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GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in Lancaster City, on the 29th, 30th and 31st May, the hospitalities of the said city being liberally dispensed by the Sir Knights of the Lancaster Commandery, No. 13; while the place itself was in full gala costume, with plenty of flags, bunting, and Templar emblems. Refreshments were provided for all at the Roberts Hall, the head quarters of the Lancaster Commandery. Grand Commandery assembled at the Fulton Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 29th May. R.E. Sir Kt. Andrew J. Kauffman G.C. and the Grand officers being present. Frat. Kauffman pointed out that when, eleven years since, the Annual Conclave was held in Lancaster, there were only twenty Commanderies, whereas now a warrant for a new Commandery, which would rank as No. 57 on the list, had been applied for. Such, indeed, has been the steady increase in the Order that there are now over 6,000 Knights in Pennsylvania. On Wednesday morning the election of Grand Officers took place, and resulted as follow:—Sir Knights W. H. Egle R.E.G. Commander, Samuel B. Dick V.E. Dep. G. Commander, Jno. P. S. Gobin G. Generalissimo, D. W. C. Carrol G. Capt. General, Rev. Dan. Washburn D.D. Grand Prelate, George W. Kendrick G. Sen. Warden, B. Frank Breneman G. Jun. Warden, M. Richards Mucklé Grand Treasurer, Charles E. Myer Grand Recorder. It was resolved to issue Tactics and Drill to be used by the subordinate Commanderies, and Altona having been selected as the place of meeting in May 1873, and Sir Knight A. J. Kauffmann having been recognised as representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Grand Commandery was closed at seven a.m. In the afternoon several Commanderies from Philadelphia, and other sections of the State arrived, and were formally received and conducted to their respective head quarters by the Lancaster Commandery. Hutchinson, No. 32, of Norristown, were the first to arrive, after which, about five p.m., a special train came, bearing Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, St. John's No. 4, Kadosh No. 29, Mary No. 39, St. Alban No. 47, and Corinthian Chasseur No. 53, each of these being about one hundred and fifty strong. In the evening there was a levée at Fulton, and what with the gay uniforms of the knights, and the splendid toilettes of the ladies, a very brilliant scene was presented. At Robert Hall, which was gaily decorated, lunch for 200 guests at a time was ready during the whole of the Conclave. On the morning of the 31st, several other Commanderies arrived from Reading, Harrisburg, Altoona, York, and other parts. At 10.30 a.m. the parade was formed, under the principal direction of Sir Knights P.S. Gobin and E. Welchans, there being present no less than sixteen Commanderies besides the Grand Commandery, nearly each of which was preceded by a band of music, while Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, was mounted. After marching along the prescribed route, amid the applause of a dense mass of spectators, the Sir Knights were reviewed by the Grand Officers, and then dismissed. At 3 p.m., Fulton Hall was again crowded with knights, ladies, and gentlemen, to witness the installation of the newly-elect Grand Officers. Sir Knight W. H. Egle was installed Grand Commander for the ensuing year, by the retiring Grand Commander Andrew J. Kauffman, after which he delivered an address, and then proceeded to induct and

invest the other Grand Officers, the ceremonies being rendered additionally interesting by the fine vocal and instrumental music, to which the Lancaster Choral Society chiefly contributed. Later in the afternoon, after disposing of the remaining business of the meeting, the Conclave was closed, the Lancaster Sir Knights being unremitting, even up to the moment of departure, in their efforts to entertain the visiting Commanderies. Past Grand Commander Kauffman was presented, by the Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, Columbia, of which he is a member, with a magnificent Templar and fatigue uniform, in token of their fraternal regard for him. Among the distinguished Knights present were His Excellency Sir Knight John F. Hartranft, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and Sir Knights Chas. G. Blumenthal, P.G. Comm., now residing at New York, W. Wallace Goodwin P.G. Comm. New Jersey, and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Chas. M. Howell, Grant Weidman, J. Vallercham, C. F. Knapp, and Chas. H. Kingston, all P.G. Commanders of Pennsylvania.

We are indebted for the above particulars to the *Keystone*, and we offer our fraternal greetings to all concerned in what must have been a most magnificent display. We in England are not given to this kind of public exhibition, but in America such gatherings are very popular, and as it pleases our transatlantic brethren, it would be churlish in us to withhold our congratulations, because the customs of the fraternity differ in the two countries.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 41.)

OUR NOBLE CRITIC.

"Of fertile genius, him they nurtured well,
In every science, and in every art,
By which mankind the thoughtless brutes excel,
That can or use, or joy, or grace impart,
Disclosing all the powers of head and heart:
Ne'er were the goodly exercises spared,
That brace the nerves, or make the limbs alert."

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"Sometimes, with early morn, he mounted, gay,
The hunter-steed, exulting o'er the dale,"

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"At other times he pried through Nature's store,"

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"But more he searched the mind, and roused from sleep
Those moral seeds whence we heroic actions reap."

IT is not given to every one who, born of patrician rank, is placed in a position of great responsibility, to be able to discharge the functions of his office with marked ability. Many there are who are indebted for whatever consideration may be shown them to the accident of their birth, to the respect due to the station they hold, or it may be, to these two circumstances combined; but not to any personal merit, not to any business habits, not to any interest they take in the welfare of their fellow subjects of inferior rank. They have been born great, and they have had further greatness thrust upon them, but that is the sum and substance of what can be said in their favour. Fortunately, our men of patrician rank, taking them for all in all, are an admirable exception to the rule. They are taught from their earliest childhood that high rank has its duties and responsibilities, and it rarely happens they discredit their order, and still more rarely that they disgrace it. The majority of them labour hard in their particular sphere; they take a prominent part in the control of the State, either as legislators in the hereditary house of Parliament,

or in the government of the province with which they are associated by birth or the ties of residence. "Our Noble Critic," for example, was born in the purple, as the saying is, and from his earliest days exhibited a warm interest in all matters relating to his county. He has taken no prominent part in matters political—we presume, his tastes have not been in that direction. Or knowing, perchance, with how little wisdom the greatest affairs of State are conducted, he may possibly have directed most of his energies to promoting the welfare of his immediate neighbourhood, where he felt it would be of service, and knew it would be appreciated, in preference to playing an active part in legislation, where his opportunities of doing good might be fewer. Thus we find him doing more than his just share of work in the county of his birth, connected with the local auxiliary forces, assisting in the promotion of county enterprises, toiling with other magnates in the unthankful duties of the magistracy, and, to crown all, receiving at the hands of his most gracious Sovereign, the highest county honour it is in her power to bestow. A post of this eminence is only conferred on one who, in addition to the personal influence he may be able to exercise, has certain qualities of heart and great business powers, such as will render his government acceptable to men of all shades of political opinion. We may, indeed, be tolerably certain that a man who is appointed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in any county is, in the majority of cases, a popular man, and that he owes his popularity far more to his qualifications as a man of business habits, and the active share he has taken in all that relates to local interests than even to the greatness of his name and station. Such a man as this is fortunate, by reason of the good he is enabled to do; and by the happiness he thus confers on others, he is himself most happy. Mere rank and wealth and pleasure do not constitute the sum of human happiness, without, as a poet has sung,

"The mind;
Where judgment sits clear-sighted, and surveys
The chain of reason with unerring gaze;
Where fancy lives, and to the brightening eyes,
Bids fairer scenes, and bolder figures rise;
Where social love exerts her soft command,
And lays the passions with a tender hand;
Whence every virtue flows, in rival strife,
And all the moral harmony of life."

But let us quit this portion of his career, in order to consider the still greater claims "Our Noble Critic" possesses on the esteem and respect of our readers. It is necessarily the Masonic portion of his life which most interests and delights us, and he whom we have chosen as the subject of this portrait, has taken an active part in the concerns of our Craft for more than a quarter of a century; while it is possible that no other brother, be he never so eminent, has received so many and such well deserved tokens of the respect in which he is held among Freemasons. The other day, we were turning over the pages of a Masonic journal,—whose span of life is now run—when, by a very fortunate chance, we lighted upon sundry particulars of our brother's early career. It is, indeed, to this now defunct journal we are chiefly indebted for the Masonic details of this portrait. It seems that "Our Noble Critic" first saw the light in a Birmingham Lodge, appropriately named the Lodge of "Light," No. 475. In due time, he was elected Worshipful Master, and, on retiring from the chair, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in token of the valuable services he had rendered during his term of office. He was one of the founders of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, in those days No. 1027, Kenilworth, and was chosen to be its first Master, 1857-8. Not long after, and chiefly through his instrumentality, a sixth was added to the list of Lodges in Birmingham, the new one being consecrated as the Temperance Lodge, now No. 739; and in 1859, under his auspices, the Bard of Avon Lodge, now No. 778, and transferred to the Province of Middlesex, was consecrated at Stratford-on-Avon. We are, however, somewhat anticipating matters, and stepping from the strict chronological order of events. In August 1852, he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and it must be in the highest degree gratifying, not only to him, but likewise to all who have at heart the welfare of Freemasonry, to know that of the twenty-nine Lodges now on the roll of this Province, no less than seventeen have been consecrated during the quarter of a century he has held the Prov. Grand Mastership. But though in this important respect his government of War-

wickshire has been most successful, his efforts in connection with Freemasonry have not been limited to this class of duty. Whenever a favourable opportunity has presented itself, and some building of public utility has been about to be erected, he has invariably permitted the foundation stone to be laid with Masonic ceremonial. The following are the occasions on which he himself has presided at such a ceremony, namely, on the 12th April 1859, when the first stone was laid of the Leamington Hall Schools; in 1864, when the first stone was laid of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital; while the third occasion fell as recently as the 23rd of April last, when he laid the first stone of the Shakspeare Memorial, at Stratford-on-Avon. At this ceremony, the gavel used in performing the ceremony was made of a piece of oak taken from Shakspeare's own house. One or two other matters, more immediately associated with the government of his province, and we quit this portion of his Masonic career. It was at a Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Rugby, on the 23rd September 1859, under his presidency, that a resolution to form a Provincial Masonic Benevolent Fund was started. In the year 1864, he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent.

Thus far we have confined our observations almost entirely to what concerns him in common with Craft Masonry, and the events which have marked his career as head of a great Province. Let us now turn to one episode in his career which marks most clearly the estimation in which he is held. When certain negotiations with the Craft Grand Lodge, with a view to the Mark degree being recognised as part and parcel of pure and ancient Masonry, came to an end, it was resolved by a number of Mark Lodges to establish a Grand Lodge of their own. This was accordingly done, and on looking around for some brother of eminence to preside as Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c., &c., the Lodges made selection of "Our Noble Critic," being governed in their choice, as we are told in the brief history which is prefixed to the Laws and Constitutions of Mark Masonry, by the fact of his being a sound Constitutional Mason. This high position he filled from 1856 to 1860, with the greatest credit to himself and infinite credit to the body over which he presided. We consider we are in nowise derogating from the valuable services of those who succeeded him in office when we say that the present flourishing condition of Mark Masonry is primarily due, in the first place, to the happy selection made of the first Grand Mark Master Mason, and, secondarily, to the tact and ability he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties.

Let us now view him in connection with our several Charitable Institutions, and we may venture to affirm that, directly and indirectly, he has done at least as much as any other Craftsman in contributing to their welfare. He is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and one of the Trustees, and he holds similar rank among the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was only a short time since appointed to be a trustee of the Male Fund, in succession to the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. But this represents only the lesser half of his services to these splendid Charities. We need not dwell again on the important services which the President of one of our Festival gatherings renders to the Charity in whose behalf he exhibits this signal mark of his interest. Suffice it to say that, in the year 1860, he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He rendered a similar service to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the year following, and but for a domestic misfortune would have presided at the Festival of the Boys' School in 1862. In 1869 he again figured before the Masonic public, as Chairman of the Girls' School, and last year, when his Province most handsomely supported him to the extent of £2,000, he took the chair at the annual gathering in aid of "Our Boys." It will be difficult to find a worthier record of service than this. Indeed, so entirely worthy is it in our judgment that we are content to leave it as it stands, without further comment.

Before bringing this portrait to a completion, it may be as well, perhaps, to say why we have described our subject as "Our Noble Critic." Strictly speaking, we ought to follow the sage counsels attributed to a certain judge, who was quite content to take the verdict of a jury, but advised them strongly for their own sakes to refrain from giving their reasons. But while we have presented the subject of our portrait in his public and in his Masonic capacity, we

have said nothing as to his critical ability. Well, our readers may remember that, last year, on a certain memorable occasion at the Alexandra Palace our noble brother may be said to have earned for himself the title of 'Our Noble Critic,' a title we have playfully bestowed upon him. He was pleased to question the justice of certain comments we had made some time previously on the Province over which he had so long and with such conspicuous ability presided. For ourselves, we do not believe that had he been given opportunity for the full exercise of his judgment he would have adopted the opinion he gave expression to. As public journalists, we expect, nay, we may go further and say, we court criticism. All we ask is, that we may not be saddled with reasons which never occurred to us, or with statements we never made. It was, perhaps, a little unfortunate that, on the occasion of his first appearance as a critic of a Masonic journal, he should have made choice of an inoffensive article—inoffensive both in statement and intention—on which to try his critical powers. However, what he did, was done in the fulfilment of what he believed to be his duty. His impression was we had attacked the brethren in his Province, but the impression—so far as it affected the merits of his criticism—was a wrong one. Nothing more serious followed than a simple rejoinder on our part, and we presume this rejoinder was received in the same fraternal spirit in which it was made. If we have been too sanguine in this respect, it may be this slight tribute of respect we have felt such pleasure in paying to one of the brightest Lights of Freemasonry, momentarily disguised as "Our Noble Critic," will not be misinterpreted. We believe the record is true. We know the opinion respecting him to which we have given utterance is as sincere as it is just.

MASONIC SONGS.*

REVIEWING on a former occasion the poetical lucubrations of the Craft, we drew attention to the very inadequate presentation of Masonic principles and aspirations which was to be found in the current song-literature of our Lodges, to the execrable rhyme and questionable grammar of most of the effusions which had come down to us from old times. We are therefore agreeably surprised to notice, in the new edition (which has been issued by Messrs. Spencer and Co.) of the little manual called the "Masonic Minstrel," a marked refutation of our former criticisms. Though based on the old edition with which we were familiar, it has undergone a thorough renovation; a quantity of the old rigmroles being left out and a selection of the more correct and appropriate of its contents being supplemented by numerous modern pieces, many of which have great poetic merit.

Of the pieces which remain, we hail our old acquaintance—

"Here's a health to each one,
From the king on his throne,
To him that is meanest of station,
If he can contend
To have lawfully gain'd
The name of an accepted Mason."

Also—

"While science yields a thousand gems
To dignify the mind,
Let us that noble art pursue
Which elevates mankind."

And another old friend—

"Let Masonry, from pole to pole,
Her sacred laws expand,
Far as the mighty waters roll
To wash remotest land:
That virtue has not left mankind
Her social maxims prove,
For stamp'd upon the Mason's mind
Are Unity and Love!"

Which theme is well illustrated in Song LXX.—

"We help the poor in time of need,
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,
On our foundation stone;
We build upon the noblest plan,
For Masonry knits man to man,
And makes us all as one."

Song CXIX. runs pleasantly—

"When Friendship, Love, and Truth abound
Among a band of Brothers,
The cup of joy goes gaily round,
Each shares the bliss of others."

* "The Masonic Minstrel: Songs, Odes, Anthems and Occasional Pieces, &c., &c." Spencer's Masonic Depot, opposite Freemasons' Hall, 23A Great Queen-street. London: 1877. Prices, 3s 6d, bound in cloth; or in roan, gilt edges, 4s.

Sweet roses grace the thorny way
Along this vale of sorrow;
The flowers that shed their leaves to-day
Shall bloom again to-morrow!"

Bro. Dnnokerley's anthem appears again—

"Hail, universal Lord!
By Heaven and Earth ador'd.
All hail, great God!
Before Thy throne we bend,
To us thy grace extend,
And to our prayer attend.
All hail, great God."

The Rev. G. A. Brown's fine ode is appropriately reinserted—

"Blest Masonry! 'tis thine to show
How much to Wisdom's gifts we owe,
How Truth expands the mind!
For rivetted and twin'd with thee,
Each tender sympathy we see
That gladdens human kind."

Among modern additions, the "No Singer's Song" will be found of use occasionally; "Three times three," by Bro. Carpenter, has a healthy ring about it—

"Three times three shall the token be
Of Friendship, Obedience, Fidelity—" &c.

Then "The Crafts of Olden Time," to the tune of the "Fine Old English Gentleman;" the "Lodge of Saint John," and "A Lilt for every Lodge," by Bro. Stevens, are lively and in good metro. Song XLV., by Bro. Douglas Jerrold (well remembered in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263), is as sound as might be expected from the talented author of "Clovernook." "The Royal Science," "The Mason leads a happy life" (to the air of "The Pope," &c.), are both worth considering. "What might be done," "The Five Points," "The Level and the Square," "The Aged Brother," "The final Toast," and others similarly emblematic, will be welcome. The Songs for the Royal Arch, Ark Mariners, Mark Masters, Most Excellent Masters, Red Cross, K.H.S., and Rose Croix, will doubtless be useful to the Orders in question; whilst those for the Order of the Temple, include the "Raising of the Beauséant," by Professor Aytoun, and the "Temple Knell," which concludes:

"Aye! future monarchs shall be proud
To fill your Master's place:
And the Red Cross shall deck the last
Of Scotland's royal race!"

The very poetical "Ode on the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master," by Bro. Walter Spencer, here finds a place; and the grand bard of Scotland's noble chant—

"Hail to the mystic band
Join'd here with heart and hand
In love to all.
Long may their watchword be
Freedom and Charity,
Bright links of Masonry,
That ne'er can fall.
Not temples tow'ring high,
Whose domes may touch the sky,
Alone they prize:
But in a nobler sphere,
To love, to virtue dear;
They stay the falling tear
From weeping eyes!"

Ode XVII. to "Brotherly Love," speaks of aspirations broad and high for humanity; Eliza Cook's poetical "Address to Freemasons" reminds us of "Moore's Paradise and the Peri," and "The Perfect Mason" is a most beautiful adaptation of imagery to the grand aim of Masonic life, disclosing in a vein of exalted sweetness, seldom surpassed in verse, the monumental "angel within."

Humorous pieces are not wanting for the use of brethren facetiously inclined, among them "The New-made Mason" and the rare old ditty of "Old Kynge Colle, that regal olde sowle" who so "much wished to knowe what benefitt coulede flowe, Fro a knowledge of Masonrie;" though we are not at once prepared to accept the statement that our ancient brethren intended under this name to parody King Charles II.

Instead of the fanciful and not first-rate oratorio of "King Solomon's Temple," which appeared in the former edition, the editor has substituted the truly magnificent poem under that title, by Bro. Duganne, of New York, from which we cannot refrain from some quotations.

"The house of the past hath it's tongues of stone,
Yea, its voices of marble and brass—
From the sands of the desolate desert upthrown,
And the mould of the wilderness grass!
Tho' the myth of their awful meanings
Too often we idly pass!
Where the Nile flows down by its pyramid tombs;
Where the ruins of Tadmor lie;
Where the Petrean cities, from cavernous glooms,
Like sepulchres, startle the eye—
Oh! the voices of granite and marble
To our souls make audible cry!"

"Thro' the twilight of oaks and of mistletoe bowers,
The hymns of the Druids I hear;
And the Faerie-Queene, thro' lab'riths of flowers,
Lures me with her melodies clear;
From the echoes of 'woolly Morven,'
To the murmurs of sweet Windermere:

And I hear the old Norsemen chanting their tunes
Under arches of boreal fires,
And the Troubadours singing, thro' long rich Junes,
To their soft Provençal lyres."

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"That mountain of God, in the realms of my love,
Hath a marvellous glory and worth;
And the Temple that rose its high places above,
Covers more than Jerusalem's girth;
For its aisles are the highways of ages,
And its courts are the zones of earth.
O'er its mythical meanings and parabled sense,
I have pondered, in childlike mind,
Until back, thro' the ages, with yearnings intense
My unsatisfied heart hath inclined—
Longing still for the Word of the Master—
The Word that no mortal may find!

In the dreams and the visions of fervent desire,
I have mingled with Levite and Priest;
With the widow's son Hiram, and Hiram of Tyre,
Sitting down at Meridian feast,
With mine ancient brethren in Masonry's Craft—
When my soul the lambskin wore,
I have stood by the mystical corner-shaft
And knelt on the tessellate floor."

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"By the glow of the greater and lesser Light,
And the power of the Master's word—
By the plummet of Truth, and the level of Right,
And the square that hath never erred—
Thro' the work of a Master Mason
King Solomon's prayer was heard."

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"My heart, thro' the veil of those mysteries vast
The voice of King Solomon hears,
Asking me with the sign of a Master
Why my soul no Temple rears?"

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"Yet our years, when they moulder to ashes,
Behold us but wrecks sublime!
For the house that we build in a lifetime's length
From the midst of our wordly din,
Hath no *Jachin* and *Boaz*, established in strength,
And no Holy of Holies within."

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"While the day hath light, let the light be used,
For no man shall the night control!
'Ere ever the silver chord be loos'd,
Or broken the golden bowl,
May we build *King Solomon's Temple*
In the true Masonic soul!"

The list of Toasts, in the order usually observed after the banquet, which appears at the end of the volume, was a much needed compilation.

Old Warrants.

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No. 74.

No. 264, "Ancients;" No. 835 at the Union (1814), No. 234 A.D. 1832, and No. 198 from A.D. 1863.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JAMES AGAR, D.G.M.

WATKIN LEWIS, S.G.W.

JOHN BUNN, 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 Right Noble and Puissant Prince Randell William, Marquis and Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce and Baron Antrim, Knight Companion of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Agar, Esq^{re}, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Sir Watkin Lewis, Knight, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful John Bunn, Junior Grand No. 264 Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, viz., The Worshipful Joseph Sadler one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Henry Norman his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Brunswick his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Sun, in Devourex Court Temple, on the third Tuesday in every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons 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 authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, Joseph Sadler, William Hart, and Henry Brunswick (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. Provided 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 fifth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-one, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-one.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

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

The present title, No., &c. are, The Percy Lodge, No. 198, Leadenhall-street, London.

P.S.—This Transcript is a compilation from various sources not connected with the Lodge. We have others preparing in a similar way.
JOHN CONSTABLE.

No. 75.

No. 93, "Ancients;" No. 116 A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 93 A.D. 1832, and No. 79 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W.

JEREMIAH CRANFIELD, 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 The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^{re}, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq^{re}, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Brother John Stow one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Samuel Packwood his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Satterly his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Mitre Tavern in Greenwich, or elsewhere in the County of Kent, upon the first and third Monday in every Month (being first duly registered pursuant to the statute), 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 further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Stow, Samuel Packwood, and John Satterly (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this eighteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }
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The present title, No., &c. are, The Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

From the "WESTERN MORNING NEWS."

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Freemasons of the province of Cornwall was held on Thursday, 5th inst. The place of meeting was Launceston, or Dunheved, or Llanstephadon, as that ancient corporate township is variously recorded in its early history. Launceston stands on the main coach road through the centre of Cornwall, but from one of those odd changes effected in railway times by the innovations of the iron road is now difficult of access from the greater part of Cornwall. Notwithstanding that inconvenience there was, however, a large attendance of the officers of the province at Thursday's meeting, many of them having slept at Plymouth or Tavistock the previous night; over 400 were present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Western Subscription Rooms, at 10.30 a.m., by the R.W. the P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, supported by the acting officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of whom the following were in their places:—R. W. Bro. E. T. Carlyon Deputy P.G.M. *pro tem*, W. Bros. the Rev. G. L. Church, E. Dixon Anderton, the Rev. J. B. Jones M.A., W. Tweedy, W. Jenkins, R. John, J. Cardew, T. White, J. W. Chegwidon, T. Gill, J. Vivian, R. Carter, A. T. Grant, W. Rooks, T. Webber, C. G. Archer, G. Barnes, T. C. Polglaze, J. Burgess, W. Tonkin, T. C. Stephens, and W. Rusden Prov. Grand Tyler. The room was tastefully fitted up with the banners of the Order, the usual Masonic insignia, national colours and festoons of foliage. Among the additional officers present were also the following:—W. Bros. W. J. Hughan, Col. Peard, J. George Mason, F. J. Hext, T. Geach, I. Latimer, H. G. Colvill, the Rev. G. Ross, Rev. W. S. Sloane Evans, Rev. H. A. Noel, Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, E. Holmes, W. Lake, C. T. Pearce, W. H. Bickford, H. Cochrane, S. Holloway, D. H. W. Horlock, W. N. Glencross, W. D. Pearse, E. Aitken Davies, Jno. Da Pre, J. M. Hiley, N. B. Bullen, W. Guy, W. W. Dymond, E. A. Courtney, J. H. Tonkin, S. Willoughby, C. Fox, &c. &c., &c.

The minutes of the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, held at Falmouth, 22nd June 1876, were read by W. Bro. R. John, and confirmed.

At that meeting it was resolved—"That the brethren of the Prov. G. Lodge desire to record their gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the safe return of their Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, from India;" and the Secretary was directed to communicate that resolution to His Royal Highness.

Bro. John read the following letter in reply from Sir William Knollys:—"Marlborough House, Pall-Mall, S.W., 8th July 1876:—Sir William Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank the P.G.M. and the Free and Accepted Masons of the province of Cornwall for the address of welcome and for their congratulations on his safe return from India. It is a source of great thankfulness to his Royal Highness that he has been enabled, by a visit to one of the most important possessions of the British Crown, to acquire a personal knowledge of its characteristic features, its interests and institutions, and to promote, by intercourse with all classes of its inhabitants, the friendly feelings which it is so essential should subsist between the Mother Country and every part of her vast empire. To the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe." The reply was received with warm appreciation, and direction given to record it on the minutes.

The annual statement of the P.G. Treasurer was read by the Treasurer (W. Bro. W. Tweedy). It showed on receipts for the year balance from last account, £58 6s 10d; collected in church after sermon, at Falmouth, £15 8s 4d; fees, £17 6s 6d; dues from Lodges, £153 8s 6d; dispensations, £2 5s; Total, £246 15s 2d. Expenditure for the year, £160 6s 4d. Balance in hand, £86 8s 10d.

W. Bro. R. John read the following Secretary's report:—

"Province of Cornwall.—Number of Lodges in the Province, 27. For the year 1876—Number of initiations, 155; joining members, 40; previous members, 1272; total, 1467. 1875—Number of initiations 167; joining members, 64; previous members, 1272; total, 1433. Decrease in 1876 as against 1875, 12 initiations; ditto decrease joining members, 24, increase of membership to carry on 70; clear increase during the past year, 34. I must congratulate the province on the fact that the returns for the past year still show an increase in our ranks, and from what I have been able to collect from those returns I should certainly gather that the advice of our Provincial Grand Master has had its effect, and that the new additions during the last year are, taken altogether, an evident improvement. I much wish that in each year every Master and Secretary of his Lodge, on leaving office, would be good enough to hand over at once all papers and returns to their successors, so that unnecessary correspondence and delay may be saved.—E. T. Carlyon P.G. Sec. Both reports were unanimously received and adopted.

Bro. J. C. R. Crews, the assistant-secretary of the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," read the report of the committee of the fund. It stated receipts—Balance from last account, £123 17s 6d; donations and subscriptions for the year from the Lodges and brethren, £154 14s, a decrease of £4 2s 6d from the results from the like source in the previous year; vote of P.G.L., £25, part of collection at church, £6 3s 4d; interest on Cornwall Railway Stock, £20 4s 5d; Great Western ditto, £9 17s 6d; Russian Bonds (since sold), £9 17s 6d; Debenture Trust Fund, £7 8s 2d; Pennsylvania Mortgage Bonds, £5 18s 6d; total, £239 3s 5d. Result of sale of Russian Bonds, £456 19s 0d; total, £819 19s 11d; expenditure £49 3s 3d; purchase of £600 of the West Hartlepool Rail 4 per cent. Stock, £612 8s 6d; balance on account of the trustees at the Cornish Bank, £158 8s 2d; total, £819 19s 11d. Two vacancies for annuities had been declared, and there were two candidates for election, one from the Love and Honour Lodge, Falmouth, the other from the Peace and Harmony Lodge, at St. Austell. The committee appointed at the last P.G.L. meeting, to revise the rules of the fund, had met,

and the alterations suggested by them had been forwarded to each Lodge, and would be submitted for the approval of the G. Lodge. The report was adopted, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and H. G. Colvill appointed scrutineers of the votes at the election for the annuitants. The result was that both candidates were elected, one by 507, the other by 506 votes.

A communication was received from Bro. Reginald Rogers D.P.G. Master, stating his inability, from severe illness, to fulfil the duties of Treasurer to the Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and requesting the acceptance of his resignation. He thanked the brethren for the previous kind confidence they had placed in him for so many years, but stated his belief that his labours for Masonry were over, and that he did not believe he should meet them in the Lodge again. The resignation was accepted, but great regret expressed at the declining health of Bro. R. Rogers, and a vote passed to that effect, which was desired to be communicated to him. The P.G.M. undertaking that fraternal office.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was elected Treasurer to the Fund. The Secretary, Bro. T. Chirgwin, whose absence was apologised for by Bro. Hughan, was re-elected, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and H. G. Colvill elected the auditors.

The whole of the proposed alterations in the rules of the Annuity and Benevolent Fund recommended by the committee were unanimously adopted, without discussion.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy read the report of the committee of relief, which stated that during the past year two brethren had been relieved. Petitions had been received from two brethren of 450 and 699 Lodges, and two widows of 977 and 450 Lodges, and finding that the bye-laws had been complied with in each case, and that in the opinion of the committee the cases were very deserving, it was recommended that gratuities of £8, £10, £5 and £10 be respectively granted. The committee would hope in future that applicants for relief being widows would not look on that as the only fund, but would make application to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund also.—Adopted.

W. Bro. Hughan read his report on the management of the votes of Cornwall for the great Masonic Charities of London. He begged to thank the P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge for their kindly placing the sum of twenty guineas in his name on the list of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (for which he was acting as Steward) in lieu of payment of his out-of-pocket expenses, which he declined. It increased his list as Steward in a very pleasant manner, and raised the total to over £450, which was the largest single list in England for 1876. They had no candidates for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls or Boys at the October and April elections for 1876-7, so the votes for those Charities were utilised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and secured the election of the brother who was a candidate for that Charity. They had now four of those annuitants, and from that fund they were receiving £152 per annum. They had also a girl in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was glad, also, to state that at present the Province owed no votes to any one. They had votes to receive from the P.G.L. of Devon in April 1878, having assisted that province to the utmost in obtaining the election of their candidates, and whenever the province of Cornwall wanted to borrow a thousand votes its credit was sufficiently good to be able to get them. (Hear). That report was received and adopted. The P.G.M. said it was a most satisfactory report, and did great credit to Bro. Hughan for the assiduity, zeal and success he exhibited in the matter. The Committee of Relief was appointed as follows:—Bros. Anderton, Truscott, and Holloway—with the Prov. G. Treasurer, and Prov. G. Secretary; Bros. Rogers and Hughan having resigned.

W. Bro. Hughan then proposed that the fees to Prov. G. Lodge be increased to 5s instead of 3s on the initiation of a candidate. The former, he said, was the general fee paid in other provinces, and although a trifle to each Lodge it would amount in the aggregate to a sum worth obtaining. Cornwall had been very successful with the Charities, but to keep up that prosperity it was necessary to maintain its character for contributions to those, and this money would become useful in increasing them. The proposed increase fee on a brother joining a Lodge, he said, he must withdraw, as it was found to clash with the present rule of G. Lodge. The propositions were seconded and unanimously adopted. On the question of the grants to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund and the great Masonic Charities, £25 was voted to the Cornwall Fund, and Bro. Hughan renewed his advocacy of the great Masonic Charities being liberally supported by Cornwall, on account of the amount that province was receiving from them.

The P.G.M. said perhaps it was advisable that he should take a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and stated his intention of so doing. £50 was voted to the Charity, and Bro. Hughan hoped that the P.G.M. would be so well supported in his Stewardship that his list on the occasion would be one second to none in England. This concluding a large portion of the business, the Lodge proceeded in procession, in full regalia, with banners and emblems displayed, and headed by the Launceston Volunteer Band, to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Jones to a crowded congregation, on the text 1st Epistle of Peter, Chapter ii, verse 17. An offertory was made, the proceeds of which was appropriated in accordance with former custom—two-fifths to a local charity, the Rowe Dispensary; two-fifths to the Benevolent Fund; and one-fifth to the clergyman, for charitable distribution. The brethren then returned in procession to the Subscription Room. Redruth was selected as the next place of meeting, and the following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—R. W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M., W. Bros. D. H. W. Horlock P.G.S.W. 789, T. C. Stephens P.G.J.W. 1151, the Rev. J. B. Jones P.G.S. Chap. 1272, the Rev. F. Wintle P.G.J. Chap. 893, W. Tweedy who had been re-elected P.G.T. 331, J. F. Childs P.G. Reg. 510, E. T. Carlyon P.G. Sec. 331, T. Webber P.S.D. 75, J. Hawkins P.J.D. 789, J. Burgess P.G.S. Wks. 1006, J. H. Reynolds P.G.D.C. 589, T. C. Polglaze P.G.A.D.C. 75, W. E. Michell

P.G.S.B. 1528, J. M. Thomas P.G.O. 967, George Barnes P.G. Purs. 1164, W. Rookes P.G. Assist. Purs. 331; Stewards:—T Hawken 1529, J. Crang 330, P. F. Sincoe 789, W. Foxwell 1071, J. C. R. Crews 131, N. Henwood 1164, T. Wise Tyler.

From the Subscription Rooms the P.G. Lodge then proceeded in procession to the Dunheved new Masonic Hall, where the P.G.M. consecrated that building in due form to the purposes of Masonry. The Hall is a handsome and substantial building, erected by the Dunheved Lodge, in the environs of Launceston, on the Plymouth-road. Bro. Hine, of Plymouth, who is a member of the Lodge, was the architect. The new Lodge room was very handsomely fitted up, and is provided with a convenient alcove in the south-east angle as an organ chamber. W. Bro. W. W. Dymond P.P.G.O., with the assistance of W. Bros. J. Rendall, T. Goodall, and G. Firks rendered the musical parts of the consecration. At the close of the consecration the P.G. Lodge was closed in the New Hall. A large party of the brethren then adjourned to dine at the Central Subscription Rooms, where the P.G.M. presided.

A bazaar was held during the afternoon and evening in the grounds of the Castle in aid of the building fund of the new Masonic Hall, and was continued the next day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—“Photophilus” may rest perfectly assured that the members of “Duncombe Lodge” will perform their part properly with respect to the Lifeboat to be launched at Hope.

“Photophilus” should never be ashamed to acknowledge the truth; if “he doesn’t know,” why be ashamed to say so?

“Photophilus,” who has been informed that the Lifeboat Institution is preparing for the occasion, will perhaps enlighten the public and let us know what preparations have been made.

“Photophilus,” living in the neighbourhood of Hope Cove as he does, may perhaps inform us if the boat house to hold the boat is ready yet; or even begun, for if no arrangement is yet made for building, more than settling on the site, it is, to say the least, ridiculous to suppose the house can be built in three weeks, by which time the Devonshire Association will be visiting the town.

“Photophilus,” should he ever visit Duncombe Lodge, will hear what arrangements are making, but in the meantime he may rest assured the W.M. of the Lodge and all the brethren will not be forgetful of their responsibility in making such an event a noteworthy day amongst the Masons of the district.

“Photophilus,” if he loves light, would do well to come to Duncombe Lodge for enlightenment, and render the Lodge the benefit of his suggestions and assistance.

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M. 1486, Duncombe Lodge.

10th July 1877.

RITUAL OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A letter, under the above heading, by Bro. Gottheil, appeared in your paper of 19th May, wherein he states, “There have been, and still are, brethren—my humble self amongst the number—who have earnestly and strongly protested against the incongruities which have either inadvertently crept in or were designedly incorporated into one of our most beautiful rituals. But of what avail are the solemn protests, unless the authorities can be induced to examine these matters, and either, by legislation or otherwise, bring about the desired amendment,” and he wound up with “perhaps some of your learned and very able correspondents may be induced to offer suggestions.

With all due respect to Bro. Gottheil, I think that instead of appealing to the learned for suggestions, he ought long ago to have petitioned the Grand Chapter to remove the incongruities from the ritual. As to the learned, I have great respect for them, providing, however, they combine a love of truth with sound common sense. England once owned “the most learned fool in Christendom,” and I am sorry to say that a majority of our Masonic luminaries are evidently defective either of common sense, or of the desired love of truth. From these, as a class, Bro. Gottheil will get no suggestions that are worth anything, and should our brother petition the Grand Chapter, he would expect to encounter the opposition of these learned pundits, who will endeavour to demonstrate that the R.A. ritual is precisely the same as it was two thousand or more years ago; that it is perfect, and always was so, and that any attempt to improve it, by addition or omission, especially the latter, would most assuredly destroy the whole Masonic fabric, &c.

Now to overcome these seemingly overwhelming arguments, other learned authorities must be adduced to rebut their assertions. I therefore take the liberty of calling attention to two very learned authorities I found in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine*, 1853. The first is on pages 543-4, &c. An address by the R.W. Bro. William

Tucker, Prov. Grand Master of Dorsetshire, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd degree, who said:—

“The Royal Arch degree, as used by the Grand Chapter, has been so often altered and amended (the last time in 1835, when it was rearranged by the Rev. Adam Brown, Chaplain to H.R.H. the late Duke of Sussex, in the elegant language we now find it in) that it is almost impossible to recognise the degree first adopted by Bro. Dunckerley and others in 1872, when it was first taken up by the moderns.”

On page 677 of the same volume, may be seen a letter to the editor signed + 18°, or possessor of the 18th degree. This, of course, will enhance his authority in the estimation of some, and what is better still, I have not the least doubt that the Rev. Bro. George Oliver was the writer of that letter; and now here is his statement:—

“The Royal Arch, as now practised, was the compilation of several Christian degrees under the rite of the thirty-third, by the Chaplain of the Duke of Sussex in the year 1835, who, being possessed of a smattering of Hebrew (which by the way he does not always employ correctly), got up this scenic degree, containing covertly the doctrine of the Trinity, and which in the present day is freely taken by those who object to Christianity in Masoury.”

I confess, however, that I entertain no very exalted opinion of the veracity or judgment of the late Dr. Oliver, and I will add (though it may tend to bring down upon me the wrath of the learned) that I have very little faith in statements made by high degree advocates, and high degree recruiting sergeants; for, in that capacity, my two learned authorities above quoted appeared in the Magazine. I cannot even understand how a degree in which Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah figure as principal personages, could have been compiled out of Christian degrees. However, all things are possible with Masonic degree mongers; it is certainly highly probable that Christianity was lugged somehow into the R.A. even in the last century. But one thing is certain, viz., the intervening time between 1835 and 1853 was only twenty-three years, and it is very improbable that Dr. Oliver would have made such a glaring misstatement, while so many brethren were living who could have contradicted him; we may, therefore, take for granted that the Royal Arch Degree underwent some very important tinkering in 1835.

Armed, therefore, with the above authorities, I hope and trust that Bro. Gottheil and his friends will now muster sufficient courage to petition the Grand Chapter, that it should, either by special legislation, exclude disbelievers in the Trinity from the Chapter; or, to order a revision of the ritual, and conform it to the true spirit of Masonic universality.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 29th June 1877.

MASONIC BOYS' ORPHAN SCHOOL, IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to lay before you an analysis of the list of subscribers to the above excellent Charity, and I hope we may all be stimulated to give it a more hearty support than we have heretofore done, for certainly there ought to be a larger number of subscribers than an average of 3·7 for each Lodge.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

P.G.C. YZNEREDI P.M.

	No. of Lodges in each.	Official Gover- nors.	Vice and Vice Presidents.	Life Gover- nors.	Annual Gover- nors.	Total No. of Gover- nors.	Average to each Lodge.
Antrim ...	78	20	5	28	46	99	1·27
Armagh...	22	14	1	3	24	42	1·9
Connaught N. ...	5	7	—	—	12	19	3·8
Ditto S. ...	5	10	—	—	2	13	2·6
Derry ...	22	9	1	4	4	18	·81
Down ...	46	10	1	1	1	13	·28
Dublin ...	34	76	29	121	275	501	14·7
Meath ...	10	7	—	3	3	13	1·3
Midland...	10	5	—	1	7	13	1·3
Munster...	15	28	3	13	74	118	7·86
Ditto N. ...	9	22	2	6	29	59	6·59
S. Eastern ...	7	15	1	4	59	79	11·28
Tyrone ...	18	16	—	5	8	29	1·61
Wicklow ...	7	9	1	4	35	49	·7
Total ...	288	248	44	194	579	1065	3·69

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I am sorry that I should have run foul of your Correspondent “Comus,” and have excited his alarm lest I should “pummel him to a jelly” when he may, by your courtesy, want to ask another question, for I assume I may consider him and W.M. Regispons as one and the same. But he has completely ignored in his reply the evils to which I referred, which would be the natural result of the W.M. relegating his duties to other brethren. Do we not maintain that the W.M. should be (of course, irrespective of the P.M.'s, or even of all the P.M.'s “rolled into one”) the best man in the Lodge, the brother most fitted for the task of ruling the Lodge,—for preferment we profess is, according to merit and ability. Hence I assume the W.M. having been chosen for his ability, is the fittest man to work the ceremonies, and if fitted, and he seeks to be relieved therefrom, am I wrong in saying “he is shirking his work?” Does it add to the beauty of our ceremonies for the Master to cut his work up into fragments, that the way to the Chair may be made more easy? I contend, for the integrity of

our Institution, that there shall not be the slightest deviation from the ancient landmarks, that not one jot or tittle of ritual or practice shall be altered, but, alas! there is too much change and in all Lodges too much of the "acting in accordance with the spirit—if not with the letter,"—though letter and spirit are essential. Therefore, I contend that the W.M. should not, by any means, have his work done by subordinates, nor should the specious argument, that it will qualify them for their duties have any weight,—else what good are Lodges of Instruction? If we virtually turn our Lodges into Lodges of Instruction, the work will be done in a slipshod way, and I think we have too much of that sort of thing already. Let each workman take his proper part in the work we have in hand, let each portion of the work be done effectively by the brother whose allotted task it is, and let us remember that tuition is for Lodges of Instruction, and the use of the knowledge therein gained for ordinary Lodges.

Is this wise counsel which my "Comus" gives?
This counsel of his mind! Let me examine it.
I seek to touch it—yet it is not tangible.
I have it not—and yet I see it still.
I cannot grasp it. It is but
A mirage of his brain, a false creation,
Proceeding from the indolence of body
That seeks that others should perform his task.
Avant! Get out! This counsel is so dubious,
That, verily, I can make nor head nor tail out of it.

Yours fraternally,

PRIMUS (AND SOLUS.)

THE MACE FUND.

THE Treasurer of the Dorcas Beneficent Society acknowledges, with many thanks, the following donations lately received:—

The Supreme Council, 33°	5	5	0
Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331	5	0	0
Faithful Lodge, No 473	2	2	0
Vigue Chapter Rose Croix	1	11	6
Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976	1	1	0
Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976 (2nd don.)	1	1	0
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951	1	1	0
South Norwood Lodge of Inst., No. 1139	1	1	0
Lodge 592—Collection by Bro. H. E. Sullivan, W.M.	1	0	0

Further donations are asked to enable this old pupil of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain P. Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Paas and B. Head.

JAMAICA.

At an extraordinary Convocation of the Glenlyon Lodge, under Scottish Constitution, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, Kingston, on 20th June, there were present—Wor. Bros. M. B. Dias Glenlyon, P. J. Fenon Glenlyon and Phoenix, C. H. Davis Royal, A. E. Burke Glenlyon and Royal, R. Langley Royal and Phoenix, and several brethren of the sister Lodges. This extraordinary Lodge was called at the instance of Wor. D. M. Berwick, who was elected in October as Master of the Caledonia Lodge, Port Maria, Jamaica (S.C.), and as there were not a sufficient number of Past Masters present, the Conclave of Installed Masters could not be proceeded with, and this was the reason why this extraordinary meeting had been called. After the Master Masons had retired, a board of installed Masters was formed, when Wor. D. M. Berwick was duly installed Master under Scottish Constitution.

A Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica was held on Thursday, 21st June, presided over by the Right Worshipful Bro. J. W. Whitebourne, Deputy District Grand Master, and his officers. The object of this meeting is for the purpose of hearing certain charges preferred against the Sussex Lodge in this island.

The Masons under the English Constitution in the Island of Jamaica are glad to hear that their worthy chief, the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master for Jamaica, intends shortly to pay a visit to the island. Masonry is at a standstill, and on the arrival of so worthy an officer it is sure things will commence to flourish. No officers for the Grand Lodge for this year have been appointed, and for many months a Grand Lodge meeting has not been held. No officers for the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons have been appointed, and no Grand Chapter has been held for a long time. It is hoped that Masonry will revive shortly, and that regular meetings of District Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will be held, and visits to the Lodges by the Grand Officers will commence. Every effort is now being made to have two Irish Lodges in this island, one at Kingston, and one at Port Royal, but it is doubtful that they will succeed, as there are in Kingston three Lodges working under the English Constitution (Royal, Sussex, and Friendly); one under Scotch (Glenlyon), and one under English at Port Royal (the Phoenix), which is quite enough for the Navy and Army.

A convocation of the Glenlyon Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Kingston, Jamaica, was held on the 2nd ult. Present—Most Excellent P. J. Fenon P.P.Z., A. E. Burke P.H., B. M. Dias P.J. Several brethren were then exalted. The election of officers took place, when the following were appointed:—Most Excellent A. E. Burke P.Z., Most Excellent B. M. Dias P.H., Most Excellent S. H. Watson P.J., Comps. J. Pollock S.E., J. Hayes S.N., Spicer Treas., B. Wolfe P. Sojourner, A. D'Costa Janitor. This Chapter has only been resuscitated the past twelve months, and is the only Chapter under Scottish Constitution that has done well. The retiring P.Z. is the Grand Master for Scottish Masonry in Jamaica, S. Constantine Burke.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons, presided, supported by the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. W. Hickman, Bros. M. E. Frost, Captain Best, G. Rake, Lamb, H. M. Emanuel, Loveland, P.P.G. Wardeus, R. Eve, Thoyts P.G. Chaplain, W. C. Redward P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, J. Harrison, H. R. Trigg, A. Cudlipp, G. F. Sherman, R. Osborne, and numerous other brethren, many of whom were subsequently appointed to office, and their names are therefore given below. The formal business of the meeting having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

- Bro. W. Hickman Deputy Past Grand Master.
- " R. Eve No. 54 Senior Grand Warden.
- " E. Groves No. 17 Junior Grand Warden.
- " J. Lillywhite No. 2 G.M.O.
- " F. Court No. 2 G.S.O.
- " S. R. Ellis No. 2 G.J.O.
- " Rev. C. Nepean No. 63 } Chaplains.
- " G. R. Johnson No. 17 }
- " W. C. Redward No. 2 Treasurer.
- " Le Feuvre No. 63 Secretary.
- " Parsons No. 39 Registrar of Marks.
- " H. J. Guy No. 2 Grand Senior Deacon.
- " G. Bond No. 17 Grand Junior Deacon.
- " J. Clark No. 62 Grand Inspector of Works.
- " Sowden Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " A. Riddell No. 2 Grand Asst. Director of Ceremonies.
- " W. Payne No. 2 Grand Sword Bearer.
- " J. E. Ivimey No. 17 Grand Inner Guard.

About forty brethren were present at the banquet, which took place subsequently, and was served in his usually satisfactory style by Bro. G. Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.—*Portsmouth Times*.

THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

It is rumoured that the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is likely to shoot the Flete Estates, near Modbury and Kingsbridge, during the coming season. The estates have lately come back, by purchase, into the hands of the family who originally owned them, and it is believed the Prince will visit Mr. Mildmay. The opportunity of utilising the presence of the Prince to give *éclat* to the launching of the Commemorative Lifeboat has been engaging the attention of all parties; and Duncombe Lodge, Kingsbridge, which has been established but three or four years, has taken the initiative, and is seeking to perfect arrangements for such end. It is hoped that a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Kingsbridge, so that the boat may be launched with Masonic honours. Every effort will be made to induce the Grand Master to honour with his presence and patronage the gift of Grand Lodge, in devout gratitude for his safe return from India. It is feared, however, that the local delays may hinder the completion of the work until the spring of next year; if so, the opportunity will have passed away.

THE DRAMA.

Madame Chaumont at the Gaiety.

THE charming Madame Chaumont is once more delighting her admirers, at the Gaiety, and all who can relish true comedy acting should seize the present opportunity of witnessing this talented lady in one of her inimitable impersonations. The smartly written *Madame, Attend Monsieur*, and the more farcical *La Bonne pour Tout faire*, are the pieces in which she has principally appeared during her present engagement, and both supply ample scope for the display of her exquisite art. We know not whether most to praise her marvellous powers of facial expression, her wonderful vivacity and abandon, the sweet sympathetic ring of her voice, or the grace and elegance of her every movement. Suffice it to say that, in her line, she stands unrivalled. A flattering testimony to her excellence is afforded by the fact that so many of our English actors and actresses have been to witness her performance. We may add that her singing is no less remarkable than her acting. With a voice by no means powerful, she produces effects which can only be compared, for beauty or difficulty, with the exquisite *tours de force* of a skilful violinist or flautist. To hear Madame Chaumont sing, is to hear something that one can never forget, and need never expect to hear to better effect.

An unknown correspondent has been in the habit of forwarding, from time to time, newspapers, which have invariably been highly perfumed. We gathered, from the items of intelligence thus brought under our notice, that our correspondent was an enthusiastic Mason, and one who desired to disseminate the knowledge that came specially under his ken. We, however, felt some curiosity in the matter, as we could hardly recognise the connection between Masonry and scent. A few days since we received a handsome bottle of Rastrick's Masonic Bouquet, and in its fragrance we immediately recognised the perfume that had so gratified our olfactory nerves on so many previous occasions. We can highly recommend this "Bouquet," as any article of dress, papers, &c., with which it may be brought in contact will retain an agreeable odour for many months. Bro. Rastrick informs us that he has received many testimonials as to its enduring qualities. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his return from India, presented a bottle to Her Majesty the Queen. It is also in use in the household of the Duke of Edinburgh. Any of our readers who desire further information, should apply to Bro. Rastrick, chemist, Portsea.

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1. That a testimonial in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton be presented from this Institution.

2. That in acknowledgment of the zeal and energy so successfully exerted by Bro. John Constable, P.M. No. 185, Vice-President of the Institution, in connection with the recent Festival—the result being an addition to the funds of £1226—he be enrolled as an Hon. Vice-Patron, with the full privileges of that rank.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

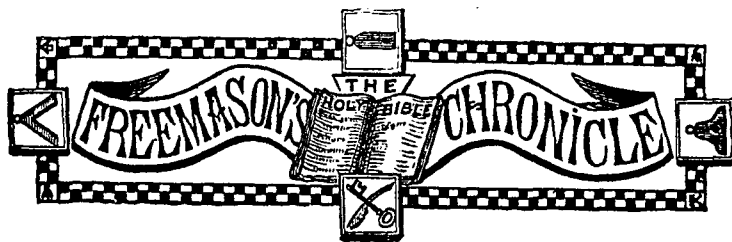
7th July 1877.

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FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary,

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**T**HE chief business of the week in the House of Lords has been in connection with the Prisons Bill, which passed through Committee on Friday last, and was read a third time on Monday. On the latter day a motion, by the Duke of Buccleugh, relative to the Earldom of Mar,

after amendment in accordance with a suggestion of the Lord Chancellor, was agreed to. On the motion of Earl Fortescue, certain returns respecting Educational Endowments were ordered to be made. On Tuesday, a few minutes sufficed for the despatch of business.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had declared he was unable to give further time for the consideration of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, he stated, in reply to another question, that the Government hoped to be able by next Session to offer some proposals for the better conduct of public business. After this the House went into Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill. A long discussion ensued, on an amendment by Mr. Parnell to reduce the salary of the Judge of the Court of Appeal, but ultimately the amendment was withdrawn, and progress reported. On Friday a question respecting the despatch of the British fleet to Besika Bay was asked and answered. On the motion for going into Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates. Mr. Brassey drew attention to the course of study at the Naval University at Greenwich. Mr. E. Jenkins then drew attention to the proceedings of the late Roberts court-martial. A long and animated debate ensued. On Monday, the second reading of the South Africa Bill was moved by Mr. Lowther, and carried on a division by 81 to 19. The Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, British Consuls in Turkey, the Writ and Seal Office in Ireland, and Colonel Wellesley were severally discussed, after which the House adjourned. At the morning sitting on Tuesday, Lord Sandon brought on the Education Estimates. An amendment to the motion for going into Committee on the same was proposed by Mr. Samuelson, but rejected by 121 to 78. After further discussion the House went into Committee, and the Estimates were voted *en bloc*. On the House resuming at nine o'clock, Mr. Birley drew attention to the East India Tariff, and especially to the duties on cotton manufactures. His motion, with an addition proposed by Lord George Hamilton, was carried. The rising of Mr. Whalley, to propose a resolution as to the endowments of the Church of England, resulted in the House being counted out, at twenty-five minutes to two. On Wednesday, the motion for the second reading of the Church Rates Abolition (Scotland) Bill was proposed by Mr. M'Laren, but after a long debate, in which the Lord Advocate opposed it strenuously, it was rejected by 204 to 143. The second reading of the Irish Peerage Bill was proposed by Mr. D. Plunket, but was interrupted by the rules of the House.

By command of Her Majesty, a State Concert was given at Buckingham Palace, on Friday last. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Comte and Comtesse de Paris, and many other distinguished guests were present. On Wednesday there was a State ball at Buckingham Palace, most of the above were present, and, the invitations being very numerous, there was a large attendance of the fashionable world. On Monday, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, drove over from Windsor for the purpose of having a quiet view of a portion of the Aldershot Army Corps, momentarily encamped at Chobham. These troops were on the march by easy stages to be reviewed in Windsor Great Park. The men had not long arrived, and were busily settling themselves down when Her Majesty was seen approaching, in a pony carriage, with the Princess Beatrice beside her, Prince Leopold following in a second carriage. Major-General Wardlaw in command received her, the men simply came to "attention," and then the Queen drove off as quietly as she had come. On Tuesday the army corps, one part of which, as just stated, had bivouacked at Chobham, and the other on Ascot Heath, marched to Windsor Great Park. In the evening the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and the Duchess of Teck, with the Duke of Cambridge on horseback by the side of her carriage, and escorted by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards Blue, drove on to the ground, and was received with the customary salute. Having driven along the lines, Her Majesty passed to the saluting point, and the march past began. The troops mustered to the extent of between 15,000 and 16,000, and were under the command of Lieut-General Sir T. Steele. As there were many young soldiers with the Infantry, this arm of the Service was not so steady as usual, and the lines wavered somewhat, but the Cavalry and Artillery went by

splendidly. The troops went through different formations, some of which were very effective. On resuming their original position they advanced, and gave the Royal salute, after which the Queen drove off the ground, and the force marched off in two divisions to their quarters. On Wednesday they returned to Aldershot.

On Wednesday, Prince Leopold laid the first stone of the new Infirmary of the Asylum for Idiots at Earlswood, Surrey. His Royal Highness travelled by special train on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. At the station he received an address from the Mayor and Corporation of Reigate, to which a suitable reply was given. Accompanied by a guard of honour of the 8th Surrey Rifles, His Royal Highness drove to the Asylum, and having received an address from the managing body, duly laid the stone, the silver trowel with which the deed was done being presented by the Bishop of Guildford. A *déjeuner* followed, at which the Prince presided, and in due time proposed the toast of Prosperity to the Earlswood Asylum. This was drunk with enthusiasm, after which His Royal Highness's health was drunk, amid the heartiest manifestations of loyalty. The Prince afterwards went through the asylum for the purpose of inspecting the arrangements, and then returned to town. The band of the Coldstream Guards was in attendance.

The annual gathering of the Volunteers, at Wimbledon began on Saturday last, when large numbers of them assembled and took up their quarters in camp. Sunday was not a very brilliant day for our citizen soldiers, but the weather has been satisfactory, though as regards the light, which is of such importance for accurate shooting, it has been somewhat variable. The business of the meeting commenced at an early hour on Monday, and has been carried on steadily ever since. Most of the time has been occupied with the contest in the first stage for the Queen's Prize and the Gold Medal of the Association, but one or two other prizes have been shot for, among them the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Pavilion Prizes*. For the former, Private M'Kenzie of the Honorable Artillery Company made 34 out of a possible 35 points, and secured the cup; in the latter, Sergeant Gilder, 18th Middlesex, made 35 points. Other good scores have been made, but it is considered that after making allowances for the reduced size of the bull's-eyes this year, the shooting is not quite equal to that of last year. Next week will be a busy and very attractive week. The second stage Queen's will be shot off. There will be the Lords and Commons, Public Schools, Inter-University and other contests, as well as the matches for the Elcho Challenge Shield, the Canada Challenge Trophy, the Belgian Trophy, &c., &c.

The third and last match between the Gentlemen and Players was brought to a close on Saturday at Prince's ground, in favour of the former by nine wickets. Thus the Gentlemen have scored two victories out of the three, while in the first match at the Oval, we may regard the draw as in their favour, as they had only 99 runs to make, and an entire innings to do it in. Of other important matches, that between Notts and Middlesex ended in the defeat of the latter by nine wickets, while Derbyshire has had to succumb to Yorkshire, the latter likewise winning by nine wickets.

We were somewhat hasty, it seems, in congratulating "Father Time," on his becoming a member of the Court of Aldermen. For, at a special meeting of that body on Tuesday, two petitions were presented against his return, and Sir John Bennett was informed that their consideration would be adjourned till the next Court, copies in the meantime being furnished to him. A meeting was subsequently held at the Guildhall Tavern, when it was resolved to prosecute the matter to an issue. Sir John's friends were very enthusiastic over the matter.

Two fatal accidents have occurred since our last issue. On Saturday morning, part of a new bridge, which was being erected, close to Finsbury Park Station, over the Seven Sisters' Road, fell suddenly, and crushed one unfortunate man, who was passing, to death. Another, who was also passing at the time, received serious injuries, and is at present reported to be in a precarious state. Had the large mass of iron fallen only a few minutes earlier, the loss of life would have been terrible, as a number of children in excursion vans had only just passed through when the bridge fell. The other accident was due to a fire, which broke out on Monday evening, on premises situated in Little Britain, occupied by a Mr. Heidenreich, walking-stick manufacturer. Mr. Heidenreich lives on the ground

floor, and escaped with but slight injuries, but of the family of a Mr. Halstead, who lived on the third floor, Mrs. Halstead and her two children, together with a young woman, name unknown, were burnt to death. Repeated gallant attempts to rescue the unfortunate inmates were made by Couzens, the fire-escape man, but the roof at length fell in, and his endeavours were thus frustrated.

The war news which has arrived during the week has made little alteration in the position of the two combatant powers. It is estimated that about 100,000 men have crossed the Danube, and are now ravaging Bulgaria. The cavalry have advanced far into the interior, and Tirnova, the ancient capital of the Province, has been occupied by them. It is owing to this, we presume, that the Turks, who had twice previously repulsed the efforts of the Russians to capture Biela, determined upon evacuating it. In doing so they fell back in excellent order. The town of Rustchuk has been battered to pieces, and the inhabitants have lost their all. Many women, old men, and infant children are reported to have been slain by the fire of the Russians, while the different Consulates, the Churches, and the Hospitals have been totally destroyed. Fresh Turkish troops are being hurried up to the front, but the battle which will have anything like a decisive effect on the war has yet to be fought. In Asia, if we are to accept the different telegrams which reach us, the Turks have succeeded in driving back the invader in all directions. Mukhtar Pasha is now in direct communication with Kars, though the siege of that important fortress has not been completely raised. Bayazid is very hard pressed, and the surrender of the Russian garrison is said to be a mere question of time. At Batoum, the position has not altered materially, and the same may be said of Soukoum Kaleh. There are rumours of the extension of the revolt in the Caucasus, but these do not appear to be worthy of acceptance, though the retreat of the Russians in Armenia may very possibly have been hastened by such rumours, whether well or ill-founded. As to Montenegro, the Turkish forces which have been operating in that principality must be now *en route* for the scene of war on the Danube. Their arrival will, of course, morally, as well as materially, strengthen the Turkish armies there, for the force is numerous, and they come with all the prestige of victory. Meanwhile, there are somewhat disquieting political rumours. The mere fact that our fleet has not only been ordered back to Besika Bay, but is being reinforced by such tremendous ironclads as the Achilles, 9,000 tons, 16 guns, and the Agincourt, 10,627 tons, 17 guns, is enough to show that the situation is full of gravity. Then it is said that Servia, in spite of the assurances she has given of her neutrality, is making preparations for war. This, necessarily, affects Austro-Hungary, and consequently we hear of the likelihood of her intervention. News, but how far trustworthy appears not, has also reached us that a Russian army of observation, 200,000 strong, will be mobilised on the Austrian frontier. All these reports may be utterly valueless, but they point to the possibility, if not probability, that the area of the war may be extended. Let us hope it may not be so.

At this season of the year most of the Railway Companies issue a prospectus of their tourist arrangements. We have to acknowledge receipt of the Great Western Railway's programme, and we can recommend it to the notice of those among our readers who have not as yet committed themselves to any special tour or visit. Every facility is offered. Tickets, available for two months, are issued at the Company's offices at Paddington, at various stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways, and at Cook's Excursion and Tourist Offices. A special tariff of prices has been drawn up both for direct journeys out and home to the Dorsetshire, Somersetshire, Devonshire, and Cornwall coasts, to North and South Wales, to the Lake district, the Isle of Man, and Ireland; while by another tariff intending tourists may make their selection from a number of "Circular Tours." Instructions are given, as well of the conditions on which these tickets are issued, as of the direction of each route, and all needful information added as to where supplementary particulars may be obtained in provincial cities and towns. The charges are as moderate as the facilities are great. Cheap tickets are also issued to Lynmouth or Ilfracombe, Great Malvern or Malvern Link, as well as for picnic or pleasure parties. In fact, the directors of the Great Western Railway Company have laid themselves out for the purpose of

meeting, as far as possible, the wishes of all classes of travellers, and we trust the public will show its appreciation of the Directors' efforts by availing itself of the facilities offered.

The R. W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has accepted an invitation to attend the Hengist Lodge, Bournemouth, on Friday, the 20th inst., on the occasion of the dedication of the new Lodge building there.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held, under the banner of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, in the National School Rooms, Wood-street, Barnet, on Friday, the 27th inst. The Prov. Grand Master the Rt. Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., will open Prov. Grand Lodge at 2.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Winchester on Tuesday, the 7th August.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Western Division, will be held at Pembroke Dock (under the Banner of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378), on Thursday, 26th instant, at high noon. It is intended to present a P.P.G.T.'s jewel to Bro. Capt. Henry Williams, for many years' faithful service.

We learn that the Mark Masons of South Wales have got up a most influentially signed requisition to Charles Bath, Esq., J.P. of Fynone House, Swansea, with the object of inducing him to accept the position of Provincial Grand Master. If Brother Bath can be persuaded to take upon himself the duties of the office, he would meet with the most loyal and affectionate support from the brethren; and give an amount of satisfaction which would go far to compensate for the feelings of irritation and annoyance which now pervade the Province.

Our readers will remember that, a little time since, we announced that a requisition, signed by the majority of the past and present Provincial Grand Officers of the Eastern Division South Wales was sent to Sir George Elliott, praying him to call a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, in order that the grave omission of all reference to the loss the Province had sustained in the death of its late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, should be rectified. Sir George, in acknowledgment of the requisition, has appointed the Lodge of Emergency to be holden at Cardiff, on Saturday, 21st inst., when we have no doubt fitting expression of the feelings of the brethren will have utterance.

In an able article on the "Exclusion of the Hebrews," the *Masonic Record* of Cincinnati, advises the American Grand Lodge to take part in obtaining a wider liberty, especially from certain Prussian Grand Lodges, for the members of the Jewish persuasion who may desire admission into the Masonic brotherhood.

The French provincial papers announce the closing of several Masonic Lodges, for the alleged reason that the members have been busying themselves with politics.

NEW MASONIC LODGE, REMUERA.

THE ceremony of consecrating Masonic Lodge Remuera, under the English Constitution, was performed on 11th April, at the New Market Hotel, Newmarket, with all the impressive rites suitable to the occasion. A meeting of the newly constituted Lodge was subsequently held, and Brother William Lodder was installed as Worshipful Master. At nine o'clock the brethren present sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared in Host Cunningham's best style. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were proposed, responded to, and drunk in bumpers. The remainder of the evening, or rather night, was given to conviviality. It is expected that the new Lodge will be one of the strongest in the Auckland district, inasmuch as there is a large number of our business men, who live at Remuera, Epsom, and Newmarket. The Lodge will commence operations with a membership of about 50.

Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604.—Met on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall. This Lodge is composed principally of military brethren, who mustered strongly, there being between sixty and seventy present. The W.M. Bro. W. J. Parish occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Brookson S.W., Wray J.W., Meredith P.M. Treas., Scott Sec., Bolton S.D., Fuller J.D., Ross I.G., White and Hornblower Stewards, Rev. R. C. Halpin Chaplain, Gordon and Hancock D.C.'s. After the formal opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the Report of the Committee of Reference relative to the revision of the bye-laws, in accordance with the notice of motion of the W.M., was received and adopted. Bro. C. H. W. Harley, late Staff Sergeant Royal Engineers, of Lodge No. 736 (British), was elected a joining member. Bros. H. Harvey, H. Andrews, B. Collins, W. J. Burgess, and C. F. Luckhurst were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts. Bros. H. R. Fletcher, T. Searle, E. W. Cottle, W. Maxwell, and W. G. Maxwell were raised to the sublime degree. These ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M., who gave the traditional history impressively, music adding to the solemnity. Strict silence prevailed, and the brethren and visitors experienced pleasure in witnessing such perfect working. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. E. A. Heath, G. S. Beechin, J. Hart, E. Bennett, and W. Mansell, who were unanimously accepted, and duly initiated into the Order. Five candidates were proposed for initiation at next meeting, and the Lodge closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Crown room, where a substantial cold collation was provided by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been said, by Bro. Rev. C. Halpin, Chaplain of the Lodge, the W.M. proposed Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, remarking that Her Majesty was then reviewing 15,000 troops that were not to be equalled in the world. He then proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., whom all were pleased to see, wherever he might be present. The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was then given, and received with applause. Bro. Meredith P.M. then rose, he had to propose the toast of the W.M., whose heart and soul was in the Lodge; he has work to do out of Lodge, and all who know him appreciate his worth; he hoped every Brother would drink the toast in bumpers. The W.M. thanked Bro. P.M. Meredith for his kind expressions; the interests of the Lodge were always in his thoughts, night and day. During his year of office his only aim was to please the brethren of the Lodge, and this he hoped he had done. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, who on this occasion were only four; he was sure they would feel that their entrance into Freemasonry would be an event never to be forgotten. Bro. Beechin responded. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, and Bros. Kempster, Gilbert P.G.W. Herts, and C. Burmeister returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treas. and I.P.M. Bro. Meredith, and the Sec., Bro. Scott. Bro. Meredith returned thanks; whatever duty was required of him, as Treasurer, or of Bro. Scott, as Secretary, they would gladly do, so long as it tended to the prosperity of the Lodge. The Lodge had only been 15 months in existence, and was entirely free from debt; this was due to the W.M. Many brethren of the Lodge are this day at the Review at Windsor, their absence was to be regretted. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Officers, said they were his right hand supporters; they enabled him to carry out his duties in a most satisfactory manner. Bros. Brookson and Wray severally returned thanks; they had a bright example before them in the W.M., and that would be an incentive to them to work to occupy the proud position he enjoyed. The W.M. said, before the brethren separated, he had to propose the toast of the Masonic press. All looked forward with great interest for a record of their proceedings. THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had given a faithful report of their previous meeting; he would call on Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. Bro. Levy paid a just compliment to the W.M. for his admirable working of the three degrees; to the officers for their able assistance, which so materially conduced to the success of the Lodge. It was not only a duty, but a pleasure to him, to give a record of what took place; the brethren might thus, in times to come, refer to what had transpired at their meetings. The Tyler's toast was then given. During the evening several brethren of the Lodge contributed to the harmony.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Crouch S.W., Powell J.W., Cave jun. S.D., Kent J.D., Lane I.G., Simpson, Smith, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Cave jun. worked the 1st section of the lecture, the W.M. the 2nd section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week; all business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday the 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, 6th July, Bro. Creak, S.W. of the Bedford Lodge, occupying the chair of W.M. Bros. Gush S.W., Daniel J.W., Larchin S.D., Hallam J.D., Webb I.G. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dickens acting as candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked by the esteemed Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. J. R. Stacey, assisted by various brethren. Bro. Creak is well known as a steady worker in the Craft, and he must be congratulated for the careful and impressive way in which he rehearsed the ceremony. A vote of thanks to Bro. Creak was then unanimously directed to be placed on the minutes of the Lodge, for the able manner in which he had, for the first time, presided over the brethren. After the closing of the Lodge the usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association took place, and three members of the Association were made life subscribers of the Charities. We may add that this Lodge of Instruction has no summer recess, and meets every Friday throughout the year.

REVIEWS.

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

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The Cottage Hospital. Its Origin, Progress, Management and Work. With an Alphabetical List of every Cottage Hospital at present opened, and a Chapter on Hospitalism in Cottage Hospital Practice. By Henry C. Burdett, Sanitary Commissioner to the Sanitary Record, Secretary to the Seamen's Hospital Society (late Dreadnought), Greenwich, late General Superintendent the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and Registrar to the Medical Board. London: J. and A. Churchill, New Burlington-street. 1877.

Few men are better qualified than Mr. Burdett to write on a subject of this character. He has had a lengthened experience as resident superintendent in a general hospital in London or the provinces. He has carefully studied this particular class of hospital, and has done his best to make himself as fully acquainted as possible with as many of the Cottage Hospitals now open as he could, and has likewise visited and personally inspected many. His conclusions, therefore, as to the capabilities and requirements of a model Cottage Hospital, are certain to command the respectful consideration of hospital practitioners generally, as well as of all interested in the further development of this useful class of institutions in particular. And in order to set before the public all the information it would be likely to need, he has consulted those best qualified to contribute to the general stock of knowledge, the result being a treatise, which, if not complete in all essentials,—for the difficulty of gathering accurate information was great, and Mr. Burdett fears that some of these hospitals may have been omitted,—is, nevertheless, clear and precise in all its details, and trustworthy in all matters, both of theory and practice, so far as it has been possible to lay down the one or determine the other. We cannot, indeed, speak too highly of the general plan of the work, of the manner in which the subject has been treated, or of the matter which has been collected together for the purpose of illustrating it in detail. But our readers, no doubt, will be better able to form an idea of Mr. Burdett's work, if we note, in brief, the main points of each chapter.

Chapter I. treats of Cottage Hospitals generally, of their establishment, and the causes of their success or failure, the financial aspect of the question, expenditure, both *per se* and as compared with the expenditure in General Hospitals, and the different sources of income to which the authorities of a Cottage Hospital must look, in order to meet the necessary outlay. Thus, we are told, there are only five counties in England in which there is not at least one of these institutions, the five being Cumberland, Hunts, Leicester, Monmouth, and Rutland, and Mr. Burdett attributes this absence, in the case of the three smaller counties, to the indifference of the inhabitants to the benefits of General Hospitals, so that it would be unreasonable to expect they should take a livelier interest in the humbler Cottage Hospital. In the case of Cumberland and Leicestershire he attributes the want of Cottage Hospital accommodation to the overwhelming influence of the County Infirmary. On the other hand, this kind of hospital is spreading rapidly, and bids fair, in time, to bring the hospital accommodation up to the required standard, of one bed for every 1000 inhabitants, in rural districts. As to the number of these institutions, it seems there are probably some 200 of them in the United Kingdom, but "our utmost endeavours have only brought to light something like 160," and this number is still further reduced by excluding those which have outgrown the limits originally contemplated in the scheme of Mr. Napper,—the author of the first work on the subject, and the founder of the first hospital,—as well as those which, for various reasons, have been discontinued as failures. This latter class comprises only ten cases, the reasons being given where obtainable. Thus, in the case of East Radham, it was closed, not from any want of funds, but because the poor imagined the medical officer, whose services were gratuitous, derived some unknown benefit from it. At Southam, there were not patients enough to warrant its continuance, and it is believed to have been since converted into a convalescent hospital. The cause of failure at East Grinstead is more lamentable, and deserves to be recorded in the words of the medical officer himself, who states his reasons for closing the hospital in 1874 to have been as follow:—

"In this district there are many very wealthy resident and landed proprietors, but scarcely any volunteered to help me. I got what money I required for furnishing it by writing direct appeals to individuals, and afterwards to meet the current expenditure, and I dare say I could have done so up to the present year, but, after a time, I became weary of making these appeals to people who seemed to consider that, by contributing to the support of the Hospital, they were conferring a favour upon me. This was especially annoying, as I was not only giving my daily professional services, but was also the greatest pecuniary contributor. In addition to this, there were frequent attempts on the part of wealthy people to get their servants or dependents into the hospital, so as to avoid paying for their support. At length, after having experienced for some years the meanness of the rich, and too often the ingratitude of the poor, I closed the hospital, and by the sale of the furniture, raised a sufficient sum to pay off the outstanding debts, without any further appeal to the charitable feelings of my wealthy neighbours. I allowed the furniture and fittings to remain in my cottage for a period of two months, after I closed it for a hospital, and then, as no one offered to do anything to resuscitate it, I sent for an auctioneer. Some time after, a few persons, who had occasionally contributed to the hospital, met together and passed a vote of censure on me—the founder and chief supporter of the hospital—for having closed it without their consent."

We fully endorse Mr. Burdett's hope that "in few places shall we find wealthy people so mean," but, unfortunately, the medical

officer—a Dr. Rogers—laid himself open to censure. Contributors expect to have a voice in the management of the institution they help, no matter in how small a degree, to support. It was an error of judgment on his part to act as he did; at the same time, while enduring the censure passed upon him with indifference, we would rather not have been in the same boat with the mean, though wealthy proprietors, who allowed Dr. Rogers to bear the heat and burden of the day.

As to the progress of the Cottage Hospital movement, started in 1855, by Mr. Napper, at Cranleigh, in Kent, only seventeen appear to have been opened in the decennial period to 1865. In 1866, thirteen were opened, and the interest "went on increasing until 1870, when it reached its climax, and twenty-two new hospitals were started." The average annual number open during the ten years 1863-75, both inclusive, is from thirteen to fourteen, the actual number established being, Mr. Burdett believes, 135. The number fluctuated from year to year, and whereas twenty-two were started in 1870, only five date from 1874, and six from 1875, so that Mr. Burdett thinks the publication of this work may serve to revive the interest in these hospitals, just as the publication of other works by different authors may probably account for the increase from two in 1865 to thirteen the year following, and the action of Dr. Swete in 1869 may have had something to do with the marvellous increase in 1870. As to the expenditure, taking it on an average of 100 hospitals, with an average number of eight beds, and in thirty-four of which the average number occupied was six, it amounts to £340 10s, which gives a cost per bed of £42 10s on the whole number, or of £57 per bed occupied. Comparing this with the average cost per bed in the London Hospital (£54 in 1875, or £59 per bed occupied), or at the Charing Cross, where it was £43 and £51 respectively, or at the Middlesex, where it was £39 and £72 respectively, it is evident that, as regards economy, the Cottage Hospital has much in its favour. As to the income, the average of these hospitals is £350, or about £10 per annum in excess of expenditure. The sources of income are five—annual subscriptions, donations, Hospital Sunday, patients' payments, and interest on funded property, and the proportion per cent. of each source of income, in the order as given, is 48, 18, 16, 13, and 5. This Mr. Burdett, speaking with his knowledge of hospital management, considers an excellent result.

Chapter II. deals with the Medical Department, the staff, the advantages these hospitals offer to the medical profession, rules, mortality, statistical tables of diseases, dietaries, &c., &c. Chapter III. goes very elaborately into the important question of construction and sanitary arrangements, while in Chapter IV. the nursing arrangements, domestic supervision, and general management are referred to in detail. Chapter V. should be read in connection with Chapter III., as it contains, in minute detail, particulars of certain Cottage Hospitals, with plans of buildings, &c., &c., while Chapter VI. is a kind of companion to Chapter IV., as in it are noted "Particularities and Special Features in the Working of Cottage Hospitals." The last two chapters are devoted, the one to the interior fittings and appliances, and the other to the advisability or otherwise of treating midwifery cases in a Cottage Hospital. The Appendix contains a paper specially written, on the subject of Hospitalism in connection with these Hospitals, and an index completes the volume. We have thus glanced through the whole contents. We have dwelt at length on the opening chapter, because it touched on matters which all our readers could understand. We have contented ourselves with a brief sketch of the rest of the volume, because only a few among us are competent to pass an opinion on the bulk of the questions dealt with. But though we abstain from offering remarks on the managerial and medical portions of the work, what we have read convinces us of the utility of establishing such institutions, wherever there is a lack of hospital accommodation. Statistics of the character which Mr. Burdett has collected speak for themselves, while his experience and the evident ability he has displayed in his treatment and arrangement of the work are a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. We may even go so far as to say that, considering it is a book which must chiefly interest medical practitioners and the managers of hospitals, it is even interesting to the general reader in many parts. At all events Mr. Burdett has done well what he undertook, and we thank him for enabling us to glance at the results of his labours.

Fortitude Lodge of Instruction.—At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Thursday, the 28th day of June 1877, it was unanimously resolved that, in appreciation of his extraordinary services on behalf of the great Masonic Charities,

The W. Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE P.M. 185, &c.

be elected the first Honorary Member, as the Prince of Masonic Stewards.

Signed WM. JAS. HUGHAN P.S.G.D. Preceptor,
WM. MIDDLETON P. Prov. S.G.D. Secretary,
J. C. FURNESS Assist. Secretary.

New Concord Lodge.—The Summer Banquet will take place on Thursday, the 26th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of Bro. T. J. Cusworth W.M., when ladies and non-masons will be present. In addition to the attractions of the Palace, a banquet will be provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The staff of Stewards comprises Bros. R. B. Harper S.W., W. Stead J.W., J. Eumens P.G.P. P.M., John Bertram P.M., J. T. Wilson P.M., I. J. Gabb P.M., T. Barton P.M., J. R. Gallant I.P.M., G. Sinclair jun., S. George S.D., W. Gabb jun. J.D., J. Taylor I.G., J. Thomas D.C., F. Dunn S., and W. H. Main P.M. Hon. Sec. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. J. W. Walesby Org.

BIRTH.

HAYDON.—On the 11th June, at Buckingham House, Knaphill, Surrey, the wife of Bro. William Haydon, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, of a son.

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, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1558—Addiscombe, Alna Tavern, Addiscombe.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 16th JULY.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 17th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
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, Finsbury-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.0.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (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.)
1298—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.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1413—Salem, Town Hall, Davlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, 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.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1279—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
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.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston. (Inst. at 8.30.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
636—De Oglo, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 20th JULY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
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—Ranelagh, 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.)
1273—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 21st JULY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

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

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—4—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Riffo, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—138—Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

TUESDAY—437—Govandalo, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—Consecration of Chap. 177, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-st., at 7.
R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 12 Trongate.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
167—Free Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Biggar.

FRIDAY—12—Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
31—St. Mary Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
471—St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
553—St. Vincent, 221 Dumbarton-road.

SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 7.
305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Bellshill, at 7.
612—Thorn-tree, School-room, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Tuesday 10th July. Present—Bros. Rudderforth W.M., Maidwell S.W., Harris J.W., West S.D., Forrest I.G., Hollands, Souton, Campbell, Aarons. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Souton answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Souton passed. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hollands candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Campbell, of the Athol Lodge, No. 413, was elected a member. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Maidwell responded, urging punctuality on the part of the brethren, who he trusted would rally round him. It was mentioned by the Secretary that he had received the receipt for the 15 guineas sent from this Lodge of Instruction for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—Met at 25 Robertson-street, on Tuesday, 10th July, Comp. T. M. Campbell presiding. Bros. John Terris, James Mitchell, and W. J. Pinkerton, all of Union Lodge 331, were duly admitted, and received the degrees of Excellent and super-Excellent Master, after which the Chapter was opened with Comps. T. M. Campbell Z., J. B. McNair H., and J. O. Park P.Z. 122 as J., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting at First Sojourner, J. McInnes Second Sojourner, and J. M. Gard Third Sojourner, when the same three gentlemen were exalted in the careful manner that distinguishes all Comp. Campbell's work. Thanks were voted to Comp. Park for his assistance, and the Z. announced his intention to deliver three lectures on the Arch degree, which announcement was hailed by the Comps. present with great satisfaction.

Royal Arch Chapter, No. 87.—Met in their Hall, 12 Troun-gate, Glasgow, on Wednesday, Comp. George Muir Z. presiding, well assisted by his officers. There were four candidates for exaltation, which ceremony was very ably performed by Comps. Muir and Trayner.

Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.—This Lodge will this year have a Summer Banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. S. Ward, when ladies and non-masons will be present, at Rosher-ville Hotel, Gravesend, on Thursday, July 19th. The Stewards appointed are Bros. G. Hockley P.M., A. J. Dottridge S.W., W. P. Goosey J.W., Hancock Treas., Gaubert S.D., Hoadley J.D., Gladwell I.G., G. King P.M. D.C., and J. H. Main P.M. Hon. Sec.

Unity Lodge, No. 132.—The centenary meeting was held at Ringwood, on Tuesday, 26th June. An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the reading of a history of the Lodge, compiled from the minute-books, by the W.M. Bro. H. G. Dyer. He said that in 1764, the Lodge was held at Lymington, and up till 27th December 1777, when it was removed to Ringwood. In 1798, a Bro. Moses Neave was initiated, and passed and raised on the same night one week afterwards. In 1800 the Lodge does not seem to have been in very affluent circumstances, for it was resolved that they could not afford more than one shilling to any travelling brother in distress. The Masonic School is first mentioned in 1806, to which Institution the Lodge subscribed £1 ls, and every newly joining Brother 5s. In 1814, three brethren were initiated, passed and raised on the same night; on 22nd December, in the same year, there was initiated a Brother at the age of 25 (Bro. Cull.) who has but just passed away from us, in his 88th year. On 27th April 1820, was initiated the greatest Masonic light he supposed Ringwood had ever seen—Bro. William Jones. In 1824, a circumstance happened which never has occurred in this Lodge since, and he hoped never would—a candidate balloted for and rejected three times. On 11th June 1838, the Lodge was opened at a farmer's house at Harbridge—a hamlet four miles from here—for the purpose of assisting at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the church there, a church with which Ringwood makes the living of Ringwood and Harbridge. On the 26th June 1839, Grand Lodge was held at Ringwood for the first time, under the presidency of Deputy Prov. Grand Master Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis. The foundation stone of the Ringwood Almshouses was laid with great form and Masonic ceremony on 16th May 1843 by Bro. Jones, the W.M., in the presence of a great number of people. Provincial Grand Lodge was again held here on 26th September 1848; the R.W.Prov. Grand Master, Sir Lucius Curtis, again was present, and on this occasion laid the foundation stone of our National Schools. In 1850 the foundation stone of our Infant School was laid by Brother Jones P.P.S.G.W., with Masonic ceremony, a dispensation having been obtained for the brethren to appear in clothing. On 16th June 1853, Lodge Unity and Bro. Jones performed alike their last public ceremony—that of laying the foundation stone at the restoration of our Parish Church. For some years the Lodge was virtually in abeyance, but revived in 1870, through the exertions of Bros. Major-General Michell and Brouncker. The seven sections were worked for the first time in 1871, since which period it has been prosperous in every way—in numbers, work, and funds. At the close of the Lodge business the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Corn Exchange, provided by Bro. E. Low P.M. 132. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. H. G. Dyer, who was supported by Bro. Hickman D.P.G.M., Bro. Abraham (Mayor of Southampton) P.G.S.W., Bro. M. E. Frost P.G.T., and several other Provincial Officers, the Past Masters of the Lodge, and the Wardens. The room was very nicely decorated for the occasion, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. —*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

St. John's Lodge, No. 167.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Present—Bros. John Eldridge W.M., J. T. Rowe S.W., J. Yeomans J.W., J. R. Thomson Secretary, H. Cornick Treasurer, C. A. Muller S.D., William Keil J.D., F. Adlard D.C., G. Davies I.G., W. Steedman Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. T. M. Jackson, T. A. Adams, Geo. Pritchard and E. Barge. Visitors—Bros. Frederick Keeble 1426, W. Paxon P.M., S. Beattie 1507, E. M. Haigh 29, P.G. Steward, S.W. 1607, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. The business of the evening, which comprised the raising of Bro. C. M. Robinson, the passing of Bro. F. Clark, and the initiation of Mr. Gustave Charpentier, was carried out in a manner which reflected great credit on the W.M., who worked the whole of the three ceremonies in good style. Bro. J. J. Gawith, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was balloted for as a joining member, and duly elected. The work having been completed, the Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was very well served. We would mention that, should any of our London brethren be thinking of changing their quarters, they should, before deciding, pay a visit to Hampstead, where they will find a very nice Lodge and dining-rooms, and we feel sure would be satisfied with the catering of the host, Mr. H. Baker. The banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. rose and proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. As there were other matters that evening to engage their attention, he would not trouble them with a long speech, but merely call upon them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. This was followed by the toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and all Past and Present Grand Officers. With the latter, he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. P.M. T. Adams, who in reply thanked the brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers, for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, he wished some others had been present to witness the working of the Lodge. It must be very gratifying to the Master to know that he was well supported by his officers, all of whom had carried out their duties with satisfaction. He had been a member of the Lodge for a quarter of a century, and never knew it in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. He was always ready to be of assistance to the St. John's Lodge. Bro. T. M. Jackson, the I.P.M., being now entrusted with the gavel, proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, they all looked upon as the right man in the right place; the longer you know him, the more you will like him. The toast having been honoured, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded; he wished to give every satisfaction, and hoped to do everything to their wishes. He then proposed the toast of the Initiates, he was sure it was a great pleasure to add to the strength of the St. John's Lodge, which still carries the good name it has done for over a century. Bro. Adlard having sung the "Enter'd Apprentice" song, Bro. Charpentier acknowledged the toast. He was

much pleased with the proceedings of the evening, and much obliged to the brethren for the way in which they had received him. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, it was very gratifying to the members to have visitors among them, and he was pleased to say they were seldom without. On the present occasion they had more than usual, he gave them a hearty welcome, and concluded by calling on the brethren to drink their health. Bro. Paxon replied, he said he considered himself quite at home in the St. John's Lodge, of which he had long been a Past Master; it was now upwards of half a century since he had become a member of the Lodge. He was extremely pleased to be present that evening, as he had witnessed the re-appearance of an old Lodge Tracing board (which we may remark is a very fine painting, and in splendid preservation), this he believed had not been seen for close on 25 years; it had lately been found, and he hoped would now be constantly used. The next duty the W.M. had to perform was, he said, a most pleasing one, being the presentation to the I.P.M. of a richly deserved Past Master's jewel. Bro. Jackson had worked in all the offices, and he presented the jewel with the greatest pleasure; he hoped their I.P.M. might live to be among them for many years, and have good health. Bro. Jackson returned his sincere thanks for the honour conferred on him; he prized it the more, feeling that what he had done for the Lodge was not done as he ought to have done it, although he could assure them if he had not shown ability, he had always entered on the work with all his heart. He could not devote much time to Masonry, but what he had attempted he had done to the best of his ability, and he considered he had worked a wonder if he had merited their satisfaction. He had seen the duties performed much better than he had ever been able to do, and felt sure that as he had not pleased himself he could not have pleased the Lodge. The presentation was an honour he had never expected to obtain, nor, when he entered their Lodge, had he the slightest idea of ever becoming one of its Past Masters. He should prize the jewel they had presented to him so long as he lived, not merely for its intrinsic value, but more for the pleasant memories it would ever bring. The W.M. said he had now a most awkward, though pleasing duty to perform, which was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, a testimonial to their worthy Bro. F. Adlard, who had for so many years served the office of Director of Ceremonies. In that position all had received from his hands great kindness; he had always studied to make them happy and comfortable. The comfort of their visitors had ever been specially looked after by Bro. Adlard. He was sure all would join with him in heartily drinking his health, and wishing him prosperity. The testimonial took the form of a silver sugar basin and cream jug,* and a life-like medallion portrait, executed by Lawrence Hale, from a photo by Bro. Haigh. Bro. Adlard rose to return thanks for the testimonial. He considered it no easy task to acknowledge the very kind way in which the W.M. had made the presentation. He had occupied the position of D. of C. for the past twenty years, and during that time it had ever been his greatest study to assist the W.M. He had always found a place for the visitors, many of whom liked to sit with their friends, but in every instance he hoped he had satisfied them all. He had now had some little experience of the office—he having occupied the post for 17 years in Lodge No. 7; he was also assistant Director of Ceremonies for the province of Essex, and he felt the greatest satisfaction in knowing that these services were appreciated. He had been connected with Masonry 45 years, and therefore could not hope to be with them as long again. The present was, he was pleased to say the fourth—and a most imposing testimonial—it had been his good fortune to have presented to him. He thanked the W.M. most sincerely for what he had done in connection with the testimonial; also Bros. Cornick and Pritchard, for what they had done in the matter. During his long connection with the Lodge he had experienced nothing but the warmest affection. Bro. Pritchard now rose and stated that there was one thing the W.M. had forgotten; this was the cause that had induced the members to make the presentation. This he was pleased to say was Bro. Adlard's self-denial; he had been content to see all kinds of people pass him to the chair, and if anything was said in reference to it, he always stated that he had a seat at Grand Lodge, and did not want more. He would have been in the chair of the St. John's Lodge many years since, had it not been that he always allowed some Bro. to step over him. If he received the present with half the pleasure they experienced in giving it, they would be satisfied. In proposing the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer, the W.M. stated that no Lodge could boast of better officers than the St. John's, he considered it the duty of the members to drink their health, and thank them for the way in which they conducted the business of the Lodge. The Treasurer stated he was only too pleased to be able to say a few words. He was in a position to give them the usual report, as to the flourishing condition of the Lodge, and considered it ever his duty to study its interests. He was pleased to be able to refer to the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; such funds, although not usual in Lodges, were being more generally formed; theirs, he was glad to say, amounted to something like £150, all of which had been subscribed, by the members. It was a source of great delight; more especially when we find a brother down in the world; then it is good to be in a position to hold out a helping hand. He was one of the founders of the fund, and considered it a great credit to Lodges to have such a fund; he hoped that many others would at once start them. The Secretary felt bound to thank the members most cordially for their general good feeling. He was pleased to see that the testimonial to Bro. Adlard, which had been spoken of for 4 or 5 years, had at last been presented. He was glad to welcome their late Master, Bro. Jackson, among them as a Past Master. The toast of the Past

* The inscriptions on the sugar basin and cream jug were as under:—

"Presented by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, to Bro. F. Adlard, D.C., as a token of their esteem and regard. 10th July 1877."

Masters was next given. The W.M. said the Lodge had much to thank its P.M.'s for. They had one and all added to the foundation of the Lodge, so successfully laid more than a century since. He considered they could not do less, considering what they had done, than drink their very good health. Bro. Pritchard replied. It being 14 or 15 years since he passed the chair, he considered himself one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge, and, on behalf of himself and them, returned his sincere thanks for the kind reception they always met with. The toast of the Officers was next given. The W.M. said they could boast of a very good set, which fact augured well for the future of the Lodge. The Wardens severally acknowledged the toast, after which the gavel was entrusted to the Tyler, who gave the finishing touch to a very agreeable evening.

St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622.—At the usual monthly meeting on Monday, 2nd July, the R.W.P.G. Master of Dorset, Bro. Montague J. Guest, paid his first visit in that capacity, and the brethren of his Mother Lodge took advantage of the occasion to present to him the following address:—

To Montague John Guest, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Dorset.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Lodge St. Cuthberga, No. 622, desire to offer you our sincere and fraternal congratulations on your appointment as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Dorset. We feel a peculiar gratification that your installation into the high office conferred upon you by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, should have taken place on the holy ground of your Mother Lodge. The lustre of the high position you now hold in the Province sheds a reflected light upon the Lodge in which you were initiated, passed, and raised, and over which you presided as Worshipful Master with a care, zeal, and capacity which fully justified the confidence of the brethren in presenting you with the gavel of the Master's chair. We recognise in your past connection with our Lodge a sure guarantee that you will support with honour and dignity the more extended Masonic rule with which you have been entrusted. While, however, acknowledging the fraternal ties which have united you with us in Masonic brotherhood within the Lodge, it is pleasing to us to call to mind how the energetic efforts you have made, as a liberal supporter of Masonic charities, prove that the head of our Province has not been unmindful of the ruling characteristics of a Mason's heart—benevolence and charity. The manner in which you upheld the name of your family and the credit of the Craft by the magnificent reception accorded to the brethren of the Province at your installation, will ever remain fixed in their grateful memories, and calls for special expression of our heartfelt recognition. We beg you, therefore, to accept our congratulations and hearty good wishes, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may prosper you in your work, endue you with wisdom, to comprehend, strength to define, and ability to carry out the genuine tenets of our Order, and that the bond of mutual esteem and fraternal union which we are proud to think has hitherto existed between yourself and Lodge St. Cuthberga, may to the end continue firm and unimpaired. Wimborne, 2nd July A. L. 5877; A.D. 1877."

This was proposed by W. Bro. E. T. Budden, seconded by W. Bro. H. C. Burt, and carried unanimously.

The presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. Hammond, with a few very appropriate remarks, and was cordially and feelingly acknowledged by the Prov. Grand Master, whom it had evidently taken by surprise. There were about 30 of the brethren of the Lodge present, besides a few visitors from the neighbourhood, and two raisings and one initiation also having to be performed, the evening was a busy one, and very pleasantly occupied. The Prov. Grand Master complimented the W. Master on the working of himself and the Lodge Officers and the evident good feeling and earnestness of the members in aiding the efficiency and prosperity of the Lodge.—*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—During the last month, many of our Lodges of Instruction have adjourned their meetings for the summer season, others again have expressed their intention to hold their gatherings as usual, despite the counter attractions offered by the splendid weather we are now enjoying, and the not to be questioned luxury of having a stroll in the cool of the evening. We are especially fond of walking, albeit not at present quite up to our old form, and we are not unmindful that the locale of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction is especially favoured, if we desire to exercise our muscular or pedestrian powers. What more pleasant than a pull over the waters of the river Lea, or to take a stroll through the Marshes, or a peep at the beautiful shrubs and flowers in Victoria Park? Either of these pleasures can be experienced by any brother who can spare an hour or two before the time fixed for commencement of business at this popular Lodge of Instruction. On Tuesday last there were present, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Worsley S.W. and Secretary, Weige J.W., Allen S.D., Lorkin J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; Bros. Lovelock, Dallas, Christian, Brown, Morgan, Lee, Preston, Locking, &c. The Lodge opened at 7.30 with solemn prayer, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Christian having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was advanced to the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Allen worked the 1st section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down to the 1st. Bro. Worsley worked the 3rd, and Bro. Allen the 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Elias Legg and George W. Preston, of Finsbury Lodge 861, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Worsley was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week; Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107.—This Lodge, by special dispensation of the R.W.P.G.M. Viscount Holmesdale, met on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Erith, in lieu of the regular meeting, which should have been held on the day of the Provincial meeting, Bro. J. J. Michael W.M. in the chair, T. Puzey S.W., E. Legg J.W., J. Storey P.M. Treas., Henderson P.M. Sec., P.P.G.S.W. Kent, F. Searle J.D., Simmonds I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. C. Renter I.P.M., P.A.G.D.C., T. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C., Dr. Spurrell P.G.W. Kent; Bros. Poole, Cleverley, H. Puzey, W. Meanwell, Pidduck, Phillips, Williams, G. Tedder, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed; letters of apology were read from the P.G.M. Lord Holmesdale, the D.G.M. and many others. A board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Puzey S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael perfectly and impressively. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his officers:—J. J. Michael I.P.M., E. Legg S.W., Meanwell J.W., J. Storey P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Kent Treas., Henderson P.M. Sec., Simmonds S.D., Cleverley J.D., Hogarth I.G., Barnett Tyler. Bro. Renter I.P.M. then proposed, and Bro. Knight seconded, that a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, be given to Bro. J. J. Michael for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Storey P.M. was unanimously appointed representative at the Charity meetings; he was also elected to present the testimonial to the Rev. Bro. Hill P.G.C. of Kent; a sum of five guineas being voted to that fund. It was also carried that the future meetings of the Lodge be held in the months of February, May, June, July, September, and November. The W.M. had now a pleasing duty to perform—that was, to present to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Michael, a testimonial worthy of him. The brethren had seen how perfectly he had conducted the duties of the chair. He had also ably installed him (the W.M.) into the chair; and in placing the jewel on his breast he was sure that he embodied the sentiments of every one present, that he might live long to enjoy it. The jewel, of solid gold, and artistic design, embellished with the arms of the Marquis of Cornwallis, it is set with precious stones, and bears a suitable inscription on the obverse. Bro. Michael said: The memory of this day would never be effaced from his memory, not only the presentation of the valuable jewel, but the kind expressions would be regarded by him as one of his most pleasing recollections. He hoped he had given them satisfaction, this had always been his aim from the moment he entered the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sixty in number, adjourned to the Royal Bull Hotel, Dartford, where a very sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Bray, that gave great satisfaction. The table was tastefully decorated with flowers. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; then the health of the Prov. G.M., the R.W. Viscount Holmesdale. The toast of the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given; he coupled with it the name of Bro. Dr. Spurrell P.G.W. Kent, who returned thanks. Bro. J. J. Michael I.P.M. then said: he had to propose the toast of the W.M. He was pleased to say that the position of W.M. of their Lodge was one of which any one might be proud. He was sure they would unite with him in wishing their W.M. long life. The W.M. thanked Bro. Michael for his kind remarks. While he occupied the chair, he hoped to do so to the satisfaction of the Past Masters and the brethren, and when he vacated it, he hoped they would say he had acquitted himself equal to his predecessors. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Michael, who had, during his year of office, done the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, and on leaving that chair had performed the ceremony of installation. That in itself was sufficient to ask them to do justice to the toast. (Cheers.) Bro. Michael, in reply, gave an excellent speech. He spoke of his interest in the prosperity of the Lodge, of the Charities, and Freemasonry in general. He had attained the height of his ambition when he received the jewel presented by his Mother Lodge; he would wear it with pride and pleasure. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Sutton. P.M. responded. He was the first Master of the Lodge, and it was 11 years and one month that day since he was installed. He was pleased to see how the Lodge had flourished. Bro. Michael was one of whom they were proud. He, as well as every P.M., would render the W.M. and the Lodge every assistance. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded. The toast of the Officers followed. Many of them had held offices in other Lodges, there was, therefore, no necessity to enumerate their qualities. Bro. Storey P.M. and Treasurer replied. During the evening there was some capital singing, by Bros. Milward and Royal. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

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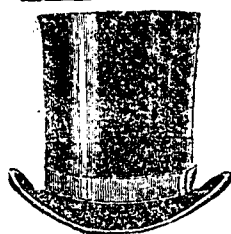
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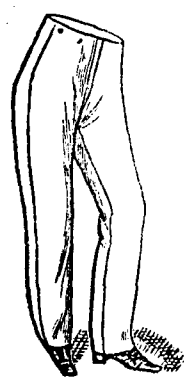
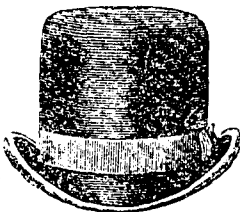
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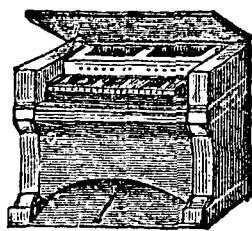
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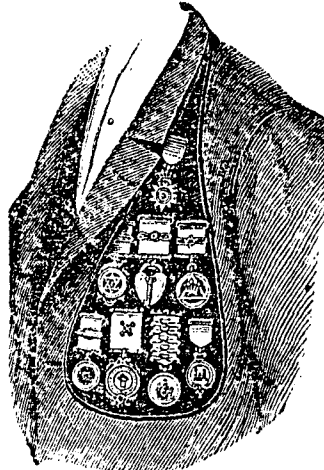
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