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THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

AT the beginning of the year 1880, we think it well to pause and survey the position of the Masonic Charity Fund which has been established during the latter half of the past year. In so doing we are but obeying the law of custom, for as year after year passes by, and seasons come round, most of us like to look back on the past as well as make plans for the future—either to rejoice at the success of our undertakings, or regret their failure or non-fulfilment. In the case of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund it is with pleasure we examine the present position of affairs. The success that has attended the efforts of the founders is certainly far beyond anything that could have been anticipated, or the most sanguine could have predicted. Only six months since, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the members of the English Craft were told that there was a blot on those excellent Charities, on the maintenance of which they so justly prided themselves. The Earl of Rosslyn, in pointing out what he termed a little fault said, he was sure he had only to mention it to find it immediately corrected. Although we do not for one moment doubt the sincerity of our esteemed Brother's remarks, we hardly think he could have been so sanguine as to have imagined that his suggestion would have been thus speedily acted upon, nor do we think there were many of his hearers, no matter how much they may have coincided with his views, who would have been so bold as to think that a Fund similar to that suggested by his Lordship would be started, and that before the close of the year sufficient support would be received to permit of its being pronounced as firmly established, with every prospect of a brilliant future. A few days after the Festival Bro. Dick Radclyffe, in a letter addressed to the editors of the London Masonic newspapers, directed more general attention to the subject, and since that time he has exerted himself in every conceivable way to secure the foundation of an "Assistance Fund." A reference to our fourteenth page, whereon will be found a list of the Patrons up to the present time, is the best evidence that can be adduced in support of our verdict, that Bro. Radclyffe's endeavours have been crowned with success. From the first we have striven to aid the cause, and have had the pleasure of working with Bro. Radclyffe in the foundation of this Charity. At the same time we must not omit to credit him with by far the larger share of the honour of having inaugurated the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, for the majority of the brethren who have thus far given their names as supporters have been secured through his personal solicitation. Up to the present time the main object has been to obtain a strong foundation for the Fund, and this desire having been gratified, the real work of the projectors may be said to have commenced. Now it will be necessary to draw up rules for the government of the Charity, decide to whom and how the benefits shall be applied, and last, but not least, to secure the co-operation and support of the general body of members of the Craft. The latter task, stupendous though it is, should be somewhat of an easy one, when we take into consideration the position of the brethren who have already supported the formation of the Fund. The list, as will be seen, is headed by the name of the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has made a personal donation of twenty-five guineas; his is followed by that of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who has

sent twenty guineas, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who promises a like amount. The M.W. the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland each support the proposal, and then figure the names of our respected Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, as desiring the prosperity of the Fund. It is unnecessary for us to detail at length the numerous other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who support the scheme; suffice it to say that their number, as well as their rank, should be sufficient to stamp the proposal as a success from the outset. Of the forty Grand Masters who rule the various provinces into which English Freemasonry is subdivided, eighteen appear in the list of patrons, while twenty-two Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are numbered on the roll. These brethren represent twenty-five of the provinces, that is more than one-half the whole number. It will be an easy matter for them to lay the subject before the members of their respective provinces, and in this way alone we imagine a vast amount of good may be done. It appears now certain that the period has arrived for strong action on the part of the Craft in order to stop the number of disappointments which periodically take place on the occasions of the elections for the three Masonic Institutions, and if this Fund can be made the means of preventing some portion of the heartburning that must ensue after an unsuccessful ballot, the founders will be amply rewarded for any little trouble they may have gone to in starting it. Already several districts have taken the matter of Charity into their own hands, and in most cases success attends their efforts. On the principle that a little aid is preferable to no aid at all, we hope soon to chronicle the fact that the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund are in a position to offer something, however small it may be, to each of the unsuccessful candidates of the other Masonic Charities. This may hardly have been the idea of the Earl of Rosslyn when he referred to the matter, but the support already received is so great that we think this addition to the original idea is justifiable, and we are certain that Lord Rosslyn will never complain that his remarks are bearing too much fruit. The future alone can decide what it will be in the power of the Committee to undertake.

We now desire to support the Special Appeal which is being made to the brethren throughout the country on behalf of this Fund, and we hope that every subscriber to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will in some way or other assist in the first year's work. As, doubtless, is well known to our readers, it is proposed to hold a Bazaar on 29th and 30th June and 1st and 2nd July next, and for this a large supply of fancy articles is desirable—nay, even necessary. We hope our brethren will prove themselves so liberal in their support of this undertaking that it will not be necessary for the Committee who may have the arrangement of details to purchase articles. Considering the extent to which Freemasonry is practised at the present day, it should surely not be possible to say that a Bazaar for so good an object failed for lack of support. We know arrangements are already made for various entertainments to be given during the four days the Bazaar is open, and little now remains but to secure a good stock of wares. Bro. Best has acted most liberally in giving the use of the large hall and suite of rooms, and everything augurs well for the success of the project if only the brethren will come forward and assist the Committee. We sincerely trust that the Craft will rally round us in establishing the Fund, and that the year 1880 will long be memorable for the splendid totals realised by the Masonic Charities.

OUR CHARITIES—A YEAR'S WORK.

THE support given to the three central Masonic Charities during the year that has just closed brings the total receipts for the twelve months up to an amount unprecedented in the history of the Institutions, and this notwithstanding the fact that as year by year goes round the sums contributed for Provincial local Masonic Charities are greatly increased. The total of the income of the three which may be termed universal—if not by reason of the support accorded to them, at least from the fact that their aid is sought for and partaken of universally—amounts to £44,731 9s 3d, a splendid result, and one of which English Masons may justly be proud; for it must be borne in mind that this represents the receipts of three only of the Masonic charitable organisations. We are occasionally told that the amount annually raised for these Institutions is but a small sum per head, and that, compared with the expenditure on banquets, jewels, and other luxuries, it is very insignificant. We are quite prepared to admit, if taken amount against amount, without any consideration as to the objects, that there is a wide difference, but we think it is hardly justifiable to say that every Mason is necessarily compelled to support these three particular Charities—whether they are worked according to his ideas or not—to the extent that he does the banquet table of his Lodge. The experience of the past few weeks has led many good-hearted brethren to ask whether the subscriptions are in all cases judiciously applied, while the ever increasing number of rejected candidates renders it imperative that something special should be done in order to assist a greater number, even if only partially, and yet to this course there seems to be a strong feeling of opposition. It is not always policy for a majority to assert their supremacy, for by so doing they may drive the minority away altogether. To prevent this taking place in connection with the central Charities, we again advise a spirit of co-operation rather than opposition, on the part of those brethren who, because they think themselves able to whip up a majority for a particular meeting, seem determined to have their own way, without any consideration for the opinions of others. At the present time, everything must be worked in accordance with the go-a-head business spirit of the age, and when it is imagined that our Charities are to be an exception to the rule, a grave error is committed, which can have but one result—the diminution of the subscriptions, if not entire withdrawal by sections or districts. The whole question of Masonic Charity should be carefully inquired into, and as it is thought that beneficial results may be obtained by outside education—even though it may be the idea of a small minority—a trial should be made of that system, in order practically to decide the matter.

The following are the actual figures for 1879. From these it will be seen that the Benevolent Institution again takes the lead with a total of £17,781 12s. 10d. or £2,901 10s. 3d. in excess of that realised in 1878, the amount that year being £14,880 2s. 7d. The second position is this year secured by the Boys', with a total of £13,924 4s. 4d., as compared with £13,130 18s. 7d. in 1878, an increase of £793 5s. 9d. The Girls' Institution brings up the rear, following pretty close on the Boys' with £13,025 12s. 1d., this is the only case where a diminution in the total of 1879, as compared with that of 1878, takes place. The sum realised in the latter year was £13,366 1s. 8d., so that the falling off really amounts to but £340 9s. 7d., a somewhat insignificant amount in proportion to the whole, but still of sufficient importance to demand particular attention, lest the deficiency be allowed to increase.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,123	10	6
United Grand Lodge (Grant from)	800	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	150	0	0
Dividends (1½ year)	2,686	4	4
Sundries	21	18	0
	£17,781	12	10

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	12,051	2	3
United Grand Lodge (grant from)	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Dividends	301	5	0
Legacy	103	10	1
Purchased Admissions	714	0	0
Life Presentation	525	0	0
Miscellaneous	68	17	0
	£13,924	4	4

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	11,179	18	0
United Grand Lodge (grant from)	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Dividends	1,207	10	0
Legacies	123	9	1
Purchased Admissions	178	10	0
Miscellaneous	175	15	0
	£13,025	12	1

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE BALL.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent by the members of this Lodge and their friends on Thursday, the 11th ult., on the occasion of the first Annual Ball. As is well known, the Lodge meets at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, of which Bro. Butt is the proprietor. He has recently succeeded in securing a license from the City authorities, allowing Masonic Balls at his establishment, and of this privilege the members of No. 1612 were the first to avail themselves. Dancing was kept up until a late hour to the strains of Cohen's band, and altogether the arrangements proved most satisfactory. Bro. T. Meekham acted as M.C., and presided at the supper table. The few toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured, Bro. Meekham, in giving that of the host, wishing that every success might attend the efforts recently made by that brother to cater for the enjoyment of his brethren.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY BALL.

A BALL will be given by the members of the above Lodge, on Thursday, 8th January 1880, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn. The W.M. and brethren desire to make this an opportunity for friendly and fraternal greeting. Bros. W. H. Hook W.M. and D. J. Robinson P.M. will act as M.C.'s, and the following comprise the Board of Stewards,—Bros. W. Mann P.M. and Treas., C.W. Noehmer P.M., W.W. Philp S.W., J. J. Taffs I.G., G. Hook Organist, G. F. Stutchbury, F. Alexander, G. J. Dyer, A. Leon, J. Seex P.M., R. Allison J.W., H. J. Johnson J.D., J. G. Horsey W.S., S. Earl, H. C. Day, W. B. Marcus, H. Stabbings, A. Nagle, and T. Mackness. Dan Godfrey's Quadrille Band is engaged.

"UNITED MASONIC BALL."

THE Committee have pleasure in announcing to the brethren and their friends that they have made arrangements for the Second Annual United Masonic Ball, to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 4th February 1880, and that they have secured the entire suite of rooms for the purpose. Relying upon the hearty co-operation of the brethren, and in order to secure the most perfect success, the Committee have determined to limit the number of Tickets. It is therefore necessary that an early application for the same be made. Bro. T. Goode is the Treasurer, and Bro. F. S. Rothschild the Hon. Sec. The brethren will be permitted to appear in Masonic Craft clothing and jewels. Mr. Dan. Godfrey and his celebrated Band have been retained. Bro. T. Meekham P.M. 1288 will act as M.C.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, on Monday consecrated the new Masonic Hall erected by the Southampton Masonic Hall Company. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. The building is situated in Albion-place, and embraces a very fine Lodge room, banquetting-hall, chapter room, and usual offices.—*Portsmouth Times*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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MILITARY MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in his communication of last week, suggests that the non-appreciation of York warrants by the local Militia (as instanced at p 31 of "Atholl Lodges") was probably due to the Officers of the Yorkshire Regiments being "scions of County families," whilst the Officers of the "Grand Lodge of All England" (York) were drawn from the trading classes."

This explanation would be perfectly satisfactory, if it were the case that, as a general rule, in Military or Regimental Masonry, the initiative was taken by the Officers.

On the contrary, however, and this mainly accounts for the preference exhibited by military brethren for the "Ancient" or *working men's* Grand Lodge. Regimental Lodges (of the last century), in nearly every case which I have been able fully to investigate, originated in the Masonic zeal of the *rank and file*, and, in the few instances where a Masonic spirit has pervaded an entire regiment, the love for the Craft has not spread *downwards*, but *upwards*, viz., from the soldier's barrack-room to the Officers' mess.

Nothing is more certain, than that the marvellous success of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge (enabling it, as we are aware, to dictate its own terms at the "Union") was chiefly, if not entirely due, to its rigid observance of the principle of equality.

It was essentially a Grand Lodge of "Operatives" or "working men," ruled by brethren of their own selection; and the youngest "Atholl" initiate, if he cherished the laudable ambition of becoming a Grand Officer, knew that merit was the surest passport to preferment, and had no reason to fear that the practice of the "Moderns," under which rank and wealth had the preference, would be followed by the "Ancients," whose assertion of Masonic independence constituted, indeed, an enduring protest against the dangerous innovations made by the earlier Grand Lodge, upon the liberal and equalising spirit of Masonry.

It is but natural to suppose that the Masonic "polity" of the "Ancients," would commend itself to regimental non-commissioned officers, and as a matter of fact it did—for the Military Lodges of the "Ancients" at all times vastly outnumbered those of the "Moderns."

Of four Lodges held in the Royal Marines before the "Union," three were "Ancient" and one "Modern;" whilst of fifteen (English) Lodges warranted at the same era in the Royal Artillery all were "Ancient."

With the fusion of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the decadence of Military Masonry commenced. A "working men's" Grand Lodge no longer existed, and the proportion (under the UNITED Grand Lodge of England) of Military to other Lodges, which was one in twelve in 1814, fell to one in three hundred in 1878.

A record of our Military Lodges, and of the remarkable events in their history is much called for. Many now *stationary* Lodges in the United Kingdom, in our garrisons abroad, and under independent jurisdictions, were originally warranted in British regiments.

Under the first heading comes the Royal Somerset House Lodge No. 2, which enjoys the unique distinction of representing both a "Sea" and a "Field" Lodge; the York Lodge of Perseverance No. 7; the Union Waterloo No. 13; the Royal Clarence, Bristol, No. 68; St. John's, Sunderland, No. 80; Unanimity, Preston, No. 113; the Salopian Lodge of Charity, Shrewsbury, No. 117; and Fortitude, Truro, No. 131.*

At Gibraltar, St. John's, No. 115 (first constituted in the Royal Artillery), is the oldest Lodge "on the Rock;" whilst under an independent jurisdiction, viz., at Quebec, the senior Lodge, "Antiquity," was originally warranted (by the Grand Lodge of Ireland), in the 46th Regiment in 1752, as the Lodge of "Social and Military Virtues" No. 227. The capture of their warrant by the French, its return under a military guard, and the controversy as to General Washington's initiation in No. 227, are topics that space will not permit me to linger over. The second Lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Quebec—"Albion," was constituted in the Royal Artillery at New York as No. 213 (Ancients) in 1781.

The oldest *existing* Military Lodge is No. 128 on the registry of Ireland, which was constituted in the 39th Regiment so far back as 1742, and no doubt was in full working order fifteen years later, when the gallant 39th, for its share in the glorious victory of Plassey (1757) received the distinctive title of "*Primus in Indis*." Having regard to the special perils besetting a Military charter, from which our "home staying" warrants are happily exempt, and bearing in mind the number of hard fought fields in which the 39th (Dorsetshire) Regiment has been engaged—the continuous existence of this Lodge throughout a period of one hundred and thirty-seven years must be pronounced one of the most remarkable occurrences of which the annals of Freemasonry afford an example.

About two hundred Lodges have been warranted in regiments or

* It is curious and noteworthy, that whilst so minute a fraction of the 400 (more or less) Military Lodges has survived to this day, two out of the three "Sea" or "Naval" Lodges, established in the last century, are still represented on the roll of the G. Lodge of England, viz., No. 279 (1762), "on Board H.M. Ship the Prince at Plymouth," by No. 2 above (Somerset House), and No. 254 (1760), "on Board the Vanguard," by present No. 108 (the London Lodge).

garrisons by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which *ten* only exist (as Military Lodges) at the present day, and are held (inclusive of the 39th Foot, above mentioned) in the 4th Dragoon Guards (1758), 29th Regiment (1759), 49th Regiment (1760), 38th Regiment (1765), 5th Dragoon Guards (1780), and the 12th and 17th Lancers, together with the 20th and 26th Foot, of more recent date.

Twenty-six regimental charters have been issued in former times by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which none are now in work.

As previously stated, the Military Lodges on the English roll have almost died out; they exist only in the 1st, 6th, 12th, 14th, 31st and 89th Foot, whilst one only of the number (Unity, Peace and Concord, No. 316, in the 1st Royals) ranges back into the last century. Had the progress of Military Masonry kept pace with the general prosperity of the Craft, instead of *six* there should now be (exclusive of the *separate* jurisdictions of Ireland and Scotland) at least one hundred and sixty Regimental Lodges on the registry of England.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Reverting to the preference shown by the Yorkshire Militia regiments for Grand Lodges *out* of their native county, it is but fair to add that the Militia of the last century, having been called upon to undertake garrison duty throughout the United Kingdom, their applications for Masonic Warrants of Constitution were probably much influenced by the predominance of particular Grand Lodges in the towns in which they were quartered. For example, No. 176 "Ancients," the note to which Lodge, in my "Atholl Lodges," is alluded to by Bro. Whytehead, was warranted in the 1st Yorkshire Militia whilst stationed at Sheffield—a great stronghold of the "Ancients." The singular impartiality of the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, in ranging itself under the banners of *three* Grand Lodges of England and one of Ireland, as well as experimenting in Royal Arch Masonry under Grand Chapters of England and Scotland, may also be cited, as illustrating that the "Regulars" were similarly influenced by local causes.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A letter in your issue of the 27th ult., signed "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," upon the subject of the Devon Educational Fund, recounts that the Institution in question "is especially worthy of notice by the brethren, and that it is likely to become a great public good, and an important Institution."

I am one who worked hard on behalf and assisted to *found* this Institution, at a time when it was the fashion to *pooh-pooh* its claims and throw cold water on *our* efforts, or at best to "damn them with faint praise," and this by many who now are converts to the scheme.

Thus far I am fully with, and endorse all the good likely to accrue from this local Institution mentioned by "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON."

But when my brother, in a somewhat patronising tone, says:—"We have, on former occasions, contributed largely, and shall probably still continue to do so, to the great Institutions of London; but, finding that our *children* had to contest for the benefits of these Institutions with all the other Lodges in the kingdom, and that it took a great deal of money and a great deal of personal exertion to get children elected, we determined upon the adoption of a system of *educating and sustaining* our children at home."

Now, the foregoing is all very buoyant and cheerful, and shows great self-reliance, but unfortunately, at the same time, a lamentable want of both truth and knowledge, and makes assertions strangely at variance with facts.

First, "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," instead of saying "We have on former occasions contributed largely, and probably shall do so again," should rather have said—We, as a Province, have received, and now are receiving annually, large sums from the great Masonic Institutions in London. We have more than our full share of children in each of the London Masonic Schools, and that, too, after having had to compete with all the Lodges of the kingdom for these benefits. How much more fairly would "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" have written, had he but added—"Assisted by the sympathy and kindness of other Provinces and distant Lodges, who placed votes at the disposal of our London representative at each election."

Devon would not, from the strength of her own voting power, have ever been in a position to elect the candidates now on the funds of the great Charities who have been placed thereon during the last few years. Would "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" consider it a labour of love or an irksome task to quietly analyse the lists of the great Charities, so far as they refer to the number of Devon cases on the funds, or in each School? After amusing himself with the Old People, he might take a turn with the Girls and Boys. Finding the amount received per annum, he would then be in a position to compare the "large contributions" he mentions with the past and present receipts from the Institution.

The brother, doubtless from the high position he holds in the Province, is quite familiar with the charity lists or records issued by the London Masonic Institutions, wherein is shown "Who's who." Let me hope—in fact I will not doubt it—he is at least a Life Governor of all the Institutions, as well as a *liberal* donor to the Devon Educational Fund.

But when "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" says, "We determined upon a system of education, and '*sustaining*' our children at home, does the brother make this *rash* assertion as an individual, or in an official capacity in connection with the Devon Educational Fund? The latter I cannot believe, for in two of the most important essentials it is so contrary to fact, so misleading, that one would

really imagine that in the future the Province of Devon intended keeping all its orphans at home, and "sustaining" them there.

Does "A.P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. of DEVON" know *sustentation* is no part of the scheme of the Devon Educational Fund, which was founded to give education, clothe and advance in life those orphans whom the Province could not hope to get elected into the London Schools, in addition, and as distinguished from the children that are selected by the Committee of Petitions of the Province, and who do get elected to the London Schools.

Referring "A.P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. of DEVON" to *bye-law* 6 of the Devon Educational Fund, what becomes of his expression of "*sustaining them at home*?"

I ask the brother to post himself in this and kindred matters in connection with the Fund before giving vent to perhaps harmless but most misleading statements.

Under no circumstances would I wish it inferred that Devon has been lax, or even neglectful in rendering good and liberal support to the great London Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon in this respect might be accepted as a pattern to be followed by other Provincial Grand Lodges in the aid so often rendered to the great Charities. Many of the Lodges and Chapters throughout Devon have during the last few years subscribed handsomely, and supported Stewards for the London Charities, but unfortunately, be it remembered, during the same period the candidates having claims, or rather making claims on Devon, have been many, and far out of all proportion to votes held by the Province.

By a system of organising this voting power, and the judicious use of votes obtained from other provinces, Devon has thus been enabled to place on the funds of all the Masonic London Charities her more than full quota of candidates—hence, so far as those surplus orphans of the province were interested, it became an absolute necessity that the Devon Educational Fund should exist; but *not* to keep at "*home and sustain*" our urgent and most deserving cases; but to send those to the great Charities, working for their admittance to the utmost of our power, giving the benefit of the local fund to those surplus cases which the province have no power to work into the great Schools, in addition to those previously named.

Provincial Masonic Educational Funds are no new idea; we have the experience of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, and during the past twenty years each of those named have flourished. These local funds, auxiliary to the great Charities, and not antagonistic, find their main support from individual brethren of their province, who become Life Governors and Annual Subscribers to the local fund; thus fully recognising the fact that to ask for aid from the funds set apart by the respective Prov. Grand Lodges at annual meetings for the great Charities in London, would be *most* unwise; to say nothing of the manifest unjustness of such a course.

If the Devon Educational Fund is to prosper, let the Province be wise in her generation. The brethren—the rank and file of Masonry in the Province—must come forward as Life Governors and Annual Subscribers, and give aid to their local institution for purely local purposes of a secondary nature. To ask the Provincial Grand Lodge or the other governing bodies of Masonry in Devon for monies that should be devoted to the great Charities, as some adequate return for the present large sums received by Devon orphans and annuitants now on the funds of the several great Charities. Trench upon these Funds for the local Educational Institution, and the power now possessed by the Province in the great Charities will fade away. Do this; embrace the shadow, and, in the act, lose the substance.

So far as Devon is concerned; such is the aid received by her orphans and annuitants from the great Charities, her voting power at each election of those Institutions; and her returns in kind to the great Charities; as well as the features of the Devon Educational Fund.

I, without egotism, beg to subscribe myself,

Yours very fraternally,

AU FAIT.

THE PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry to have incurred the displeasure of our Bro. Perceval, but will ask him to believe that it is neither offence nor anger that impels me to decline his offer to be my backer in a contest for supremacy in personal abuse. If, however, Bro. Perceval desires to discuss in a friendly spirit through your columns the *pros* and *cons* of what many subscribers consider an ill-advised project, I shall have great pleasure in doing my best to convince him that the opinions of himself, and those who adopt his views of the proposal, have been formed too hastily, without sufficient consideration of the Laws of the Institution, and with too little regard for the principle which, I submit, should govern all charitable efforts, viz., the greatest good to the greatest number. An inexcusable blunder in the previous proceedings, in consequence of which it has been found necessary to convene a new meeting to do that which was supposed to have been already done, is in itself a proof that haste rather than judgment has been the guide, resulting at all events in the uncalled for expense of two meetings in the place of one. It will scarcely be contended that this was for the benefit of the children for whose education and support the funds were collected. The subscribers are indebted to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for pointing out this irregularity, which certainly ought not to have occurred. Mistakes, like misfortunes, seldom come singly, and I believe it can easily be shown that the second notice is as illegal as its predecessor.

It is satisfactory to have an admission that the sum named for the

purchase of a property we do not want is "*a fancy price*," but may I beg Bro. Perceval to further consider whether Trustees of Charitable Funds subscribed for a specific purpose are at liberty to expend those funds in *fancy* speculations or investments? I think he may find that Parliament has dealt with this subject in a manner which renders the position of Trustees who may indulge in such whims particularly unpleasant from a financial point of view.

A military friend suggests that the promoters of this project would do well to execute "*a strategic movement to the rear*," and I have pleasure in placing his suggestion at their disposal.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

H.

1st January 1880.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My letter in the CHRONICLE of the 20th inst., advocating grants of say £20 per annum each for education, &c., of children in the vicinity of their homes has drawn forth the inquiry from Bro. Chas. John Perceval—"Are we sure that the money so voted would be properly applied?" Your remarks on this question in your article in the CHRONICLE of the 27th ult. are exceedingly apposite, as is also the letter of "A.P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. of Devon." For the information of your readers I will briefly state the course adopted by the East Lancashire Institution to secure the proper application of the grants made for education, &c., of children. On the election of a child, some brother of the Lodge to which the father belonged is selected by the Education and Relief Committee to undertake the supervision of the child's education, and generally to act as its foster father; and by this brother arrangements are made with the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, the school in all cases being approved by the Committee, and reports are regularly furnished by the school to the Committee, by whom the school bills are paid, after being certified as correct by the foster father. By this means I apprehend the Committee ensure the proper application of the grant.

I do not deny that the education given in our noble Institutions—the Girls' and Boys' Schools—is superior to that which could be obtained by a £20 grant, but that is not the question I raise. What I wish is, the benefits of these Institutions to be extended to the greatest possible number, and this I maintain will be better accomplished, and at much less cost, by the system of home education than by an extension of the present system.

There is no doubt at all that the provinces, finding it almost impossible to carry their candidates at the Girls' and Boys' Elections, are earnestly taking up this *home* system, and as it becomes more general, the Metropolitan Institutions must of necessity lack the liberal support hitherto extended them by the provinces, unless indeed the benefits of the Metropolitan Institutions can be extended in the way I have indicated.

Yours fraternally,

East Lancashire, 29th December 1879.

J. W.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

8 Thurlow Place, S.W.

27th December 1879.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of a P.P.J.G.W. which appeared in your issue of to-day speaks volumes as to the kind of opposition to be expected with regard to the motion brought forward by Bro. James Stevens at the last Grand Lodge Meeting, "Uniformity of Ritual."

Now, I take it that the word "Uniformity" has been greatly misunderstood by a number of the brethren, and the "pishing," "pshawing," "ridiculous," "impossible," "can't be done," "Brothers, stand close," uttered against poor Uniformity, have been amusing and surprising, considering the sources from whence they sprang; why, one would have thought that Bro. Stevens imagined that he was capable of performing a miracle, that he was going to build Rome in a day, that he was uprooting the foundation of Freemasonry with his wonderful attempts at what ninety-nine out of a hundred will tell you is much to be desired; the others do not see how it can, or expect it ever will be done; and such brethren I would refer to one of Æsop's fables, about the man whose cart was stuck in the mud, and instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel and helping to get it out, went and knelt down on the roadside and prayed to Jupiter to get it for him, with the result,—cart remained stuck. To such brethren let me say, if each one of you will only put a pound weight of your help and assistance, our beautiful ritual will be lifted out of the various quagmires into which she has been allowed to sink bit by bit, in fact, so unlike herself, that her own mother could not possibly recognise her. Now what is it that Bro. Stevens is aiming at—Perfection? No, for that is impossible; but he asks in a straightforward commonsense way for a constituted authority, evoked from the combined talent of some of the most distinguished (by merit and ability) of our brethren, an authority whose decision shall be final, an authority to whom any W.M. desirous of fulfilling his obligation for the well-ruling of his Lodge can refer, for there would be no compulsion in the matter; but, at the same time, he could plead no excuse if doubtful of his working.

I have been informed that there is an authority recognised by Grand Lodge—viz., the working of the Lodge of Reconciliation at the Union, 1813, and handed down to us by the late eminent Mason Stephen Barton Wilson, that that Ritual is still in existence, and that the Emulation Lodge still carries it out; but, in the same breath, I am told if our late eminent ritual-

ist was to be permitted to be once more amongst us, and attend on Friday evenings, he most assuredly would fail to recognise his own handy-work, it had been so improved upon. The first portion of the task would be long, difficult, but most interesting if carried on with that love and harmony by which we are supposed to be especially distinguished; that task once accomplished, the work of improvement, of reformation, and return to the once beautiful ritual, would be gradual, would be slow, but would be firm, lasting, and as certain as the incoming tide on a shallow beach, and like that gradually spread itself over the whole surface. Such I believe to be the aim of Bro. Stevens and all who support him, and with my earnest hope for his success. Of course, the above does not apply to those learned brethren who are so wise in their own conceit that they have nothing to learn, and need not that any should declare unto them of that in which they are perfect, unequalled, and without compeers, and whose wisdom is so much superior to that head to whom they gave their allegiance at their initiation, and at every step since that they feel themselves relieved from their obligation, and at liberty to follow their own conceits, and those only.

I remain,

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

P.S.—Erratum in my letter of the 20th, lines 43, 44, 45, for "A large piece of ground immediately at the back could have been bought for £1000 or less," read "a large piece of waste ground, &c., for £1500 or less." This was my fault, not yours.

C. J. P.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Thank you very much for the insertion in your pages of my last letter on this subject, as I wrote it. Your contemporary has seen fit to "delete" certain portions, which spoil the context of the whole; and the letter written for both journals is shorn of its intended purpose, so far as that exponent of Masonic opinion is concerned. I will not here impute reasons for the excision of matter which you have seen no reason to reject. To those who have the opportunity for comparing the respective impressions they will be sufficiently apparent. The suppression of parts of my letter is unworthy of more than passing regret that an opponent cannot fairly publish the arguments of "the other side."

Will you add to all your former favours by giving me this opportunity to inform the brethren that I am now forming the Committee I have to nominate at next Grand Lodge meeting, and that I shall be glad to hear from any Past Masters (particularly those of the Provinces) desirous of joining with me in my efforts to secure "Uniformity, &c.," through the instrumentality of a preliminary "enquiry into the various systems now in practice and reporting thereon" to Grand Lodge at a future date?

With the compliments of the season, and wishing the CHRONICLE continued prosperity,

Believe me, yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, 31st December 1879.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, and after the initiation of three gentlemen, which was efficiently done by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Alfred E. Lean), assisted by W. Bros. S. Roach and R. Pengelly, the installation of the new Master (Bro. William Odum), who was unanimously elected at the previous meeting, took place. This ceremony was admirably performed by W. Bro. Lean, assisted by W. Bros. J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. and Richard Pengelly P.M., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The musical portion of the ceremony was beautifully rendered by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. John D. Barker. The Officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were:—Bros. A. E. Lean I.P.M., Edwin Tout S.W., James Griffen J.W., Leonard D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks. Treasurer, John B. Gover Secretary, George Mitchell S.D., Francis B. Westlake J.D., J. H. Dwelly D.C., Thomas King sen. A.D.C., W. H. Symons O., John D. Barker I.G., G. Sercombe S.S., W. T. Denniford J.S., John Holmes Tyler. Bro. John D. Barker was appointed Charity Steward of the Lodge. The especial duty of this Officer is to collect subscriptions and donations from the members for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; and in several Lodges where similar appointments have been made it has been found to work well, and for the benefit of this as well as the great Masonic Charities. A sum of three guineas was voted to a brother who was known to be in needy circumstances. The Treasurer reported the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The dinner to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was provided by Bro. Charles Walters, at the Farley Hotel, and was, in all respects, everything that could be desired. During the evening an elegant gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the late W. Master, engraved as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. Alfred E. Lean by St. John's Lodge, No. 70, in recognition of his zeal as Master, A.L. 5879." The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and many excellent speeches, inculcating Charity as the outcome of Freemasonry, were made. The musical intervals were very interesting. The glees of Bros. Firks, Goodall, and J. Rendle were admirably rendered, and many of the brethren exercised their musical talent to

help to make the intervals between business highly enjoyable. In consequence of so many Lodges holding their annual meetings at this time of the year many distinguished brethren were unable to be present. Letters regretting their unavoidable absence were read from:—Right W. Bros. Lord Ebrington P.G.M., Walter G. Rogers D.P.G.M., L. P. Metham P.G.D. Eng. P.D.P.G.M., Right Hon. Earl Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. Cornwall, Col. J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. Cornwall, William J. Hagan P.G.D. Eng. P.G.S.W. Egypt P.P.G.S., Cornwall, John Brewer P.G. Sec., Rear-Admiral F. H. H. Glasbe C.B., Charles Gottschalk P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Derry P.M. P.P.G.S.D. (the Mayor of Plymouth), John Marshall W.M. 156, J. H. Dawe W.M. 1255, John Way P.M. 70 P.P.G.T., J. J. Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G.T., Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., V. Bird P.M. 70 and 1,550 P.P.G.T. Amongst those present at the ceremony or the banquet, in addition to those whose names have been already mentioned, were V.W. and W. Bros. Francis P. Holmes P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, Charles Stribbling P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Samuel Roach P.M., Samuel Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., John Dupré P.M. P.P.G.D.C., F. R. Tomes P.M. P.P.G., H. W. Thomas P.M., R. G. Bird P.M., Joseph Wainwright P.M., all of Lodge 70; J. E. Carleis P.M. 189 P.P.G.S. Warden, Rev. W. Whitley P.M. 156 P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Matthews P.M. 282 P.P.G.S. Works, R. G. Tippet W.M. 1550, P. B. Clements P.P.G.O., C. Cooper P.M. and Secretary 105, W. Browning P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, George Firks W.M., John R. Lord P.M. and Treasurer, James Rendle P.M. and Secretary 1217, W. Crier 282, Thomas Goodall P.M. 951, B. Elliott W.M. 1247, J. R. H. Harris W.M. 230, Charles Richardson P.M. 1212, H. Chapis, C. Rodda, J. Kitt, H. S. Moon, T. King jun., P. Hamley, R. Blight, K. Bond, Hoare, J. Beard, T. Gard, T. Cuning, Holloway, Moysey, Lister, Leigh, Crossman, &c.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81, WOODBRIDGE.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Installation Festival and the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist on Saturday, 27th ult., when there was a most successful and pleasant meeting. Lodge opened about 3.30. The presence book was signed by Bros. W. P. T. Phillips P.M. as W.M., F. Whistock S.W. the W.M. elect, E. St. G. Cobbold J.W., B. D. Gall Treasurer, R. Allen S.D., J. Stidolph Sec., Past Masters A. Barnes, B. Gall, T. Grimwood; Bros. W. Roo, J. Cana Fisk, F. A. Kent, G. Freeman, E. R. Wood and W. H. Hessey. The Visitors were Bros. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. P.M. British Union 114 Installing Master, T. J. Wentworth P.G.S.D. I.P.M. St. Luke's 225, W. G. Cunnold W.M. 225, G. Abbott P.P.G.S.B. S.D. 225, C. Kent J.D. Prince of Wales 959, D. D. Steele 959, and R. Senton 225. The Lodge having been regularly opened in the three degrees by Bro. Phillips, the Installing Master assumed the chair. Bro. Whistock was then presented, and having given assent to the ancient charges, all brethren below the chair left. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. Clarke in a most efficient and impressive style. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in regular form. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. E. St. G. Cobbold S.W., W. P. Phillips J.W. (in his unavoidable absence, Bro. W. P. T. Phillips being invested for him), B. D. Gall Treasurer, Williamhurst Secretary (Bro. J. Stidolph being invested for Bro. Williamhurst, who was absent through illness), E. R. Wood S.D., F. A. Kent J.D., B. Gall P.M. D.C., J. Cana Fisk I.G., G. Hall Tyler, B. D. Gall, G. Freeman, and R. Allen Stewards. Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory Chaplain, and Bro. J. Stidolph Organist, were re-appointed at last meeting of Lodge. On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, seconded by Bro. B. Gall, a resolution was passed that the usual subscription from Lodge to the Masonic Girls' School should be placed on Bro. Clarke's list. The Lodge then closed. The brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared by Bro. J. Groat. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, heartily thanked the brethren for the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He alluded to the responsibilities thrown upon him; he should, he said, do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. He reminded his Officers of the importance of the punctual performance of their duties, and relied with confidence upon their co-operation and support at all times. Bro. W. Clarke proposed the Masonic Charities, earnestly urging upon his hearers the claims of the three great Institutions upon the entire Masonic brotherhood. The musical portion of the programme was efficiently carried out by Bros. Abbott, Grayston and Steele, Bro. J. Stidolph accompanying on the pianoforte.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THIS Lodge has now been in existence over one hundred years; and it will be remembered that a few months since the brethren celebrated the centenary anniversary of their Lodge. During the whole course of its career the brethren have not had a regular abiding place for their "warrant;" and for some time past they have met at Lodge "Charity," Union-street, Stonehouse. These rooms, however, being somewhat out of repair, it was felt desirable by the brethren that they should assemble together in a more suitable place. Bro. R. Lose came forward and offered to provide the desired accommodation. The brethren availed themselves of Bro. Lose's kindness, and building operations were commenced at the back of Hobart House, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, and a neat and commodious building has been erected on this site. The structure consists of a handsome Lodge room 42 feet long, 20 feet broad, and about 18 feet high; a refreshment-room, ante-room, and the necessary offices. The Lodge is approached from a side street, and its exterior has a very neat appearance. Inside everything is elaborately fitted up, and the Lodge room, which is situated on the first floor, has been most hand-

somely furnished. The Master's chair, which is made of mahogany, is a beautiful piece of workmanship. The arms terminate in two richly-carved lions' heads, whilst the back is studded with the emblems of the Order. It is 7 feet 6 inches in height, and the top is surmounted by a crown. The chair is upholstered with crimson Utrecht velvet, and is richly carved. There are three other high back chairs, which are about 5 feet 6 inches in height. In front of the Master's chair is a pedestal about 4 feet high, with a white marble top, and in front are two Corinthian columns. There are two other pedestals of a similar description. There are also provided twelve "horse shoe" chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet. The floor is covered with a beautifully designed Brussels carpet, and in the centre, instead of canvas, will be placed a tessellated carpet. Every convenience has been provided for the accommodation of the members. Around the room will be placed "warrants" and other matters connected with the Brotherhood. The apartment will be illuminated with the "sun light." The refreshment room will be fitted up in a very comfortable manner. The building has been erected by Mr. A. Lethbridge, contractor, Plymouth; and the furnishing arrangements are being carried out by Snawdon and Company, 43 and 44 Union-street, Stonehouse.

"Lodge Ebrington" will be consecrated on the 6th of January next, by Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master of Devon. For its formation the petitioners are eleven in number:—Bros. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., J. H. Stephens P.M., A. Lethbridge P.M., J. Bartlett P.M., F. Littleton W.M. 159, V. S. Johns S.W., T. Lose, R. Lose jun., J. Lose, Isaac Masters. The brethren of "Lodge Brunswick," who number about 126, will meet on the first Wednesday in each month, and those of "Lodge Ebrington," on the second Tuesday of each month.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, St. Stephen's-street, Devonport, when there was a large attendance. After a raising, and the acceptance of three brethren as joining members, the installation of W. Bro. Henry Welch P.M. P.P.G.P. was performed by Bro. E. March W.M. P.P.G.O., assisted by J. P. Price P.P.G.S.B. and E. J. Knight P.G.S., in the presence of R. Marshall P.M., E. D. Parnell P.M., W. H. Terrell P.M., E. Binding P.M., all of 202; W. Coath P.M. 893, J. Allen P.M. 1099, J. Ripper P.M. 1212, — Jackman P.M. 178, F. Codd P.M. 230 P.P.G.O., M. Embden W.M. 105, R. Blight W.M. 223, J. Gidley P.M. Tretheway. The Officers appointed were:—Ed. Murch I.P.M. Grylls S.W., S. O. Elliott J.W., E. J. Knight P.M. Treas., J. D. Sandy Sec., G. Willcocks S.D., J. Viggers J.D., C. Organ I.G., W. Oates Org., C. Price D.C., E. Langmead A.D.C., J. Burns S.S., W. H. Cawse J.S., E. Benny T. The dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and the catering of Bro. Parker, the manager of that establishment, gave unbounded satisfaction. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M. Bro. Welch was especially honoured, he having been the Master of this Lodge some fifteen years before. It will be satisfactory to the friends of Friendship Lodge to know that it continues to be in a very high state of prosperity.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

THIS old-established Lodge, which originally had a special privilege to initiate, pass and raise in the French language, and now in its working is second to none, held its installation meeting on Thursday, 1st January, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. Julius Quitman W.M., T. W. Cooper S.W., E. Child J.W., J. Kench A.G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, E. Humphrey S.D., Swears J.D., Skinner I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. H. Wood, Walters I.P.M., C. Burmeister, E. Wilson, Lindus; and a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the financial position to be a flourishing one, and that a good sum remained in the hands of the Treasurer. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was very heavy. Bro. Dickson was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Hawkins was raised. Mr. R. Marner was then balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. Great praise is due to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremonies, and each of the Officers rendered goodly assistance. Bro. Schubert enlivened the proceedings by playing some very appropriate music. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thomas Cooper, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the work in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. Kench gave the addresses very impressively, and he, as well as the I.P.M., received the warm congratulations of the members on the conclusion of the ceremony, which compliment was fully endorsed by the several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. A. Mount 1328, Grist 1637, Wilson G.P., J. Rexworthy 1728, F. Blake W.M. 855, R. Pierpoint P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire 1365 S.D. 1828, E. C. Schubert, G. Wehlen W.M. 511, E. P. Albert P.G.P., Capstick 435, Mount, C. E. Birch 1223, W. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex P.M. 1637 1489 and 1365, C. W. Davis P.G.S. Middlesex P.M. 382 W.M. 1637, H. Dicketts P.G.S., L. B. Pillen P.M. 180, S. A. Cooper J.W. 1637, Ginger The Great City Lodge, C. Tinney, Hurdell 1348, Bett, Verity, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The customary salutations were duly given, and the W.M. in appropriate terms invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Quitman I.P.M., Child S.W., E. Humphreys J.W., J. Kench A.G.P. Treasurer (re-elected for the ninth time), J. B. Sly P.M. Sec., Swears S.D., Skinner J.D., G. Baumann I.G., Palmer D.C., L. G. Langdon W.S., Balo Organist, Elvin J.S., Church Tyler. The W.M.'s selection gave unqualified

satisfaction. Bro. J. Kench A.G.P., in pursuance of notice of motion, proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of endowing the W.M. and S.W. of the Lodge as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was seconded by Bro. Lindus P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Quitman was elected to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the amount voted by the Lodge as above stated was placed on his list. Bro. Sly P.M. and Treasurer stated that the W.M. had presented the members with a very splendid cloth, beautifully embroidered with the arms of the Lodge. It was proposed that the thanks of the members be tendered, and that the vote be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Alfred Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but eloquent terms. In giving that of the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing three Officers of Grand Lodge present. Bro. Wilson G.P. in a very eloquent speech, responded to the toast, and thanked the W.M. for the manner he had spoken of the Grand Officers. Bro. Albert P.G.P. followed, and Bro. Kench also made a very excellent speech. Bro. Quitman said he had the honour and the privilege of proposing the health of the W.M., who was initiated in the Lodge; all knew how perfect he was in his working. Bro. Quitman was sure the brethren could not have made a better selection. The W.M. was one who was in every way calculated to fill the chair to the satisfaction of the members. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had spoken of him. He had worked very hard to arrive at the summit of his ambition—the chair of this important Lodge. With the assistance of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, who would guide him in his occupation of the chair, he hoped to preside creditably. When he left the chair he trusted he should meet with the same amount of cordiality that had been accorded him that evening. The toast of the initiates was given and responded to. Bro. Kench P.M. and Treasurer singing the E.A. song. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors—they were brethren whom all respected. Many among them had rendered great service to the Order. Bro. Schubert here delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo. Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Stephens and Charles W. Davis returned thanks, and specially referred to the Charity vote made by the Lodge during the evening. In proposing the toast of the I.P.M., Brother Quitman fully endorsed all the Visitors had said in praise of that Brother: he was one who could not be excelled; who had shown what could be done by perseverance and a desire for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. C. W. Davis then sang "The Jolly Waggoner" in a genial manner, the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Quitman responded. He thanked the W.M. for the manner he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the elegant jewel presented him; he should always wear it with pride. He then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; there were eight among them, Bro. Wilson being the oldest. Bro. Pierpoint sang "My old friend John." Bro. Wilson P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. The I.P.M. had done good service for the Lodge, and it was highly gratifying to see a W.M. whose working was so creditable. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers were given. The W.M. said he hoped the selection he had made had given satisfaction. He knew their qualifications. All had been initiated in the Lodge, and no band of brethren could be better calculated to do their duty. He hoped eventually to see them in the proud position of W.M. of their mother Lodge. Bro. J. Humphrey J.W., in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks. In addition to those named, Bros. Bennales, Wood and several others contributed to the harmony.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

THE Installation Meeting of this capital working and flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Lazarus W.M., L. J. Salomons S.W., W. H. Brall J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Ellis S.D., M. Levy J.D., Syer I.G.; P.M.'s W. H. Gulliford, A. Eskill, S. V. Abrahams, De Solla, Blum, V. Myers, A. Blumenthal. Among the Visitors were Bros. S. M. Lazarus P.G.S.W. Wilts, Cramer W.M. 834, Alais P.M. 834, Silvester 193, L. Alexander P.M. 188, Davis 188, A. Myers 185, Barnett P.M. 185 and 1668, M. De Saxe late 188, Johnston 177, J. Abrahams P.M. 188, C. Merion 1744, J. West 73, Catler W.M. 251, Greenwall 188, Samuelson 245, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Davis was passed to the second degree. A Board of Installed Masters was now formed, and Bro. L. J. Salomons S.W. and W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus, who, in his performance of the ceremony, exhibited a perfect knowledge of his duties. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he then, in appropriate terms, invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Lazarus I.P.M., E. Ellis S.W., M. Levy J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. Syers S.D., Mann J.D., Benjamin I.G., M. Leverton D.C., Goldberger W.S., S. Sampson W.S., Lazarus jun. W.S., Smith Tyler. The investiture of the Officers was received with loud applause. Letters of apology were read from Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Col. Shadwell Clerke, and several others, who regretted their inability to be present. Bro. S. V. Abrahams P.M. gave notice of motion that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £5 5s for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of any brother who would represent either of those Charities at the next Festivals. Bro. A. Blumenthal P.M. announced his intention to act as a Steward for the Girls' School. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed there was a balance, after meeting every liability

of £107 7s 8d. The amount in the hands of the Treasurer on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of this comparatively young Lodge was £367 4s 2d. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous Visitors, and the brethren, 51 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nichols, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The wines and viands were of first-rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft; the National Anthem was sung, and then the W.M. proposed the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, which toast likewise met with a hearty reception. Bro. Heine Hugo here sang, "Raddier than the Cherry," and was deservedly applauded. The toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers followed. The W.M., in speaking of their qualifications, remarked it was with pride they had one among them—a founder of the Lodge—who had been selected for Grand Office. Bro. Albert was one whom they all respected; he is an honour to the Lodge; he had been invested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. As one of the most esteemed Past Masters of the Lodge he was entitled to respect, and it was with pleasure he associated his name with the toast. After an eloquent response from Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Bro. J. M. Lazarus I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. On many previous occasions he had had to propose the toast of the W.M., but on this occasion he did so with infinite pleasure. On looking back to Bro. Salomons' Masonic career, they could not but be struck by what he had done in the minor offices. He might, however, say, Bro. Salomons was one who would be able to perform the ritual in a manner such as had not been excelled for some time, and would fill the office with credit to himself as well as to the Lodge. Apart from this, he would carry out all required of him. He therefore called on all to join in wishing him health and prosperity. Bro. Heine Hugo gave another specimen of his artistic ability as a singer. The W.M. thanked Bro. Lazarus for the eulogiums he had passed upon him; he hoped to thoroughly carry out the working of the three ceremonies. In presiding over them he was imbued with the knowledge that a great unity of feeling existed in the Lodge, and that the members were animated by the true spirit of brotherly love; he hoped to leave the chair with the same impression. His rise was due to the kindness of the P.M.'s and the brethren; he would always look to their interests, and it would be his pride to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. D. Davis, who was initiated at the last meeting. From the attention Bro. Davis paid to the ceremony they might rely upon it he would become a credit to the Order. The toast was responded to in a manner that fully justified the remarks of the W.M. The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. remarking how pleased he was to see them. There were distinguished brethren among them—Bro. L. Alexander, an old P.M. of 188, the Lodge from which the Montefiore sprang. As the Visitors were so numerous, he would call on Bros. L. Alexander P.M. 188, J. D. Barnett P.M. who represented Nos. 185 and 1668, and Vernon Heath to respond to the toast. Bro. L. Alexander felt a great pleasure in replying. He had witnessed the Lodge's excellent working; he saw several Past Masters present who had passed the chair in his own Lodge. The Montefiore being an offshoot of the Joppa, he was gratified to see it prosper and flourish. He felt proud and honoured by being called on to respond to the toast. Bro. Barnett fully endorsed all the former speaker had said. It afforded him great pleasure to be present, and to see such working. The good feeling that exists in the Lodge was such that it could but be appreciated by all present. He was a Past Master representing two Lodges; the Worshipful Masters being unable to be present, from pressure of business; he would, however, convey to them an account of the hospitality he had received. Bro. Vernon Heath also acknowledged the compliment. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He was pleased to see the I.P.M. by his side; all the brethren must have seen how admirably Bro. Lazarus had worked the ceremonies. The Lodge had voted him a jewel, which he hoped on the next occasion to have the honour and pleasure to invest him with. The W.M. then recounted the special qualities of the other Past Masters present, and called on those assembled to do honour to the toast. Bro. J. Lazarus was personally prepared to do anything required of him for the interests of the Lodge; what the Past Masters had done in the past, they would repeat in the future. Bro. Victor Myers followed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. No better or more efficient working Masons could be found in any Lodge. The Treasurer and the Secretary, Bros. L. Jacobs and Albert, are well known and respected; and every one of the other brethren have rendered services that entitled them to the esteem of the Lodge. Bro. Jacobs Treasurer and both the Wardens responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. A most agreeable evening was thus brought to a close. The W.M. provided a very excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. The Misses Rose Bartle R.A.M. and Laura Grey, Messrs. Lovett, Verry and Prenton, Bros. Heine Hugo and Silvester (Sidney Franks) singing some excellent songs, many of which were deservedly applauded and encored.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE eleventh anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 28th November, at the Masonic Hall, Market-hill, Sudbury. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, who has filled the office of Master of this Lodge during the past twelve months presided, and was supported by Bros. Robt. E. Jones S.W., S. Spurgin J.W., and numerous members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Andrew Peacock P.M. 118, Charles Cooke W.M. 1823, J. W. Collins P.G.C. Suffolk S.W. 1823, Thomas Stoke Secretary 1823, W. H. Fenner 1823, L. Klamborowski Junior Warden 1823, John B. King 27, W. H. Jones 1008. After transacting the minor business of the day, Bro. Martyn proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Robert E. Jones, who in turn invested the following officers, H. C. Canham S.W., S. Spurgin J.W.,

E. Reeve Boulter S.D., Geo. Murrells J.D., W. H. Smith D.C. Thos. B. Ardley I.G., H. Welham P.M. Steward. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of banquet, the regular toasts following. The W.M. in reply to the toast of his health, stated that he had been thirty years a Mason, and was extremely proud to now fill the chair of the Stour Valley Lodge. He was initiated in the Old Suffolk Lodge, No. 910. He assured the brethren he should do all in his power to make his term one of success for the Lodge. Bro. Martyn as I.P.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. The past year was the fourth he had spent as Master of the Lodge, which would always receive his heartiest support.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 11th ult. Bro. P. McCarthy P.M. opened the Lodge shortly after six o'clock, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. F. Brien I.P.M., Taplay S.W., J. T. K. Job J.W., J. Mitchell Secretary, W. Dorton S.D., W. Nevins J.D., N. R. Mason I.G., M. Brown D.C., M. Sherwin Organist, W. Harris W.S., W. Watkins A.W.S.; Bros. J. Gaskell P.M., J. W. Butler, R. G. Smith, J. C. Pitt, W. Robinson, W. B. Weeks, H. Taylay, E. Brien, G. Andrews, W. T. Arnett, &c. The business to be done was to ballot for Mr. Alfred Nash, and, if approved, to initiate that gentleman; to pass Bro. Taplay and Spencer, and raise Bro. Pitt. These three ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and his Officers in a very creditable manner. Bro. Spencer, arriving late, in consequence of the thick fog (which will account for the comparatively small attendance), Bro. McCarthy very kindly consented to pass him, although the hour was then advanced. The report of the Audit Committee was afterwards received, and presented some features very satisfactory to the Lodge, the steady support given to the Masonic Charities, and the operations of the Lodge Benevolent Fund being especially noticeable. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, after half an hour's social chat, dispersed to find their way home through a dense fog.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 29th December, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Polak J.W., Hand S.D., Baker J.D., Clark I.G., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Brasted, Carr, Darnell, Fleck, C. Lorkin, Wardell, and others. The Lodge was opened to the 2nd degree; Bro. Wardell answered the questions and was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Wardell was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties; the Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Carr answered the questions, was entrusted, and the Lodge being resumed in the 2nd, Bro. Carr was passed. The W.M. worked the 4th section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Tenterden Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 251.—This new Lodge was consecrated on the 20th December, at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, by Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary G.L.M.M., assisted by Bros. D. M. Dowar Asst. G.S., C. F. Matier P.G.W., Stephen Barton Wilson G.S. Works, and F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, after which Bro. Turquand was duly installed into the chair, and appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Tanner S.W., Gimmingham J.W., Christian A.P.M. and Sec., Sylvestre M.O., Blackman S.O., Holloway J.O., Nicholson Reg., Pargeter S.D., Smith J.D., Walker I.G.

Obituary.

Bro. Thomas Joseph Sabine, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, P.M. 73 1423 1540 W.M. and P.Z. 73 1423 1540, &c., died on Sunday, 28th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at his residence, Grand Parade, Brighton. Bro. Sabine's death was very sudden, from the rupture of a vessel in his chest, after a long attack of bronchial asthma. Our late brother was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, in 1863, and was a Vice-President of all the Charities.

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By Bro. LOUIS HIRSCH.

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

By Bro. W. H. B. TOMLINSON, J.P., P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Yorks.

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By Bro. EDW. COX, Vice-Patron, P. Prov. G. W. Norths and Hunts.

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F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

3rd January 1880.

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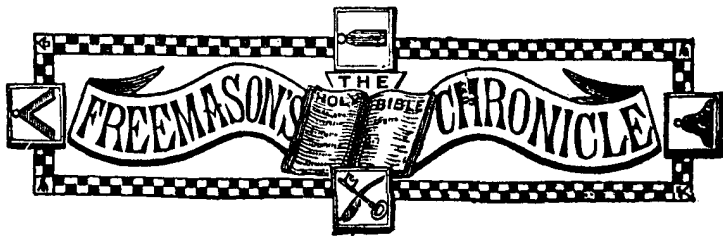
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LODGE ST. GEORGE, No. 1801.

THE first annual installation meeting of the above Lodge was held in the Lodge Room, Foresters' Hall, Dargaville, Auckland, New Zealand, on 6th September. The attendance was so large that it was evident, if the Lodge continues to increase, the brethren will soon be obliged to build a hall for their own requirements. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Dargaville, assisted by his Officers. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, the Treasurer's report and balance sheet were read; these were most satisfactory, showing receipts amounting to nearly £250—and that, after having paid for Lodge furniture and regalia of the best description, as well as all ordinary and necessary expenditure, the Lodge still had a balance to its credit. A candidate was then introduced to Masonic light, after which the W.D.G.R. Bro. W. P. Moat P.M. 1711 took the chair, and in his usual impressive manner installed Bro. John Lindley P.M. 218 Calcutta as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. E. Mitchelson S.W., W. H. Spiers J.W., R. A. Dargaville Treasurer, W. Vonsden Secretary, W. Moore S.D., D. McLeod J.D., R. Mitchelson I.G., W. B. Jackson D.C., L. Dacre and A. Hood Stewards. Bro. H. J. Ludlow presided at the harmonium, and his masterly rendering of the music added greatly to the effect of the ceremonies. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren then proceeded to the banquet, which was provided and served by Bro. J. Raynes in a style which gave satisfaction to all present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, Bro. Dargaville proposed "The health of the W.M." He said Bro. Lindley had not been long among them, still he had been long enough to prove himself a good Mason, and secure the esteem of all. It was a source of great gratification to himself that he should be succeeded by one who was evidently so well fitted to bring the Lodge to a high state of efficiency. Bro. Lindley briefly replied, thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the honour done him, and making several useful suggestions, which he hoped the brethren would attend to in future. He was now getting on in years, and had hoped it would not have been necessary for him to have taken such an active part in Masonry as again to become W.M. of a Lodge, but as the brethren thought he would be of service to the Lodge, he had consented to be nominated for the office. He concluded by proposing "The health of the I.P.M." Bro. J. M. Dargaville, in returning thanks, said that the distance of his residence from the Lodge had prevented him from attending to his duties as regularly as a Master of a Lodge should do. Still, he had done his best, and from the manner in which the toast had been received, it was evident the brethren thought so. He had accepted the office of W.M. in deference to the wishes of the brethren, and against his own inclination, knowing that he could claim no credit for regular attendance to his duties as Master. He had thought that a Lodge might be successfully floated there, and the number of brethren present, as well as the Treasurer's report read that evening, proved that he was right. Bro. Dargaville then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, V.W. Brother Moat." This, they would all admit, was really the toast of the evening; for no matter who was entitled to the credit of founding the Lodge, one thing was certain—that had it not been for the exertions of Bro. Moat it would not be in existence to-day. A great deal had been said that evening about their own Masonic zeal and enthusiasm, but when they considered the amount of work done and personal exertion voluntarily undergone by Bro. Moat on their behalf, they must, in common with all other brethren by whom he was known, regard him as a model Mason. Bro. Moat responded. He thanked Bro. Dargaville for the too flattering eulogy he had passed upon him, and the brethren, not only for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, but for the kindness shown him on all occasions, both in public and private, wherever they came in contact. He certainly had taken some exercise on their account, seeing that each visit to the Lodge entailed on him a journey of at least 250 miles, but the present position of the Lodge, and their appreciation of his services was ample reward for all his trouble. There were few Lodges indeed which, at the end of their first year were amply supplied with furniture and regalia and, at the same time, had a balance on the right side of the ledger. Most people about Auckland looked upon the Northern Wairoa as somewhere outside the bounds of civilisation,

and the people there were supposed to be in very poor circumstance these hard times; but when the ordinary receipts of the Lodge in its first year amounted to £250, it was evident times were not so very bad. He urged them to be punctual in their attendance at the Lodge, and give the W.M. every assistance in bringing it to a high state of efficiency. After a most enjoyable evening, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren departed east, west, north and south to their respective homes, some of which are forty miles from the Lodge-room. It would be improper to end a report of the first Installation Meeting of this Lodge without making reference to Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge 1338, who may truly be said to have been the pivot of this Lodge, he having consecrated it, twelve months ago, and having been the mentor and instructor of the brethren by whom it has been carried on. Bro. Leers is well-known in Auckland as one of the brightest of Masons, and the leading Preceptor under the English Constitution. The excellent working of the Prince of Wales Lodge 1338, of which he is Secretary, and the position of that Lodge, which is the leading Lodge in the colony under the English Constitution, is proof of his great ability and successful labours.

GRAND MASONIC CEREMONY AT INVERCARGILL.

THURSDAY, the 23rd October, is a day that will long be remembered in Invercargill as marking an era, so to speak, in the advancement of the place. It saw the foundation-stone of the handsome structure that is to do duty as a Hall of Justice laid, with all the Masonic ceremonies customary upon such occasions. The stone was laid by the R.W.D.G.M., His Honour Judge Harvey, and the District Grand Lodge Scottish Constitution. The relegation of this important duty to the District Judge, whose connection with the bar and public has admittedly been a pleasant one, was singularly appropriate, and he deserves the thanks not only of the Craftsmen but of the community at large, for remaining in Invercargill in order to carry out the wishes not only of the Masons but of the members of his own profession, and, we may add, of the public generally who have the slightest acquaintance with his Honour. In this duty he was assisted by several members of high standing in the Order, numbers of whom came from Dunedin and intermediate places, while not a few were from Queenstown and the Arrow. The members of the Aparima Lodge also mustered extremely well—in fact, so many Masons never before assembled in Invercargill, and it was the general remark with the Craft that they had no idea so many could have been brought together in so short a time. If we estimate the number at over two hundred we shall be within the mark. There were many notable visitors—brethren of high standing and skilful as Freemasons. Amongst them we noticed Bros. C. de L. Graham I.P.M. Port Chalmers Marine Lodge and P.M. of the Palmerston Lodge, Bro. G. F. Rowlatt P.M. and W.M. of Mount Ida Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and brethren of the Lake Lodge of Ophir. These were all E.C. Masons. Of S.C.'s there were—Worshipful Bros. Louis Court P.M. 116, Caldwell P.M. St. Andrews Lodge, Forest R.W. Mark Master 116, Golder P.M. St. Andrews Lodge Dunedin, McGavin P.M., J. O. Eva P.M. (formerly Grand Secretary), and Marsden P.M. Dunedin Lodge and Grand Organist E.C. We estimate the number of visitors from the north at close upon seventy. Need we say that the presence of so much outside talent, combined with local ability, ensured almost perfection in the voluminous details of the impressive ceremony, in which Freemasonry was pre-eminent. Below we give a detailed account of the proceedings, from the time the procession started from Sloan's Theatre, shortly after three o'clock, until the vast crowd, who had witnessed the whole proceedings, dispersed. It is, therefore, unnecessary to refer to these matters in detail here. As to the building, at the time of tenders being called for, we published a description that would convey a fair idea of its dimensions, and suitability for the purpose for which it was designed. The proceedings commenced at the Kelvin-street Lodge-room at high noon, with the installation of Bro. F. W. Burwell as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. John S.C., by a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-five. This number was remarkable, and it may be questioned whether so many had ever before assembled in a Lodge in Otago. This in reality was but a minor part of the whole ceremonial. Extraordinary preparation had been made to lend the latter the utmost possible *eclat*. As it was pretty well understood that the assemblage of Masons would be exceptionally large, arrangements were made by Bro. Sloan for the use of the Dee-street Theatre. The interior of this large building was arranged as a temporary Lodge-room, and we can assure our readers that when the Lodge was in full sitting the scene presented was one that will not readily be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to gather within the walls. There were the members of four Lodges besides those of the District Grand Lodge, the latter conspicuous by their distinctive and gorgeous regalia. After the installation ceremony at the Kelvin-street Lodge the members of the Southern Cross Lodge assembled there, and after performing the usual rites, marched in procession to the Dee-street Theatre. Meanwhile the members of St. John's Lodge and numerous visiting brethren had assembled in the lower part of the building, and at a given signal the door was opened, and the members of the Southern Cross Lodge entered in procession and took their places. Then, under the direction of the District Grand Directors of Ceremonies (Bros. C. de L. Graham and G. F. Rowlatt), the imposing formula that heralded the entering of the District Grand Lodge was performed. The District Grand Master, Bro. Harvey, having taken his seat, the final act of the installation of the Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge was gone through. This was followed by the investiture of the various Officers of the St. John's Lodge. The Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Graham) then commanded the brethren to form procession. The procession marched along Dee-street and Tay-

street to the site of the new building, where a large amount of bunting was displayed. When at a proper distance from the stone the brethren opened out right and left, and allowed the D.G.M. and Office Bearers to pass up the centre, in the following order:—The Architect, Chaplain, Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Wardens, Substitute Master, Deputy Master, Grand Steward, and D.G. Master. Marshalled by the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Graham), all gave way to the D.G.M., who was conducted to his seat on the platform by Bro. Graham, the D.G. Substitute on his right hand. On the table at which the D.G.M. was seated were placed the D.G. jewels. The ceremony immediately connected with the laying of the stone was initiated by an extempore prayer by the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Craig. The band then played the National Anthem. The scroll to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, and which had been artistically engrossed by Mr. G. C. Baker, was then read by the District Grand Secretary, as follows:—"In the forty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, this first stone of the Invercargill Law Courts was laid in due Masonic form on the 23rd day of October, A.D. 1879, and in the year of light 5883, by George William Harvey, District Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Scottish Constitution of the Middle Island of New Zealand, Bro. Sir Hercules Robinson, K.C.M.G., being Governor of the said colony; Bro. Frederick Wentworth Wade being R.W.M. of Lodge St. John, 610 S.C.; Bros. Henry Feldwick, Horatio Wragge, and E. R. C. Bowen being P.M.'s thereof; Bro. L. E. Reade being the W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, Invercargill, E.C., George Goodwillie being Mayor of Invercargill, Cuthbert Cowan being Chairman of the County Council of Southland, Bro. Henry Hirst being Chairman of the County Council of Wallace, James Prendergast being Chief Justice of New Zealand, James Alexander Johnston, senior Puisne Judge; Christopher Williams Richmond, Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, and Joshua Strange Williams being Puisne Judges; Bros. Charles Robert Dudley Ward, George William Harvey, and John Bathgate being District Court Judges for the Middle Island; Henry McCulloch and John Nugent Wood being Resident Magistrates for the district of Southland. Bro. Frederick William Burwell P.M. Lodge St. John No. 610 S.C. Architect; Colin McKay, Builder; Bro. Peter Walker, Inspector of Works. May the undertaking prosper, by the blessing of Almighty God." The document was handed to the D.G.M., who folded it up, and placed it in a bottle handed to him by the Director of Ceremonies. It was then securely corked. In another bottle were placed copies of the local papers. The architect then presented his plans to the D.G.M., who, together with the members of the D.G. Lodge, duly approved of them, the D.G.M. remarking that he trusted the erection of the building would be a credit to the town, and enhance the reputation of the architect. The following hymn was then admirably rendered by the choir:—

Round the spot—Moriah's hill—
Masons met with cheerful will.
Him who stood as King that day,
We as cheerfully obey.
Lord, we love Thy glorious Name,
Give the grace Thou gavest him.

Round this spot—thus chosen well—
Brothers with fraternal hail.
Gather in your mystic ring,
Mystic words, and joyful sing.
Lord, our hearts, our souls are Thine,
On our labours deign to shine.

Round this land may plenty reign—
Peace with spirit all benign;
Unity, the golden three,
Here their influence ever be.
Lord, these jewels of Thy store
Send them bounteous, flowing o'er.

The architect (Bro. Burwell) then presented the D.G.M. with a silver trowel suitably inscribed. The presentation was accompanied by a few appropriate remarks. The D.G.M. said he had great pleasure in receiving the trowel, which he should retain as a memento of a most auspicious occasion. It was most gratifying to see such a large assemblage of brethren of the Craft. Preceded by the Director of Ceremonies and Architect bearing the bottles and the coins to be deposited, and the D.G. Wardens with the level and plumb, the D.G.M. proceeded from the platform to the east of the stone, the D.G.S.M. on his right hand. The bottles and coins were then placed in the cavity of the stone by the D.G. Secretary. The mortar was then spread, and the stone lowered slowly into its place, the choir singing the following hymn, to the tune of the Old Hundred:—

Great Architect of heaven and earth,
To whom all nature owes its birth;
Thou spake! and vast creation stood;
Surveyed the work, pronounced it good.

O, God of Justice, own and bless
This hall we build, this sacred place;
And let Thy mercy ever shine
Within these walls—this house of thine.

The D.G. Wardens then applied their plumb and level to the stone at command of the R.W.Sub. D.G.M., and he thereupon reported to the D.G.M. that the stone was well and truly laid. The latter acknowledged the report as coming from workmen of skill and ability, and tapping the stone three times with the gavel, declared the laying of it to be completed. Corn was then strewed upon the stone by the Substitute Master, and wine and oil were poured upon it respectively by the S.W. and J.W. The W.D.C. then handed round the cups to make a collection for the workmen who were to be employed at the building. The foreman of works, Bro. Walker, was then presented to the D.G.M., who wished him success in the undertaking he had in hand. The D.G.M. and members of the D.G. Lodge then returned to the platform, and the choir sang the following hymn:—

Grant, Lord, all we, who here to-day,
Rejoicing, this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on a lasting corner stone.

Endue Thy creatures with Thy grace,
That shall adorn Thy dwelling place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine.

To Thee, they all pertain; to Thee
The treasures of the earth and sea,
And when we bring them to Thy throne,
We but present Thee with Thine own.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill,
That we who this foundation lay,
May raise the cope-stone in its day.

Bro. Harvey G.D.M. then addressed the assemblage as follows:—
Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, who are assembled here to-day to inspect this ceremony, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to our Queen and to our country, and who profess to fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe, to confer benefits on our brethren, and to practise benevolence. From time immemorial it has been the universal custom amongst civilised nations to level the foundation-stone of every building of importance or great public utility with certain ceremonies which by the courtesy of the architect and builders are almost always placed under the guidance and supervision of the Masonic fraternity, whom we have the honour to represent here to-day. The ceremony in which we have now taken part has been conducted by us and completed in due form, and I now declare this stone well and truly laid, and in accordance with the ancient custom. I have peculiar pleasure in having been permitted to take part in this interesting ceremony, inasmuch as I hold, as it were, a dual capacity—namely, as the head of the Scottish Freemasons in this island of New Zealand, and as an officer whose duty and privilege it will be to administer justice within the walls of the intended structure. Permit me here to draw your attention to the object for which this building is being erected—namely, the administration of justice—which, I venture to assert, to be one of the most important—if not the most important—object which can possibly engage the attention of any community. As an element in the attainment of a high degree of civilisation, the strict and impartial administration of justice stands second to none; and I do not hesitate to say that where the administration of justice is corrupt, religion will be entirely disregarded, and civilisation will become an impossibility. It is the spirit of indomitable energy and perseverance in the attainment of this paramount object which has distinguished the Anglo-Saxon race, and which has placed them foremost amongst nations in that position of freedom and liberty which they so proudly occupy to-day. This spirit has not been of a mushroom growth—it was not implanted in our breasts yesterday—but has been bequeathed to us by our ancestors from long before the time of the Saxon Heptarchy. The stern barons of old, who wrested Magna Charta from King John at Runnymede obtained from him no new thing. They said to him—“This is the common law of England. This is so; and we will that it shall remain so in future for ever.” No free man (and let me here remark that all men at that time in England were not free, although freedom followed as a necessary consequence of their action)—no free man shall be condemned in property, person, or life, except in accordance with the law of the land, and by the judgment of his peers. Justice shall not be sold, neither shall it be denied to any one. These are the principles which we, as Englishmen, have always contended for; we have shed our blood in their defence, and we are ready to sacrifice everything to maintain and transmit them pure and unsullied to future generations. The enacting of wise and just laws, and the appointing of wise, just, and incorruptible judges to administer them is the first duty of every Government, and I think I may safely say that the Government of this colony has recognised these duties to their fullest extent. And although those laws may not at all times have turned out quite so advantageous as they were expected to do, and although unfortunate selections of judges may have been occasionally made, yet we may rest assured that our rulers have been actuated by the most sincere and earnest desire to do all things for the welfare of the people, and that if failure has at any time ensued we must attribute it to those imperfections to which human nature is at all times liable. In conclusion, friends and brethren, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe, of His divine goodness and mercy, to fill our legislators with all wisdom and judgment to do everything in obedience to His divine will, and to guide and direct all those who may be entrusted with the duty of presiding within these walls, so that justice may never be prostituted or perverted therein. Let us implore Him to watch over and protect the workmen employed in the erection of this building, so that when the cope-stone shall be placed it may be crowned with success. Bro. Macrorie, in addressing the District Grand Master, said he had been asked to say something, not only as a Mason and citizen, but in the name of the district generally. Why he had been asked he was utterly at a loss to explain, but he supposed it was owing to his position in the Council, and in the absence of the head of the Corporation, he had to ask the D.G.M. Bro. Harvey to accept the thanks, not only of the citizens, whom he had the honour to represent on the occasion, but the thanks of the Freemasons also, for performing the very impressive ceremony they had just witnessed. When he looked back and saw the discomfort the public at large had been subjected to through want of proper accommodation—when he thought of the never-ceasing presentments of grand juries on the subject—when he pictured to himself the discomfort the judges themselves must have experienced, the inconveniences the legal profession and the public, the witnesses, and jurymen had been put to—when he remembered that at least one death had resulted from the total

want of accommodation that existed, for it was a fact that one cold day a strong Southland farmer who was called as a witness in a case, caught cold while hanging about waiting for the case to come on, and died from the effects of that cold; when he considered all this, need he say that he hailed with great satisfaction the ceremony that had been performed that day, and which was practically the forerunner of court accommodation, of which Invercargill and the district generally might well be proud. After a few humorous remarks regarding Southland weather, the speaker went on to say that the superstructure which was to be erected on that site would afford accommodation for all parties concerned in Court work, while its proximity to the police barracks was a desirable factor. He was glad to see Judge Harvey in the position he occupied that day. He had known him now for something like twenty years, during which time he had been an ornament not only to his profession and to the high judicial position he filled, but to Freemasonry. In the name of the residents of Southland he thanked him for the part he had taken in the proceedings of that day, and trusted that the superstructure that was to be raised on those foundations would soon be completed, and would be perfect in all its parts, and a credit to the builder. A final hymn having been sung by the choir, the procession was re-formed, and headed by the volunteers and band, proceeded through Tay and Dee streets to the Theatre, where they parted company, the members entering their temporary Lodge-room, and closing the Lodge in form. The Volunteers proceeded to the drill-shed, where they were dismissed. This terminated the proceedings.—*Southland Times*.

Old Warrants.

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No. 295, “Ancients;” No. 375 at the Union A.D. 1813; No. 259 A.D. 1832, and 214 from A.D. 1863.

[L. S., ATTACHED]
BY RIBBON.

ATHOLL, Grand Master.

JOHN BUNN S.G.W. WM. DICKEY D.G.M. ROBERT GILL J.G.W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WE THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred and twenty-six,) in ample form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tallibardine, Earl of Strathgairn and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful WILLIAM DICKEY ESQUIRE Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful JOHN BUNN ESQUIRE Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful ROBERT GILL ESQUIRE Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful THOMAS SOWELLS one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful No. 295, The ROBERT RAMSAY his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful WILLIAM MASTERS his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the aforesaid, at the Ship, in Bridge Yard, Tooley Street, Southwark, or elsewhere, in the Cities of London or Westminster, upon the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in every Calendar month, and upon . . . on all seasonable Times and all lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages, and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, THOMAS SOWELLS, ROBERT RAMSAY, and WILLIAM MASTERS (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And their successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given, under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in London, this third day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred ninety and five.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter I.

The present title, No., &c., are—The Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, Brentwood.

Memo.—Bro. J. C. Earle, of No. 214, kindly furnished me with above transcript, which enabled me to show the exact date of the Warrant in my recently published work, “The Atholl Lodges.”

In Ahiman Rezon 1813, the Lodge is wrongly placed at No. 296.

The “Hope and Unity” was one of the numerous Lodges in which the famous Masonic Instructor Bro. Peter Gilkes served the Office of Master.

In the Register of G. L. Bros. Sowells, Ramsay, and Masters are described as Mason, Carpenter, and Shipwright respectively.

R. F. GOULD.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Special General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Picnic, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
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.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Pannure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M. M. 37—Wynndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1448—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
228—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.

928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 B rry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY.

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)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erne House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.3 (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, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1590—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
796—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Acrlington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
768—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, 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)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—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.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
 1299—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

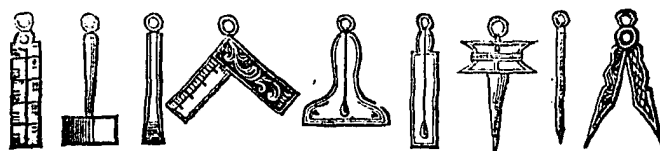
SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 109—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
 1591—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

THE NORTH EAST ANGLE.

THE Neophyte, as he passes through the mystic ceremonies of his reception, is for a certain period placed in the North East Angle of the Lodge, and there given to understand that he is so placed to represent the foundation stone of those superb and stately edifices, which our ancient operative brethren invariably placed at the North East Angle of the Building, and then the hope is expressed that from the lessons given, and admonitions he has received during the course of the evening, he will figuratively represent that stone, and upon it erect "a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder." It is at this time when the Worshipful Master gives this advice, that a few kindly words (free from ritualism and extempore in character) should be expressed, and expressed in such a manner as to leave upon the mind of the Neophyte a deep and lasting impression of the sincerity of Masonic friendship, the earnestness of the Masonic labour in which he has embarked, and the grandeur and sublimity of those principles which have been handed down through countless generations, from time immemorial, and above all things to make him realise the fact that we *practise* those principles and expect him, as a true follower of Hiram, to do the same. The custom of glibly running through a few set phrases and inculcating charity in a parrot-like manner does not teach the candidate what means he is to adopt to raise that superstructure which we tell him should be perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. He must be taught how he is to accomplish this task. He cannot do it unless it is now fully explained to him, and this is the great feature that we so often neglect. In some Lodges the excuse is there is so much work that the brethren cannot devote more attention to a single candidate. In others, that the Neophyte should discover these things for himself, grope along as it were in the dark, stumbling here and there amidst the rubbish and fallen timbers of our Mystic Temple, and in a few (many) Lodges, the Worshipful Master and his Officers are not aware, have never made the discovery that Freemasonry is anything more than a secret society, divided into degrees, with a ritual, a few signs, and some secrets attached to each. The consequence of all this is that the Neophyte is lost in a haze of doubt as he ponders in the North East Corner how and by what means he is figuratively to represent the foundation-stone of our Ancient Brethren. The fact is patent to all that we do not impress our lessons sufficiently upon the minds of our neophytes. *Ritualism is not sufficient.* It leaves a vacuum that requires to be filled up before the aspirant can be satisfied. Why teach him that we honour the name of God, if we bring curses upon our heads by invoking his hallowed name on every trivial occasion? Why tell him that he is never to pronounce *that name* except with the reverence due from the creature to the Creator, if we clinch our arguments with an oath, and "bespatter and besmear" our conversation with blasphemous epithets. Why *talk* charity if we do not *practise* it? The neophyte will notice these things very quickly, and if, after hearing these moral lessons, and being told that, on the foundation laid that evening he is to erect, symbolically, a moral edifice, the corner-stone of which is a belief in the Fatherhood of God—if after hearing all these things as he stands in the North East angle of the Lodge, he notes, as soon as he leaves the Lodge-room, that these brethren saunter away to bar-rooms, billiard-rooms,

gambling-hells, dance houses and dens of iniquity, his moral sense is shocked, and he is apt to view the ceremony as a farce, and the utterances of our Officers as arrant hypocrisy. Brethren, therefore, should set a seal upon their lips and a watch upon their actions. Good example and honest work tell far better than plausible precepts and the varnished veneer of slothful idleness. It is worse than useless running over the ritual to the Neophyte if we fail to carry out our glorious precepts in the every-day walks of life. We cannot, therefore, too strongly urge upon every Craftsman the vital importance of making the Freemasonry of the present day more practical in its character. We blush with shame as we note the hundreds of thousands of dollars given away in practical charity by the American Order of Oddfellows (in 1876, 1,698,840 dollars), and the fabulous sums expended by the Manchester Union or English Branch, and then note the fact that the Grand Lodge of the Empire State, with its seventy thousand Masons, expended last year in charity *five hundred dollars!* Fie upon it. The excuse that we are not a benevolent society is a farce, a snare, and a delusion. We are not a benevolent society strictly speaking, because our charity should be greater, more diffuse, more general. We delude ourselves with the idea that we are wondrously liberal, whereas in comparison with other societies we are far, far behind. Our place should be in the forefront, and not in the rear. Let the Neophyte see this, and his interest in the Craft will be greatly enhanced; let him see that Masons really love one another and are true to their vows, their precepts, and their principles. Let him see that the jest of the scoffer and the profanity and obscenity of the libertine meet with no response from the true Mason. If he notes these he will soon understand how to build up "a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder." Make Masonry practical, and the Neophyte will then appreciate the God given truths expressed to him as he stands on the symbolical foundation stone of the moral edifice he proposes to erect, and then, as he adds ashlar to ashlar, he will soon prove to his brethren that he is following out the design laid down by the Chief Architect on His unerring trestle board, and keeping his labours within due bounds by the Compasses of Truth, and squaring his work by the Square of Virtue, and levelling it with the Level of Brotherly Love, and finally with the Trowel uniting it into one symmetrical whole with the Cement of Faith, Hope, and Charity.—*Eclectic.*



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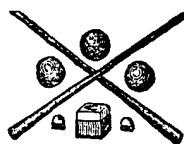
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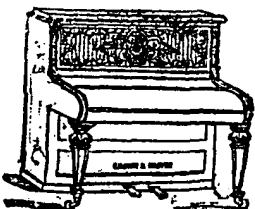
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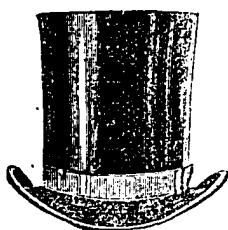
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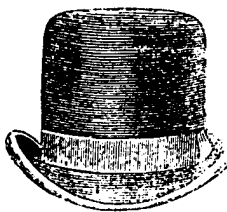
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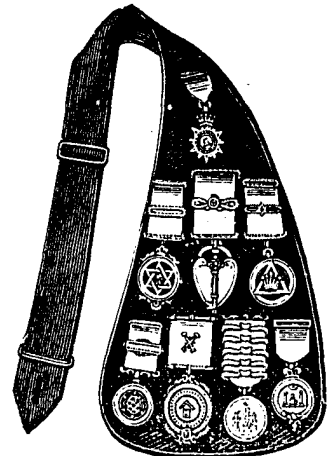
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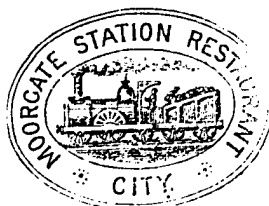
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