each of the Masonic Grand Lodges of this country has adopted the system of appointing a Grand Representative near all the other Grand Lodges. As a general rule the representative is a member of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, and in most instances at the time of his appointment one of its Grand Officers. The appointing power is given to the Grand Master, who issues credentials to the representative, duly attested by the Grand Secretary and the great seal of the Grand Lodge he is to represent. This document he presents to the Grand Lodge of which he is a member, and he is welcomed as the Grand Representative of the one by which it is issued, and the proceeding is made a matter of record. At each succeeding annual meeting of the Grand Lodge thereafter his name appears on the records as such Grand Representative.

The above gives about all there is in the Grand Representative system. Whatever may have been the design of those who inaugurated it, or how much they may have expected to make the system of practical utility, it has evidently proved a failure. In looking through the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, one will find a score or more of these Grand Representatives reported as present, but he will find nothing submitted by or referred to one of them in that capacity. They perform no duties of any sort and nothing seems to be expected from them. They are not even made the medium of correspondence between the Grand Lodges. Their elaborately prepared credentials, signed, sealed and delivered, amount in reality to so much white paper. The writer knows whereof he speaks, for he is the happy possessor of several of these elegant commissions, gotten up in the most approved style. The Grand Lodges are always very kind and allow the representatives to retain them to exhibit to their friends, or even to display in gilt frames in some conspicuous place, if they so prefer. One of the Grand Lodges he has the honour to represent in the Grand Lodge of Indiana had a grievance against the latter, but his attention was not called to the matter until it was referred to a committee of which he was chairman in the Grand Lodge of which he was a member, and contrary to the decision of the one appointing him a Grand Representative.

If the system can not be used to advantage in cases like the above, there is not much in it to commend itself to the favorable notice of our Grand Lodges. It all sounds well enough and looks fine on paper, and affords an opportunity to bestow a high-sounding title upon those who are so fortunate as to be honoured with an appointment, but if that is all there is to be of it, as a matter of economy it had better be abolished at once and save expenses in printing.—*Masonic Advocate.*

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, 29th inst., at the Yarborough, No. 554, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7. Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. 554 as W.M., Austin P.M. 933 S.W., Lacey W.M. 1625 J.W., Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 I.P.M.\*

On Thursday, 31st inst., at the Great City, No. 1426, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C., at 6 p.m. Bro. G. W. Saul J.W. 1201 as W.M.

On Friday, 1st June, at the Burgoyne, No. 902, Grafton Arms Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, at 7. Bro. J. F. Wuest P.M. 753 as W.M.

\* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the Yarborough Lodge, on the day referred to above.

### 1st LECTURE.

1st Section	Bro. Harvey, 174.
2nd "	Walter, S.D. 554.
3rd "	Livermore, W.S. 554.
4th "	Taylor, D.C. 554.
5th "	Williams, 933.
6th "	Myers, P.M. 1445.
7th "	Yetton, P.M. 933.

### 2nd LECTURE

8th "	Godwin, J.W. 1313.
9th "	Andrews, I.G. 1227.
10th "	Masto, P.M. 1349.
11th "	Austin, P.M. 933.
12th "	Turquand, P.M. 1556.

### 3rd LECTURE.

13th "	Cohen, W.M. 205.
14th "	Hallett, W.M. 781.
15th "	Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. —Any dyspeptic sufferer aware of the purifying, regulating, and gentle aperient powers of these Pills, should permit no one to cloud his judgment or to warp his course. With a box of Holloway's Pills, and attention to its accompanying "Directions," he may feel thoroughly satisfied that he can safely and effectually release himself from his miseries without impairing his appetite or distressing his digestion. By aiding natural nutrition, this excellent medicine raises the bodily strength to its extreme limits, and banishes a thousand annoying forms of nervous complaints. An occasional resort to Holloway's remedy will prove highly salutary to all persons, whether well or ill, whose digestion is slow or imperfect, usually evidenced by weariness, listlessness, and despondency.



## 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, 26th MAY.

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

## MONDAY, 28th MAY.

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.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 6 o'clock.

588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.  
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.  
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.  
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.  
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.  
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

## TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
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 6.30.  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.  
Red Cross 137—Eboracum, Masonic Rooms, Micklegate, York. (Dedication, &c.)

## WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.  
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

## THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.  
R. A. 993—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.

## FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Raucelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (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.)  
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.  
303—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

## TUESDAY.

448—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.  
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.  
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.  
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

## THURSDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.  
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.  
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.  
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.  
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.

## FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.  
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
837—Do Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.  
1618—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Hallows, Chequers, Walthamstow, on Thursday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Claridge W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., Franklin J.W., F. Hallows S.D., Delvalli J.D., Hunt I.G., Saunders Secretary, Upward Organist, Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Groome, Clarke, Pargetter, Simms, Pallen. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Upward candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. G. Hallows was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The Lodge was then closed.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 24th May. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Grammer S.W. and Sec., Hunter J.W., Webb Preceptor, Maidwell S.D., Richards J.D., Isaacs I.G. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate, the W.M. giving the T.H. The Lodge was then closed in the third degree, and Bro. Hewlett vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maidwell, who rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Grammer, and the third by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Grammer was elected W.M. for next Thursday. Bro. Hewlett, with some emotion, announced the death of Bro. C. Baxter, of No. 174, which sad event took place on Tuesday evening last. This announcement was received by the brethren present with feelings of deep regret, Bro. Baxter having been very constant in his attendance at this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed.

**Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.**—Held its regular meeting on 10th May. Comp. Wm. Bell Z. presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Louttit H., C. MacKenzie J., Jas. Morrison S.E., G. Leeds S.N., P. Agnew Tr. A Mark Lodge was opened, with Comp. J. W. Brownlie as S.W., and Hoare J.W. On the dais we also observed Comps. G. W. Wheeler Z., D. Gilchrist P.Z., and J. Bannerman Tr. of 73, R. Traynair 1st S. of 87, and J. O. Park P.Z. 122. An interesting discussion took place on the best mode of advancing R.A. Masonry. It was suggested that essays should be delivered on the various degrees of Scotch Royal Arch Masonry, and eventually the M.E.Z. Comp. Wm. Bell agreed to deliver the first, at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Lodge-room, Cups Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. G. Gard Pye W.M., Samuel Chaplin P.M. as S.W., Thomas J. Ralling J.W., John J. C. Turner acting Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treasurer, Isaac Harris S.D., Jos. Hanly J.D., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., Charles E. Denton as I.G., C. Gunner Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. A. Welch I.P.M., John Coppin, W. Richey, Charles Cobb, Thomas Rix, and C. L. Acland Chaplain. The Visitors included the W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, the W.M. Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Bro. W. Clary, the Sec. No. 433, Bro. J. E. Wiseman, and several members of 433; the P.G. Chap.

Bro. the Rev. A. Pertwee, &c. The first business of the evening was a ballot for four candidates, which being declared in their favour, they were duly initiated by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, when the brethren unanimously selected Bro. Thomas J. Ralling the J.W., who has been nearly seven years Sec. to the Lodge. Bro. Alfred Cobb was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. C. Gunner Tyler. The W.M. announced that he intended to represent the Lodge at the Annual Festival of the R.M.I.B., on the 27th June, and several sums were promised in the room to add to his list. The Lodge having been closed, upwards of thirty brethren assembled round the festive board, and a very harmonious evening was spent.

**Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.**—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on the 10th May. The Chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Baldwin M.E.Z., F. Walters P.P. 1st Asst. G.S. Middlesex P.Z. as H., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.Z. as J., W. Smeed P.Z. The following Comps. were then admitted: M. D. Loewenstark S.N., B. Isaacs P.S., J. H. Spencer, J. S. Sweasey, L. Samuel, W. Dunham, T. W. Adams and others. Strange to say, there were not any visitors. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Henry Moore 1326 and James Moore 1326. Comp. William Smeed, acting as M.E.Z., exalted Bros. Barney, Lamb and H. Moore into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The other officers being well posted in their duties, rendered able assistance to the good, correct, and excellent working of the acting M.E.Z. Business ended, the Chapter was closed and adjourned, to meet on Thursday, 18th October, at six o'clock p.m. Banquet and dessert followed. Songs, glees, and recitations were given. The usual toasts were gone through. The members separated, well pleased with a delightful evening's re-union. Apologies were received for the absence of Comps. John Mason, caused through illness, and James Cattley Mason J., who was out of town.

**Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.**—Held its regular meeting on the 15th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. In the absence from town of the R.W.M., it was opened by Bro. G. McDonald I.P.M., A. McLeod S.W., W. T. Kay J.W., R. R. Richards Sec., G. McDonald jun. I.G. Visitors—Bro. J. McInnis R.W.M. 408, and Bro. Hugh Murray 33°, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, G.J.W. of Canada.

**Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.**—Held an emergency meeting on the 15th inst., at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, for the purpose of giving the Mark degree to Bro. Samuel Baker, No. 73. The Chapter was opened by G. W. Wheeler the M.E.Z., assisted by J. Kennard H. as S.W., J. McInnis as J.W., J. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman Tr., and G. McDonald as S.D. The Chapter had as a visitor Comp. Hugh Murray 33°, G.S.N. of Ontario, who expressed himself highly satisfied with the way in which the degree was wrought, though differing in some high points from the way they work in Canada.

**Commercial Chapter, No. 79, Glasgow.**—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at 30 Hope-street. A Mark Lodge was opened by the P.Z. Comp. Jules Brodie, with Comps. R. Traynir as S.W., R. Reid J.W., and G. W. Wheeler Conductor, when Bro. James Henderson, of Lodge 360, was advanced to that degree by Comp. D. Lamb. Comp. C. McKenzie, J. of Chapter 50, gave the lecture. Comp. Lamb then assumed the chair, and opened a Lodge of Excellent Masters, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73 conferred that degree on Bros. J. Henderson and A. Burnett. The Chapter was then opened,—Comps. D. Lamb Z., G. W. Wheeler H., R. Brodie J., J. Munro Deputy Z., J. M. Oliver S.E., R. Reid Tr., R. Traynir 1st S., R. Burnett 2nd S., and J. McLean 3rd Ass., when Bros. Alex. Burnett and James Henderson were exalted into that degree by Comp. G. W. Wheeler.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 19th inst. Bros. Hewlett W.M., Moss S.W., Defriez J.W., Fenner S.D., Groner J.D., Bedwell I.G., Percy Preceptor, Halford Treas., Killick Sec., and about twenty members were present. The Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in full, Bro. Poore acting as candidate. The sections of the 3rd lecture were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bro. Hunter 1677 was elected a member. Bro. Moss was chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

**St. James's Union Chapter, No. 380.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Cameron P.Z. as M.E.Z., Smithett H., W. C. Parsons J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E., Knyvett S.N., Pillin P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. Stonor, L. Hert, and Dawson; and Comps. Farwig, C. Smith, Pink, Van Daren, Martin, W. Smith, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. The installation of Principals then took place, Comp. Smithett being installed M.E.Z., W. C. Parsons H., Knyvett J.; the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered by Comp. H. Reed P.Z. The investiture of officers then took place:—Comps. Cameron P.Z. Treas., H. Reed S.E., Pillin S.N., L. Annett P.S., G. Bubb 1st Ass., Farwig 2nd Ass., Gilbert Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. E. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts.

**Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Belmont Hall,

Uxbridge. Bros. T. C. Swallow W.M., Webb S.W., Holliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treas., W. Coombes P.P.G. S.B. Middx. Sec., Cook S.D., Dairey J.D., Russ I.G., J. C. W. Davis I.P.M., Ferehenbach P.M.; Bros. Brown, Pearce, Drinkwater, Matthews, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Price and Gaylard showed their proficiency, and were raised to the sublime degree by the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. W. Davis, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. then occupied the chair, and passed Bros. Marshall and Serf to the 2nd degree. Mr. F. Lucy (who had previously been ballotted for) and, by fiat, Messrs. F. W. Huhnichen and T. De Courcy Meade were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the sum of £22s should be given to the Prov. G.M.'s (Col. Burdett) Testimonial Fund. In accordance with the resolution of the Lodge, it was carried that the future meetings of the Lodge should be held at the Belmont Hall, instead of the Chequers Hotel. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

**Union Chapter, No. 414.**—A regular convocation of the above Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 18th May. Present—Comps. Lemon M.E.Z., Grisbrook H., Bradley J., Weightman P.Z. Scribe E. and Treasurer, Portsmouth Scribe N., Parsons P.S., Lamb A.S.; P.Z.'s Bothey, Biggs and Dew. Members—Comps. C. F. Webb, H. Webb, J. Bance, J. T. Browne, Thatcher, Mount, Herbert, Lear, Daniels, Yetts, and Bailey. Visitor—Comp. W. P. Ivey, Windsor Castle, 771. The minutes of the last regular Chapter were confirmed. Bros. A. Brakspeare and J. H. Moore were exalted. Bros. J. H. Hawkes 1101 and F. W. Albury 414 were ballotted for, elected, and exalted. Comp. Portsmouth withdrew his motion for a grant of ten guineas to the R.M.I.B., on account of the funds in hand being less than he anticipated. The election of Principals and Officers took place, and resulted in the following return: Comp. E. Grisbrook M.E.Z., R. Bradley H., A. Portsmouth J., Weightman E. and Treas., W. Parsons N., Lamb P.S. The working of the Chapter was very good. Comp. Parsons is evidently an enthusiastic worker, and his duties were performed admirably. The Chapter may be congratulated on having taken good root. Another Chapter was in contemplation, in connection with 1101, but as the Basingstoke Companions are about to consecrate one of their own, which will draw pretty strongly from 414, it is thought better to defer another in Reading for the present. After appointing the Audit Committee, the Companions retired for refreshment to the Upper Ship Hotel.

**Lodge Dramatic, No. 591, Glasgow.**—Held an emergency meeting on Friday, May 11th, at 11 p.m., to confer the M.M. degree on Bro. J. Cook, of Hengler's Cirque, prior to his leaving the city. The Lodge was opened punctually at the appointed hour by the R.W.M. Bro. H. W. Jackman, with Bro. Chute D.M., Wm. Sieve-wright S.W., J. Mitchell J.W., J. Marshall S.D., A. Smith J.D. There was a good attendance of the professional brethren, and amongst the other visitors we recognised Bros. J. Stewart 3 bis., G. W. Wheeler 73, J. Findley R.W.M. 333, John Stewart 360, D. Lamb P.D.M. 360, and Kilper S. 581. At the request of the R.W.M., D. Lamb raised Bro. Cook, in a very careful manner, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge. The R.W.M. having reduced the Lodge, said it had been thought desirable to spend a little time on refreshment with the brethren who would be leaving the city with Mr. Hengler's company next week. The Lodge was accordingly put under the care of the J.W. After the usual Lodge toasts, ably proposed, the Master, Bro. J. Findley R.W.M. of 333, responded for the Provincials. The health of the new M.M., Bro. Cook, was given in eloquent terms from the chair. Bro. Cook was glad to be associated with so noble an Order, and hoped to uphold the fame of Lodge Dramatic in many parts of the kingdom. Bro. Kilpin proposed the Brethren of Mr. Hengler's Company. Bro. Hill replied. Bro. J. Stewart replied for the Visitors, and gave Lodge Dramatic. The Press was replied to by Bro. J. Stewart. The singing and recitals were excellent.

**Andrew Chapter, No. 834.**—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 17th instant, at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. Comps. W. Y. Worthington M.E.Z., L. Bryett H., W. H. Adamson J. The attendance of the Comps. was (as is usually the case) numerous. After the Chapter had been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, the M.E.Z. proceeded to exalt Bros. Ward, Moyle and Mickelburgh, in whose favour the ballot was unanimous at the previous meeting, and it is almost needless to state the ceremony was performed in the masterly style that always characterises the working of the M.E.Z. The election of officers for the forthcoming session then took place, and resulted as follows:—L. Bryett M.E.Z. elect; W. H. Adamson H., G. F. Butt J. After the Chapter was closed, the Comps. sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Comp. Millis, which deserves the highest praise. The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the list of toasts well discussed by the various speakers. After the Loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the health of the M.E.Z. was proposed. In responding, Comp. Worthington said that as it was the last occasion he should have of occupying the Principal's chair, he could not let the opportunity pass without thanking the Comps. for the cordial may in which they always accepted this toast. He was not aware that he had done anything in particular to merit their approval, but he could assure them how pleased, and proud he was to see the continued success of the Andrew Chapter during his year of office. The goodwill of the various officers and Comps. he felt certain had been extended towards him, and he might almost say that he was more than satisfied. The health of the Visitor was then proposed, and Companion Cooper, P.Z. 19, said, how pleased he was to meet the Comps. once again, after being separated by distance from them for so many years. Before he

left London, as some were aware, he took a great interest in attending the different meetings of the Craft, particularly the Royal Arch; but circumstances had for some time past compelled him to relinquish attending to those duties as he wished. He saw among the Comps. assembled that evening around the table several whom he could recollect as lads attending school when he resided in the vicinity, and he could assure them that the pleasure to him was very great when he could mark the success that had attended the Andrew Chapter, founded by, and named after his late lamented friend Andrew. The toast of the officers was well responded to by Comps. Bryett and Lines, and, after the Janitor's toast, the Comps. separated.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. Bros. Perry jun. W.M., Lovelock S.W., Allen J.W., Hewlett S.D., Pullen J.D., Dallas I.G., Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Perry sen., Sanders, Bonner, Christian, &c. Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bonner candidate. Bro. Allen worked 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. worked the ceremony, it being the first time he had occupied the chair. Lodge closed in due form.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—The brethren of this Lodge held their usual meeting at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. David Posener W.M. presided, and amongst the brethren present were—Bros. George Brown S.W., Benjamin Lyons J.W., W. Webster S.D., Andrews I.G., A. W. Fenner acting Secretary, Leo Engell W.S., Cowell, H. Jones, W. Lane, E. G. Bratton P.M., R. W. Goddard P.M., T. Simpson, C. H. Belsay, Adolphus Elland, &c. Among the visitors present were—Bros. Samuel Moss, Enphrates 212, Alex. Giles, Earl Spencer 1426, W. G. Kent, West Kent 1297, W. Christie, Tranquillity 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Jones and Simpson were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. Cornell and Austin passed. It was unanimously agreed that the summer banquet should take place, on the 5th of July, at Broxbourne; the sum of five guineas was voted, from the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to the widow of a deceased member, to be placed in the hands of the W.M., and to be used at his discretion. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 18th instant. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Fenner S.W., Simpson J.W., Townsend S.D., Smith J.D., Lane I.G., Hewlett, Bolton, Austin, Cave, Scales, Lupinsky, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Cave answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cave being candidate. The traditional history was given by the acting Preceptor, Bro. Hewlett, in his usual correct manner. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. A. W. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Lebanon Lodge, 1326.**—Held its first meeting of the season on Saturday, 19th May, at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. Edwin Gilbert W.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. The ballot for Mr. W. Clark was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. Bros. W. Priddy and S. Page were passed, and Bro. W. Blakeley was raised. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, it was unanimously resolved that a congratulatory letter be sent to Bro. R. W. Little on his appointment as D.P.G.M. Middlesex. The subject of the "Burdett" testimonial was deferred until the next regular meeting, double the amount (on notice of motion made) being

intended to be given than what had been proposed at this meeting. The usual notice of motion was given to present the W.M. with the customary P.M. jewel, of the value of seven guineas. Several names of brethren for joining and gentlemen for initiation were given to the Secretary. Business ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 21st June, to meet at half-past three. The usual banquet was served, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Murphy, the host, who personally superintended it. There were present during the afternoon and evening—Bros. E. Gilbert W.M., C. W. Fox S.W., H. Gloster acting as J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1514 J.D., W. Stanton acting as S.D., J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex I.G., G. Shott D.C., H. Potter P.M. W.S., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., and many others. The only visitor was Bro. H. C. T. Murphy, 1512, Hemming Lodge. The J.W., Bro. R. W. Williams P.G. Organist Middlesex, was absent through ill health.

**Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.**—The Archaeological Section, in company with Rev. Bros. C. E. Camidge M.A., P.G.C. West Yorkshire, W. C. Lukis M.A., F.A.S., and A. T. Atwood M.A., Rural Dean, the W.M. and his Wardens, on Saturday, the 12th inst., visited Feliskirk and South Kilvington. The Rev. H. Clayforth B.A. and the Rev. W. T. Kingsley B.D. very kindly received the party, and afforded them much information. The Church at Feliskirk has been almost entirely rebuilt, but has some interesting remains, having at the Dissolution belonged to the Commandery of Knights Hospitaliers on Mount St. John. There are two remarkably fine effigies, of a cross-legged knight in chain armour, and a lady, both in excellent preservation. The great curiosity of Kilvington Church is the font, made at the cost of Lord Thomas Scrope, and said to have been removed there from Upsall Castle. The formation of this section has conducted very greatly to pleasant and profitable intercourse among the members, and secured for them good report in the neighbourhood generally. Other Lodges might take up the matter in a similar form with great advantage.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—This Lodge met at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. There were present Bros. Saul W.M., De Leliva S.W., Goodman J.W., Wood S.D., Cadot J.D., Taylor I.G., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed. The Lodge was afterwards opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of passing and raising very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. De Leliva unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday week, the 7th June. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.

**West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. W.M. opened the Lodge. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bro. T. W. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Howes P.M. S.D., J. Johnson J.D., G. S. Wintle I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler Mid. Tyler, J. J. Howes, E. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stevens, W. Smyth, H. J. Lardner, T. Butt, W. Snow, T. M. Butt, &c. Amongst the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, &c., H. Potter P.M. 11, G. Wallace 95, A. Stevens 1298, J. H. Pearson 423, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Craddock Seymour; also for Bro. James Payne, of No. 245, as a joining member. Bros. J. J. Howes, E. C. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stevens, and H. J. Lardner, were passed to the second degree, and Bro. W. Smyth raised to the third degree. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and some brethren for joining. An important notice of motion was given by the Secretary. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 19th July. The usual banquet, &c., followed.

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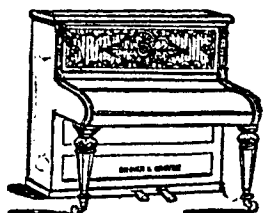
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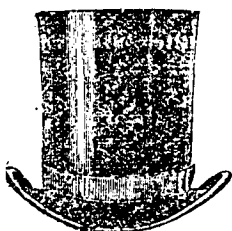
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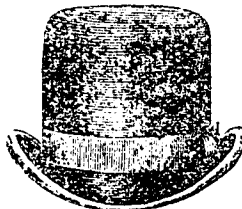
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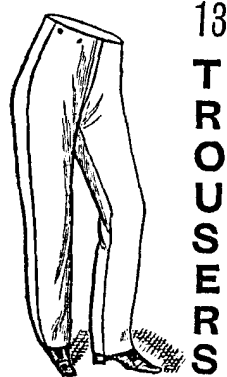
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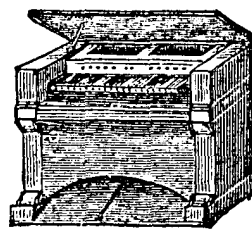
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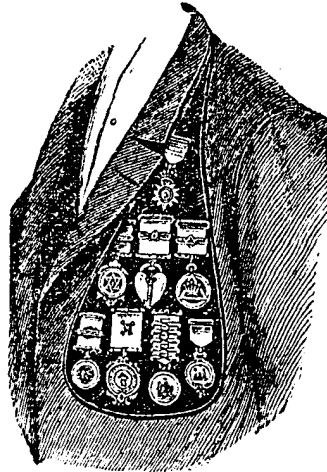
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