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"THERE'S A REPORT."

DUE care as to the admission of visitors, lest by neglect any unqualified person should gain admission to our assemblies, and the brethren be thereby innocently led to violate their obligation, is enjoined upon certain officers in Lodge at the time they receive their collars; and it is a function to which they pledge fidelity, so long as the honours and responsibilities of office are entrusted to their keeping. It is merely to correct certain little shortcomings in the execution of this most important trust that we would present to those whom it might concern a few hints as to the caution which it is imperatively necessary should be observed in order that the sacred precincts of our Lodges should not be invaded by those who are not entitled to participate in the mysteries and privileges of our Order. Now, the insinuation is frequently hurled at us, with a contemptuous curl of the lip—indeed it is the favourite weapon wielded by ignorant opponents—that Freemasonry is a "secret society;" and the deduction they draw from this is that therefore it must, perforce, be the conservatory of every conceivable form of wrong-doing! We confess we trace but little logic in the argument which, after all said and done, must be *ex parte*, seeing that the objectors to our system know no more about it than did the boy who cut open the bellows to ascertain "where the wind came from." But, whilst we can afford to be charitable towards those who regard our Institution in a dog-in-the-manger spirit, we have the satisfaction of knowing that amongst the cardinal principles which Freemasons solemnly pledge themselves to uphold and promulgate are those synonymous with the Apostolic injunction—"Fear God; honour the king; love the brotherhood." Further, we vow to abstain from even the appearance of disloyalty to any State in which we may for the time be located, and which affords us its protection, and more especially to the Sovereign of our native country whence we derived our birth and infant nurture. If it be "secret" to draw a *cordon sanitaire* around our vows of fealty to God and country—to guard safely the practice of the "purest principles of piety and virtue," of compassion towards the distressed, the fatherless and the widow—then we say the Order is emphatically a secret society, jealous to preserve the highest and holiest laws, both human and divine. To argue that, because some few are unmindful of their obligations, self-imposed, the system must therefore necessarily be bad, is as abject and impotent as that which is often so unscrupulously flung at religion itself. There are black sheep in every flock; but

"Angels are bright still,
Although the brightest fell."

But, regarded in another aspect, Freemasonry is no more "secret" than any other society or combination of men whose qualifications for membership are the payment of certain fees, and a guarantee before admission of the candidates' respectability, and moral and social worth. These are among the precautions adopted by all well-regulated institutions—even by the humblest Mechanics' Institutes, or Young-Men's Christian Associations, for that matter; destroy this principle, and you get rid altogether of the very fundamental basis upon which every good society is organised. Where is the man bold enough to assert that an institution of any sort could be held together even if the payment of fees and the conditions which constitute membership were entirely abolished? Only in a far higher and nobler sense does Freemasonry differ from

the various other societies by which it is surrounded; and it is not necessary for our present purpose to enter into any further explanation of the subject. Our object is to point out that, the privileges of membership having been secured by a certain number of individuals, they have a right to expect that those "vested interests," so to speak, shall be religiously guarded against invasion by those who are not similarly entitled. We venture to believe that in a vast majority of cases such is the result, and that seldom in the memory of even the oldest Mason has the dreaded alarm, "It rains!" resounded through any Lodge-room. Still we are painfully aware from experience that there are times and seasons when due care is not exercised in the admission of strangers, so as to prevent the consternation which would naturally ensue from such a catastrophe. It is the boast of a Freemason that, having been once admitted within the pale of the Craft, he is at liberty to claim admission to any Lodge, in any part of the habitable globe, provided he can satisfy the duly authorised guardians of the sanctity of the Order that he is "one of us." This universality of Freemasonry is one of the features of cosmopolitanism which commends it to our confidence and respect; but there is another side to the question which demands equal, if not greater attention. For instance, a visitor is desirous of witnessing the interior working of a Lodge, and he thereupon presents himself, "properly prepared," and willing to prove that he is legitimately entitled to mingle with the brethren, in whatever quarter of the globe they might assemble. He is in not a few cases received with the ready grasp of the hand, and the effusion of welcome which characterises the heart of the brethren of the mystic tie, and he passes into the Lodge room, disappointed at the loose sentinels which is placed before the door, and vexed at having had no opportunity of proving himself worthy of the unbounded confidence which has been manifested towards him. Not long ago we visited a Lodge precisely under these circumstances. The brethren were in the best of spirits, and glad indeed to welcome any visitors who appeared, but not a word of enquiry was passed as to who vouched for the stranger, or whether he was "one of us" or not. The business proceeded, and as it was not the duty of the visitor to utter a syllable or to participate in any way during the evening, it was just possible that the veriest cowl, possessed of the requisite bounce and self-possession, might have sat out the whole meeting, provided he had a quick perception, and "copied the examples" readily. We could speak of other instances of a similar kind that have been related to us, particularly in London Lodges, where, upon the bare assertion, and even without signing the attendance book, strangers have been passed into the Lodge, and "no questions asked." It may be urged that never has a stranger, unacquainted with Masonic usages, been found with sufficient temerity to elbow his way into a Lodge, or that the presence of an unwelcome guest has disturbed the harmony of our meetings. But that does not destroy the possibility of such a *contretemps*. For all that we know such a perilous adventure might have been accomplished, or at all events due measures have not been adopted to thwart such an audacity. And why? Simply because what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and the officers to whom this function is specially entrusted are either too lethargic or too busily engaged at the moment to notice the entrance of a stranger. It is too painful to contemplate the dismay which would ensue from the discovery of an intruder who may possibly have gained from indiscreet brethren sufficient of our signs to enable

him to run the gauntlet of the earlier stages of our working. In the words of Mr. Weller sen., applied to our subject, it might be doubtful whether it would be "worth his while to go through so much to learn so little;" but we can imagine the confusion which would cover the officers of a Lodge who might be tripped in such a dereliction of their duty. Our point is, that having been invested with the safe guarding of the honour and privacy of their Lodge, the officers whose especial responsibility it is to maintain the purity and sanctity of its assemblies should most religiously persevere in the fulfilment of that duty which is represented by their jewels of office. In every case it would be more satisfactory to their own consciences; to subject the intending visitor to the proper test would be to impress upon him the correctness and proficiency of those with whom he desired to mingle; and on all hands it would lend a completeness to the aspect in which he would view all the proceedings of the evening, and of the business in which he had been permitted to assist. If a Mason's privileges are great, so are his responsibilities; if his rights are worth preserving at all, it is only just that they should be guarded well. And, therefore, in every case when a visitor claims admission, as he might do confidently to any Lodge, those precautionary regulations which are prescribed in our formula should ever be rigidly enforced, as much for the satisfaction of the visitor himself as for that of the brethren who are only too happy to welcome fresh faces to a participation of their labours and pleasure. We need not fear anything that the outer world may say by way of taunt as to our being a "secret" society. In that sense, so is the Stock Exchange or any of our aristocratic clubs. But it is as unjust as it is impolitic to expose the legitimate members of our Order to even the remotest shadow of a chance of the usurpation of their privileges, and yet such is the case when the laxity we have depicted is winked at or permitted. There is no more sacred or solemn trust in connection with our Institution than that which is vested in the Officers whose duty is comprised in the sentence with which we commence this article; and as faithful stewards of the inviolable sanctity of our Lodges it behoves them to look well to it, and to see that such a thing as the machinations of the cowan is placed beyond the range of possibility. That certain disregard has been evidenced in this respect must be our apology, if, indeed, any is needed, for our thus reverting to the subject; and our hope is, that as a word to the wise is sufficient, our brethren will give heed to the weak points in their armour, where such may be found to exist, and that our sentinels will brace themselves fully up to the serious and solemn obligations they have undertaken, to be careful as to the admission of Visitors, "lest by neglect any unqualified person might gain admission to our assemblies, and the brethren be thereby innocently led to violate their obligation."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

(From the WESTERN MORNING NEWS.)

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall and General Communication of the Freemasons of that Province was held on Tuesday at Fowey. The attendance of brethren was very numerous. Among the officers present were R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M., W. Bros. Colonel Peard P.P.G.S.W. D.P.G.M. *pro tem*, J. F. Penrose P.G.S.W., Sir Charles B. G. Sawle Bart. P.P.G.S.W. P.G.J.W. *pro tem*, the Rev. F. J. Wintle Rector of Beer Ferris, and the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen Rector of Lamorran P.G. Chaps., W. Tweedy P.G. Treas., T. B. Williams P.G. Reg., E. T. Carlyon P.G. Sec., John Crang P.G.S.D., E. M. Cock P.G.J.D., W. Tonkin P.G.S. Wks., J. Hingill P.G.D.C., J. C. R. Crewes P.G.A.D.C., R. R. Rodda P.P.G.S.W., T. Chirgwin P.P.G.S.W., J. C. Stephens P.P.G.J.W., T. Gench P.P.G.J.W., E. D. Anderton P.P.G.J.W., Geo. Kerswill P.P.G.J.W., A. A. Davis P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome Rector of Mawgan P.P.G. Chap., Dr. E. J. Treffry P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. A. H. Ferris Vicar of Charlestown P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt Vicar of St. Stephens-by-Lanncoston, Emra Holmes P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk, J. P. Smith P.P.G.S.D., W. F. Newman P.P.G.S.D., W. Bickford P.P.G.S.D., J. Cardew P.P.G.S.D., J. H. Levin P.P.G.S.D., H. Bale P.P.G. Sup. Wks., E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Sup. Wks. (Devon), R. A. Courtney P.P.G.D.C., W. Gny P.P.G.D.C., R. John P.P.G.D.C., C. Cooper P.P.G.A.D.C. (Devon), J. W. Cheg-widden P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Kerswill P.P.G.D.S.B., W. E. Michell P.P.G.S.B., C. Truscott jun. P.P.G.S.B., R. H. Heath P.P.G.O., A. J. White P.P.G.O., George Barnes P.P.G. Purs., W. Rooks P.G.A. Purs., T. Hawken P.G. St., John Stephens P.P.G. St., W. N. Abbott P.P.G. St., R. Coath P.G. St., John Dennis P.P.G. St., P. Giles P.P.G. St., J. Q. James P.G. St., W. Lean P.P.G. Tyler, C. Thorpe P.M. 1151, W. Loye P.M. 496, H. S. Hill W.M. 223, J. Jeffery P.M.

318, W. Rowe I.P.M. 330, T. Heath W.M. 1136, J. W. Collins P.M. 1136, George Darke P.M. 1136, J. H. Sampson W.M. 131, J. Beagle-hole I.P.M. 510, W. Nettle W.M. 510, E. S. Angrove P.M. 539, H. Tilly P.M. 75, J. R. Bishop P.M. 970, F. Parkyn P.M. 856, T. Hicks P.M. 1529, John Creber P.M. 1164, J. Crossman P.M. 970, I. Dawe P.M. 970, A. R. Lethbridge P.M. 159, E. Scantlebury P.M. 856, J. Burt P.M. 856, T. Michell P.M. 1006, J. Hooper P.M. 699, N. H. Lane P.M. 977, C. Parsons W.M. 789, W. Mason P.M. 496, J. Oliver P.M. 1,138, C. Stevens W.M. 1,138, W. Harris P.M. 1,138, W. H. L. Clark W.M. 1,071, W. F. Sharp P.M. 331, R. Adams W.M. 330, A. C. Sandoe P.M. 330, W. H. Kinsman I.P.M. 121, W. Giles P.M. 496, A. B. Cheves W.M. 893, W. Cawse P.M. 893, J. Tregaskis W.M. 1,151, W. Bartlett P.M. 856, W. J. Harris P.M. 893, J. T. Brooking P.M. 1,071, F. S. Hawke W.M. 1,164, J. H. Ferris W.M. 331, A. F. McMath P.M. 352 Ireland, A. Percy Davis W.M. 917, W. F. Creber P.M. 1,164, R. H. Shapcott P.M. 970, H. De Legh P.M. 856, J. G. Henwood W.M. 970, W. P. Smith I.P.M. 856, H. H. Trevithick W.M. 450, A. J. White P.M. 856, W. H. Collins P.M. 856, J. Polkinghorne P.M. 1,151, P. B. Clemens P.M. 954, S. Sara W.M. 967, Jno. Richards W.M. 557, T. J. Smith P.M. 496, T. H. Lukes P.M. 496, E. Edwards P.M. 131, J. T. Williams I.P.M. 557, Brothers G. Cassell S.W. 1,136, G. W. Spear J.W. 1,136, W. Stevens S.D. 1136, O. Colmer J.W. 510, Millyard S.W. 1544, W. Bailey J.W. 1544, C. Farell P.S.W. 496, J. Pryor J.W. 1006, R. Rodda J.W. 589, J. Eslick S.D. 699, W. Andrew S.D. 789, R. Martyn S.W. 1528, H. Martin S.W. 1128, R. Vercoe J.W. 330, A. Luke J.W. 977, A. B. Hutchings S.W. 893, J. S. Randle S.W. 1151, J. Harris S.W. 510, J. Lovell jun. J.W. 121, A. O. Michell S.W. 121, R. Pearce S.W. 1071, J. Pearce J.W. 1071, J. Gatty I.G. 330, R. Q. Betty I.G. 1164, F. John S.W. 1164, R. Steer S.D. 1164, G. Bray I.G. 1529, W. Quick Past S.D. 450, T. Crapp J.D. 1529, C. Kemp S.D. 1151, J. Bassett 116, R. E. Pearce Sec. 1151, F. Smelling S.D. 1829, W. Stephens J.D. 1135, R. Parker S.W. 557, W. C. Cuddeford 156, S. R. Hayes 105, &c., &c.

The Grand Lodge first assembled at Lostwithiel, where a Masonic Lodge, the St. Matthew's, was established in 1861. In union with the general body of the Masonic Lodges in England, the St. Matthew's has entertained a desire to possess its own private Lodge rooms, and that wish has at length been gratified by obtaining permission to convert part of the old Duchy Palace, recently occupied as Duchy offices, which are now removed elsewhere, into the requisite suite of rooms. The Duchy Palace is a venerable edifice, full of interest to the archaeologist. It is supposed to have been erected about the middle of the thirteenth century as a residence for the earls and dukes of Cornwall who, for the convenience offered by the river Fowey, then spelt Foy-lud, moved there from Restormel Castle, which had been their previous abode, another interesting ruin still standing on an adjacent hill. The walls of the part of the palace appropriated have been thoroughly repaired. In places where they were built with earth-mortar the work has been pulled down and rebuilt in blue lias lime. The rest of the exterior has been repointed, and the buttresses which were much disfigured repaired, and in some cases rebuilt. A porch has been built on the east elevation for the entrance to the rooms. A fine pointed arch of Pentewan stone, and its door, that stood on the south end of the palace, have been removed to form part of the entrance porch. A new staircase has been built where the original stone steps stood; but the width of the stairs has been reduced to allow of a candidates' room being built on the north side. The principal apartment obtained by the conversion being in Lodge-room, of dimensions in excess of the wants of the Lodge, it has been divided into two rooms by a moveable partition. The outer apartment thus obtained has been appropriated to the use of country brethren for the writing of letters, &c. Beneath the rooms are large vaults in the basement. The strength of the old building is shown by the footings, which are in courses nine feet wide, and the ground floor is laid on an arch five feet thick at the springing, and three feet thick at the corner. In order to get more light one of the old windows, which had long since been blocked up, has been reopened and glazed with coloured glass in Masonic designs. New principals have been put to the roof. A fine piece of carving, on the north elevation, of the ancient arms of Cornwall, in Pentewan stone, has also gone under a process of restoration. The architect of the restoration has been W. Bro. W. P. Smith P.M. of the St. Matthew's Lodge, who has been ably supported by an efficient Building Committee of the brethren. The dedication of this converted part of the palace to the purposes of Masonry was the cause of the brethren first assembling at Lostwithiel. After a breakfast at the Talbot Hotel, of which over 100 of the brethren partook, the Provincial Grand Lodge walked in procession to the Duchy Palace, where the dedication was very impressively performed by the R.W. Bro. the P.G.M., supported by his Officers. The musical portion of the service was rendered by a choir of Bros. Hocking, Kistler, Sims, and Rodda, under the direction of Bro. R. H. Heath P.P.G.O.

The Secretary of the Lodge, in explaining to the P.G.M. the manner in which the Lodge had at length obtained the present building the R.W. Bro. was called upon to dedicate, stated that the minutes of the Lodge showed that from the very first meeting of the Lodge after its consecration an arrangement with the Duchy had been attempted to be carried out to rent the Duchy Palace. The negotiations had, however, failed until now, when with the generous offer of assistance made by the P.G.M., his earnest appeals at provincial meetings, coupled with the energy and perseverance of the I.P.M. Bro. Smith, the object had been obtained. The gross value of the work was about £600, towards which sixty mortgage debentures of £5 each had been issued; about £250 had been raised by voluntary contributions from the brethren and a few friends, and with a grant from the Lodge funds a debt on the building of about £10 had been left. In obtaining that ancient and interesting building the Lodge had not practically increased its expenses. The sixty debentures had been taken by the brethren at the low rate of 3 per cent. per annum, and with rent received for the commodious vaults underneath the rooms the Lodge was in about the same position

financially as when at the hotel, whilst the fact of having such a noble Lodge was inducing many to join the Order who would not have done so had the Lodge continued to meet at the hotel. The ultimate trust of the building after the debt was removed was vested in his lordship as P.G.M. for the Province.

At the close of the dedication, the brethren proceeded in procession to the railway station, and were conveyed by a special train to Fowey. There the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. the P.G.M. at the Working Men's Institute, a handsome and convenient building, recently erected by the townsfolk on the Town Quay, much to the credit of Fowey. The arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge were carried out by the local Lodge of that port, the Fowey No. 977. The P.G.M. said he felt sure of the sympathy and great regret felt by the brethren with him at the sad loss of their D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, and he suggested that a vote of condolence should be conveyed to Lady Williams at the sad event. A unanimous expression of the heartfelt approval of the brethren of his Lordship's suggestion was exhibited. The P.M.G. also stated that the portrait of their late P.G.M., Mr. Augustus Smith, presented by them to Mr. Dorrien-Smith as a memorial of the respect in which his uncle had been held by the brethren of the Province, had reached that gentleman, and he read two letters from Mr. Dorrien-Smith, acknowledging the kindness and expressing his gratification at the kind remembrance in which the memory of his uncle was held by the brethren.

The P.G. Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £104 10s 6d, about the same sum as was in hand at the close of the previous year. The Secretary's report stated the number of Lodges in the Province to be twenty-eight. During the past year the number of initiations had been 110, joining members 33, members from previous year 1497, total 1640; against for 1871—number of initiations 149, joining members 47, members 1480, total 1676; decrease during the year 36. During the past year the returns of the attendance of P.M.'s of the various Lodges eligible for office had come in much better than heretofore, but three Lodges had omitted to fulfil that duty, the performance of which was essential in order to allow the merits of any brethren of the Lodges to come before the P.G.M. Both reports were received and adopted.

The brethren then proceeded in procession, with bands playing, and banners displayed, to Fowey Church to attend divine service. That noble edifice, a fine specimen of the decorated Gothic rebuilt in 1466, and recently restored at an expense of £5,000 was crowded. W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen preached from John xiii. 35. The discourse was an eloquent dissertation on brotherly love. At the close of the service there was a collection of £13 2s 4d. From the church the brethren returned in procession to the institute, where business was resumed.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund showed donations and subscriptions for 1879 £149 17s, against £164 4s 6d for 1878, a decrease of £14 7s 6d, which principally arose from the decease of the late D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, who was a liberal contributor. Balance in hand, up to 31st December 1878, £165 10s 9d, receipts from interest on stock and bonds £58 14s 7d, total £374 5s 4d, outlay £208 1s 3d, balance in hand £166 4s 1d. During the past year there had been four annuitants, each receiving £20 a year, and two children in receipt of educational grants of £15 a year each. One of the latter now ceased to be paid, the time for which the payment was voted having expired. Petitions for relief had been received from a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, Truro, and a brother of the Cornubia Lodge, Hayle. Also a petition for an educational grant to a child of Bro. Thomas Barrett deceased, formerly of St. Anne Lodge, Looe. The voting on each of those petitions took place that day. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £96 18s 1d. By the lamented death of the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., the number of Trustees was reduced to three, and under rule 6 of the Lodge bye-laws it was necessary to appoint additional Trustees at that meeting.

The report was received and adopted, and W. Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., was elected a trustee of the fund.

The annual report from Bro. W. J. Hughan Past S.G.D. and P.P.G. Sec., respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the Province, was read. Bro. Hughan was unable to attend. The failure in obtaining the election of the candidate from Fowey to the Girls' School, it stated, had arisen from the Boys' votes not being exchangeable on the day of election, an unusual circumstance. It was, however, hoped that the Province would be successful in October. It recommended votes of twenty guineas each to the Girls' School, and Aged Freemasons' Institution. Bro. Hughan concluded by submitting the resignation of his office of managing the votes. After services of ten years, he said, he should esteem it a favour to be relieved.

The report was received and adopted. The resignation of Bro. Hughan was unanimously disapproved of, and the matter was left with the P.G.M. to endeavour to reconcile that brother to a further service.

The voting on the proposed grants resulted in a vote of £15 per annum for five years to the son of Bro. Barrett, and £10 to a brother of No. 331.

W. Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward his proposition to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions towards the erection of the proposed Truro Cathedral; Devon to be invited to assist, and the money to be expended in some feature of the Cathedral to be a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall. He shewed that similar steps had been carried out by the Freemasons in several other provinces. W. Bro. John Thomas rose to propose an amendment, and there appearing to be sufficient opposition to the measure to lead to a long discussion, at the recommendation of the P.G.M. the matter was for the present postponed. Bro. Holmes gave notice that he should revive the proposition at the next annual meeting, and hoped, for the credit of the province, that it would be continued to be urged until it was carried. On the proposition of Bro. T. Geach, £50 was voted to the assistance of a worthy brother, P.P.S.G.W., now

nearly 80 years of age, who had been reduced to straitened circumstances. Twenty guineas each were voted to the Masonic Girls' School and to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. Twenty-five guineas were voted to the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and the following Officers appointed to the management of the Fund for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. W. Tweedy Treas., T. Chirgwin Sec., J. C. R. Crewes Assist. Sec., Wilson L. Fox No. 75, and G. S. Bray 599, auditors.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected as the Prov. G. Treasurer. The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—R.W. Bro. Col. J. W. Pearl D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. T. Hawken 330 S.W., A. Elford 977 J.W., the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen 699 and the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt Chaplains, W. Tweedy 331 Treasurer, H. Tilly 75 Reg., E. T. Carlyn 331 Secretary, R. A. Courtney 510 S.D., Jno. Dennis 330 J.D., W. P. Smith 857 Sup. of Works, W. Rowe 330 D.C., J. Jeffery jun. 318 Assist. D.C., T. B. Williams 977 S.B., James Lovell 121 Org., H. Trembath 318 G. Purs., W. Rooks 131 Assist. Purs., J. Bishop 970, H. H. Kidd 856, W. Cawse 893, E. S. Angrove 129, E. Edwards 131 and J. Hooper 699 Stewards, Beale P.G. Tyler. W. Bros. J. F. Childs, T. Chirgwin, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyn and E. Harvey were appointed the Committee of Relief. The collection at church was distributed—1-5th to Vicar's Charities, 2-5ths to the local Cottage Hospital, and 2-5ths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

A resolution was unanimously carried that, "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall, at this, their first meeting after the death of their respected D.P.G.M. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., desire to express their deep regret inspired by that event, and their sincere sympathy with Lady Williams in her sad bereavement. The Prov. Grand Lodge also express a hope that a copy of the resolution may be communicated to her ladyship."

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together at the Town Hall. The P.G.M. presided.

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THIS company, incorporated on the 17th April last, promises to be the most successful undertaking in which the Freemasons of Portsmouth have ever embarked. The nominal Capital is £3,000, in six hundred shares of £5 each. £2 per share is paid on allotment, and the remainder is to be paid in calls of £1 each, at intervals of not less than one month. This capital, with judicious management, should be sufficient to carry out the main object of the undertaking, i.e., to provide suitable accommodation for the several Masonic Lodges in Portsmouth, at a fair rental, so as to make the company commercially successful, by paying a moderate dividend to the shareholders. The Lodge rooms will be available for the accommodation of Lodges in April next; and from the large and increasing support given to the company by the members of the Craft in the borough, irrespective of the Lodges to which they belong, it bids fair to prove a lucrative investment, and strengthen the fraternal feeling already existing between the several Lodges in this locality. Some years since, a joint committee was appointed to consider a scheme for building a hall in which the several Lodges could meet, but it was considered impracticable, and the idea was abandoned. Had a company been formed at that time in the same manner as the present venture, we doubt not that a considerable sum of money would have been saved by the Lodges, and the Masonic Charitable Institutions correspondingly benefited. The premises to be built at No. 79 Commercial-road, Landport, for the accommodation of the Masonic Club about to be formed will form a handsome building, in keeping with the fine offices of the Gas Company, at the corner of the block of buildings. Accommodation will also be provided in this building for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and there will be an entrance to the Lodge rooms in the rear. The foundation stone of this building will be laid in the course of a few weeks by the Worshipful the Mayor (W. D. King, Esq.). The desirability of forming a Masonic Club for the Freemasons of the borough has been long apparent, and it is believed that it will prove the most successful part of the undertaking. Considerable credit is due to the directorate, for the judicious and economical manner in which this company has been promoted; and especially to the Chairman (the Mayor), and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Councillor G. T. Cunningham) who have been indefatigable in their exertions to make the company a success. Some 400 shares have been taken in the short space of six weeks, and the remaining 200 will doubtless be quickly disposed of. Those Freemasons who wish to identify themselves with the company, should apply at an early date to the Secretary, Mr. E. S. Main, St. Clair-terrace, Buckland, for the remaining shares.—*Portsmouth Times*.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will review the Norfolk Artillery Militia at Yarmouth, on Wednesday, 18th June, instead of Thursday, 19th, as arranged in the first instance. The Prince will arrive at Yarmouth on the evening of the 17th from Norwich, and his Royal Highness will receive an address from the Mayor and Town Council. He will then proceed at once to Shadingfield Lodge, and will afterwards mess with the officers of the Norfolk Artillery Militia. His Royal Highness will leave Yarmouth by an early train on the morning of Thursday, the 19th.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

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CRUCIAL TESTS OF FITNESS FOR THE BROTHERHOOD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am greatly afraid that Bro. "AUGUSTIN" has undertaken a task which is beyond his strength, notwithstanding his lengthened experience of six and twenty years as a Mason, "both here and in the Colonies." The Constitutions prescribe certain qualifications for candidates for initiation into our mysteries. Distinguished brethren, like Bro. John Hervey, for instance, are constantly impressing on our Lodges the necessity there is for the exercise of due caution in the proposal of candidates. I have also seen in your columns, and elsewhere, articles bearing on the same subject, and inculcating views similar to those enunciated by Bro. Hervey. Bro. "AUGUSTIN" seems desirous of going beyond the Constitutions, the distinguished Craftsmen of whom I have cited one, and the Masonic press. He not only recommends caution, but prescribes the directions that such caution should take, and with all due respect I take leave to state that, were I not a Mason, but anxious to become one, I should resent as inquisitorial, if not impertinent, the kind of preliminary examination he thinks I should undergo. The Constitutions require that a candidate should be "in reputable circumstances." The chances are that in seeking to be made a Mason, I can ask the assistance of a friend who knows me for such, to propose me, and another friend to second me, or failing two Masonic friends, a friend of my kind friend fulfils that duty. In fact these two brothers publicly vouch for the reputability of my circumstances, and the result is my election. But if those brethren, possessing such knowledge, and being prepared to avouch it in open Lodge, should venture to question me as to my means; whether, in addition to paying my initiation fee and annual subscription, I was able, and, if so, inclined to contribute to our charitable institutions, I should, if I succeeded in keeping my temper, quietly tell him to mind his own business. He could judge for himself from the knowledge he possessed—or supposing him to be comparatively a stranger, from the inquiries it would be his duty to make—as to my character and antecedents, whether I was a fit and proper person to be admitted into the brotherhood. With that knowledge, or the result of those inquiries, he would be obliged to rest contented, presuming him at least to be a fit and proper person to propose a man "in reputable circumstances" as a candidate for admission into Freemasonry. It is enough that I satisfy him, directly or indirectly, that I habitually fulfil my duties in the station of life in which I am placed, and that I contract no obligations I am not prepared or not likely to carry it out. He dare not venture to inquire further as to what I may be able or inclined to do at some future time. This would be tantamount to his prescribing a condition not warranted by the Constitutions, and moreover would initiate a system in direct antagonism to the true spirit of Masonic charity, namely that a Mason shall assist his brother, provided it be not detrimental to himself or his family. Again, at the time of my initiation my means may have been such that an annual subscription (say) of three, five, or ten guineas may have been comparatively a trifle, and I may also have had a guinea or two to spare towards aiding those in less favourable circumstances than myself. But eight or ten years afterwards I may not be as well off. I may have married in the interim and have a little family about me. The income from my trade or profession may have fallen off, or I may have lost money by the failure of some bank, and though I continue paying my subscription I find that what was once regarded as a trifle has become a burden, and the one or two guineas towards our institutions are no longer forthcoming. Am I a less worthy brother by reason of this increase in my expenditure or this diminution in my income? I answer emphatically, No! And if I were the brother whose position I have been imagining, I should with a clear conscience affirm that, though neither a Life Governor nor even a Life Subscriber to either of our Charities, I had done my duty as a Mason.

There is another point to be considered. When the Masonic body became more numerous, the number of distressed brethren necessarily became greater. Hence were established, firstly, in 1788, the Girls' School; then in 1798 our Boys' School; in 1812 our Benevolent Fund for Freemasons; and in 1849 the Widows' Fund. They are the natural and legitimate result of the growth of Freemasonry. But to use a familiar figure of speech, Bro. "AUGUSTIN" has put the cart before the horse, and by insisting that every initiate must have the means and inclination to subscribe to these Institutions, he virtually lays it down that Freemasonry was established for the purpose of supporting them, whereas it is they which have been established in order the better to fulfil the designs of Freemasonry. This is tantamount to saying that Freemasonry is neither more nor less than a large benefit society—a view I must certainly, yet respectfully, decline to endorse. That greater caution should be exercised in the proposal of candidates is admitted on all hands, but it is utterly subversive of the principles of Freemasonry, when it is proposed that a "crucial test" for a candidate's fitness for admission shall be the length of his purse and his inclination to open it for certain purposes. The very fact of his allowing there are "brethren who have been more or less fortunate" than himself or myself shows the inacceptability of his proposal. If mere means were a test of fitness there would be few, if any, "poor and distressed Masons," and consequently there would be little, if any, need for our noble Charitable Institutions.

Again, as to the educational test. It is undoubtedly painful to hear a brother murdering the Queen's English, as the saying is. I often

look about me to see if I can pick up the H's which Bro. A.B.C. so plentifully drops in his after-dinner speeches, or in the fulfilment of his Lodge duties. I as often marvel at the seemingly inexhaustible supply he has of that ill-used letter, and the facility with which he introduces them in places where I should prefer seeing them "conspicuous by their absence." But I know he is a very good fellow, and will not say anything ill-natured of a living soul behind his back. A bird has whispered me that when Bro. X.Y.Z. was laid up with fever, those luscious grapes, that strength-giving wine and cordial which did so much to revive his strength, came by a circumbendibus from Bro. A.B.C.'s establishment, or at his cost; and if he has a guinea or a five-pound note to spare for one of our Festivals, that he gives at once without ostentation. Therefore, in spite of his "want of education so often exhibited," I greet him most cordially wherever I meet him, and at the same time I cannot help thinking I should enjoy the society of Bro. D.E.F., who can write Latin and Greek verse by the yard, to say nothing of his knowledge of the Gulf Stream, and the respect he entertains for the Equator and the North Pole, if he bore a stronger Masonic resemblance to Bro. A.B.C. Let me point out to Bro. "AUGUSTIN" that an uneducated man may possess a rare store of knowledge, and be, in truth, a far worthier candidate for Masonic initiation than a Senior Wrangler of Cambridge, or a first-class in *literis humanioribus* of Oxford. To impose on candidates for admission to our brotherhood an educational test, as is done in the case of Civil Service candidates, would be opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. What, in case of such a test, would become of our boasted universality, or of the assertion we take pride in making, namely, that the Masonic body is composed of men of all grades and conditions, provided they are free, of full age, their own master, in reputable circumstances at the time of their initiation, and are able to subscribe their name to a particular form of declaration? I am sure we need have no fear about the future of Freemasonry if proposers will take proper care these conditions are satisfied.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TRUE TEST.

ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What is the use of your correspondent "INVESTIGATOR" worrying himself about the merits of the various candidates who were nominated for the House and Audit Committees? Does he for one moment suppose that such trifles as past exertions will avail anything, or that reward will be offered to those who exert themselves for the good of others. No. Unless he has long since concluded that elections, whether Masonic, parochial or any other, are carried more by personal interest than by merit, I am afraid he must be very young, or had little experience.

Yours fraternally,

A. H.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the risk of being charged with being troublesome, I once more beg to call the attention of my brother Masons to the subject of the Prestonian Lecture, and I feel somewhat surprised that no brother of the Lodge of Antiquity has in any way responded to the queries contained in my former communications, as I should have been led to believe that they would have been anxious to afford some information. I will, Sir, in the first place repeat the statement which is conveyed in the *Freemasons' Calendar* (issued by authority of the Grand Lodge) amongst the "Remarkable occurrences in Masonry" which contains the following paragraph—"Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathed amongst other Masonic gifts £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture, 1819." This statement is repeated in the *Masonic Calendar* year after year, and therefore I again ask who is responsible for the bequest of the donor being carried out, and as this Lecture has not been delivered for many years—the last time I believe by Bro. Henry George Warren—I venture to ask in whose hands the accruing interest of the funded property is placed and to what purpose (if any) it is applied. In former years this Lecture was frequently given, but the recital of it is now a matter of history, and I should really like to know why this Masonic legacy, left by Bro. Preston for the benefit of future Masons, has been allowed to die out, little or nothing of it being known as to the former existence of such a thing by the present generation of Masons. On the 27th of October 1858, the Lodge of Antiquity assembled at Freemasons' Hall, at which the W.M. Bro. Colonel Western presided, when there was a great attendance of its members and visitors to hear the Prestonian Lecture delivered by Bro. Thiselton, a worthy and talented Freemason, but previously to his doing so Bro. W.P. Scott, M.P., addressed the brethren as to the origin of the Prestonian Lecture, the principal parts of which, for the information of young Masons, it may not be out of place here to repeat. He said—"The founder of this Lecture is widely known in the Masonic world as the author of the most popular of Masonic publications. The 'Illustrations of Masonry' has passed through many editions, annotated by later writers, who have added a continuation of the History of the Order from the time at which Bro. Preston's narrative stops. According to the traditions of the Lodge of Antiquity, of which that distinguished brother was a Past Master, he bestowed constant labour for many years on the compilation of that lecture which now bears his name,

seeking information wherever he thought it would be found, assisted by zealous and intelligent brethren, and sparing no pains to collect all that was remembered of the ancient forms of illustration and explanation. He died in the belief that he had left behind him a complete and orthodox formulary. To preserve it from oblivion, he, by his will, devoted a portion of his moderate means to the establishment of an annual lecture, to be delivered according to the system which he had so carefully elaborated. Among his survivors in the Lodge of Antiquity were several who had either assisted him in his valuable labours or profited by his personal instruction. To one of these, Bro. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge, and an early editor of Bro. Preston's book, the office of *Prestonian Lecturer* was first entrusted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master and Master of the Lodge of Antiquity. Bro. Jones was annually reappointed to this office for several years, and subsequently Bro. Laurence Thompson, the last surviving pupil of Preston, and well known to the older members of the London fraternity as an ardent Mason, was nominated, and continuously until his death delivered the lecture once in each year. In order to discharge suitably the honourable duty devolving on the *Prestonian Lecturer*, great care has always been taken to observe not only the arrangement, but the very words so far as they can be ascertained. The arrangement is preserved in the "Syllabus" long since printed by the Lodge of Antiquity, and hitherto followed in the lecture. The "Syllabus" is adapted to the method of question and answer, but the lecture is delivered uninterrupted by interrogations, the prescribed answers being turned into a continuous discourse. The words are taken from notes collected a quarter of a century ago from the works of Bro. Meyrick, the first Grand Registrar of the United Grand Lodge, Bro. Buckhardt, whom senior brethren remember for Masonic learning, and Bro. Laurence Thompson, all members of the Lodge of Antiquity, who derived their knowledge from Preston himself. Verbal differences from other systems now practised are obvious, but not such as to derogate from substantial uniformity, or to suggest any doubt of their common origin. Whatever opinions may be formed as to the relative merits of the systems, it must be remembered that the lecture now to be delivered is restricted, by the nature of its foundation, to the very system which Preston has transmitted to us. Its simplicity and occasional quaintness are due to its antiquity, and there is every reason to believe that it prescribes, as nearly as may be, the language in which the early fathers of the Craft in England were wont to give and receive Masonic instruction. Skilful Masons will detect some differences of ritual from the forms now practised, this lecture having been compiled long before the existence of that Lodge of Reconciliation which in 1813 regulated the uniformity of working. In all respects the method practised in the Lodge of Antiquity ever since the foundation of the lecture is followed, as affording the surest warrant of adherence to the will of the founder."

Such were the views of our brethren of former times, showing the estimation in which the labour and researches of Bro. Preston were held, and if they were valuable then—when Masonry was carried on in very circumscribed dimensions, how much more useful might the promulgation of them be at the present time, when the Craft numbers thousands in comparison with the hundreds to whom Bro. Preston's rich legacy was bequeathed, as a bright and shining light to others who might seek to emulate his useful example. Therefore, Dear Sir and Brother, may I again ask, if this lecture has fallen into desuetude, who is to blame; and to what, if any, purpose is the accumulating fund applied?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 177 AND 1158.

9th June 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In proposing that subscribers should have intelligible accounts and clear balance sheets, I neither expected my communications to meet with universal approval, nor desired that the present system should be undefended; but I think I may fairly claim that adverse criticism should embrace the leading points of the correspondence, and not be limited to the summary of facts, tabulated from published records of contemporaneous Institutions. The numbers and amounts of each school are those of the authorities,* and should have served as an illustration only of what I have throughout urged, the necessity of a better system of rendering the accounts of our schools. If the extracts have failed to answer this purpose, they have certainly been successful in illustrating the old adage, "comparisons are odious."

I am not aware that I have, at any time, stated that the year's outlay was expended upon the maintenance and education of 195 children; on the contrary, at page 234 (No. 229) this amount was divided into ordinary expenditure, £7,085, and extraordinary expenditure £8,232; but I there questioned, as I continue to do, the policy and the charity of turning away 70 per cent. of the applicants for whose benefit the funds have been subscribed, whilst less than one-half the amount was devoted to support and education, for which the money was collected. The fact remains that no more than 195 children have received the benefits of the Institution during the period in which the sum mentioned has been expended.

You refer to the erecting and furnishing of additional premises. As these charges represent outlay on capital account, the responsibility for any mistake must rest with those who have charged such items to the same account as working expen-

* The expenses of St. Anne's Asylum include the cost of sixty additional London scholars not on the establishment.

diture. These extensions should only be executed, if at all, with funds provided specially by those who may desire to contribute to such expenses, and ought not to be charged against subscriptions collected for maintenance and education. Children cannot be fed on bricks and mortar. Land purchases will not clothe, nor furniture educate them.

Assuming that all interested in the Charities desire the attainment of the same result—the greatest good to the greatest number—I have been guilty of making, what seems at present, an unwelcome suggestion, that the accounts should be properly stated, under the advice of practical accountants, so that committees and subscribers may readily see, what amounts have been, and are being, expended on capital account, and what are the legitimate working expenses. With this information before us, I am confident we should nearly all be agreed that the time had arrived to place a limit on the capital outlay. The principal opposition to this desirable change would speedily be left to "vested interests," and to the very few remaining adherents to that exploded parochial principle described by the late Charles Dickens as, the rule for relieving sick families with slices of cheese.

Let me add an expression of regret that the form of the quotation in other journals of a portion of my last communication should have occasioned any feelings of annoyance, and remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

10th June 1879.

An error unaccountably crept into our editorial paragraph pointing to the unfairness of "H.'s" analysis of certain figures which showed, comparatively, the expenditure per head incurred annually by sundry Metropolitan Charitable Institutions, among which the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls showed to great disadvantage. The "other" expenditure was correctly stated on the authority of the last Report as £1,556. This, we said, gave an average per Girl of £13, whereas it should have been £8. Thus the total amount for "ordinary" and "other" expenditure is over £44—about on a level with the Boys' School, and not just "under £50," as we said in the paragraph in question. The difference is considerable, and hence our haste to rectify the mistake.—[Editor FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The statement of your correspondent "H." in your issue of 31st ult., certainly struck me as rather strange, and on the first impulse I remarked that it could not be correct. When, however, I saw the figures reproduced in *The Globe*, apparently as an official statement of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I looked upon the matter more in the shape of a perversion of the scanty materials I was already aware were supplied by the School balance sheet. The letter of your correspondent "A. E. G.," together with the editorial remarks in your last number, confirm this latter opinion of mine, and I now look upon the matter as an attempt to lead to a better system of showing the various receipts and expenditures by subdividing "capital account" from "ordinary expenses," &c., I feel sure this could easily be done by the officials, and would prove more satisfactory to men who look upon such questions in a purely business way.

"A. E. G." makes a bold statement at the beginning of his letter, to the effect that "H." shows incompetency to deal with a very plain statement of account, and then, later on, himself makes an omission of £1,538 5s 2d in his account of the payments; that is, he gives the total expenditure, after deducting repayment of loan and balance in hand, as £15,317 8s 1d; apportioning £6,675 18s 6d to extraordinary expenditure, £7,085 6s 11d to ordinary, and £17 17s 6d to insurance. Where is the balance, £1,538 5s 2d? Personally I am aware it is made up of sundry payments which I consider should be included in the "ordinary expenditure," but it is not every subscriber who has the means of checking the balance sheet for himself.

Those who live in glass houses should be careful how they throw stones.

Yours respectfully,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

9th June 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In fulfilment of the promise contained in the letter which you were kind enough to insert last week, I pursue the task of answering, *seriatim*, to the best of my ability, the questions propounded by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.

I am inclined to think "*newly obligated*" brother is preferable to "*duly obligated*." The words are addressed in each case to one who has just previously contracted a new obligation, and who, in that particular respect, is distinguished from the other brethren around him. It admits him for the first time to an equality with those others; he is a new brother in that degree. On the other hand, the word *duly* appears to be somewhat of a redundancy. I have a right to assume that where a fresh obligation is imposed on a candidate it is *duly* done—that is, in the manner prescribed by law or usage. Were the formalities of the obligation dispensed with, or improperly followed, it would be invalid. Therefore, it is unnecessary, though I readily admit it gives greater emphasis to the expression, to speak of a "*duly obligated*" brother, when "*obligated*" brother is sufficient. Moreover, "*newly obligated*" conveys a sense of peculiar interest to my mind. It reminds him to whom the words are ad-

dressed that he has contracted a fresh obligation in addition to those by which he had been previously bound, and that, as I have before suggested, he is now, for the first time in his life, promoted to take a place with his brethren in that degree.

As regards the second question, "In the Porchway entrance," or "at the Porch or entrance," the difference in the two versions is apparently of little importance—to the extent at least that the intended sense of the passage will remain, whichever is used. I incline, however, to use the former, for the reason that there were more entrances to the Temple than one, and the use of the expression "in the Porchway entrance" makes it clear which of them was indicated. It also agrees with Lightfoot's version, as quoted by Coppin in his *Handbook of Freemasonry*, that the pillars in question stood one on either side of the door or entrance, and *within* the Porch, not in front of it. On the other hand, it must be remembered that the terms "porch" and "entrance" are not interchangeable in the sense in which the latter is commonly used. The "Porch" was a part of the Temple proper; it was the same breadth as the rest of the building—that is, twenty cubits or thirty feet, and was ten cubits or fifteen feet deep—that is, from front to rear. At its entrance it had a gate of brass, on either side of which stood the pillars in question—namely, one to the right and the other to the left. This gate would be the "Porchway entrance," while the porch itself would be rather a portico, such as the philosophers in the olden days were in the habit of perambulating when engaged in inculcating to their disciples the points of their particular philosophy. Those of your readers who are interested in these discussions will do well to refer to the fortieth chapter of Ezekiel, where they will find mention made of the "porch of the gate," in vv. 7, 8, 9, 15, &c., &c., and in verse 48 the "porch of the house"—that is, of the Temple proper—as I have before described it. At p 159 of Dr. Oliver's *Signs and Symbols*, he observes that "Solomon set up two Pillars at the entrance of the Porch of the Temple," which strengthens my belief that "Porchway entrance" is the more correct of the two. If another version is needed, I would suggest "at the gate or entrance to the Porch of the Temple."

As regards the third question which is correct—"South, North, and East?" or "South, West, and East?" there is a great divergence of opinion as among Masons in different countries, but in England it seems to me, on the authority of Dr. Oliver, that we must prefer the former to the latter. In his *Freemason's Treasury* occurs the following passage:—

"A similar divergence from uniformity will be found in describing the places where the above-mentioned instruments"—your readers will know what are referred to—"were supposed to have been used with such terrible effect. In the primitive lectures—i.e., those which were used after the Revision in 1717, for the subject was never ventilated before that date—they were called 'The three principal entrances to the temple; but subsequently it was thought expedient to particularise these entrances; and the passage was altered at first to the 'east, west, and south doors;' and at the Union in 1813 the version became 'north, south, and east entrances.' In the United States they say that the first attack was made at the south door, the second at the west door, and finally at the east. In Scotland the arrangement is east, south, and west. In France it was originally south, north, and east, but now west, south, and east."

According to this the weight of evidence would appear to be against us; but later on the worthy writer explains why, in his opinion, the change was made at the Union.

"It will be by no means difficult to understand why the arrangement was altered at the Union, because it is clear that the members of the Lodge of Reconciliation favoured the idea that the true gates of the Temple were meant; for under any other supposition it may not be easy to account for the hypothesis that the work of the three Tyrians commenced at the north door, because the east, according to the evidence of Professor Lee in Hebrew and English Lexicon, was the most accessible from the *Sanctum Sanctorum*."

As to "A New Subscriber's" question which is correct? namely, whether Masons meet first on the Square, and part on the Level, or *vice versa*, I agree with Bro. Stevens as to meeting on the Level and parting on the Square, not only because Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, favours this version; but likewise because it appears to me to be far more expressive. It seems to indicate that whatever distinction, in respect of social rank, may exist between brethren outside the Lodge, they meet as Masons on the level of perfect equality. They hope to part upon the square, that is, with the determination to act fairly and squarely towards each other. There is, it is true, no objection to the simple proposition that brethren meet for the first time as Masons "on the square," that is, with the resolution I have just referred to; but the statement that they hope to part "on the level," that is, on a footing of perfect equality, leaves it open for the student to infer that the first meeting of brethren as Masons was not on such a footing. This, of course, is opposed to one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Hence I give my vote in favour of the version in less common use among us.

Before closing these remarks, I trust you will permit me to supplement my remarks on "Mosaic" being preferable to "Masonic," by the following excerpt from Dr. Ashe's *Masonic Manual*, with notes by Oliver, and re-edited by Bro. Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.:—

"As the steps of man are attended by various and uncertain incidents of life, as our days are chequered with a strange contrariety of events, and our passage through this existence, though sometimes blessed with prosperous circumstances, yet often beset by a multitude of perils, hence is the Lodge furnished with *Mosaic* work, to remind us of the precariousness of our state on earth.

"To-day our feet tread in prosperity, to-morrow we totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation, and adversity. Whilst this emblem is before us, we are instructed to boast of nothing, to have compassion, and give aid to those who are in adversity, to walk uprightly and with humility; for such is our existence that there is no station in life in which pride can be stably founded: all men are

similar by nature; yet some are born to more elevated positions than others; but when in the grave all are upon a level—death destroying all distinctions.

"Whilst we tread on the *Mosaic* work, let our ideas return to the original which it copies; and let every Mason act as the dictates of reason prompt him, to live in brotherly love, faith, hope, and charity."

A very similar explanation of the meaning of the *Mosaic* pavement will be found at pp 123-4 of Oliver's Edition of Hutchinson's *Spirit of Freemasonry*.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Q.

OFFICERS' COLUMNS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The brethren here are very anxious to be enlightened by you, or some other equally competent authority, as to what is the particular column by which each of the principal Officers of a Lodge is represented. In Grand Lodge reports of Masonic processions, I observe that the Grand Master is always accompanied by the Ionic Pillar. Bro. Woodford, in Kenning's *Cyclopædia*, also says that the Ionic Pillar represents the W.M., while Mackay gives him the Corinthian.

Two of the Lodges here have lately received Wardens' Columns from one of the oldest and best Masonic furnishing houses in London. In one set the Junior Warden's emblem is on the Corinthian, and in the other on the Doric column, while in an illustrated catalogue, just received from another house, I see that in Lodge Covent Garden, No. 1614, the W.M.'s pedestal is supported by Corinthian pillars, so that there seems to be as little attention paid to uniformity in the furnishing of Lodges at head quarters as at the Antipodes. I think you will agree with me that this is a matter deserving of more attention than it seems to receive.

Yours fraternally,

M.

Auckland, New Zealand, 28th April 1879.

SYDNEY EXHIBITION.

AS the time for this Exhibition to be held approaches, the greatest interest is being expressed in whatever is connected even with its minutest arrangements, and there is a genuine hope, in this country at all events, that it will prove a great success. That it will redound to the credit of our great Australian colony of New South Wales there is no manner of doubt whatever, and all is being done by our English manufacturers to secure this result. Among those who have taken a deep interest in its success may be mentioned the well-known firm of distillers, Messrs. Greenlees Brothers, of Campbelltown, Argyshire, and 1 Gresham Buildings, E.C., who will send a case of their whiskies, the contents of which will be of the finest quality, while the case itself will be a marvel of excellence. This latter will be in the "Scotch Baronial" style, massive and well proportioned, and distinguished by that severity of detail which characterizes the Gothic of the period. It is thirteen feet high and measures ten feet by ten, and if we add that it has been designed and manufactured by Messrs. Walker and Sons, of 119 Bunhill-row, E.C., we feel that we shall have done all that is necessary to impress our readers as favourably with the case as in the few words of well-merited praise in respect of Messrs. Greenlees Brothers we have done for the contents. While on the subject of the Exhibition, we may state that Messrs. Walker and Sons will also figure among the exhibitors, and that the specimens of the furniture they will send will include—(1.) A suite of drawing-room furniture, in rosewood—style, old English, and very effective, as well as quite in keeping with the character of the design; (2.) A dining-room suite, in walnut, of Queen Anne's time, designed by Mr. R. Davy, one of the artists employed by the firm, and very massive in its treatment; (3.) Suite of morning room, in walnut, of "Adam's" style, designed by Mr. F. Turner, another artist of the firm, and giving evidence how easily a style conspicuous by its luxuriousness may be adapted to the requirements of persons of moderate means. We will content ourselves with adding that, having noted particularly some of this firm's mediæval furniture, we should be glad to see some of their chairs in our Lodges. They would greatly enhance the appearance of the Lodge room.

Among the contents of the Messrs. Greenlees' case should be mentioned a working model of a "Pot Still," in silver, indicating the process of distillation, and also some handsome casks, fitted with Ure's patent recording taps, which register the amount of spirits or wine drawn from the cask.

The consecration of the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, No. 1159, will take place at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, London, on Thursday next, at 4.30 p.m. The Principals designate are Comps. H. Trueman Wood Z., Charles Cheston H., Peter Lund Simmonds J. The consecration ceremony will be performed by Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.P.S., assisted by Comp. H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal, as H., Rev. John S. Brownrigg P.G.A.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy P.Z. as Dir. of Cer. After the business of the day has been concluded, the Comps. will adjourn to the Café Royal, Regent Street, for banquet.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck in the chair, S. Rosenthal, H. W. Hunt, Joyce Murray, Robert B. Webster, A. E. Gladwell, A. J. Daff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Richard Morris Head Master, Donald M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, G. J. Palmer, Geo. C. Gillard, W. Paas, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the chairman gave notice of motion to raise the salary of the Head Master £50 a year, and drew the brethren's attention to the fact that under Dr. Morris the School had been more successful at the Cambridge Local Examinations than any other similar Institution. The number of boys in the school had largely increased since the time Dr. Morris was first appointed, and his labours had been consequently increased in proportion; it was thought right that his salary should receive some addition. Five boys were placed on the list for the October election, and Bro. Binckes announced that as no other brethren had been nominated for the House and Audit Committees than those who served last year, the old Committees were re-elected. After granting two outfits to former pupils of the Institution, who have obtained situations, the committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), R. W. Stewart, R. H. Girard, J. Percy Leith, C. G. Dilley, T. Goode, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, T. Cubitt, L. Stean, J. G. Stevens, J. Kench, J. Newton, Jabez Hogg, J. M. Case, Col. Somerville Burney, J. H. Leggott, S. Rawson, W. Hilton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, and Jas. Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the death of two male and one female annuitants, and submitted to the Committee a return of the successful candidates at the election on the 16th ult. There was no further business before the Committee but the authorisation of the Chairman to sign cheques, and this having been given, the brethren separated.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

THE Annual Summer Fête in connection with this Charity will take place on Wednesday next, at the Village Home, Barking-side, Ilford, Essex. The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor will take the chair at three o'clock, and it is expected will be supported by H.R.H. the Duchess and Duke of Teck, the Countess Cairns, the American Minister, the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, and many others. During the afternoon a bazaar, in aid of the funds of the institution, will be opened in the grounds, and will remain open until the following evening. Various entertainments will be provided by the committee; amongst others items we may mention, that 600 of the children, under the leadership of Mr. Proudman, will sing various pieces, and that the band of the Boys' Home and the Holdfast Hand Bell ringers will play selections of music during the afternoon. There are trains from Liverpool-street (G.E.R.) to Ilford at 1.10, 1.30, 2.0, 3.5, &c., at which station carriages will be in attendance to convey guests to the Home. Special return tickets for the entire journey (1st class 3s, 2nd class 2s 6d) may be obtained beforehand from the Hon. Director, Thos. J. Barnardo, 18 Stepney Causeway, E. We hope that some of our readers may find it convenient to attend the meeting, or in some other way help the committee in their endeavours to provide for the poorest of our East End street Arabs.

The Prov. G. Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., has fixed Thursday, the 26th day of June, as the day on which to hold the annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, which on this occasion will meet at the County Hall, Abingdon. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 1.30, and a banquet will follow at 3 o'clock, at the Council Chamber. Tickets for same (7s 6d) can be procured of Bro. Belcher, Abingdon, and certain of the Prov. Grand Stewards. As is usual on these occasions, the Great Western Railway Company offer special facilities to visitors from various parts of their system.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held on Thursday, at Wellingborough. In the absence of His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy G. Master of the Province, presided, and conferred the Offices for the year. A full report will appear in our next.

The lessees of the Alexandra Palace have granted the use of their cricket ground for a match between "Our Boys" and the "Grocers' Company's School," on Friday, the 20th instant (first day of the Horse Show).

THE GILBERT GREENALL LODGE, No. 1250, WARRINGTON.

THE tenth annual festival of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday last, and there was a goodly gathering of brethren present to celebrate the advent of the new Master, Bro. T. H. Sutton, to the chair. Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. Grand Steward W.M. took the chair shortly after three o'clock, and the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The following brethren were present:—Bros. T. H. Sutton J.W. and W.M. elect, J. Knight, J. H. Galloway Treasurer, S. Wallhead Secretary, Houlst, Domville, Woods P.M., W. Taylor, Green, P. J. Edelsten P.M., W. Pollitt P.M., Jenkins, T. O. Speakman, H. Hind, J. Farrington, J. Baird, J. H. Potter, A. Potter, R. Brierley P.M., J. Hannah, J. R. Jones, J. Jones, J. Smethurst, G. Cropper, G. Fairhurst, J. O'Brien, W. Richardson P.M., H. Houghton, G. Mackey, Hawkins P.M., W. Boltou, A. W. Brundritt, A. G. Webster, J. W. Tonge, D. Hooley, R. Heaton, J. Currey, W. Reid, G. Auckland, and J. Barlow. Visitors—Bros. H. S. Alpass Prov. Grand Secretary, Dr. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumb. and West., J. Pichall P.M. 148, A. Crawford 148, A. E. Ogden W.M. 680, J. R. Young W.M. 148, J. R. Tomlinson P.M. 368, E. C. Cooper Prov. G.S.B., T. Jones 241, W. Bradford 965, W. Leigh W.M. 941, C. E. Hindley S.W. 148. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the Installing Officer being the retiring W.M. Bro. Sutton was presented by Bros. Edelsten P.M. and W. Woods P.M., and the following brethren were appointed respectively to the offices of S.W., J.W., and I.G. *pro tem* viz.:—R. Brierley P.M., W. Richardson P.M., and Edelsten P.M. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Sutton admitted and installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the rest of the brethren admitted by seniority, and saluted the new W.M. in Masonic form. The following Officers were then invested by Bro. Sutton, viz.:—J. H. Galloway S.W., S. Wallhead J.W., W. Richardson P.M. Treas., D. W. Finney P.M. Sec., T. Hutchinson S.D., G. Cropper J.D., W. Taylor I.G., J. Jones and J. Farrington Stewards, and T. Domville Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the I.M., and at the close of the ceremony, Bro. Richardson rose to propose that the best thanks be given to Bro. D. W. Finney for his services as Installing Master. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried by acclamation, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. Bro. Finney replied; if the brethren were pleased, he was satisfied. We should not omit to state that before the brethren separated a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master for his services and conduct in the chair during the past twelve months. After some further routine business, the Lodge was duly and solemnly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to banquet. Here Bro. Sutton W.M. presided, and was ably supported by most of the above-named brethren, with others. Many good things were provided by the worthy purveyors of the Lion, to which good things, we need scarcely say, most ample justice was done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with more than ordinary eloquence. In proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Alpass took occasion to enforce the duty of Masonic Charity, among other sound and good advice, and we trust, and indeed we feel sure, the good seed thus cast upon the waters will take root downwards, and bear fruit upwards. Our good Bro. Dr. Bowes, too, was happy in his reply for the neighbouring Provinces. After a most successful and happy gathering, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the day to a close, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony, about ten o'clock.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday. Present—E. Sir Knights J. S. Cumberland E.P., T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. and Reg., and Sir Kts. W. T. Orde-Powlett Constable, G. Simpson Marshall, G. H. Simpson, M. Millington, Turner, L. Murphy, &c. The business was the consideration of the report of the by-laws committee, which was in substance adopted. Comp. Major Shaw Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) was proposed by the Registrar as a candidate, and the Preceptory was closed. A Priory of Malta was then opened, and the Prior's chair having been assumed by E. Sir Kt. T. B. Whytehead, the degree was conferred on Sir Kts. Millington and Turner.

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* * The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards can still be received, and additions to the present List will be most gratefully welcomed.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, 25th of June, at 1.30 p.m. precisely.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed at 3.0, and the Brethren will attend Divine Service in the Parish Church, where, by kind permission of the Rev. L. J. Bernays, Rector of Stanmore, a Sermon will be preached by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

The Banquet will be held at the Institute at 4.30. Tickets, One Guinea each, may be obtained before the 25th inst., from the Provincial Grand Secretary, or on the day of meeting from the Provincial Grand Stewards.

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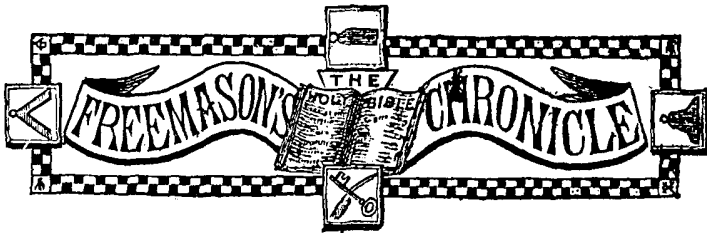
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CONSECRATION OF THE ALFRED LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 247, AT OXFORD.

FOLLOWING immediately upon the most numerously attended and important meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, held in London, on the 3rd inst., the Consecration of its latest daughter Lodge, the Alfred, No. 247, in the ancient university city of Oxford, on the 5th, was an event of considerable moment to the Order of Mark Masonry. The entire proceedings connected therewith evidenced the fervency and zeal with which the brethren of that most attractive degree "mark well" their appreciation of its merits, and the earnest lessons of brotherly affection and goodfellowship which abound throughout its ceremonies. It is less than a year ago that the Leopold Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 235, was consecrated at Reading, and in that brief space of time, under the able Mastership of Bro. Edward Margrett, Grand Steward, it has become one of the best working Lodges in the Provinces. Under the auspices of that Lodge the Alfred has been established at Oxford, and the Reading and Oxford brethren together provided such an entertainment for

their numerous distinguished visitors and press representatives invited to the consecration, as in all our experience, which is certainly not slight, we have never before met with. We should be wanting in our duty to our readers if we failed to particularise the devoted efforts of our good brethren to make this occasion one which it should be difficult to forget by any individual recipient of their unbounded hospitality, which extended from the moment of the departure of the Grand Officers' saloon carriage from Paddington, on the first summer's morning of the year 1879, to the evening of the following day. With but one stoppage on the entire journey, for the purpose of receiving the Reading contingent, the train reached the classic "city of pinnacles and groves" long before noon. The conveyances provided at the railway station soon deposited the guests at the hostelry of the Roebuck, where Bro. W. Park and his amiable wife took them over and attended to their creature comforts. A brief rest, a prompt visit to the Masonic Hall for inspection of its admirable proportions and undoubted fitness for Masonic ceremonial, and then Bro. Margrett claimed his prerogative as "guide, philosopher and friend" to "skirmish" through as many of the colleges, and to as many points of interest as the shortness of the interval at his disposal would admit of. Short as that was, however, it sufficed, thanks to the admirable "bump of locality" possessed by our worthy brother, and his indubitable powers as a skilful and rapid skirmisher, to enable him to present many noteworthy objects to his attentive followers, and of these probably that which appealed most strongly to them as Freemasons was the picturesque school's tower and gateway, the facade of which exhibits the five orders of architecture, proceeding upwards from Tuscan to Composite. A repast, which was called a luncheon, but had the unmistakeable characteristics of a sumptuous dinner, awaited the travellers on their return to the Roebuck, after which the serious business of the day was entered upon in good earnest. Having adjourned to the Masonic Hall, in Alfred-street, the brethren promptly assembled, and a Mark Master Masons' Lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Jell Pulley P.M. 235, Grand Steward, supported by, amongst others, the M.W. Bro. G. R. Portal P.G.M. of England, &c., the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S.W. and G.S., the V.W. Bros. James Stevens P.G.J.O., &c. and Rev. J. H. Jukes P.G.C.; the W. Bros. T. Benham P.G.S.D., Robert Berridge G.D.C., D. M. Dewar G. Assist. Secretary, Edward Margrett G. Steward, F. W. Ansell P.P.G.S.W., C. Park P.P.G.S.D. and J. Jenkin P.P.G.S.B., J. M. Dormer, J. T. Stransom, W. Park, J. F. Hughes, C. Stephens, W. Hickin, A. Welch, W. Bailey, R. Bracher, H. O. Crane, W. Hinckley, G. Westall, H. Ayres, C. R. Honey (Chaplain), R. 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Pulley and Margrett carried out the duties of W.M., the number of candidates advanced necessitating a division of labour; and these brethren, ably assisted by the Officers of the Leopold Lodge, performed the beautiful ceremony in the most perfect manner, to the equal surprise and delight of the visitors, who thus had an opportunity of observing how even so young a Lodge could uphold the honour and interests of the Order by devoted attention to its ritual. To each and all, including Chaplain and Organist, the strongest expression of praise and satisfaction is due. The anthems and chants used on this occasion were those of Bro. G. F. Taylor, of Reading. The foregoing ceremony having been completed, the Past Grand Master Bro. Portal and Officers of Grand Lodge were saluted in due form, and the gavel was handed to Bro. Portal, who transferred it to the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes as Consecrating Officer. Bro. Stevens P.G.J.O. officiated as G.S.W., Bro. Margrett as G.J.W., Bro. Berridge as G.D.C. and Bro. Dewar as G.I.G. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical service being delightfully rendered by Bros. W. M. Crane, A. Rowley and H. E. Knowles, of New College, J. S. Hodgson, of Magdalen, and J. Jenkin and W. R. Bowden. The Oration was delivered by the M.W. P.G.M. Bro. Portal, who in a most impressive manner directed the attention of the brethren to the duties inculcated in the Mark degree; and, tracing the progress of Masonic work through the several Craft degrees, urged upon his hearers the benefits of patience and perseverance to secure that reward for their labours which would surely attend their well-directed efforts. He felt assured that such work as they had that day accomplished would be weighed, measured, and rewarded to their ultimate benefit, and referring to peculiar circumstances which surrounded the new Lodge in the City of Oxford, counselled them to preserve the utmost harmony with their sister Lodges in the University. In the very hall in which they were now assembled he had seen Masonic light, more years ago than he cared just now to remember, but during all those years, in the course of which he had been installed into the chair of the Apollo Lodge, it had ever been a great happiness to him to note the progress which had been made in Freemasonry, and to recognise his association with brethren whose names had passed into tradition, but whose labours would never be forgotten. He offered an earnest tribute of respect to the memory of such members of the Order as our late lamented Bros. Spiers and Thomas, whose good works had crowned the edifice of Freemasonry in that city with the splendour of their admirable qualifications; and, congratulating the members of the Alfred Lodge upon the favourable nature of the day's proceedings, concluded an address, which received most earnest attention, by

recommending them to ever bear in mind the importance of Mark Masonry, and the admirable lessons which it teaches, and which have hitherto been so well appreciated by all who belong to the Order. The consecration then followed with all its solemn accompaniments, and the Lodge was duly constituted and dedicated to Mark Masonry. The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. F. W. Ansell P.M. No. 340 (Craft) P.P.G.S.W., was the next ceremony performed by Bro. Binckes, in his customary perfect manner, and the Officers of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, were then invested in the following order, viz.:—Bros. C. Park S.W., J. Jenkin J.W., T. J. Pulley I.P.M., W. G. Emberlin M.O., J. Reade S.O., H. Birch J.O., F. R. Hall Reg. M., J. J. Hughes S.D., A. Rowley J.D., W. Park Treasurer, J. M. Dormer Secretary, W. R. Bowden Organist, A. Wheeler I.G., G. H. Osmond and J. Seary Stewards, and Norwood Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was elected first honorary member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks having been passed in recognition of the services of Bros. Portal and Binckes; those brethren, together with Bros. James Stevens, Robert Berridge, D. M. Dewar, T. Benham, Rev. J. H. Jukes and Edward Margrett were unanimously elected honorary members. This compliment to Grand Mark Lodge was acknowledged by Bro. Portal. Bro. Reginald Bird Deputy P.G.M. was also elected an honorary member. A ballot was taken for several joining members; a committee was formed for preparing Bye-laws; several candidates for advancement were proposed; the charity-box circulated, and produced a good contribution as a foundation for the Benevolent Fund; and the business of the Lodge terminated with an enthusiastic and well deserved acknowledgment of the services of the Leopold Lodge, in respect of which no words of ours could possibly express too favourable an opinion. The brethren then separated for a short interval, and soon after 5 p.m. again met in the large dining saloon in the same building, where a "right royal" banquet was served in full University style. To the great regret of all present the P.G.M. Bro. Portal, and Bros. Honey and Jukes Chaplains, were compelled to leave on the cloth being cleared, having important business connected with ecclesiastical work in the city. The W.M. Bro. Ansell proposed The Queen and Mark Masonry, and the toast having been received most loyally, was followed by the "National Anthem." The Most Worshipful Grand M.M. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Past Grand Masters was the next toast, in giving which the W.M. expressed the regret felt by all members of the Order for his Lordship's recent illness, and their hopes for his speedy convalescence. The W.M. also referred to the many services of the P.G.M.'s, and especially to those of the M.W. Bro. Portal, "to whom in connection with the proceedings of this day the Leopold Lodge must ever be indebted." In proposing the next toast, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand M.M. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, and Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid to the Lodge by the presence of so many distinguished brethren who had cheerfully undertaken the journey from London in order to give *éclat* to the consecration of the Lodge, and to show their respect for its promoters and Officers. The thanks voted in the Lodge he now desired to supplement by a further expression of his sense of the services they had rendered, and this he now tendered on behalf of his Officers and the members of the new Lodge. The V.W. Brother James Stevens P.G.J.O. responded, at the request of his brother Grand Officers, and after testifying to the excellence of the work in Lodge, and the courtesy of the members of both the Leopold and Alfred Lodges, said that he considered whatever of obligation there might be as between hosts and guests, it certainly rested upon the latter in recognition of the hearty reception which had been accorded to them. After a gleo had been admirably sung by the musical brethren, the W.M. said: "Brethren, I regret to say that I shall have to depart from the order in which the toasts are set out on your programme, as I must study the convenience of the worthy brother who has so ably discharged the most important ceremony of the day. I mean, of course, the Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. Bro. Binckes must return to London this evening, and it should be our duty, as well as pleasure, to 'speed his parting' as we have 'welcomed his coming.' The services he has rendered to us to-day I need not now recapitulate. It will suffice to say that his name will be indelibly associated with the future of this Lodge as its Consecrating Officer and first Installing Master, and I now ask you to drink to his health and prosperity." The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Binckes at once responded, thanking the W.M.'s of both Lodges, the W. Bro. Pulley, and all concerned in the reception of the Grand Officers, for the perfect arrangements which had been made on their behalf, and regretting that he could not extend his visit over the following day, so as to share in the further pleasures which had been designed for himself and colleagues. He desired to express his appreciation of the Masonic work he had witnessed, and the "creature comforts" he had enjoyed. His position in the Order necessarily afforded him many opportunities for visiting, and he was constrained to say that on no occasion had he received from the brethren a more hearty and genial welcome. The services he had rendered, although necessary and above depreciation, were amply rewarded by the fraternal affection which had been exhibited, and the honour done himself and other Grand Officers by their election as honorary members, and the whole proceedings would justify himself and them in fixing the date of the consecration of the Alfred Lodge in their memories as a "red letter day." It gave intense gratification to the heads of the Order to serve Mark Masonry by such discharge of duties, the fulfilment of which ever produces love and zeal amongst the brethren, and meets with due appreciation and the return of kindness for labour rendered. They were not here by a "spasm," but, if needed, were always ready to act up to their obligations in the service of the Order. He thanked the members of both Lodges then present for their compliments, and concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, and in doing so,

observed that he paid no idle compliment, or offered any empty eulogy when he referred to the excellent qualifications of W. Bro. Ansell for the first Mastership of the Lodge. He was certain that if the Province had been canvassed throughout no better could have been found for that position. The Mastership of a Mark Masons' Lodge is not a mere question of honour, but requires great and varied qualifications, ability, tact and social and moral distinction; and as he had said at Northampton, so he said here, he would never willingly have a young inexperienced man as a W.M. of any Lodge. In this instance he was proud to say he could, without the least flattery, speak of Bro. Ansell as possessing every qualification the brethren could desire, and he called upon them to drink his health as their W.M. Bro. Ansell, in returning thanks, briefly acknowledged the assistance he had received from the other founders of the Lodge, and assured the brethren that no effort should be spared on his part in promoting its welfare and prosperity. He proposed the health of the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, to which toast the Worshipful Master Brother Edward Margrett replied, regretting that having to return that evening to Reading, he could not more fully express his feelings of satisfaction with the success of the endeavours of his Lodge to be of assistance to the Alfred Lodge on this occasion. He felt sure that rivalry between the two Lodges was impossible, and he hoped that the interchange of visits would be frequent. Bros. Binckes and Margrett here bade the brethren farewell, and left for their railway journey. Song, Bro. Crane, "Good bye, Sweetheart, good bye!" Recitation, Bro. Stevens, "Masons' Vows." Toast, "The Honorary Members;" responded to by the W. Bro. R. Berridge G.D.C. Toast, "The Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, who, in brief terms, explained the nature and object of the fund, and more particularly of the educational branch thereof, recently brought into operation. The G. Assist. Sec., W. Bro. Dewar responded, and, following in the lead of another well-known advocate of charitable efforts, threw out an appeal for a Steward at the ensuing Festival of the "Mark Benevolent," whereupon the W.M. and Bro. C. Park rose simultaneously to offer their services in that capacity. A few fraternal observations resulted in the decision that the W.M. should be the Steward this year, with five guineas on his list from Bro. Park, while Bro. Park would act next year, doubtless with a similar contribution from the W.M. The musical brethren were again called into requisition, and after one or two excellent glees, the W.M. proposed, "The Visiting Brethren," to which W. Bro. Benham W.M. No. 54, Aldershot, made excellent response. The I.P.M. W. Bro. Pulley, in responding to the toast in his honour, thoroughly endorsed all the enthusiastic remarks of former speakers, and felt assured that greater mutual happiness had not been enjoyed in Masonry by all associated with the day's proceedings than had that day been experienced by them. For the Masonic Press, Bro. James (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) responded, and returned thanks for all the courtesies and kindnesses of which he had been the recipient. "The Officers," "The Stewards," "The Advancers," were toasts which followed rapidly, and found able respondents; more glees were sung, and at length the Tyler received his summons, and, "sorry to part, but hoping to meet again," the brethren drank to the final toast, and dispersed. A highly successful meeting had been brought to a happy conclusion, and Oxford brethren reached their homes at a reasonably early hour. The London guests—well, the inner parlour of the Roebuck, and the hostess thereof, can tell how happy and pleasant an hour was spent therein in recalling the events of the day, and how the liberality of the morning found repetition before the midnight hour sent each worthy brother to seek "tired nature's sweet restorer." On the following morning, the 6th, after a short stroll before breakfast, the W.M., S.W., and Stewards of the Alfred Lodge waited upon their guests, and accompanied them through as much of the city as could be traversed in a morning's walk. Then were pointed out the wonders of the several Colleges, the Sheldonian Theatre, the Martyr's Memorial (typical of, at least, two Masonic virtues, Faith in the person of Ridley, Hope and submission in that of Latimer), the College Gardens, Addison's Walk, Keble College, and other noteworthy places. A slight luncheon with the Senior Warden, a "stirrup cup" with the host and hostess of the Roebuck, and, amidst the hearty salutations of the Oxonians, Master, Warden, Stewards, and members of No. 247, the Londoners embarked on board the screw yacht "Galatea," Bro. G. Westall M.O. 247 Captain and Owner, and, casting off from Salter's boat yard at "high twelve," commenced a pleasant voyage to Reading. To fully describe the pleasurable journey on that delightful summer day, the hilarity of the pleased travellers, the generous provision of the skipper and our worthy Bro. Pulley, the frequent utterances of the "Cuckoo," the stay at Abingdon, the second lunch at the "Ship" at Warmington, and the general delight which each guest experienced throughout the entire distance, would require more space than is at our disposal. It will suffice to say that at Reading a still farther reception by Master and Officers of the Leopold Lodge, awaited the Grand Officers, and in the interval between arrival there and departure by the 9.18 train a continuance of the same generous hospitality was experienced. And when at the station hands were thrust forth from the carriage windows to give the last parting grip of fraternal affection and regard, it is very questionable which of the two parties were most to be envied, those who had given, or those who had received. Well might all have said, in the words of a lately published poem* :—

"Tis time to part; the fleeting hours
Too soon have sped their course along;
Yet surely we have tipped their wings
With golden mirth, and sil'ry song.
Old Time, upon his labouring course
Might pause to gaze on scenes so bright
And hours like these. But, no, he's past,
And we must part—Good night! Good night!"

* "Songs of the Edinburgh Angling Club, 1879."

As in previous years, we take an early opportunity of drawing the attention of our readers to that admirably-conducted Royal Mail Steam Service between Glasgow and the Highlands which has been so deservedly patronised by the British public. The proprietors were Messrs. D. Hutcheson and Co.; the proprietor is Mr. David MacBrayne, and the latter, though reaping all the benefit of his predecessors' experience, is showing, by his own energy and enterprise, that this service cannot do otherwise than go on prospering under his auspices. A few hours instead of, as formerly, several days, now suffices to take the weary Londoner to Glasgow, and once there he will find a Royal Mail Steamer—the *Columba*, the *Iona*, the *Chevalier*, or other—ready at seven a.m. to start for Oban, *viâ* the Crinan Canal, and later in the season *viâ* Lochawe, every day in the week, except Sundays; for Islay every day, with the same exception; for Inverness, &c., &c., on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the return journeys being correspondingly arranged. There will also, as the season advances, be arranged a series of excursions to well-known localities in the Highlands, and as there is no part of the world so deservedly popular with tourists on account of its scenery as the Highlands of Scotland, we are certain they will extend to Mr. MacBrayne the patronage he has so handsomely laid himself out to deserve: A prospectus, with full particulars of the service, and a map showing the different routes, may be had of Messrs. Chatto and Windus, publishers, of 74 Piccadilly; or by post from the proprietor himself, Mr. MacBrayne, of 119 High Street, Glasgow.

We note with pleasure that a Committee of gentlemen has been formed for the purpose of raising and presenting a testimonial to Bro. Tarling, who has lately retired from the Chief Inspectorship of the T. Division of the Metropolitan Police Force. Bro. Tarling's service had endured for seven and twenty years, during fifteen of which he was stationed at Brentford. By his straightforward conduct and strict attention to his duties, by his unflagging zeal, and by the firm but kindly manner in which he fulfilled those duties, he had won for himself the respect of the whole neighbourhood, as well as of the Division of the Force he had latterly presided over. It is in recognition of these valuable services, extending over so many years, that the proposed testimonial is about to be raised, and considering that, in scanning the names of the Committee, we find it composed of gentlemen hailing not only from Brentford, the Head-quarters of the Division, but likewise from Isleworth, Kew, Hounslow, Twickenham, Hanwell, and, in short, from all the neighbourhood round about—we have no manner of doubt that when their labours are complete, it will turn out that the testimonial is one in every way worthy both of the donors and the recipient. We may mention that among the members of the Committee will be found Bros. J. C. Roe, of Turnham Green, Gomm sen., of New Brentford, Stanbury, of the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Acworth, of Isleworth, and Cumbers, of Chiswick.

In our last week's issue we inserted an appeal from the brethren of St. John, New Brunswick, for contributions of goods, &c., for a grand fair to raise funds for a new Masonic Temple, to replace that destroyed in the disastrous fire of 1877, which burnt nearly the whole of their city. We shall be pleased to learn that the Masons of this country have responded to this appeal in such a way as to evince that the old country takes an interest in the doings of their Transatlantic brethren. Contributions should be sent to Bro. E. R. Kimpton, 3 Summer-row, Birmingham, or we shall have pleasure in putting them in the right course if left at our office.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Star Lodge of Instruction No. 1275, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, on Saturday, 14th June, by Bro. James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely. Brethren are requested to appear in full Craft clothing.

Bro. H. Cavendish, the courteous and genial chairman of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces that his benefit will take place on the 26th inst., on which occasion, in addition to the talented company of the establishment several well-known celebrities in the profession have volunteered their services.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Spurgin's, The Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Willison S.W., Halle J.W., Fenner Sec., Isaac acting Preceptor, Kidder S.D., Parkinson I.G.; also Bro. Patrick. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Patrick acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Patrick, of Upton Lodge No. 1227, was elected a member, after which Lodge was closed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The brethren met at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, on Saturday the 7th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. J. A. Powell, assisted by Bros. McMillan S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam acting Preceptor, Brasted S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Carr I.G., also Bros. Stock, Ross, Cuthbertson, Fidler, Brand, Fysh, Davis, and Giller. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fidler candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present—Bros. W. Radcliffe W.M., Dr. Waters S.W., Usher Bach J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., W. E. Young S.D., A. Withers J.D., F. J. Hentsch I.G.; Past Master Bro. G. King Preceptor; Greenwood, Jaques, &c. Business—Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bros. Jaques and Greenwood candidates respectively. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Dr. Waters was elected to preside at the next meeting, when Bro. Preceptor King has kindly consented to rehearse the installation ceremony. The Charity Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction is making steady progress.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The brethren of this Lodge, who were only released from their Masonic labour for the season last month, responded to a summons for an emergency meeting on the 5th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. J. Hansen Thorn, assisted by Bros. T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., W. Cross J.D., J. Lineker I.G., J. Taylor D.C., J. R. Shingfield W.S., C. T. Speight Tyler. There were also present Past Masters Bros. H. Cotter I.P.M., G. W. Verry Secretary, J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, &c. and many brethren and visitors. The circular convening the meeting having been read, Bros. W. Sparks and W. Howes were tested, and having proved themselves deserving, were entrusted, and afterwards raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. C. Allen next proved himself efficient, and was passed to the F.C. degree. The brethren next elected, by ballot, Messrs. F. S. Allen, S. Allen and R. Lines as eligible candidates for Freemasonry, and those gentlemen were duly initiated into the first mysteries of the Order. We have had an opportunity of seeing Bro. Thorn's working previously, and must congratulate him upon so successful a discharge of his onerous duties, the initiation ceremony being especially well rendered. Praise is also due to the Officers for their share in the work, which, although lasting over three hours, was not marred by any slips. Bro. P.M. Berry rendered good service in the Deacon's duties. The business for which the meeting was summoned having been performed, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The W.M. having invited the brethren to partake of some refreshment, they repaired to the banqueting-room, where, after paying due attention to the good cheer prepared by Bro. Walter, a very agreeable evening was spent. The W.M., taking advantage of this being an off-night, wisely contented himself by only giving a few of the usual toasts, thereby allowing time for some excellent songs and recitations. Among the latter may be mentioned "The Soldier's Pardon," from Bro. Keeble; "The Bonfire on Craig Gowan," from Bro. Lineker; and one by Bro. J. G. Stevens, from Hood's Oddities. The songs of the following brethren also were much enjoyed:—Bro. Lines, "Sally in our Alley;" Bro. Sparks, "When other Lips;" the W.M.'s rendering of Molloy's "Vagabond;" Bro. Speight's "Entered Apprentice Song;" Bro. J. J. Berry, "Happy we've been altogether," &c. Having observed how efficiently Bro. Seddon Organist accompanied the ceremonies in the Lodge, we could but regret the absence of his able accompaniment to enhance the musical efforts of the brethren. During post prandial proceedings, Bro. Shingfield earned the thanks of the brethren by his untiring discharge of his duties as Steward. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Taylor S.W. 1421, Biggs J.D. 1421, Keeble 174, Carrociero I.G. 1306, G. H. Stephens, &c.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 6th June, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Present—Bros. Waterer W.M., Friedeberg S.W., Green J.W., Stephens S.D., Slaiter J.D., McDonald I.G., C. H. Webb acting Preceptor, W. Musto Hon. Sec., Burr, Johns, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Stephens then worked the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren in all but the 7th, in which Bro. P.M. Webb alone assisted. After usual formalities, Bro. Friedeberg was elected to the chair for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 6th inst. There were present—Bro. John Laggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treas., J. B. Harrison

P.M. Prov. Grand Chap., A. H. Des Barres P.M., T. Ayling P.M. Prov. G.D.C., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, F. R. England as S.W., John Carpenter J.W., W. Carterfield S.D., W. Ryder J.D., F. Haslip I.G., G. Rivers Steward, W. T. Pritchard, A. C. Green, S. Willey, Geo. Band, and S. Holgate Tyler. Visiting Bro. Crutchley Domestic 177. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Kirby I.P.M., in an eloquent and impressive manner, gave the whole of the lecture in the first degree. A brother was proposed as joining member. Lodge closed, and the brethren spent a most enjoyable hour together.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 11th June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., E. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Sec., E. J. Blackwell S.D., R. C. Prickett acting J.D., John H. Hawkes Steward, E. J. Pulley acting I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Master Bro. A. Welch I.P.M. Members—Bros. Hunt, Bailey, Ravenscroft. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Watkins 1101 as joining member, and for Mr. Albert Wheatley for initiation; both were unanimously elected. Bro. Margrett P.M. nominated, and Bro. Danks S.W. seconded, Bro. Stransom as Treas. for the ensuing year. Both the brethren spoke in enlogistic terms of Bro. Stransom's good management of the finances of the Lodge. Bro. Hunt announced that this would be the last time he should meet the members of the Grey Friars Lodge, as before the next meeting he would be on his way to Australia. He thanked the brethren for the kindness and courtesy he had received, and although he should be on the other side of the globe, he would never forget the brotherly feeling that had been extended towards him in his mother Lodge. The Secretary, as the senior member of the Lodge, expressed his and the members' regret at losing Bro. Hunt, and assured him he would carry with him to the Antipodes the hearty good wishes of every member for his prosperity. Bro. Bailey proposed, and Bro. Pulley seconded, Bro. Arthur V. Beeton, No. 201, Past Sec., as a joining member. The W.M. stated that he had an interview with Bro. Oades W.M. of 414, and it was arranged that the increased rent of the hall, &c., should commence from Christmas last. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned till the second Wednesday in October next.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday evening there was a good muster of brethren and visitors of this Lodge at the Queen's Hotel, York, the following being present:—Bros. J. S. Camberland W.M., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Soller J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., G. H. Simpson Org., J. Blenkin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, J. E. Wilkinson, R. Ware, H. Jackson, C. Blackstone, Abbey, Atkinson, Girling, Yorke, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Walson W.M. (Palatine 97), R. Hudson P.M. (Fenwick 1389), W. Bentley W.M. (Fenwick 1389), F. Maddison P.M. (Fenwick 1389), Prov. G.S.D. Durham, H. Tomkinson (1389) and 97), J. B. Somerset (St. Patrick's 295), H. A. Lewis (St. Patrick 295), J. Sampson (York 236), &c. The business consisted in passing Bro. Dyson to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raising Bro. Briggs to the third degree, the ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. The W.M. then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the author, a large and elaborate plan of Ancient Roman Eboracum and Medieval and Modern York, for which valuable and interesting gift the thanks of the brethren were accorded. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented, on behalf of the W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, and the brethren of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, a copy of the Constitutions done into Italian for the use of the brethren at Tunis, and it was ordered that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the donors. A committee, consisting of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, was appointed to make preparations for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge in the autumn, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, the W.M. announcing that in future he purposed calling monthly emergency Lodges for instruction purposes.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—This young and flourishing Lodge met to work the Sections on Monday, the 9th inst., at the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. It was the third time the Sections had been worked here in their entirety, and on the last occasion they were worked by Bro. Stephens, who with Bro. Lardner, who was the W.M. on this occasion, are fellow-initiates of the mother Lodge. It reflects great credit on the Instruction Lodge and its worthy Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather P.M., that two young Masons should be able to acquit themselves so efficiently, and that in connection with their own Lodge. Bro. H. J. Lardner was supported by Bros. G. H. Stephens S.W., W. Stuart P.M. J.W., W. Pennefather I.P.M., E. Mallet Secretary, J. Jackson S.D., Whadcoat J.D., Tremear I.G., and a numerous assemblage of brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and all formalities having been observed, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren. Bros. Stephens, Pennefather, Tilling, Cox, Moss, Rambold, Stephens, Jackson, Martin, Tate, Davis, Davison, Brown, Stuart, Davis. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Stephens elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was then passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for his excellent conduct of the business of the evening. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the brethren who so ably worked the Sections, including a recognition of the services of Bros. G. H. Stephens in the S.W., and W. Stuart P.M. in the J.W. chairs. Bros. Hallam, Whadcoat, Davis, Martin, Dickinson, Cox, and Tremear were duly elected members, and after expressions of good will from the visiting brethren, Lodge was closed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 14th JUNE.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
 K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

MONDAY, 16th JUNE.

- 45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
 623—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
 R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth.
 R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, 17th JUNE.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-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.)
 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Troladero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
 R. A. 933—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
 607—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Frestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R. A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th JUNE.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
 R. C.—St Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
 1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
 R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
 R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.

THURSDAY, 19th JUNE.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1227—Upton, spotted Dog, Upton, E.
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (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. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-sq., 4.30 (Consec.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
 93—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 20th JUNE.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 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. 8. (Inst.)
 834—Banelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne 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 8.0. (Inst.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 M. M. 101—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
 R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 21st JUNE.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Hastings. Present—Bros. W. Glenister W.M., F. Rossiter S.W., A. Wells J.W., Geo. Wellered Treas., T. H. Cole P.P.G.A.D.C. Sussex and P.M. 40 Sec., Capt. Hennek S.D., G. M. Williams J.D., Dr. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. Sussex D.C., F. Cooper I.G., J. Attersell Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Rev. E. F. Cave Browne Cave P.P.G. Chaplain Sussex, C. Duke P.P.G.I.G. Sussex and P.M. 40, C.M. Morris, J. Dorman, and a numerous attendance of the members. Visitors—Bros. Biggs P.P.G.S.W. of Wilts and P.P.G. Sec. of Berks and Bucks, T. O'Connor 352, J. Fisher 1,184, J. Garrod 754, &c. The Lodge was opened punctually at seven o'clock; the minutes of last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, and other preliminaries duly observed, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. Nash and Hudson were raised by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees; the names of two gentlemen were given in as candidates

for Freemasonry; and the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served up in excellent style by the host, Bro. Gazo. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms, and he, in replying, said that since he had had the honour to preside over the Derwent Lodge, it was at all times his desire to preserve order; he was pleased to say he was ably assisted in that duty by his officers. He earnestly impressed upon the brethren the necessity of silence out of the Lodge in respect to Masonic matters, the discussion of which led to a great deal of harm. He next gave the health of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Biggs and Garrod. It always gave him great pleasure to see visitors around him. Bro. Biggs was well known to them, as one of the most earnest and energetic of Masons, and one who had distinguished himself not only in this county but in others. Bro. Garrod he had also known for some time, and was pleased to see in the Masonic Papers his name frequently mentioned in connection with the Charities. Bro. Biggs, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to be once more a visitor at the Lodge. He had watched its career from an early date, and it had always been one of the foremost in the Province. The present W.M. not only discharged his own duties in a masterly manner, but was able, if necessary, to instruct his officers. Bro. Garrod, after expressing a well-merited compliment on the admirable working, stated he was pleased to find they had in connection with their Lodge a Charitable Association. He hoped every Lodge that had not already formed such a fund would follow the example. Other toasts followed, several excellent songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the brethren dispersing at a reasonable hour.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 10th June. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Daniel S.W., Valentine J.W.; Bros. Maidwell, Roberts, Holland, Gladwell. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Roberts answered the questions leading to the third, was entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, 17th June, when P.M. Brown, of the mother Lodge, will draw his ballot for Life Memberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We hope he will be well supported.

St. John's Lodge, No. 167.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Bros. John Yeoman W.M., Muller S.W., C. Davis J.W., J. R. Thompson P.M. Secretary, Eldridge P.M. as S.D., J. G. Humphrey I.G., Steedman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s J. T. Rowe, H. Hollis, T. A. Adams P.G.P., J. M. Jackson, Davis, and Bros. States, Sanker, Sandell, Cattermole, Paul Storr, Gianelli, J. Potter, E. Storr, Robinson, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Sandell was passed to the second degree by Bro. Hollis P.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Bro. Edwin Storr having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, perfectly and impressively. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent and substantial dinner, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Froud. After grace had been said the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The Worshipful Master felt a pride in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, and considered he was specially honoured in being able to associate with the toast the name of one whom they all respect—an old and valued P.M., who had occupied the position of Grand Pursuivant. He referred to Bro. T. A. Adams, who he hoped would be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., in his reply, referred to his long connection with the Lodge, he having been a member for twenty-seven years. The Lodge had during that term progressed in every respect, and must continue to do so as long as it is worked as ably as at present; it had greatly increased in numbers. When he was Master he remembered they did not number more than twelve; then there was but little working, but now it was very different, for their working was equal to any he had witnessed in the Craft. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors. They had brethren present whom they were proud to see; one was a distinguished brother from America, another, Bro. H. M. Levy, known to many present in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE; he would be pleased to associate their names with the toast. Bros. Slater, Davis, and H. M. Levy responded; the latter felt it a great pleasure to hear that the various matters touched upon in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE were so freely discussed, and apparently with so much satisfaction to the members. He, as well as the other Visitors, complimented the Lodge on having so excellent a W.M. and Officers. Bro. Rowe I.P.M. felt it a great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M.; he might say few Lodges could boast of a better one. Bro. Yeoman is not only a good working Mason, but his genial presidency had endeared him to them all. The W.M., in replying, thanked Bro. Rowe and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast; his heart and soul was in Freemasonry. The manner he he was spoken of would incite him to do all he could for the St. John's Lodge, and he hoped when he left the chair he should have the cordial approbation of every member; his great aim was for the benefit of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated early. The W.M., Bros. P. Storr, Slater, and E. Storr favoured with some excellent recitations and songs. The Visitors were W. Slater No. 2, John Davis 872, Cull J.W. 1416, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop, on Wednesday, 4th June. Present—Bros. J. Collier W.M., T. Dearnaley I.P.M.,

D. A. Davis S.W., Wright Booth J.W., W. Thorpe Treasurer, S. Collier Secretary, T. Dearnaley P.M. as S.D., W. Swire as I.G., W. Fielding Tyler; Bros. Jas. Merry P.M., J. Pollett, S. Mather, S. Robinson, E. Williams, J. Hallam, C. Greaves, S. Rowbotham, M. Walton, H. Patchett, C. Davies, W. H. Irlam, Dr. Andrew, G. Barlow, Walter Fielding, J. Cooper (Steward). Visitors—Bros. S. Whitehead P.M. 654 P.P.G.J.D., J. Barrowby P.M. 654 P.P.G.R., T. Drew P.M. 172 P.P.G.O., J. H. Jackson W.M. 654, Jas. Whitehead S.W. 654, A. Sturgeon 77. The Lodge was opened in due form, at 6.30 p.m., the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Bros. Greaves and Rowbotham having proved their proficiency for the second degree were prepared. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the brethren passed in ancient form by the W.M. Bro. E. Williams was then presented as a candidate for the third, and proving efficient, was entrusted. The Lodge was raised, the candidate re-admitted, and admitted to the privileges of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were performed in an excellent and impressive manner by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved that a picnic to Chatsworth be arranged to take place the last week in the month, and a Committee were appointed to make satisfactory arrangements. After some other preliminary business, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge closed in due form at 9 p.m. The brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, and after partaking of an excellent supper, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts with musical honours. Bro. Davis S.W., in proposing the health of the W.M., rejoiced in the privilege of doing so. The W.M. and himself had worked side by side for many years, he could bear testimony to the zeal and assiduity with which the W.M. undertook the duties—it was no easy task to do so much work as had been done in one night—and the brethren would endorse his opinion that the W.M. had performed his task in excellent style. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially the health of the W.M. After a song from Bro. Fielding, the W.M. briefly thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health; he did not think himself worthy of the eulogium expressed by the S.W.; owing to being rather unwell he did not feel in form, but had presided to the best of his ability; it had ever been his study to further the interest of the Craft. He had served all the minor offices, and considered it as a great privilege to preside over so numerous and truly Masonic a body of members. It was his opinion that every brother desirous of attaining high office should first go through inferior duties, and thus become fully acquainted with every office. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their good feeling, and hoped to prove himself worthy of the honourable position. Bro. Booth J.W., in proposing the health of the Visitors, could assure them that the Lodge was not wanting in hospitality. The members were always pleased to see visiting brethren amongst them. They considered themselves fortunate on the present occasion in having the presence of several Provincial Grand Officers, and trusted to see them again. Song by Bro. Dr. Andrew. Bros. Whitehead, Barrowby and Jackson responded, and expressed their pleasure in visiting the Devonshire Lodge, and also to bear testimony to the excellent working of the Officers. They hoped good feeling would continue among the neighbouring Lodges, and trusted all would remain good friends, and show that, although in a remote part of the Province, they were not wanting in charitable and other Masonic work. Bro. Whitehead P.P.G.J.D., in feeling terms, proposed the health of the S.W., J.W. and other Officers. He had never seen better Officers during his Masonic career, which proved that the Lodge would prosper. He hoped to see them again. Song by Bro. Hodgson. Bros. Davis S.W. and W. Booth J.W. responded. Bro. T. Drew P.P.G.O. favoured with a song, accompanying himself on the piano. After several other toasts were given and responded to, the Tyler was summoned to give the last, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Polak W.M., Clark S.W., Forss J.W., Wardell S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Smyth Treas. I.G., Dallas Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Christian, Morgan, Carr, Weige, and others. Bro. Morgan answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and called from labour to refreshment. After resuming, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Greenwood, of Lodge 1623, was elected a member. Bro. Clark will preside next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th June, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Marston W.M., Hallam S.W., Brown J.W., Lardner S.D., Vizzard J.D., Pate I.G., Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor, Abell, Hyde, and others. The ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. in his best manner, Bro. Vizzard acting as candidate. The whole of the lecture was then worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bros. Hallam and Lardner, the first named of whom will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at seven o'clock. Bro. Hallam was also appointed W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.—The fourth meeting of this influential Lodge for the present session was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent. Present:—Bros. William C. Banks W.M., C. J. Dodd S.W., R. Durnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.G.O. Kent Secretary, Smalman Smith S.D., Thomas J. Baker J.D., S. Lavis D.C., Alfred S. Owen I.G., H. L. Hall Steward, R. B. Newsome P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Edward J. Dodd P.M., P. M. Hadley, T. Cressell, John Waller, John Morgan; Visitors—Bros. John G. Horsey J.W. Sackville No. 1619,

and James W. Lambert P.M. 142. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 3.30 p.m. The Secretary informed the brethren that the W.M. had placed in his hands, as a present to and for the use of the Lodge, a very handsome pair of compasses. A vote of thanks for the same was passed, and duly recorded upon the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Edward Birch and Mr. Thomas Fishenden, which proved unanimous in both cases. Bro. John Morgan was then entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second, when he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, when Mr. C. E. Birch was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were rendered in a very impressive manner; indeed, the greatest credit is due to the Master and Officers of this Lodge for the painstaking manner in which the work is performed. There were three other candidates on the summons for initiation, who were unavoidably prevented from attending, as also was the J.W., whose chair was taken by Bro. P.M. Newsome. A notice of motion for the removal of the Lodge was given by P.M. Dodd, after which the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening closed the proceedings of the day.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on 6th inst., at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Chant W.M., Mendelsohn S.W., Rowley J.W., G. H. Hunter Secretary *pro tem*, Ager S.D., Boas J.D., Cull Preceptor, Williams I.G., and other members whose names were duly entered in the attendance book. The business comprised the rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, and the working, by the Preceptor, of the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the first Lecture.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—This Lodge, which is confined to members of the musical and theatrical profession, met on Monday, 9th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. G. Buckland W.M., E. Swanborough S.W., Wellard J.W., C. Coote P.M. Treasurer, E. S. Jones P.M. Secretary, H. Cox S.D., J. Maclean as J.D., Delevante as I.G., C. Tinney Org., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler; Past Masters C. Coote, James Weaver Tinney, Jekyll, Frewin, &c.; Bros. L. Brough, Hitchens, Clifford, Baker, Smith, Temple, Emery, Hemming, Percy, Fogarty, Burgess, Kent, Humphrey, McKay, Carter, H. Ashley, Henson, Chamberlain, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. R. Paulton, Low 1589, H. Parry 1679, Mercer 1609, Simon Dramatic (Glasgow), R. P. Emery 167, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. G. Griffiths, G. J. Taylor, and R. D. Albertson (Globe Theatre), which were unanimously in their favour, and the two latter gentlemen being in attendance were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. performing the ceremony perfectly and impressively, in such a way as was most pleasurable, each officer being proficient. Bro. H. Parry, Crusaders Lodge No. 1677, was elected a joining member. A sum of twenty guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the widow of a brother who died on Friday last, he but one week since having been relieved with a sum of ten guineas. Bro. C. Coote P.M. proposed, and Bro. J. Maclean seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. John Caulfield, which was unanimously carried. A letter couched in feeling and graceful terms was read from Bro. H. Marsh (Henry Marston, the celebrated tragedian), thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kindness in the Lodge, and their support in securing his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Several propositions for initiation and joining were handed in to the Secretary, and a notice of motion respecting an alteration of the Bye-Laws connected with Charity, for which this Lodge is to be highly commended, was given by Bro. James Weaver P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, and then Lodge was closed until the first Monday in July.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, E., Tuesday, 10th inst. Present—Bros. Pavitt W.M., Lloyd S.W., Johnson J.W., Smith S.D., Holloway J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. McDonald, Glasspool, Andrews, Barker, Rawe, White, Sadler, Watkins, Campbell, and Anderson. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glasspool having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Glasspool being the candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Secretary, and the fourth by Bro. Smith. Bro. Andrews kindly assisted as Preceptor in the first three sections, when, Bro. Musto arriving, he assumed his regular position as regards the fourth. On the Lodge being closed down, Bros. Glasspool 898, and Anderson 554, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Lloyd S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. We are pleased to see several of the old members of the Cheshire Cheese attending this new Lodge. The working is pleasing to all, and no noise is heard while the ceremony and sections are being worked. There are good attendances, as may be seen. We wish the brethren and their Lodge every success.

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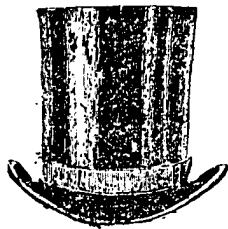
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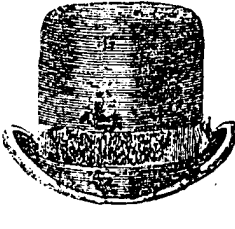
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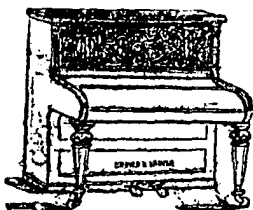
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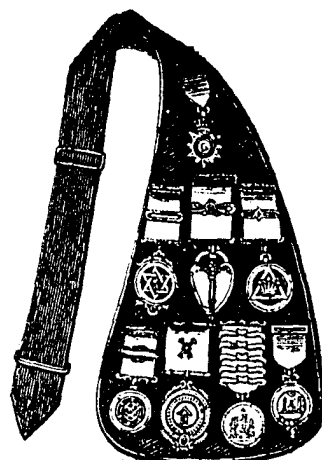
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