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## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 55.)

### SIR RHADAMANTH.

You are right, justice, and you weigh this well;  
Therefore, still bear the balance, and the sword:  
And I do wish your honours may increase.

The friend of man;  
Who scanned his nature with a brother's eye,  
His weakness prompt to shade, to raise his arm,  
To touch the finer movements of his mind,  
And with the moral beauty charm the heart.

IN our last sketch we delineated the excellences of a Devon Craftsman. This week we move to a neighbouring county, a stage nearer this huge metropolis of ours, that we may chronicle the virtues of one who, in his time, has played many parts, and played them well; who has endeared himself to all Masons, by his urbanity, his sense of justice, and his generosity; and who, in every branch of Freemasonry, has won for himself many and great distinctions; so that in speaking of him as a brother, we may say truthfully, what was said of a distinguished writer of last century, "*Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*" This praise may by some, perhaps, be considered as approaching too nearly to the verge of adulation. But let the reader note carefully the career of their judicious and judicial brother, as we record it, and the charge of flattery will at once be rejected. The subject of our present sketch is the son of a brother and the father of a brother. We are treating, therefore, of one of whom it may be declared with accuracy, that the love and pursuit of Freemasonry are hereditary virtues. There are many such who belong to our Craft. The Shirleys of Leicestershire, the Montagus of Hunts, the Dundasses of Yorkshire, have been again and again, and be it added, in all cases, most worthily represented in the ranks of our Fraternity, and he whom we have designated Sir Rhadamanth, by reason of his known impartiality on the judgment seat, albeit he has not attained, and is not likely to attain such eminence as some members of the Masonic families we have enumerated, is nevertheless the occupant of many high Offices which few among us may hope to fill, and which even fewer still may look to fill so worthily. Our respected brother was in early life a soldier, and it was when on service with his regiment in the East that the idea occurred to him, that he, a Lewis already, should follow the example of his father before him, and become a Mason. On his retirement from the army, he settled down on his patrimonial estate, but not, as many do, with the intention of leading a comparatively inactive life. On the contrary, as one of the county magistracy, and as a Deputy Lieutenant, our brother has had many opportunities afforded him of doing excellent service in both capacities, and especially in the former has he earned for himself a firm place in the affection and respect of his friends and neighbours. However, it is no part of our duty to dwell at length on the non-Masonic portion of his career. Let it suffice that as an officer and in his civil capacity he has done good service to the state; and then pass we at once to that which will interest our readers in an especial degree.

We have said that Sir Rhadamanth conceived the idea of becoming a Mason when, as yet only a Lewis, he was with his regiment in India. However, it was not in the East, but in a British possession in the great western hemisphere, that he obtained his first glimmering of Masonic light. It was on the 23rd December 1845, and in St. Paul's Lodge in Montreal in 1874, one of the few Canadian Lodges

which still acknowledge the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, that our brother had an opportunity of giving effect to his resolution, and was initiated into the Masonic mysteries. However, owing no doubt to the exigencies of military service, we find but little to record during the earlier part of his connection with the Craft. He took his degrees and filled various offices, in all cases meritoriously, and to the satisfaction of his brethren. It is not till the year 1856 that we find him taking that active part in the doings of our Society by which he has been ever since distinguished. In that year he took the leading rôle in the foundation of Lodge No. 665, Lyme Regis, which was accordingly named after him, and in the following year he was again to the fore in founding St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport. Fourteen years later we find him among the founders of that eminently popular Lodge, No. 1383, of Golden-square, which, though young in respect of years, has already made its mark in the annals of our Craft. He has likewise been a petitioner for other Lodges. Of both the Dorsetshire Lodges we have mentioned he is a Past Master, and he is likewise a Past Senior Grand Warden of his Province. In 1863 he was appointed Dep. Prov. Grand Master by the late R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Joseph Gundry, and this appointment he continued to hold till the lamented death of his chief in 1877. A reference to the Grand Lodge Calendar shows, that during the period of his association with this Province, the number of its Lodges increased from six to thirteen, or was more than doubled; and though we cannot in fairness to others ascribe to him the sole glory of this success, we shall certainly not be exceeding the limits of justice if we affirm that he took a leading part in bringing it about. And as his labours in subordinate Lodges have been duly recognised in his Province, so it is only in the natural order of things that the ability and tact he has shown in his Provincial offices should in their turn be rewarded by the Grand Master, and we have great pleasure in announcing that on Wednesday, 24th April, he was appointed by His Royal Highness one of the Grand Junior Deacons of England, an honour most worthily bestowed, and on which we beg to offer him our heartiest congratulations.

As regards Royal Arch Masonry, it was not till the year 1856 that he was exalted to the R.A. degree, in the Virtue Chapter, No. 494, of Axminster, Devon. Having, in due time, filled the several minor and principal offices, and having founded the St. Mary's Chapter, No. 707, Bridport, and taken part in the foundation of other Chapters—among which may be mentioned that attached to the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, of Golden Square—he at length received, last year, at the hands of His Royal Highness the Grand Z., the supreme honour of Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of his County. In 1869, he was advanced to the Mark degree, and is founder of the St. Mary's Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, and the Ark Mariners Lodge working thereunder. In 1856, he was made a Knight Templar in the Holy Cross Encampment, Coryton, Devon, and on the 20th June of last year was appointed Provincial Prior of the Order in Dorset, having in the interval founded the Hyde Preceptory, No. 98, Bridport. He is likewise a Past Grand Captain, and at the present time is one of the five members of the Council of the Great Prior elected by the Great Priory. In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters he holds the office of R.P. Grand Illustrious Master, and is Ill. Pr. Cond. of Work in the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1. But it is, perhaps, in the A. and A. Rite that he has achieved his highest honours. In 1856,

he received the 18° Rose Croix, and the 30° K.H.; in 1869 reached the 33° S.G.I.G.; and he now holds the position of Grand Chancellor in the Supreme Council. We have now completed this portion of our task. We have enumerated the most important among the many distinctions he has obtained in Craft, Arch, Templar, and High Grade Masonry. We have shown that our statement at the outset, as to his conspicuous merit, had nothing about it which in any way approached to flattery. We pass, therefore, to another part of his career, and as this is of an essentially practical character, it will, doubtless, receive from our readers its just measure of appreciation. We allude, of course, to the services he has rendered to our different Charitable Institutions, and when we record that up to the present time he has served as Steward to one or other of them on eleven different occasions, and has been the means of adding to their funds to the extent of over £2,000; and that at the approaching festivals of the two Schools his name is entered on the list for each Institution, it will be obvious that in this portion of his duties he has been equally zealous and quite as successful as in his study of the different branches of Freemasonry. But he has been something more than the simple medium for conveying funds into the coffers of our Charities. He is himself a liberal supporter of them, being a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and a Governor of both the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Moreover, he has made one of his daughters a Vice-Patron of the Boys', and a Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions; his other daughter a Vice-President of the Boys', and a Governor of the Girls' and the Benevolent, and his son, who will, in all probability, be this year W. Master of the Lodge attached to his regiment, a Governor of all three Charities. By thus bringing the daughters of his house into immediate relation with our noble Institutions, our worthy brother gives the most convincing proof in his power of the regard in which he holds our Society. He cannot make them Masons, for the members of the fair sex are not eligible to be received into our Lodges; but he has placed them in positions in which they must inevitably take an interest in the better part of Freemasonry, namely, in helping to alleviate such distresses as have arisen from death or indigence. However, we must not dwell too particularly on this part of our subject. It is not in the power of all Masons to follow in the footsteps of our brother, who has been blessed with more favourable opportunities for doing good than the majority of us. Still, in these days when people are apt to scramble through their duties, doing them oftentimes perfunctorily and with indifference—we say, in these days it is well worth our while to note those who fulfil them scrupulously and conscientiously; and we are justified in classing in this particular category the man who need not concern himself about matters beyond the immediate sphere of the society in which he moves, and yet does so concern himself most loyally and invariably.

We are now on the eve of closing our somewhat hasty and imperfect sketch. We are aware that in tracing his career we might have gone more into detail, and noted step by step the different positions he has held in Craft, Arch, Mark, and High Grade Masonry. Instead of doing this, we have preferred laying the greatest stress on his greatest achievements, which include a G. Deaconship of England, the post of G. Superintendent of the G. R.A. Chapter of his Province, a Past Grand Captaincy in the Temple, and the Grand Chancellorship in the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. These are positions of great dignity and trust, which are attainable only by brethren of great merit. We have likewise shown how active he has been in the diffusion of Masonry—how he has been, now a leader, now a simple participator, in the foundation of Lodges and Chapters. Moreover, we have striven to give due prominence to the many and great services he has rendered to our Charitable Institutions, and in doing this we have shown that "Sir Rhadamanth" has been as successful in the practical as in the scientific duties of a Freemason. This, then, is our portrait of one who, in his more immediate circle, is regarded with the deepest affection; who is justly esteemed in society, not only for the qualities of mind he possesses, but also for the ability he displays in the duties of an office, which is always a responsible and oftentimes a thankless one; and who, in a Masonic career extending over upwards of thirty years, has grandly carried out the obligations he contracted as a simple E.A.P. Other honours may await him, but though

they will confirm, they cannot enhance his reputation. He has done his duty, not from motives of self-interest, but from a sense of duty. As was sung by an English poet of last century:—

"A long descent, and noble blood,  
Is but a vain fantastic good,  
Unless with imbred virtues join'd,  
An honest, brave, and generous mind.  
All that our ancestors have done,  
Nations reliev'd, and battles won;  
The trophies of each bloody field,  
Can only then true honour yield,  
When, like Argyll, we scorn to owe,  
And pay that lustre they bestow."

This has evidently been the motive power of his actions through life. He has realised fully that whatever advantages he possessed over others, entailed on him heavier responsibilities, and for this reason is he so generously regarded by his brethren. May he live to enjoy for many years to come the esteem and respect he is so justly entitled to!

## GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, S. Rawson, and Hugh D. Sandeman. The other Grand Officers' posts were filled by Comps. John Hervey S.E., Capt. N. G. Philips S.N., Peter de Lande Long P.S., William Hickman 1st Asst., Robert Grey 2nd Asst., A. J. Duff Filer S.B., Francis Robinson D.C., and C. B. Payne Janitor. Comps. Snell, Head, Muggeridge, Joseph Smith, H. Dumas, T. Fenn, Glaisher, H. Murray, Joshua Nunn, were among the past Grand Officers who attended. This being the evening for the installation of the new Grand Officers, the Rev. C. J. Martyn said the Principals would remain the same as before, viz., the Prince of Wales M.E.Z., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.Z., Lord Skelmersdale H., and Lord De Tabley J. The other Grand Officers were nominated and invested:—Comps. Hervey E., Erasmus Wilson N., Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.S., the Rev. C. W. Arnold 1st Assistant S., H. C. Tombs 2nd Assistant S., A. J. McIntyre Q.C. Registrar, James Lewis Thomas S.B., H. G. Buss Standard Bearer, W. H. Lucia D.C., and C. B. Payne Janitor. Grand Chapter then granted the petitions for charters to be attached to Lodges 997 New Zealand, 681 Chesterfield, 369 Clitheroe, 1507 London, 1540 London, 1381 Kennington, 1381 Chorlton-cum-Hardy, 1283 Sowerby Bridge, 1145 Accrington, 1489 London, 1328 London, 153 Gibraltar, and 1717 Tunis. A slight discussion arose with respect to the Tunis Chapter. The Lodge has been established only six months, but it was stated by Col. Creaton that the Lodge numbered forty-two members, and there was no working Masonic body within two hundred miles of this Lodge, and the prayer of the petition was then granted. Col. Creaton, and Comps. Benjamin Head, R. Grey, Joseph Smith, H. C. Levander, John Boyd, D. Betts, Captain Philips, and James L. Thomas were appointed the Committee of General Purposes, and this closed the business of Grand Chapter.

## FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple in Boston, on the 13th March. In the absence through indisposition of Bro. C. A. Welch Grand Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. A. H. Howland jun. Dep. Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. W. H. Chessman Senior G. Warden, Irving B. Sayles Junior G. Warden, Rev. Charles H. Titus Recording G. Sec., many other Grand Officers Present and Past, and the representatives of a considerable number of Lodges. The Grand Lodge having been opened in the usual manner, and the records of the Annual and Stated Communications in December last, as well as those of the 2nd and 21st January, and of the 15th February, when the new Masonic Hall of Orient Lodge was dedicated and its Officers installed, were taken as read or read and confirmed. Several new Codes of Bye-laws and amend-

ments of Bye-laws were submitted and referred to the standing Committee. Petitions for Charters for Mounford River Lodge, East Douglas, and Saint George Lodge, Brockton, were presented, and together with their Records, Bye-laws, and Returns referred to the Committee for Charters, which recommended they should be granted. The proceedings of a convention of Lodges in New South Wales, in the formation of a Grand Lodge, and an application to be recognised as the regularly organised Grand Lodge of New South Wales, were presented and referred to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Henry Endicott, and Sam. P. Oliver. A Report by the Trial Commissioners, by which a member of the William Parkman Lodge of Winchester, was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, was approved by vote of Grand Lodge. The Committee on the Grand Master's annual address, submitted their report, and so likewise did the Committees on Healing and on Bye-laws, after which an interesting communication from Past Grand Master Heard on the Seal of Grand Lodge and the propriety of restoring the old motto it bore, was read by Bro. Titus, and referred to a Committee consisting of Bros. W. S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson, Charles L. Woodbury, Charles R. Train, and Tracy P. Cheever. A proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Constitutions, to the effect that persons who have received only the E.A.P., or E.A.P. and F.C. Degrees, on seeking admittance into a Lodge, should furnish the Tyler with a card, stating their name, the degree in Masonry they have attained, and the Lodge by which conferred, which card must be submitted to the W. Master for his approval before such visitor could be admitted, was also referred for consideration to a Committee. A sum of five hundred dollars was voted for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity. After an announcement by the Recording Grand Secretary that the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Marshal were absent through illness, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, with the customary formalities.

## THE TIMES AND FREEMASONRY.

FROM THE TIMES OF 25TH APRIL.

THE Prince of Wales entered yesterday on his fourth year of office as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge of Freemasons. The ceremonies of the occasion, which we describe in another column, were, of course, most impressive. It is by its external splendours that Freemasonry is best known to the world outside its ranks. Its gorgeous dresses, its mysterious tokens of rank and office, and its dignified method of procedure, are well calculated to impress the mind with due reverence for those awful secrets of the craft which they at once veil and symbolize. Nothing was wanting yesterday to the full effect of the day. There was a large and distinguished company, including among the guests the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of the Danish Freemasons. There was a profuse display of the well-known insignia of the Freemasons' order. The sun and the moon, the compasses, the squares, and the triangles were resplendent amid the gold and silver and blue of the aprons, or shone upon the breasts of the assembled brethren as marks of a nobility at once the highest and the most venerable of any. Freemasonry has had its dark days. It has met with suspicion and persecution from Church and State. Its practice, even in this country, has been forbidden by express statute. Elsewhere it has been under the ban of the Inquisition, and its members have suffered accordingly. It has had its martyrs and confessors, its false and weak-hearted brethren, its schisms and discords from within, its relentless enemies who have ever been on the watch to surprise it and put it down. It has passed safely through all these dangers. It has survived with unbroken front, guarding its secrets meanwhile from an intrusive and hostile world. In this country it has been its good fortune for some time past to enjoy the favour of royalty. The ceremonial of yesterday is not the first of the kind that the English world has seen. From the days of King Henry VI., who passed suddenly from a persecutor to an admitted member of the Order, the connexion of the English Royal Family with Freemasonry has been close and frequent. At the present day, with its sixteen hundred Lodges, its innumerable band of brothers, and with the Heir-Apparent as its Grand Master, English Freemasonry stands more firmly than ever. Its enemies, if such it has, must be looked for among the sex which is debarred for ever from its privileges. Women, it is well-known, unhappily for themselves and for Freemasonry, have an evil reputation for not keeping secrets. The great ceremonial of yesterday was, therefore, less perfect than it might have been made if the sex had been less frail.

The Freemasons are, beyond all dispute, a very ancient body indeed. Their descent has been variously traced down from the patriarchs of old days. Solomon, Noah, and Adam have all been claimed as founders or prominent members of the Order. Probable evidence in all its degrees must be taken for what it is worth in a case of this kind, where strict proof has now ceased to be possible. The finisher of the great Temple

must, in all reason, be thought to have been conversant with the builder's art. His workmen, if not himself, were certainly masons; and, as the presumption is that a man is free in the absence of proof to the contrary, we may venture to speak of them as Freemasons. From these early members of the Masonic Order, through Pythagoras, and with a process of filiation not very strictly made out, we come next to the masons of the early middle ages, to the constructors of the magnificent Gothic churches, which in this country and on the Continent are among the most precious monuments of antiquity. The men who erected these buildings were certainly possessed of secrets which have not yet been divulged. Their unapproached supremacy as artists is sufficient proof of this. Nor need we have any difficulty in believing that they were frequently united in a kind of brotherhood of the craft, known to one another in their necessary wanderings from place to place by signs of their own, and possessed of professional knowledge which they guarded jealously from outsiders. All this is so likely that it would need proof that the old builders were not something of this kind rather than that they were; whereas, in point of fact, the evidence, such as it is, is almost wholly confirmatory. But between these men and the modern Freemasons there is only one more chasm to be bridged over, and it is not nearly as broad and difficult as the previous one which we have already passed. As time went on, and as the constitution of society changed, the early trade companies of Europe lost, together with their uses, a good deal of their original meaning. There has been a process of transformation in a good many of them. The guild has survived, but it has been less and less closely connected with the craft or business from which it took its name. Modern Freemasonry has no very close connexion with the building trade. It scarcely, indeed, affects to have any in the ordinary sense of the words. Its buildings are of a kind not made with hands. Virtue and brotherhood and good-fellowship are the intangible results at which it is contented to aim. But we may still, in spite of the wide difference between old and new Masonry, trace some, at least, of the steps by which the process of development has been carried on. Before the time of modern Freemasonry there had already been something of mystification introduced into the Masonic Order. When the obvious uses of that Order were at an end, it was thought wise to devise something or other by way of justifying its continued existence. Curiosity was piqued by half glances which the world was suffered to have into the inner secrets of the Order. This was the state of things which went on apparently until the seventeenth century and the genius of Elias Ashmole gave Freemasonry a fresh start. Ashmole, in his various characters as herald, astrologer, and antiquary, was well fitted for the work; and Freemasonry ripened into a perfection which could scarcely have been expected.

It is of the symbolism of Freemasonry that we must be understood as speaking. Of its real secrets we can, of course, say nothing. They have been made public a dozen times since Ashmole's day. Scotchmen and Americans, with an imperfect sense of humour, or with a want of love for the mysteries, have come forward to divulge them. Weak members have been forced into betraying them, sometimes by downright violence. The Grand Inquisitor of Portugal—so the record runs—joined the order of the Freemasons for the express purpose of betraying them to their enemies. But, from whatever cause it has happened, the secret of the order—if secret indeed there be—has never been made known. The world sees it as a society which unites practical benevolence with good-fellowship, and is contented to honour it for its more obvious as well as for its more occult excellencies. The patronage of the Prince of Wales, however honourable, is not needed for keeping it in popular favour. Its great charity alone suffices to give it real merit, by which the outer world may be satisfied to judge of it. Its secrets are its own affair, and we are not bold enough to indulge even the wish of prying into them.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons have invited the brethren who acted as Stewards at the late Festival to visit the Institution at Addiscombe Road, Croydon, on Tuesday next, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ACCIDENTS.—The business of accident insurance ought to be considerably extending itself through the exertions that are being made by the several offices. Where there were only three or four ten years ago, there are now something like fifteen. Yet there are very many thousands who are ignorant of the advantages a solid well-founded Company offers to those who avail themselves of an Accident Policy. The best illustration we have seen is the Annual Claim List published by the Accident Insurance Company, of 7 Bank-buildings, Lothbury. By the one for 1877, recently issued, we make out that over 1,200 cases of compensation were settled during the year; the chief number being paid for horse accidents—388. Business and professional risks brought 333; street accidents numbered 130. We are reminded, too, of the terrible bridge accident during the Bath Agricultural Meeting, in which the Company had three cases. Carriage accidents numbered 17, and railway casualties produced 28. Accidents at home seem rather numerous, as there were so many as 126. The innumerable other claims are spread over sports and pastimes, such as hunting, fishing, shooting, athletics, bicycling, bathing, boating, cricketing, football, tennis, croquet, rinking, dancing, &c. Fires and storms, attacks of cattle, and animal and insect bites, are all detailed in a way to show how varied are the injuries we are all liable to sustain. It is clear everybody should have an accident policy by him.



## 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 Amateur's Flower Garden.* A handy guide to the formation and management of the flower garden, and the cultivation of garden flowers. By Shirley Hibberd. Illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings. London: Groombridge and Sons.

Also by the same author and at the same publishers—

*The Amateur's Kitchen Garden, Frame Ground and Forcing Pit.* A handy guide to the formation and management of the kitchen garden and the cultivation of useful vegetables and fruits.

*The Amateur's Green House and Conservatory.* A handy guide to the construction and management of plant houses, and the selection, cultivation and improvement of ornamental green house and conservatory plants. 1878.

*The Amateur's Rose Book.* Comprising the cultivation of the rose in the open ground and under glass: the formation of the rosarium: the characters of wild and garden roses: the preparation of the flowers for exhibition: the raising of new varieties: and the work of the rose garden in every season of the year. A new edition, revised, enlarged and illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings.

THE above form a compact series of guide books, which will be of the greatest possible service to those for whom they have been written. They are the books of one of our most competent authorities. They are admirably and most methodically arranged, the illustrations are extremely well done, and there is not a single chapter which is not replete with the most valuable instruction. Let us take the *Amateur's Flower Garden* first, as we have placed it first in the series, and give just a brief outline of its contents. By so doing we shall demonstrate how fully and exhaustively Mr. Hibberd has treated the subject. After a brief introductory chapter, the author, following out the plan of the well known Mrs. Grundy, of first catching the hare before you cook it, shows how a garden should be formed before proceeding to lay down instructions for planting it. Chapter II. is devoted to "the Parterre," and the following consecutive chapters on the "Bedding System, and the Plants required for it," the "Cultivation of Bedding Plants," "A Selection of Bedding Plants," "Hardy Border Flowers," "A Selection of Hardy Herbaceous Plants," "Tender Border Flowers," and "Hardy Annuals and Biennials." Chapters X. to XIV., both inclusive, are set apart for the description of various kinds of gardens, namely, "the Rose Garden," "the American Garden," "the Subtropical Garden," "the Perpetual Flower Garden," and "the Rockery and the Alpine Garden." "Flowers for Winter Bouquet," in which the advice of a competent authority is always acceptable, is dealt with. This is followed by two most important subjects, one of which, the "Making and the Managing of the Lawn," is treated at some length in Chapter XVI., and the other, "Garden Vermin," in Chapter XVII. The last two sections of the volume include Additional Selections to those already given, and "Reminders of Monthly Work." These form a fitting, and indeed, a necessary conclusion to a most excellent treatise. The above sketch will not suffice to show the value of the instructions that are given, but they are enough to give some idea of its general character, and this is all it is in our power to do in a notice of this kind.

*The Amateur's Kitchen Garden* is treated much on the same principle. First we have its formation, then follows a chapter, which is specially intended for the amateur and him only. "Pits and Frames" are then treated, and then the subject of "Selecting from the Kitchen Garden." In the remainder of the work the treatment of the several kinds of vegetables is described, and among the chapters in which this is done will be found one (Chapter XXIII.) on "the Storage of Roots," another (Chapter XXIV.) on "Exhibiting," and a third (Chapter XXVII.) on "Forcing," the last two being devoted to "the Fruit Garden," and "Reminders of Monthly Work." This has the advantage of a carefully-prepared Index. The *Amateur's Greenhouse* and the *Amateur's Rose Book* are equally meritorious works, and like the "Kitchen Garden," are both of them furnished with indexes, an advantage which is the one short-coming that is noteworthy in the "Flower Garden." As the season is now approaching when all who can boast of gardens and take pride in them will be doing their utmost to set them in order, we have no hesitation in commending these works of Mr. Shirley Hibberd's to the favourable notice of the public. As we said at the commencement, they are very methodically arranged; there is in each a mass of useful information, the result of years of study and experience; and the more practical of the directions, such as those which relate to the formation and arrangement of gardens, the construction of frames and green or hot houses and conservatories, &c., &c., have the further advantage of being planned or illustrated. This is a real advantage to the reader, particularly if he is only a tyro in the arts of horticulture and floriculture, for illustrations frequently enable a person to grasp a subject more thoroughly than written directions, however concise and lucid they may be. However, we have said enough to convince our readers that we place great value on these four treatises, which form indeed a miniature library on Gardening, and we can only add that we hope the public will reward Mr. Hibberd's efforts on its behalf by exhausting the present, and calling for new editions of his works.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1524.  
HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 15th May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

FROM THE LEEDS MERCURY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire Freemasons was held on Thursday, 25th April, in the Large Room of the Church Institute, Leeds, under the auspices of the united banners of the seven Leeds Lodges. The preliminary Lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M.'s of the various Lodges, the position of each officer being allotted by ballot as follows:—Bros. Thos. Winn, Goderich, 1211, as W.M., Fleming, Goderich, 1211, as I.P.M., D. R. Glover, Fidelity, 289, as S.W., T. C. Taylor, Philanthropic, 304, as J.W., John Bell, Alfred, 306, as S.D., A. Whitehead, Zetland, 1311, as J.D., George Wilson, Excelsior, 1042, as I.G., J. Britton, Defence, 1221, as Tyler. Immediately on Provincial Grand Lodge entering and taking their respective chairs, Bro. Winn, addressing Sir H. Edwards, Bart. (Provincial Grand Master), on behalf of the seven Leeds Lodges, said he heartily welcomed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and trusted the gathering that day would tend to increase the happiness and pleasure he felt in occupying the high and honourable position he did in the Craft. (Applause).

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened with prayer and the reading of a passage of Scripture, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Sir H. Edwards) and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tow J.P.) were saluted in ancient style and in the heartiest manner. In response,

Sir Henry Edwards said—Officers and Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge,—Accept from me the assurance that I am gratified for the manifestation of cordiality which you have exhibited towards your Provincial Grand Master, and which I interpret as faithfully reflecting the fraternal sentiments of the Craft in this province towards me, and in which the Leeds brethren also have displayed so much good will and enthusiasm. The trouble the Committee, as the representative of the seven Lodges, has taken to hold our annual meeting in this town has been great; a meeting which uninitiated persons, outside the Masonic circle, would criticise perhaps as a gathering of a peculiar community merely to exchange a few complimentary remarks of fraternal greeting, but which is of itself to us assembled a well understood symbolism of the doctrines and charitable principles represented by our Masonic costume, and which I interpret as the expression of your deep attachment to our ancient and time-honoured Order. I thank the seven Lodges for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; and I thank you all, brethren, for your individual salutation, under circumstances of eventful interest to the brotherhood in West Yorkshire. The pleasure of greeting you all here to-day is, I am bound to say, tinged with melancholy. What was intended by the Committee of the seven Lodges to have resulted in one of the most brilliant and joyous of our annual assemblies, and upon an extended scale of hospitality, has been curtailed to a simple reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, from respect to the memory of a distinguished brother, lately amongst us as a bright and shining light in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Jefferey, the Secretary to the Committee of the seven Lodges, has therefore postponed to a more fitting occasion the entertainment to this Provincial Grand Lodge, which formed the original programme. But I heartily acknowledge the obligations to this Committee on the union of the seven Lodges, and thank them all again for their invitation to meet at Leeds for the third time during my occupation of this chair of the Province. At this moment we have not recovered from the shock the Craft has sustained by the death, last month, of the late Deputy of this Province, and Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons. Those ties of friendship which commenced between himself and the Masonic body on the 15th January 1846, when he was initiated a member of the Lodge of Harmony, at Huddersfield, have been snapped asunder by the death of Bro. Bentley Shaw. This Province has been deprived of the services and experience of one of the ablest of her counsellors. Those amongst us who have been since 1846 associated with the late Deputy in an official capacity must now again acknowledge and appreciate his qualifications for administering the affairs of this Province, the brightness of his intelligence, and the judicial impartiality of his conduct when fulfilling the duties of this chair. I trust, brethren, you will reciprocate in the desire of your Prov. Grand Master that our united sympathies, by a resolution of condolence, should be passed by this Lodge and conveyed to Bro. Shaw's family. The expression of sentiments of regret by this resolution, which stands in my name, is a Masonic principle hallowed by all our traditions and ancient customs, "to weep with them that weep, and to mourn with them that mourn." We beseech the Great Architect of the Universe to give to the family of our departed brother His richest consolation under the domestic bereavement with which it is visited, and may we all be as we verily believe he was, when our span of life is ending, ready to enter the Grand Lodge above, eternal in the heavens. (Applause.) I again congratulate the Craft on the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Freemasonry is spreading in all directions under his administration. Last year 63 Warrants for new Lodges were granted, and 8,465 Grand Lodge certificates issued to new members in the Order of the Grand Lodge of England. The foundation of every new Lodge is a stone added to the edifice of Masonic civilisation, and each new member a link to that fraternal chain of brotherly love, charity and mercy, which binds together peaceful, loving communities of the earth. I mention with pleasure the sum of £604, contributed by the Lodges and brethren of this Province, to the Royal Masonic Fund on the 13th February, at which my deputy was present. The circumstances of the times are not more settled than when I addressed you in January last, rather the political anxieties of the moment are intensified, and there is that consequent depression of trade which prevents the Craft from contributing more liberally at present; nevertheless, the total sum

announced amounted to upwards of £11,000. Our Charity Committee reports five candidates for our votes at the elections, and may I hope that you will all, without delay, send in your voting papers to the Committee, so that they may not be hampered in the conduct of the elections and give disappointment to expectant applicants, when success ought to crown united exertions, and the more as by Bro. Shaw's death we lose 114 votes, which he always placed at the disposal of the Charity Committee. Since preparing my address, I have been informed of the election of three out of the five candidates. (Loud applause.) It is with delicacy I refer, as does the charity report, to the failure of a London bank in which the voluntary contributions of the craft, to the extent of £2,689 had been intrusted. The late Grand Treasurer, it appears, was connected with this banking firm. A committee has been appointed to consider and report upon the finance arrangements generally, and those relating to the late Grand Treasurer. The pecuniary loss to the craft is more than was at first anticipated. A proposal has been placed on the agenda paper by the Provincial Grand Registrar and his successor for augmenting the charitable resources at the disposal of this Provincial Grand Lodge. My deputy thinks the time has arrived, and that this is a fitting opportunity, for the consideration of a fund of benevolence for West Yorkshire. Should you be pleased to entertain the Registrar's moderate proposal, the paragraph would, when confirmed, become incorporated by attachment to that particular bye-law, and be construed as a part of it by affiliation. Those brethren think by this proposal, a foundation would be laid on which hereafter might be consolidated a "fund of Masonic benevolence," solely devoted to charity, worthy of the liberal and munificent traditions of this generous province. The proposal has for one of its objects the separation of the annual current expenditure of the administration of this province from the receipts, to be exclusively devoted to charitable purposes, such as are petitions for relief, &c. By placing the financial receipts of this proposal for the establishment of a charitable fund under the control of the Charity Committee, the pecuniary influence and usefulness of this most representative body would be greatly and permanently consolidated, and its voting power at the elections year by year could be cumulatively increased and strengthened. Should there be anything in bye-law No. 42 which may on constitutional precedent hinder the promoter and seconder introducing this proposal for discussion, I and my deputy ask your permission for its temporary suspension, so as to enable this meeting of the craft to take cognisance of and deal with this proposal to the extent contained within itself. Only one more topic must I touch upon, which ought not to be passed over; I refer to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the French question. These resolutions I received from London, and requested my deputy to transmit them to the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges under my jurisdiction, with directions to have them read in open Lodge, at its next meeting after their receipt, and afterwards permanently fixed in the minute-book. With us a candidate cannot be admitted who is without belief in the G.A.O.T.U. The first article of our incomparable Book of Constitution says, "A Freemason of all men should best understand that Jehovah seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh at the heart." Therefore there is no place in our Lodges for one who has no belief in a Supreme Being. We are dependent on Him for life and health and all things. He demands the entire consecration of the intellect, the heart, the physical powers to His work and glory here, and that we may be fitted for the resurrection and the Grand Lodge above, (Applause.) In conclusion, permit me to say that, having examined the annual returns of the Lodges, I find an increase of 88 new members admitted over the numbers of the previous year. With 840 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters on our rolls, the difficulty of choosing names for the entering year is one of anxiety and delicacy; because out of so large a list of meritorious brethren I am utterly unable, to my great regret, to provide them with Provincial Grand Lodge recognition; therefore those Lodges from whom members are about to receive the appointment of office must accept and consider it in these brethren as equivalent to the highest honour in my power to bestow. Again I heartily thank the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers for the work they have accomplished and assistance rendered to me and to my deputy during their year of office. (Applause.)

Bro. Tew having briefly replied, the roll of Lodges was called over, showing that 61 out of 64 Lodges in the province were represented, there being about 400 brethren present, one of the largest gatherings for some time.

The next business was the investing of Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

S.G.W...	Bro. Rev. A. W. Hamilton-Gell, 139, Sheffield.
J.G.W...	J. R. Armitage, 302, Bradford.
G. Chaplain	Rev. William Collins Leekis, M.A., 837, Ripon.
"	Rev. Israel Parkinson, M.A., 61, Halifax.
G. Treasurer	R. I. Critchley, 208, Dewsbury—re-elected.
G. Registrar	J. C. Malcolm, 306, and 304, Leeds.
G. Secretary	H. Smith, 387, Wakefield.
S.G.D.	T. Ruddock, 275, Huddersfield.
J.G.D.	W. B. Alderson, 495, Wakefield.
G.S. of W	A. H. Kirk, 208, Dewsbury.
G.D.C.	F. W. Booth, 387, Shipley.
G.A.D.C.	Wm. Cooke, 1,302, Halifax.
G.S. Bearer	F. M. Tindall, 1,239, Sheffield.
G. Organist	C. Harvey, 904, Rotherham.
G. Purs.	R. D. Kendall, 1,283, Sowerby Bridge.
G.A. Purs	H. F. Ward, 458, Goole.
G. Steward	G. F. Crow, 1,211, Leeds.
"	J. Fawcett, 904, Rotherham.
"	D. A. Shaw, 827, Batley Carr.
"	J. Beedle, 1,012, Leeds.
"	W. W. Macvay, 1,542, Castleford.
"	W. Pratt, 1,034, Eccleshill.
G. Tyler	J. Lee, 290, Huddersfield.
G.A. Tyler	J. Sheard, 208, Dewsbury.

A proposition of Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P. Prov. G. Regis., seconded by Bro. Malcolm, Prov. G. Regis., to alter the 53rd bye-law, for the purpose of establishing a local fund for charitable purposes, caused considerable discussion; and an amendment to defer the further consideration of the matter for three months was ultimately carried by a large majority.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.D. Prov. G. M., expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was then unanimously carried.

It was stated that for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late Bentley Shaw, Sir H. Edwards offered to subscribe £50 towards £1,050 to obtain a presentation to the Girls' School to be called the Bentley Shaw presentation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, after which many of the brethren repaired to the Queen's Hotel and partook of a sumptuous banquet, following which the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

## WAS POPE PIUS IX. A MASON?

### WHAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS REVEALS.

IT has frequently been asserted with a degree of confidence that the late Pope Pius IX., known as Mastai Ferretti, before his election to the Papal throne was a member of the Masonic fraternity under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Many believed, and still believe, that the late Pope united with the craft, but subsequently withdrew from it, and became one of its most relentless opponents. It is not a difficult matter to discover the truth or falsity of any statement relative to this or that man who claims to be, or of whom it is asserted, is a Mason; for so complete are the records of the Grand Lodge of this or any other Masonic jurisdiction, that an examination will always establish the fact one way or the other. So much has been said of the late Pope's Masonic connection, that a representative of the Press yesterday made an investigation of the matter, with the result as given below, which will be found of interest not only to the membership of the Masonic order, but to every reader who has never crossed the threshold of a Lodge-room. Upon visiting the new Masonic Temple, the reporter was directed to the office of the *Keystone*, a Masonic weekly, whose editor, Clifford P. McCalla, Esq., Past Master of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, of this city, some time ago published a full and exhaustive article upon the subject. On visiting Mr. McCalla, at his office, that gentleman stated that he did not think that Mastai Ferretti was ever a Mason so far as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had any jurisdiction. He had carefully examined the records at the new Masonic Temple, at Broad and Filbert Streets, and had given to the readers of his paper the results of his research. He then courteously handed the Press representative a copy of the *Keystone*, which contained quite a lengthy and exhaustive article upon this subject, from which the following extracts have been taken: "So far as Philadelphia is concerned, Mastai Ferretti was never made a Mason in any Lodge of this city, and we are prepared to say that he was never made a Mason in any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any foreign country included in the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. There is a shadow of proof that he was a Mason in Havana, in a Lodge which at the time was working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. An examination of the books and records at the Temple shows that on March 2, 1818, the Grand Lodge warranted Les Delicias de la Havana, No. 157, working in Havana, Cuba. The Lodge surrendered its warrant June 4, 1821, at which time it came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Havana. On November 17, 1819, Martin Ferretty was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in this Lodge. On December 17, 1804, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania warranted Lodge La Temple des Vertus Theologias, No. 103. The Lodge surrendered its warrant at the same time as the above named Lodge. In Lodge La Temple, Juan Augustus Ferretty was made a Mason January 15, 1815. He resigned March 21, 1817, and affiliated with Lodge Les Delicias de la Havana, No. 157, in which he was crafted and raised. Martin Ferretty and Juan Augustus Ferretty are the only Ferretys on the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." It will be seen that these names are spelled Ferretty and not Ferretti, which latter was the Pope's name. Whether Pius IX. joined a Lodge in Havana under an assumed name is a question that cannot be answered. The shadow of proof is in that direction, for one of the Ferretys may have been the late Sovereign Pontiff. At any rate, the only record of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is as above given. It cannot be said, however, with any degree of authority, that Pio Nono was not a Mason. The fact that he was a Catholic, devotedly attached to a church whose feelings and prejudices are strongly against all secret societies, especially the Masonic fraternity, might have induced him to adopt one of the names above given, in order to conceal the fact of his connection with the Order. As Mastai Ferretti, he never was affiliated with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and in truth he might say so. His admirers and co-religionists could also with considerable force deny any of the assertions that he was ever raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. in any Masonic Lodge. In so far as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is concerned, the statements that he never was a Mason would seem to be entirely borne out; but this fact as already stated must be kept in mind—he may have been one of the two Ferretys. It should be said, however, that the Masons of this city have been just as anxious to discover the truth as the faithful of the Church have been zealous in denying all the statements that he ever had anything to do with ancient Masonry.—*The "Press" of Philadelphia.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A report having been circulated that I have withdrawn my candidature for the Secretaryship, will you kindly contradict this, as such a statement is entirely void of foundation.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Freemasons' Hall, 2nd May 1878.

## PROXY VOTING.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been spoken to by several Yorkshire brethren on the subject of Proxy Voting at the coming election for Secretary of the Girls' School, and I certainly think that it would be only an act of common justice to Provincial Masons to permit them to record their votes in the manner suggested. It would be utterly unreasonable to expect us to attend the ordinary elections of pupils in order to record our votes, and why should we be expected to do so in the case of the election of Secretary?

I am, yours fraternally,

A YORKSHIRE W.M.

2nd May 1878.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with considerable attention the letters on this subject which have appeared in your valuable journal, and fully recognising, as all must, the great injustice done to the Provinces by the system of personal voting, I do not see how the law can be altered for this election. There is a third course open, and one which will recommend itself to every one who has the good of our Institutions at heart.

It is this. If the voting must be personal, the votes can be recorded at various centres in England, on the same principle as at a parliamentary election for a county. The Provincial Grand Secretaries of each Province can act as deputy Chairmen, and receive the balloting papers, which they can transmit to the Chairman in London, protected of course by various seals. The Chairman will, after the scrutiny and counting of voting papers, declare the result of the poll. This gives the Provincial brethren a chance of recording their votes, and does not practically disenfranchise them, as the present system does. We would all think it a great hardship if in a County Election a voter living in Barrow-in-Furness had to go to Manchester to vote, but here is something still more monstrous. A Life Governor living in Berwick-on-Tweed or Cornwall is obliged to go to London to record his vote, or else is debarred from exercising his right of choice.

As our Institutions mainly depend on voluntary donations for their maintenance and support, it is above all things necessary to conciliate those from whom we hope to receive subscriptions and donations, and the success of the Institution mainly depends upon the energy and tact which is brought to bear upon the ever increasing body of the newly-initiated by those who advocate the claims of Masonic charity, the chief of whom are the Secretaries of the various Institutions.

I must submit to you the extreme importance of the vital question—Who is to be the next Secretary? and my earnest wish that every brother, Metropolitan and Provincial, will look carefully into a matter which may for many years to come affect the best interests of the Girls' School.

Many of our Provincial brethren take the deepest interest in the well-being of the Schools, but cannot afford time or expense to go to London to vote on this question, which is all important to them, and I certainly think the privilege might be accorded to them of being able to vote for their own choice, in their own Province.

I am, yours fraternally,

A CHAIRMAN OF A PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are many of us who feel with "Fair Play" and Bro. Constable regarding proxy voting at the coming election of Secretary, nor do we think that there need be any difficulty in the matter.

I am, yours fraternally,

ONE OF MANY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondents, Bro. Constable and "Fair Play," have called attention to the disabilities of country voters in regard to the approaching election of a Secretary to the

Girls' School. If such exist, and I admit that your correspondents have fully made out their case, our country brethren who desire to vote "must do so under unequal conditions as compared with London brethren."

It seems to me, however, that, to be consistent, your two correspondents, who cry out against our country brethren being hindered from the exercise of a privilege, should go a step further, and claim for them equality with Londoners in the performance of a duty. Such as is now cast alike upon Masters of Town and Country Lodges under the existing constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Yours fraternally,

29th April 1878.

R. F. GOULD.

"TOLERANCE" AND THE FRENCH QUESTION  
ONCE MORE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not propose to comment at any length on Bro. Jacob Norton's latest courteous communication to your columns. I do not think it would be very profitable; that is, I do not imagine, if the controversy be further prolonged, there is the slightest probability we shall come nearer to an agreement, or that either of us will succeed in convincing the other; and for this reason. There is, to start with, an essential difference in the nature of the basis on which each of us rest our arguments. To give one instance only. His definition of morality differs materially from mine. It is impossible, therefore, to argue until a common understanding has first of all been arrived at, as to what we are arguing about. Thus brother Norton asks, If atheists are necessarily stupid and immoral? To which I answer, By no means, if by "stupid" is meant "meant wanting in sense," and by "immoral," not prone to lying, stealing, adultery, and other sins of a like character. But I do not take Anderson's expression "stupid atheist," in its ordinary sense, but as conveying the same meaning as the passage I quoted from the Psalms. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." Here "fool," I take it, does not mean a person without sense, but an arrogant, self-sufficient, and dogmatic kind of person, who lays down his opinions tyrannically, and will brook no sort of argument in contradiction. Again, by "the word immoral" I mean to express, and I argue that Anderson did mean to express, not simply one who is not a liar or a thief, but one who fails in some essential particulars in the duties he owes towards his Creator and his fellow-creatures; who—to be more precise—refuses to pay that respectful homage to the Creator which He has a right to expect, and who declines to be governed by the ordinary obligations which suffice to bind all other men. I can quite conceive of such a person that he is a truth-telling man, that he recognises the distinction between *meum* and *tuum*, but I cannot regard him as a "moral" man for all that. Thus, until Bro. Norton and I can agree to lay down one common acceptation for the terms "stupid" and "immoral," it is impossible we can argue profitably.

As to Bro. Norton's other question, What harm to Masonry will there be in admitting a "moral atheist?" who, I take it, must in the nature of things be an impossible kind of being. Well, the harm is, that by doing so we are destroying the fundamental principles of the Craft, as laid down by the founders of our Speculative system. It is very well for Bro. Norton to say, these founders "shared the common prejudices of the vulgar" against atheists, but let us at least give Anderson, Desaguliers, and their compeers, the credit of knowing what they were about, when they formulated the new system. They saw the injustice of excluding men from Freemasonry on the score of religion. Anderson himself was a Scotch Presbyterian, while Desaguliers was an Anglican; but they took no heed of the atheist except to denounce him, for, as far as I can imagine, this reason, that they did not understand how it was possible for a truly moral man to be such. They enlarged the scope of Freemasonry which, in the operative period, was purely Christian, but they shuddered at the bare idea of destroying the religious character of the Craft. We in England who have had our charges, &c., &c., handed down to us through successive generations, are of the same mind, and what is of the greatest importance, we have, in accord with us, the whole of mankind through all ages from the creation till now, with the exception of an infinitesimally small number, who deny and have always denied, the possibility of there being no God. Bro. Norton has admitted that the numbers of atheists is very small. Why, then, I ask, should we be required to alter our Constitutions and stultify the Masonic teaching of all ages at the dictation of a few? Why are we to be denied our undoubted privilege of defining the principles on which our Society is based? Why, if it is conceded that we have the right of excluding "immoral" men, should we be denied the still further and higher privilege we in this country have always exercised, that of excluding irreligious men. We have never required candidates to state the nature of their religious belief. We strictly forbid the discussion of religious questions in our Lodges. But we do not admit those who deny God. This is not bigotry. By excluding them we are acting in obedience to the principles of Masonry.

In his remarks on my statement, that, there is no antagonism between religion and Masonry, I am afraid Bro. Norton will have to pardon me for saying that he has weakened his case very considerably. He has confounded together "Religion in the Abstract" with "Religion in the Concrete." The former means simply the worship of God, and will include all forms of religious worship, while the latter is confined to one specific form, as when Bro. Norton may speak of *his* religion or I of *mine*. So with virtue and vice, as the case may be, there is virtue (or vice) in the abstract, and virtue (or vice) in the concrete; the former general, the latter particular. I cannot help saying that, logically, it is absurd to lay it down that because the Roman Catholics or the Trinitarians and others have denied there is any religious principle in Freemasonry,



therefore the religious principle has been wanting. The averment that Freemasonry is a non-religious body, because it is not Roman Catholic or Trinitarian is a fallacy, and I am surprised Bro. Norton should have taken it as showing that the charge against Freemasonry of being without a sense of religion has not been refuted. So long as we admit only men who have a religion, we, *ipso facto*, refute this charge. When we admit those who have not, we eliminate from our principles the religious element or basis, and the charge becomes true.

I need not write further. I am not ashamed of finding myself serving under the same banner as Aristotle and Cicero, who were both religious men, nor do I think it detracts from the merit of David, that though I described him as an inspired writer, there is no such word as "inspired" in the Hebrew language. I used the word as it is commonly used, for I am no Hebrew scholar, and therefore could not have known whether there was or was not such a word in that language.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TOLERANCE.

### "URIM" AND "THUMMIM."

THESE words, which signify *lights* and *perfections*, have never been satisfactorily explained, they have nowhere been described, perhaps a few opinions respecting them will not be unacceptable.

In Brown's Dictionary of the Bible I find the following:—"Urim and Thummim signify *lights* and *perfections*, and are mentioned as in the High Priest's breast plate, but what they were we cannot determine."

Some think they were two precious stones, added to the other twelve, by the extraordinary lustre of which God marked his approbation of a design, and by their dimness his disallowance of it; others think these two words were written on a precious stone, or plate of gold, fixed in the breast plate, others will have the name JEHOVAH inscribed on a plate of gold and therein fixed; others think the letters of the names of the tribes were the Urim and Thummim; and that the letters by standing out, or by an extraordinary illumination, marked such words as contained the answer of God to him who consulted this oracle.

Le Clerc will have them to be the names of two precious stones, set in a golden collar, and coming down to his breast, as the magistrates of Egypt wore a golden chain, at the end of which hung the figures of justice and truth engraven on precious stones.

Weems thinks they were some ornament formed by God himself, and given to Moses.

Hottinger thinks they might mean no more but that Moses was to choose the most *shining* and *perfect* stones of the various kinds to be put into the breast plate.

Prigaux thinks the words chiefly denote the clearness of the oracles dictated to the High Priest, though perhaps the lustre of the stones in his breast plate might represent this clearness.

When this oracle of Urim and Thummim was to be consulted it is said the high priest put on his golden vestments, and in ordinary cases went into the sanctuary, and stood with his face to the Holy of Holies, and the consulter stood as near him as the law allowed; but how the answer was given, whether by an articulate voice from the mercy seat, or by the outstanding or lustre of the letters in the breast plate, we know not.

This oracle was never consulted in matters of faith, as in these the Jews had the written law for their rule; nor was it consulted in matters of small moment; and it is even said—I suppose without ground—that none but sovereign judges, kings, and generals consulted it. It is certain David consulted the Lord in this manner before he came to the throne.

While Moses lived there was no occasion to consult this oracle, as the Lord spake to him face to face. After his death, it was consulted till the age of the temple and prophets, the latter of which seem to have supplied its room; for we read not of one single instance of the people then consulting it. Nor did Josiah when terrified with the threatenings of God, consult it, but Huldah the prophetess, in order to know the mind of God. Josephus will have the stones of the Urim and Thummim to have retained their lustre till about A.M. 3890; but it is certain the oracle was wanting some ages before, in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Nor do I know of the least ground to believe that it existed under the second temple. The Jews pretend that the *Bathcol* (or the daughter of a voice) supplied its place, whose oracles, they say, were often attended with a clap of thunder; and it seems from Luke xii. 29, "the people, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, an angel spake unto him."

Bonar, on *Leviticus*, says, "It has been suggested by one who is already a scribe in the law of his God, that the stones of the breast-plate were arranged in the manner in which the tents were pitched round the ark"—(this, I believe, was a brother Mason). It is followed by a sketch, showing the glory in the centre (supposed to be the Urim and Thummim) surrounded by three stones on each of the four sides of the breast plate, the effect of which is very beautiful.

W. P. I.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—SORES, WOUNDS AND ULCERS.—Every variety of sore, ulcer, eruption, boil, and carbuncle is safely stopped in its destructive course by the timely application of this healing Ointment. It arrests unhealthy and substitutes healthy action, thus curing the inflamed, irritable and spreading diseases affecting the skin. Holloway's Ointment has gained an imperishable fame for its facility in healing old inflammatory sores about the shins and ankles, and for bad legs and old wounds it cannot be equalled; nor is it less efficacious in gathered breasts and abscesses. When the complaint has been of long continuance, Holloway's Pills will expedite recovery, if taken in those doses which act as alteratives on the stomach, and tonics on the constitution.

## Old Warrants.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tallibardine, Earl of Strathgairn and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable and Captain Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Lav<sup>ce</sup> Dermott, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Jonathan Mathews, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Alexander Aitken,

No. 31 his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Spencer, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Ship and Anchor, Gun Dock, Wapping (or elsewhere), in London, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Jonathan Mathews, Alexander Aitken, and Henry Spencer (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 Power 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 Twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-five and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Five.

WILLIAM DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

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**OF THIS INSTITUTION** will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. on Friday, 10th May 1878, at 6 p.m. precisely.

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**I**N accordance with an intimation given in a late number of this Paper, the Allotment of Life-Governorships and Life-Subscriberships to the above Institution, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 6th May, at 7 p.m.

**ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.****SECRETARYSHIP****Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

**A** MEETING OF BRETHREN favourable to the Candidature of Brother **F. R. W. HEDGES** will be held in the Morning Room, Freemasons Tavern, on Monday, 6th May.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**  
**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**

**T**HE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

**BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,**

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**To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

6 GRAY'S INN PLACE, APRIL 1878.

**B**RETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

**W. SMALLPEICE**, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

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**To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors of the****Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother **R. WESTWORTH LITTLE**.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

**WILLIAM WORRELL,**

P.M. and Sec. No. 760. P.M. 1339.

P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766.

P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark,

and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.  
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**Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.****To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors.**

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. **LITTLE**, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age; for 14 years I had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual returns of which exceeded £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; I have served a Stewardship to the **Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution**, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, qualifying myself also as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely that I shall exert my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and to further extend the benefits of the **Royal Masonic Institution for Girls**.

I have the honour to be,

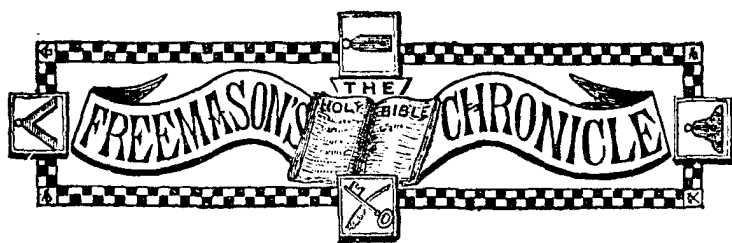
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Yours faithfully and fraternally,

**F. A. WHITE**, P.M. 907, P.S. Chapter 907;  
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1 KING'S ARMS YARD,  
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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Court are now at Windsor Castle, and will remain there for some time. On Monday, Her Majesty held an Investiture of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India, when the following ladies were ushered into the presence separately by Viscount Torrington, preceded by Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms, and invested with the insignia of the order by the Queen, assisted by the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Helena of Great Britain, and Princess Beatrice, viz., the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Marchioness of Ripon, the Countess Dowager of Elgin, the Countess of Mayo, Lady Jane E. Baring, Lady Hobart, Baroness Napier of Ettrick, Baroness Lawrence, Lady Northcote, Lady Temple, Lady Denison, and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy. Each lady kissed hands on being presented. On Tuesday, the Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain, arrived at Dover on a visit to the Queen. Her Imperial Highness on landing was received by Colonel Duplat as representing Her Majesty, Count Munster the German Ambassador, and the Countess Marie Munster, Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and the Naval and Military authorities of the port. After luncheon at the Lord Warden Hotel, Her Imperial Highness travelled by the London, Chatham and Dover line to Clapham Junction, where the train was changed to the London and South Western line, and proceeded on its way to Windsor. Next week the Queen will make a short stay at Buckingham Palace, and will hold two drawing-rooms, one on Tuesday, the 7th instant, and the other on Thursday, the 9th instant.

The Prince of Wales arrived in Paris on Friday, and up to Wednesday was engaged in his duties as President of the Royal Commission of the Paris Exhibition. Thanks to the energy displayed by His Royal Highness in this capacity, the part of the building allotted for the display of British Home, Colonial, and Indian products was ready by the opening day, and presented a picture of neatness and order which must be intensely gratifying to all classes of our countrymen. It is not very often we outdo the French whose powers of organization are supposed to be greater than ours. But whatever else they may manage better in France than in this country, they certainly have not managed the arrangements of their part of the Exhibition as well as we have ours. Moreover, our Catalogues were the first to be issued, so that we have to thank the Prince of Wales for his successful exertions, whereby both Commissioners and Exhibitors have been stimulated to get through them in order in good time. On Tuesday, the Prince was joined by the Crown Prince of Denmark, and on Wednesday both their Royal Highnesses took part in the opening ceremonial. The Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Denmark are at Marlborough House. They pay frequent visits to the theatre and opera, and on Monday, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales they visited, and were conducted over the Tower of London.

It is announced that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be betrothed on Thursday next to the Princess Louise, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles, who so greatly distinguished himself in the Franco-German War, and the Princess Marie of Prussia. The betrothal will take place at Darmstadt, whither the Princess Marie, who is at present in Italy, will set out for the purpose of being present at the ceremony. The Duke completed his twenty-eighth year on Wednesday, and the Princess is about eighteen years of age.

The House of Commons will assemble, after the Easter holidays, on Monday next, while the House of Peers will meet again a week later. Several changes have lately taken place in the *personnel* of the House. Mr. H. Bass,

a Liberal, will take his seat for Tamworth, and the House will have to determine whether Mr. Ridley or Mr. Grey, or either of them, shall sit for South Northumberland, as both these gentlemen have been returned for the vacant seat in the representation of that constituency. A new writ will have to be moved for County Down, owing to the death of Mr. Sharman Crawford, while a contest is already in full progress for the purpose of deciding who shall succeed Mr. W. Watkins. At one time, also, there seemed a prospect of a vacancy for Southwark, as Colonel Beresford, owing to ill-health, found it impossible to give due attention to his Parliamentary duties, and had no alternative between resignation on the one hand, and prolonged leave of absence on the other. His constituents, however, prefer he should continue to be their representative, and have urged upon him to ask for leave, so that he may obtain the necessary rest.

There have been several speeches during the week in which the policy of the Government has had a conspicuous share of criticism and defence. On Monday Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the Secretary of State for India, visited Bradford (Yorkshire) for the purpose of opening a new Conservative Club, and at the dinner which followed, the right hon. gentleman justified the policy of the Ministry in which he holds so prominent a place. As a matter of course, his justification was received with the most unbounded applause by his audience. On Tuesday, Mr. Bright, at a meeting of Liberal delegates in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, was as vehement in denouncing, as Mr. Hardy had been in defending, the Ministerial policy. Moreover, Mr. Bright lavished a considerable amount of abuse on the Earl of Beaconsfield, just as he did at the time of the Crimean war on the late Lord Palmerston. Abuse, however, is not argument, and will not help forward the designs of the Peace-at-any-price party. People respect Mr. Bright when he boldly urges or defends the opinions he holds, but they will have no sympathy with him if he descends to abuse his political opponents. A third political meeting was held the same day at Brierley Hill. Mr. C. Cochrane presided, and Mr. Chamberlain, M.P., one of the Birmingham representatives, was the principal speaker. His views were those of Mr. Bright, but they were not enunciated with the ability of that right honourable gentleman. Next week, when the House meets, no doubt we shall have more exciting times.

It is very significant of the temper and determination of the nation at this moment that the Volunteers, whose duties are of a purely defensive nature, are offering their services to the Government in very considerable numbers. Quite recently a movement was set on foot by Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., and a few other gentlemen, for organising an "Active Service Volunteer" force, the members composing it to join for a year, and to be ready to serve as part of any army that might be sent into the field. Already 2,800 men have joined, and letters from Lancashire, Yorkshire, and many other parts of England, have been received to the effect that numbers of others were prepared to follow their example, and would do their best to induce their comrades to aid the movement. Thus it is reckoned that Lancashire would furnish quite 4,000 men, and Yorkshire an even greater number, and it must not be forgotten that these thousands will be composed of trained and intelligent men who have a stake in the country, and are therefore of a class above that from which we usually recruit our armies. In fact, they are of the kind of men who, in the American Civil War, fought so desperately under Grant, McClellan and Sherman for the North, and under Lee, Jackson, Beauregard, and Johnstone, for the South. They are men in the prime of life, full of vigour, accustomed to athletic exercises, and for the most part good marksmen. With men like these, and well officered, we are likely to fare well if war should come.

Taking advantage of the Easter recess the Lords of the Admiralty have been busily inspecting our dockyards and carefully noting the progress that is being made in bringing forward new ships of war for commission. This week the First Lord and the First Naval Lord visited Portsmouth, it being the second visit paid in the brief period of a fortnight. The Penelope, the Triumph, and other iron-clads have been commissioned, the Triumph for service as flagship in the Pacific in place of the Shah, announced as ordered home for repairs, while the others will assemble at an early date off Portland and form the fleet for service in the Channel and North Sea. Some seventeen or eighteen

gun-boats, having twin screws, and each mounting an 18 ton-gun are also ready for the pennant. Measures have likewise been taken for calling out the Naval Reserve men, and so well has this been done that it is stated that the whole of this force can, if necessary, be drafted to the different ships of our fleet in forty-eight hours. The Coastguard are being called out for training, and the government have arranged with the owners of one hundred of our finest and swiftest merchantmen, so that they and their crews may be placed at the service of the government. But little alteration will be necessary in arming them, and then we shall have in commission a magnificent fleet which will be quite capable of accounting for any enemy's ships—iron-clads excepted—which may feel inclined to prey upon our commerce. As for the Army and Militia Reserves, the number of absentees is utterly insignificant, and so promptly have they joined, that the Queen has commanded His Royal Highness to issue a general order thanking them for their loyalty and patriotism. Drill is going on actively at Aldershot, Chatham, and in other camps or garrisons, and this week Sir Thomas Steele reviewed nine regiments of infantry, mustering together 8,000 men. The march passed drew encomiums from the gallant officer, for a large number of the men were from the Reserves, and had only joined a few days previously. The seven battalions of the Guards are to be made up to their complete war strength of 1,000 men each, and it is said that the troopers of the 1st and 2nd Life Guards and the Horse Guards Blue will be formed into one strong regiment, the strongest and stoutest men being taken, and the others left behind. In short all that is being done for the Navy and the Army is eminently satisfactory.

The first detachment of the Indian Force left Bombay for Malta on Monday. Great enthusiasm was shown, the regiments ordered for duty being made up to their complete strength without the slightest difficulty. Indeed, whole regiments volunteered where only a few sections were needed. The force will be provisioned for five months, and will sail *via* the Red Sea, and the Suez Canal for its destination. Other detachments were to follow on Wednesday, the force already told off mustering some 6000 strong. Other regiments, it is said, have received orders to hold themselves in readiness, and the Begum of Bhopal has placed all her troops at the disposal of the Government.

The event to which all France, and especially Paris, has been so long looking forward, namely, the opening of the Paris International Exhibition, came off on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the weather appears to have been very unfavourable, heavy showers falling during the time the Marshal-President and his distinguished foreign guests with the procession, as arranged, of the great dignitaries of the Republic, were traversing the immense building. But though the rain spoiled what would otherwise have been a most effective spectacle, it did not damp the ardour of the Parisians and their country cousins, who thronged the streets and boulevards. In close proximity to the building itself, the crowds were so dense, that locomotion was well nigh impossible. However, the enthusiasm was intense, especially when the great guns of Fort Valerien, &c., &c., thundered out the announcement that the Exhibition was opened. Among the august personages present were the Prince of Wales, Don Francisco d'Assisi, ex-King Consort of Spain, the Archduke Leopold of Austria, the Prince of Orange, the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Grand Duke of Leuchtenberg, Prince Henry of the Netherlands, &c., &c. There were likewise present Lord Lyons, the German and Russian Ambassadors, the Papal Nuncio, Marshal Canrobert, &c., &c., &c. In the evening all Paris was illuminated, and indeed the whole day was spent as a holiday.

The Grand Duke Nicholas has handed over the command of the Russian armies to General Todleben. Previous to this, a review on a comparatively small scale was held at San Stefano, and the Grand Duke was loudly cheered by those he had so recently commanded. After an interview with the Sultan, his Imperial Highness left for Odessa, and is by this time well on his way to St. Petersburg, if indeed he has not already arrived there. As to what this change of commanders may mean, people have not yet made up their minds whether it has a peaceful or warlike tendency. As to the situation itself, there is little to record. Negotiations for the withdrawal from the neighbourhood of Constantinople of the Russian Army and the British Fleet are said to be in progress, and it is thought

not unlikely they may prove successful. Meantime, the guerilla war which has broken out in Roumania is causing the Russians great anxiety. Indeed, the outlook, whichever way we turn, is most unsatisfactory.

We take this, the last opportunity we shall have, to remind our readers that the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is fixed for Friday next, and will be held at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master will preside, and he will be supported by an influential body of Stewards. We are sure the claims of the Institution will not be overlooked by the Craft in general.

## ANECDOTES IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

**General Sir Edward Blakeney and the 38th Regiment.**—An important question was mooted in the present year (1841), which still remains undecided, viz., whether the practice of Freemasonry in the army be consistent with the observance of such a state of military discipline as is required among soldiers in the active service of their country? The question is new, because many regiments have had Lodges attached to them from time immemorial, but while equal surprise and regret have been expressed that such an objection should be raised in the nineteenth century, while Masonry is in its most palmy state, we partly confess that we are rather inclined to brave the discussion of any general argument which may be urged against the Craft, because an impartial investigation of its principles cannot fail to end triumphantly. The case was this: The 38th regiment, stationed in Limerick, having had a Masonic Warrant, No. 441, of the Registry of Ireland, in the regiment for the last fifty years, although it being some time since the brethren met in a Lodge, through the exertions of their Colonel (Piper), who was W.M., while in India, they revived the Lodge; and having got the brethren of the Ancient Limerick Lodge to assist, the Master and Officers were installed on 23rd June. The circumstances having been inserted in a Limerick paper, came under the notice of Sir Edward Blakeney, who immediately wrote to know if such a transaction occurred amongst the officers and men of 38th, and being answered, that they considered, while the 42nd, 79th, 4th Dragoons, and several other regiments had Masonic Lodges attached to them, and particularly as they were under the special protection of the law, inasmuch as when all other secret societies were prohibited a special exception was made to Masonry, they could not see any breach of military discipline; but notwithstanding all these and other arguments being used, Sir Edward ordered them to return the warrant at once, and cease to meet as Masons.—*Oliver's History of Freemasonry*, from 1829 to 1841, p 131.

**Field Marshal Viscount Combermere on Military Masonry.**—His Lordship stated that he did not say what his character might have been had he not become a member of the Masonic body. In so large and universal a society there may be some bad members, but he had never met with any; and having served his country in many parts of the globe, he could say that he never knew a Mason a bad soldier; in fact, Freemasons made the best soldiers. There were good and bad in all communities, but he never knew a bad Mason. His son was a Mason, and he hoped that Masonry would make him a better man.—*Speech delivered at Liverpool, 1839, by Viscount Combermere, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire.*

**Deathbed of General Sir C. Napier, G.C.B.**—Bro. Dr. Scott, of Southsea, stated that, a short time before his death, Sir Charles Napier took his hand as a Master Mason, and thus died giving a filial proof of his appreciation of Freemasonry by dying with his hand thus laid in that of a Brother.—*Preston*. Ed. 1861, p 461.

**Battle of Dettingen.**—In the battle of Dettingen, in 1743, one of the King's Guards, having his horse killed under him, got so entangled as to be unable to extricate himself. While in this condition, an English Dragoon galloped up to him, and, with his uplifted sabre, was about to deprive him of life. The French soldier, with much difficulty, made the signs of Masonry, which the Dragoon recognizing, not only saved his life, but freed him from his perilous situation, making him, of course, a prisoner, as the Fraternities cannot dissolve those of patriotism.—*Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland*. Ed. 1859, p 66.

**Initiation in the King's Bench Prison.**—19th November 1783, information was given to Grand Lodge that two brethren, under sanction of the Royal Military Lodge at Woolwich, which claimed the privilege of an itinerant Lodge, had lately held an irregular meeting in the King's Bench Prison; i.e., had there unwarrantably initiated sundry persons into Masonry. The Grand Lodge, conceiving this to be an infringement on the privileges of every regular constituted Lodge, ordered the said Lodge to be erased from the list, and determined that it was inconsistent with the principles of Masonry to hold any Lodge, for the purposes of making, passing, or raising Masons, in any prison, or place of confinement.—*Preston*, 11th edition, p 294.

## 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, 4th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 6th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)  
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
701—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1000—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1204—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
R. A. 404—Freemasons' Hall, Watford.

## TUESDAY, 7th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
Grand Chapter Knights, K.H. 30°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1293—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
1603—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
801—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
817—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cokermonth.  
1211—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.

## WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY.

Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1155—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 8.30. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1288—Finbury Park, Finbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1305—St. Marcellus, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Harelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.  
1582—Idanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.  
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

## THURSDAY, 9th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
R. A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
513—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
997—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Trodegar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 10th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, at 6.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
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, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, 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.)  
1288—Finbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyno Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1087—Beaulesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 11th MAY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

R. A. 303—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## MONDAY.

151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zealand-street, Wakefield.  
1103—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.  
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds

## TUESDAY.

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

## WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

## THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY.

453—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

## SATURDAY.

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

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its first meeting after the Easter recess, at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 29th ult., at seven o'clock. There were present Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., R. Pearcey S.W., J. Stock J.W., A. W. Fenner Sec., H. R. Hallam I.G., Christopher Tyler. There were also present Bros. Wing, Claudius, Parkinson, Wilding, J. Millington, Saul, Garrett, Townsend, Renshaw, Currey, Pulsford, Glover, Sillis, C. Lorkin, Halford, W. Rowley, C. K. Killick, Leber, C. J. G. Wood, Powell, Gibbs, Simmonds, C. Baker, Sadler, G. E. Cook, Garrod, W. Cook, Dybdahl, and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The sections were worked by the following brethren:—**FIRST LECTURE.**—1st, R. G. Tolmie S.W. 861; 2nd, H. R. Hallam J.D. 1349; 3rd, A. Wing W.M. 45; 4th, A. W. Fenner 1227, J.D. 1693; 5th, J. Stock S.W. 1178; 6th, T. H. Pulsford 1157; 7th, A. D. Renshaw 194. **SECOND LECTURE.**—1st, Bros. R. Halford W.M. 228; 2nd, J. A. Powell J.W. 186; 3rd, R. Pearcey J.W. 228; 4th, H. Sadler 147; 5th, Saul 1201. **THIRD LECTURE.**—1st, Bros. J. A. Powell J.W. 186; 2nd, C. K. Killick W.M. 1693; 3rd, J. Garrod 754. After which the Lodge was resumed, and the following brethren were elected members—Bros. C. J. G. Wood, Finsbury Park Lodge 1288; Jas. Garrod, High Cross Lodge 754, W. J. Wilding, Finsbury Lodge 861; C. Claudius, Jordan Lodge 201. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the Sections; also to the brethren who had assisted him. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 30th April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. J. S. Brown W.M., Bingemann S.W., Dwarber J.W., Dickins Sec., Soper S.D., Hallam J.D., Bull I.G.; Bros. Tate, Panter, Bramham, Tranter, Baker, Gates, Sandle, Sanders, and many others. The Lodge was opened in the three degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—**FIRST LECTURE**—1, Bros. Gates; 2, Hallam; 3, Abell; 4, Dwarber; 5, Tate; 6, Bingemann; 7, Thomson. **Second Lecture**—1, Bros. T. B. Dodson; 2, R. P. Tate; 3, Bingemann; 4, Dickins; 5, Bingemann. **Third Lecture**—1, Bros. Soper; 2, E. Abell; 3, Tranter. Several brethren were elected members. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working of the Sections, and honorary membership conferred upon him. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 7th May.

**Warrington Lodge, No. 148.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. J. Pickthall, was supported by Bros. J. R. Young S.W., C. E. Hindley J.W., W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., J. Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, James Paterson S.D. Thomas Grime J.D., Arthur Peake I.G., J. Armstrong W.M. No. 1250 Treas., Thomas Jones, John Harding P.M., Alderman Hephherd P.M., James Hannah, B. L. Pierpoint, Thomas B. Carter, R. W. Francomb, S. W. Thorp, Thomas Morris, John Pierpoint, Thomas Domville Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Finney P.M. 1250, P. J. Edelsten P.M. 1134, J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, Robert Brierley P.M. 1250, Captain R. G. Webster 960, Campletown, Charles Petty 447, Shaw, Green 1250, and Sam. Wood 1134. Lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Kinsey as a joining member, and afterwards for Dr. Alexander Mackie, a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of the Order. In both cases the ballot was unanimously in favour, and Dr. Mackie being present, was impressively initiated by the W.M. The charge was delivered by Bro. P.M. Bowes. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in an excellent manner by Mrs. Pennington, of the Nag's Head Hotel. After supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well cared for. Alderman Hephherd proposed the health of the Initiate, and expressed the great pleasure the Lodge had to number amongst them a gentleman of Dr. Mackie's position and talents. Bro. Dr. Mackie, in a long and interesting speech, acknowledged the toast; in the course of which he said he had for many years had a strong desire to become a Mason, and now that he had been initiated he felt he had discharged an important duty to himself. After the other toasts, which were interspersed by some excellent songs, by Bro. Petty, the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

**Industry Lodge, No. 186.**—The last meeting previous to the recess took place on Tuesday, 23rd April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. D. J. Robinson, who was supported by Bros. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., W. Mann P.M. Sec., Allison S.D., Johnson I.G., Rickars W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Black I.P.M., Tallent, T. S. Mortlock, Price, Wylie, Dyer; and Bros. Taffs, Eare, Creaton, Coleman, Bowden, Smith, Chubb, Smith jun., Horsey, Stanbury, Rogers, Harmer, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Pinner and Farrell were balloted for and duly initiated. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper provided by Bro. Best. The W.M. briefly and appropriately gave the Loyal, Masonic, and other toasts. Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Smith, Hook, Eare, and Chubb; Bro. Smith jun. accompanied on the piano. A very agreeable evening was passed. The visitors were Bros. Coleman, Field, and Leon.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met at Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bros. J. S. Sayers W.M., Kennett Harris S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., G. L. Walker S.D., Thos. B. Biddle J.D., J. E. Fells I.G. There were also present Bros. Woodward, Loewenstark, Bush, A. W. Smith, &c. The first ceremony was rehearsed, in which Bro. Sayer showed considerable proficiency. There was an evident desire to obviate antiquated phraseology and the many points of ungrammatical construction with which the work of former Preceptors is so sadly encumbered. At the conclusion Bro. Sayer was therefore justly applauded. By the desire of the brethren, and permission of the W.M., Bro. Loewenstark was allowed to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Kennett Harris will be W.M. on Wednesday next. Proceedings commence at seven p.m. precisely.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. T. Cull W.M., S. J. Byng S.W., P. Dickinson J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Sparrow I.G. Visitors—Bros. G. Davis 167, Lockwood 198, Lowrie 1556, and Thompson 1695. This was a very large meeting, there were over fifty present, it being the evening set apart for the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Cull, the able and energetic Preceptor, attended, and promptly opened the Lodge, and the Sections were worked as follows:—**FIRST LECTURE**—S. Boaz 185, J. M. Lockwood S.D. 198, H. B. D. Dunn S.D. 1698, C. G. Sparrow 192, J. W. Wright P.M. 1298, G. Davis 167, J. A. Powell J.W. 186. **Second Lecture**—J. Eldridge P.M. 167, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, S. J. Byng W.M. 902, F. G. Chant 193. **Third Lecture**—J. Shackell P.M. 193, G. H. Hunter J.W. 1298, G. Davis 167. The working from first to last was of the highest order, and reflects credit on the Preceptor, who certainly has rare abilities for imparting instruction, of which the members of the Royal Standard are justly proud. Were all was so excellently done, it would be invidious to particularise any, but we may mention that the Sections of Bros. Davis, Powell, Dickinson, and Byng were received with evident marks of approval. Bros. Parkinson 46, Boaz 185, Byng 902, Wright 1298, Dickinson 1298, Hunter 1298, Blackie 1426, Dunn 1695, Evans 753, and Sheffield of the Buningong Lodge 413, Australia, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge was unanimously accorded Bro. Cull, and a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted brought the evening to a close. Bro. Alexander Ross will preside next Saturday.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—A meeting was held on Friday, at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury. Present—Bros. R. G. Webster W.M., J. D. Everingham S.W., J. Sanderson J.W., Capt. J. Egleso P.M. Sec., Capt. R. Holsham P.M. Treas., Ensign F. J. Stühwasser S.D., Q.M. Brighton P.M. J.D. W. Jolliffe D.C., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G. Past Masters Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer, W. H. Honey and H. J. Adams. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the formal business had been disposed of, a ballot was taken for Mr. James Quarm, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly installed into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, which was excellently served by the Satler. The proceedings were enlivened with some capital singing, and a most agreeable evening was spent. There were several visiting brethren present.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 26th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., Cundick J.W., W. Musto I.P.M., A. Braun Secretary, Kennard Treasurer, Austin S.D., Stephens J.D., S. Godden Steward, G. West I.G. According to announcement, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren of the William Preston. This was a return visit, made by the brethren of the former Lodge, and we do not know anything that is more likely to conduce to that spirit of brotherhood and uniformity of working, which is so much to be desired, than these visits of reciprocity. The Lodge was opened, and the sections were worked as follow:—**FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Moss, McDonald, Shepherd, Cundick, Musto, Williams, Webb. **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Ellis, Musto, Hewlett, Barnes, Stephens. **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. Cohen, Job, Burr. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Braun, and seconded by the W.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes in favour of the above named brethren, for their excellent working, and that they be elected honorary members. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes then proposed, and Bro. Musto seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Rudderforth for his services in the chair, in response to which the W.M. replied that the obligation was conferred upon him and the William Preston Lodge of Instruction by the visiting brethren, as it was certainly an honour for a Lodge with so great a reputation for its working to visit so young a Lodge as the William Preston; he trusted that this would not be the last meeting between the East and West. A vote of thanks to Bros. Barnes, Musto and Cundick, for their kindness in presiding in their various capacities, was then recorded, and after some remarks from Bro. Barnes, warmly advocating the principle upon which this meeting was convened, and which he first instituted in connection with the Doric Lodge many years ago, the Lodge was closed in due form. Besides the brethren mentioned above, there were present as Visitors—Bros. West, Jones, Smith, Rawley, and Veal.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall,



road, Dalston. Bro. J. Lorkin W.M., Wardell S.W., Brown J.W., Bonner S.D., Brand J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Wallington P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were read. Bro. Polak answered the questions, and was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Brasted answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the Traditional History in his customary effective and dignified manner. The Lodge was then regularly closed down. Bro. Gilham, of 192, was elected a member. Bro. Wardell will preside at next meeting.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 26th ult., at eight p.m. Present—Bros. A. W. Smith W.M., Hine S.W., Moss J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Percy S.D., Crouch J.D., Lane I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Stroud, Garrett, Simpson, Andrews, &c. All preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was very well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Townsend being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the fourth, assisted by Bro. Andrews. Bro. Hine was appointed to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday the 29th inst. Bros. Greenwood W.M., McDonald S.W., High J.W., Aspinall S.D., Pallen J.D., Grist I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treasurer, Slaiter Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Lockett, Jacob, J. Lorkin, Blunt, Mann, E. Bishop; P.M. Wallington, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminary business Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions, was entrusted, and duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Lorkin candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin of Lodge 189 was elected a member.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. Fieldwick Preceptor, F. Bonner W.M., Maples S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., R. Olley S.D., O. Dietrich J.D., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar candidate. Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by Bros. Mapleson and O. Dietrich, worked the first and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Maples was unanimously elected to preside next Wednesday.

**Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.**—Held at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, S.E. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the undermentioned brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 6th May 1878, at 7 o'clock precisely, when the chair will be taken by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M.; Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D. 12 J.W. 1668 S.W., S. Godden S.D. 862 J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. 766, 1586 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. J. March, S. Nicholls, S. Godden, G. West, H. G. Harris, P. F. Mathias, W. Hill. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. J. Hall, H. G. Harris, W. Cleghorn, W. H. G. Rudderforth, E. Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Augustus Brann, T. J. Maidwell, J. C. Hayes.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday evening. Present—Bros. T. B. Whythead W.M., Thomas Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., M. Cooper as J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., H. Jackson as S.D., J. T. Sellar J.D., M. Millington I.G., J. W. Craven Org., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., A. T. B. Turner Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, and other members and visitors. Bro. Lackenby was passed to the second degree, and Mr. J. E. Wilkinson, being an approved candidate, was initiated. The W.T. were given by the I.G., and the charge by the J.D. The feature of the refreshment table was a massive pewter tankard of a capacity of about a gallon and a half, adorned with Masonic emblems and inscribed with the names of the Master, Wardens, and brethren of a Dutch Operative Building Guild, of which it had evidently been the property. A very general desire was expressed by the brethren present to contribute towards the purchase of this interesting relic, and at the suggestion of the W.M. a list was opened in order that all members of the Lodge who desired it should subscribe equally towards the purchase fund, and it was agreed that the subscribers names should be engraved on the tankard, and that it should then be presented to the Lodge.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on 26th April, at the Mitre Hotel, Golborne-road, North Kensington, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Savage P.M. Preceptor, Smout jun. W.M., Parkhouse S.W., Dr. Pocock J.W., Wood S.D., Adkins J.D., H. Dehane I.G., Smout sen., Williams, Oldrey, Poulter, Woodmason, Lichtwitz, Hatton and Webster. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Woodmason being candidate. The first, second and third sections of the first Lecture were then worked by the brethren, under the guidance of Bro. P.M. Savage. The next meeting being devoted to the Officers of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Parkhouse was unanimously elected W.M. for the following meeting. The Lodge was then closed, at half-past 9 o'clock.

**Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.**—An emergency meeting, for the purpose of raising Bro. the Rev. Wm. Hedley, Vicar of Hebburn, to the sublime degree of M.M., was held on the 30th inst., at

the Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Jas McCulloch W.M., Geo. Hardy S.W., James Mitchell J.W., A. Campbell Sec., P. J. Jackson Treas. and W.M. 424, Wm. Eckford S.D., A. Brodie J.D., J. Marchant D.C. and P.M., W. J. Gowans Steward, G. Stark I.G., R. Connell Tyler; Past Master Bro. T. S. Wraith. Visitors—Bros. J. Ridsdale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumb., R. L. Armstrong W.M. 481, &c., &c., &c. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive and able manner by the W.M., after which he appointed the newly raised Brother Chaplain to the Lodge, which, although not eighteen months established, has a large roll of members, and is in a highly flourishing condition. The building is beautifully decorated and elaborately furnished, possessing handsome Lodge, banqueting rooms, private rooms, &c., &c. Stables are also provided for the use of those members driving to the meetings. Taken altogether, perhaps we may say no Lodge in the kingdom has better premises than have been provided for this, by one of its members, Bro. Bewick, at his sole expense; he leases it to the Lodge at a nominal rent. Labour being over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Bros. E. J. Gibbon Organist, Campbell, Mathieson, Jackson, &c. rendered some capital harmony, while P.M. Bro. Wraith, as usual, made some rich fun with his curious but instructive recitations. After calling for the Tyler's toast, the W.M. dispersed the brethren; the visitors promised to make a speedy return to Perseverance Lodge.

## KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

Bro. G. Sargeant has been elected Master of the Royal Lodge.

Bro. G. P. Myers has been elected Master of the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal.

Bro. G. Lyons has been elected Master of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Hull, Master Carpenter of H.M. Dockyard, Port Royal, a member of the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal, which took place in the month of March, from an attack of "Yellow Jack." The deceased was well beloved by all the brethren.

The Sussex New Lodge Room is now completed, and will shortly be consecrated.

It is rumoured that a new Lodge, under the English Constitution, will shortly be opened in this city. It is stated that Bro. Allen (Chief Medical Officer of the Lunatic Asylum) will be the first Master. A better choice could not have been made, as this brother is greatly beloved by all Masons.

We have much pleasure in giving insertion to the following address presented to Bro. Benjamin Mortimer Dias, by the members of the Glenlyon Lodge, particularly as we can endorse the sentiments contained therein. A very handsome silver cup accompanied the address:—

To the Right Wor. BENJAMIN MORTIMER DIAS, Past Master of the Glenlyon Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica.

RIGHT WOR. SIR AND BRO.—We, the undersigned members of the Glenlyon Lodge, No. 246, Prov. No. 2, Scotch Constitution, feel very great pleasure in presenting to you, on your retiring from the chair, for the second time, another token of our regard and appreciation of your Masonic integrity and skill. We therefore ask your acceptance of the accompanying Loving Cup, as a very slender expression of the esteem and regard in which you are held by your subscribing Masonic friends and admirers.

We are, Right Worshipful Sir,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

(Signed) S. CONSTANTINE BURKE,  
Prov. Grand Master Jamaica.  
E. W. LEWIS P.M. G.S.

And a large number of members.

The following are the Officers of the Grand Lodge for East Jamaica, for the year 1878:—The Right Worshipful Hon. D. Hamilton Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. G.M. (Vacant), Wor. Alf. Deleordora S.W., J. J. Steins J.W., D. Bardem S.D., G. R. Taylor J.D., G. C. H. Lewis Sec., J. L. Ashemieu Treas., A. H. Nieto and R. Rittenburg Chaplains, Sup. of Works (Vacant), J. C. MacLashan Director of Ceremonies, C. W. Lant Asst. D.C., O. De Gado sen. S.B., C. H. Davis Asst. Sec., W. Rhen Organist, W. Andrews Pursuivant, J. Bird Assist. Pursuivant, O. De Gado jun. and N. S. Savaran Stewards, Geo. Magnus Tyler.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF EAST JAMAICA.

At a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge, held at Friendly Rooms, Hanover-street, Jamaica, presided over by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, the Right Wor. J. W. Whitbourne, Deputy District Grand Master, having tendered his resignation from ill-health, the following address, accompanied by a testimonial, was presented to him:—

District Grand Lodge, East Jamaica,  
6th March 1878.

To the Right Worshipful J. W. WHITBOURNE, Past Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—Having heard, at the last

meeting of the District Grand Lodge, of your resignation as Deputy District Grand Master, an office which, for many years, you have so worthily and satisfactorily filled, the District Grand Lodge feels that it would not be performing its duty did it not convey to you its sentiments of regret, more especially when that retirement has been brought about by ill health.

The District Grand Lodge feels that this is the most opportune time for recording its appreciation of your valuable services, extending over a lengthened period, and which were freely rendered while acting during the absence of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master as head of English Masonry in East Jamaica, and it must be a source of much pride to you as it is of satisfaction to this District Grand Lodge to be able to refer with pleasurable recollections to the able, courteous, yet dignified manner in which those duties were performed.

We tender for your acceptance the accompanying token in testimony of the high regard and esteem in which, as a Mason, you are so highly held, and we would ask you not to value this tribute for its intrinsic worth, but to receive it as a mark of our brotherly love and respect for you.

We cannot conclude this expression of our sentiments without the prayer that ere long you will be restored to good health, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. will grant you long life, accompanied with all earthly blessings, as a reward for that unostentatiousness and usefulness which have characterised your past career.

On behalf of the officers and members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

ROBERT HAMILTON, District Grand Master.

G. C. H. LEWIS, District Grand Secretary.

District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica,  
6th March 1878.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I crave your acceptance of my sincere thanks for the very kind and fraternal address you have been pleased to present me, expressive of your regret at my resignation of the office of Deputy District Grand Master, an office I have had the honour to hold for many years, and which, during the absence of our highly esteemed and talented Grand Master (who has been doing the Craft and us honour elsewhere), you so kindly say has been satisfactorily filled.

It is, indeed, a source of pride and gratification to me to learn that, in administering the very onerous duties of my office, I have been so fortunate as to give satisfaction; and, as you further kindly intimate, I have gained the esteem and regard of the members of the District Grand Lodge.

Words can hardly express how consolatory this acknowledgment is to me, for the duties of my office were not at all times of a pleasant nature, nor were my intentions for the good of the Craft always rightly understood, in my desire to uphold one of the grand principles of our brotherhood, without which Masonry would be nothing more than a huge sham and a snare; nay, as bad as a system of Masonry devoid of the grandest of all our grand principles, "*our belief in and reverence for God.*" The purity of those intentions, and your approbation, which I truly appreciate, is, however, my solace.

But, in all this, I should be selfish and ungrateful if I took all the credit to myself, and failed to recognise how much my success was dependent on your kind co-operation; nor can I refrain from bearing willing testimony to the zeal of our late District Grand Secretary, the Very Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis, to whom I am grateful for past services; and I have no hesitation in stating that the present satisfactory state of the District Grand Lodge is the result of the members working together in harmony, which I hope will always be characteristic of our Masonic labours.

The testimonial which accompanies the address which you have so generously presented to me, I accept with grateful thanks. Permit me to express my gratitude for this token of your brotherly love and esteem, and let me assure you that it will be treasured up in my household as a souvenir of your kindness, and keep alive the recollection of the many happy occasions we have met together for Masonic work.

Allow me to thank you sincerely for your prayers and good wishes for the restoration of my health, the imperfect state of which (being the primary cause of my resignation) has often prevented my visits to the Lodges on occasions when it was my duty to be in my place. Even in this your kindness has been evinced, in making allowances for my shortcomings.

I shall ever remember your kindness, and sincerely trust that T.G.A.O.T.U. may have you in His keeping, and that every blessing may attend your families, will ever be the earnest prayer of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. W. WHITBOURNE,

Past Deputy D.G. Master East Jamaica.

Every Mason in the Island of Jamaica, whether English or Scotch, has deeply felt the resignation of so kind, courteous and impartial a brother. One who has performed the duties during the absence of his Chief for so many years, and has given every satisfaction. His decisions have been firm, but in all in a brotherly manner. Deep regret on account of ill health having compelled him to resign has been expressed, but it is hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. will spare his life for many years.

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HER MAJESTY'S.—This evening, DINORAH. On Monday, IL FLAUTO MAGICO. On Tuesday, FAUST. At 8.30 each evening.  
HAYMARKET.—AS YOU LIKE IT. On Wednesday and Thursday, THE HUNCHBACK.  
PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 8.0, JANE SHORE.  
STRAND.—At 7, THE TELEPHONE. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLOMACY.  
GAIETY.—At 7.30, BIBB AND TUCKER. At 9.15, IL SONNAMBULO AND LIVELY LITTLE ALESSIO.  
GLOBE.—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY. At 9.15, MIND THE SHOP.  
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.  
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.  
ADELPHI.—At 7.0, STAGE STRUCK. At 8.0, PROOF.  
LYCEUM.—At 7.30, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.  
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, THE MISER'S TREASURE. At 8.30, JEALOUSY.  
QUEENS.—At 7.30, ORSON. At 8.15, MADELAINE MOREL.  
COURT.—At 8.0, OLIVIA.  
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.  
CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.  
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, SUCH IS THE LAW.  
DUKE'S.—At 7.45, EAST LYNNE. At 9.15, CROMWELL BRIG.  
FOLLY.—At 7.30, CRAZED. At 8.15, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.  
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BESSIE. At 8, NELL GWYNNE.  
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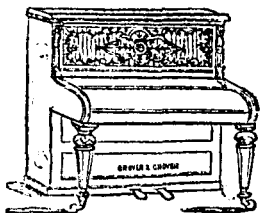
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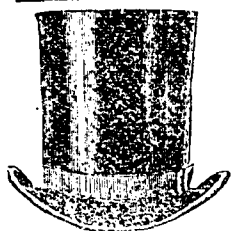
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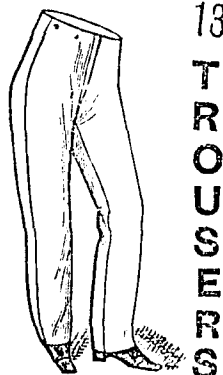
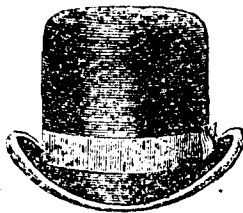
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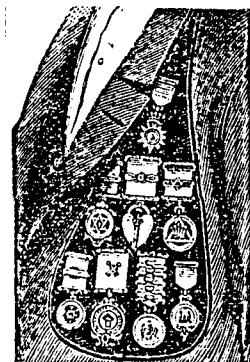


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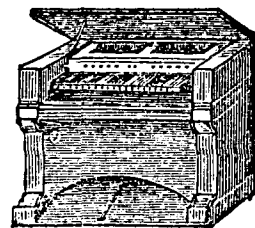
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