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FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

A COMMUNICATION was held some time since of the District Grand Lodge of Madras, at which Right Worshipful Brother Major A. W. O. Saunders District Grand Master presided, the attendance being worthy of the occasion. Perhaps the most important part of the business transacted had reference to the conduct and government of the Grand Masonic Charity Fund of Southern India, a variety of alterations in the Bye-Laws of which were brought under notice, with a view to be considered at the next Communication of District Grand Lodge, a Special Committee consisting of the President and members of the Board of General Purposes being requested to report thereon in the interim. The address of the District Grand Master was for the most part couched in terms of satisfaction at the state of Freemasonry in his District, but he expressed his regret that the Lodges of Instruction were not better attended, and that certain grave irregularities had occurred in connection with the supply of refreshments in a particular Lodge. Bro. Saunders further sought to impress upon those present the absolute necessity for observing most strictly the laws relating to the admission of members, and further commended to their notice the *Book of the Lodge*, by the late Dr. Oliver, a new edition of which had recently been issued by Bro. Spencer, of 23A Great Queen-street, W.C. The following are the District Grand Officers for the new year, namely—

Bro. J. W. Handley 150	Deputy Grand Master
Major G. E. Weston 1049	Grand Senior Warden
Rev. F. G. Lys, M.A., 1285	Junior Warden
Rev. J. F. Browne 1043	Chaplain
Hon. J. G. Coleman 150	Treasurer (elected)
A. Champion 150	Registrar
A. M. Saunders 150	President Bd. Gen. Purposes
J. T. Greateorex 273	Secretary
J. Hills 434	Senior Deacon
J. Smith 1043	"
D. McCartney 1049	Junior Deacon
F. W. Koeneman 260	"
Major A. Cartois 500	Superintendent of Works
W. E. Schmid 1285	Director of Ceremonies
Cowasjee Eduljee 273	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Captain H. P. Law 1406	Sword Bearer
Misquith 1198	Organist
G. L. Winch 1198	Pursuivant
J. S. Dring	Tyler

District Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. The accounts for the past year, both of the Grand Masonic Charity Fund and the District Grand Lodge were both of them highly satisfactory. The former, with an opening balance of over 1,669 rupees, showed receipts amounting to 2,739 rupees, the expenditure being only 943 rupees, so that the balance in hand at the close of the account was over 1795 rupees. The latter set out with a balance from former account of over 503 rupees, the receipts being in excess of 1,013 rupees, making a total on the receipt side of over 1,517 rupees. The expenditure was only 782 rupees, so that the balance remaining to the good was as nearly as possible 734½ rupees. It should be added that the Madras Masonic Institution has stock amounting to 5,000 rupees.

At the Regular Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at the Masonic Hall, Vepery, Bro. Major Saunders Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason presided, but the attendance was limited. The Grand Lodge accounts showed a balance on the right side of the account amounting to over 341 rupees. The

address of the Prov. Grand Master was less encouraging than might have been hoped for, but Bro. Saunders was very far from despairing of a recovery of the Degree in the District, especially as the other branches of Freemasonry were in so flourishing a state. The following are the Prov. Grand Officers for the current year :—

Bros. Lieut.-Col. R. H. Cunliffe 61	D. Grand Master
Lient.-Col. A. H. E. Campbell 81	Grand Senior Warden
W. Grant 106	Junior Warden
Captain H. P. Law 81	Master Overseer
Cowasjee Eduljee 61	Senior Overseer
J. Smith 82	Junior Overseer
P. Shaw 106	Registrar
Surgeon R. Harvey 61	Treas. (elected)
J. T. Greateorex 61	Secretary
M. L. Wilkinson 81	Senior Deacon
E. Grant 160	Junior Deacon
H. Reuben 82	Supt. of Works
J. J. O'Flynn 160	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. H. Ellis 61	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
Captain J. J. Ross 82	Sword Bearer
H. M. Upshon 61	Standard Bearer
D. Jesadusen 61	Organist
A. Johnson 61	Inner Guard
G. L. Winch 160	Steward
Captain P. S. Watts 82	"
J. S. Dring	Tyler

The regular Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the same Hall about the same time, and under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Major Saunders District Grand Superintendent. The District Grand Treasurer's account showed a balance in favour of the District Grand Chapter of only a fraction less than 163 Rupees. The District Grand Superintendent expressed himself well satisfied with the state of things in R.A. Masoury in Madras. The following are the new Officers of the District Grand Chapter :—

Comps. H. B Bernard	Grand H.
Lient.-Colonel R H Cunliffe	J.
J. T. Greateorex	Scribe E.
W. Grant	Scribe N.
J. Hills	Principal Sojourner
J. Smith	1st Asst. do.
Surgeon R. Harvey	2nd Asst. do.
Hon. J. G. Coleman	Treasurer (elected).
A. Champion	Registrar
A. Gerdes	Sword Bearer
Captain H. P. Law	Standard Bearer
Cowasjee Eduljee	Director of Ceremonies
J. Jesadusen	Organist
J. S. Dring	Grand Janitor

M.E. Comp. the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, District Grand Superintendent, presided at the Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Bengal, held a few months since at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta. After the usual confirmation of the minutes, Comp. Prinsep delivered his address, in the course of which he expressed his satisfaction with the progress which Royal Arch Masonry had made during the year. A new Chapter—Faith, No. 1526—had been opened at Jamalpore, raising the number of Chapters on the roll to ten. The Star of Gwalior Chapter, No. 1066, Merar, had resumed working under M.E. Comp. Lieut. Col. G. B. Wolseley Past District Grand Scribe N. Moreover, in spite of no returns having been forthcoming from two Chapters, the number of Companions had increased from 156 to 172. Later in the course of the meeting, the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes to the effect that a donation of 100 Rupees should be given to the Bengal Masonic Association for the Education of the Children of Indigent Freemasons was carried unanimously.

E. Comp. W. H. Fitze having been unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer, the following Officers were appointed and invested for the current year, namely: Comps

Lt.-Col. G. B. Wolseley P.Z. Nos. 1210 and 1066	D.G.H.
John Gannon P.Z. No. 552	- D.G.J.
H. M. Rastomjee P.Z. (elect) No. 234	- D.G.E.
James W. Browne P.Z. No. 109	- D.G.N.
Capt. W. B. Collins P.Z. No. 486 & P.Z. No. 1526	D.G. Prin. Soj.
Capt. John Deering P.Z. No. 391	- D.G. 1st Asst Soj.
Serg.-Major W. H. A. Collins P.Z. No. 582, and P.H. No. 1066	- D.G. 2nd Asst. S.
W. Girling P.H. No. 486	- D.G. Registrar.
Major Fendall Currie P.Z. No. 552	- D.G. Sword Bear.
C. L. Girling P.Z. No. 1210	- D.G. Stan.
W. Barry P.Z. No. 391	- D.G. Dir. of Cer.
Geo. Alexander	- D.G. Janitor.

District Grand Chapter was then closed.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE COMING SEASON.

THURSDAY next being the 1st of September, may be said to mark the commencement of the Masonic season of 1881-2, and we therefore do not consider it out of place for us to pause a few moments to glance at the position of affairs. As regards the past we think our readers will agree that English Freemasons can look back with pleasure. The Order has maintained its position under the rule of the United Grand Lodge of England, indeed, has very considerably extended, and we think there is very little either in the proceedings themselves, or the result thereof, which calls for regret or feelings of dissatisfaction. It has become the rule of Grand Lodge to discourage the further multiplication of Lodges, especially in the metropolis, a course we think likely to prove beneficial to the Craft. Increasing with such rapidity as had been the case during the last few years it was more than probable that the Order would prove to have overgrown its strength, and therefore the checking for a time of further extension can but tend to the strengthening of the already existing parts. That no hard and fast line has been drawn is evidenced by the fact that only last week we chronicled the establishment of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928—a body which has already given promise of becoming a bright star in the Masonic firmament. The Charitable Institutions associated with the Order have done well, the Festivals in connection with each having passed off successfully, and large amounts having been announced by the Secretaries as the result of the Stewards' efforts. As regards the general outlook of the country, matters are perhaps not so satisfactory, trade has been and is bad, while the weather has proved most unfortunate for harvesting purposes; these facts, although really outside the question of Freemasonry, yet exercise great influence on the welfare of the Brotherhood, as they may be said to do more or less on that of most other matters.

The future gives promise of many discussions of interest to English Craftsmen, there are rumours of changes contemplated in the Constitutions, more particularly in the matter of the administration of the Fund of Benevolence, while in private Lodges the usual installations and annual gatherings are looked forward to. The Charities of the Order will require a large amount of support, the expenses of maintaining them in their present position being very heavy, while generally there are signs of a busy season. We hope all may go well, and that the result will be all that can be desired.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, was held on Wednesday Evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. A. Clabon President, Bro. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett Junior Vice-President, occupied the three chairs during the early part of the evening, and latter on, in consequence of Bro. Nunn having another engagement, his place was taken by Bro. Brett, who was succeeded in his chair by Bro. George Lambert Grand Sword Bearer. Grand Lodge business paper for Wednesday week was first read to the General Committee of Grand Lodge, and the Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed grants recommended at the last meeting to the extent of £395, and afterwards granted £500 to sixteen out of a new list of eighteen cases of distress. The Lodge was then closed.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION AT YORK.

THE readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will, I feel sure, be glad to hear that the arrangements of the York Masons for the reception of their brethren who visit York during the British Association week are now almost complete. The day fixed upon for the reception is Monday, the 5th September, it being thought as convenient a date as any, considering the multifarious engagements which crowd upon the members and their friends during a British Association gathering. The reception will be under the patronage of the two Provincial Grand Masters of North and East, and of West Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and of their Deputies, as well as of several other distinguished brethren residing in the county. It is proposed, at 7 p.m. on the day in question, to open the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York, when the Provincial Officers and Grand Lodge Officers and visitors will be received with the usual formalities. The Worshipful Masters of the York and Eboracum Lodges, Bros. M. Rooke and J. T. Seller, will then welcome their visitors, and some speeches will, of course, follow. The Lodge will then be closed, and a conversation will follow. The ancient records of the Grand Lodge of All England, which are in the possession of the York Lodge, will be open for inspection in the Lodge-room, as well as a large number of antiques and objects of Masonic interest, lent from the collections of the York and Eboracum Lodges, and by other Lodges and private collectors. I may add that the Secretaries will be very glad to receive any objects of similar interest from Lodges or brethren who may feel inclined to lend them. The utmost care will be exercised in their preservation, and they will be returned free of expense. The old MS. Constitutions and Minutes will be shown by the Treasurer of the York Lodge, Bro. J. Todd P.M., and other brethren will be prepared to give explanations of the many curiosities on view. During the course of the evening there will be a musical entertainment, consisting of songs, glees, under the direction of Bro. T. Luke, Organist of the York Lodge, and the visitors will be entertained at a cold collation. As far as possible circular invitations will be sent to visiting brethren, but it is impossible for the Secretaries to know all those who may be in York on the day in question. I shall be glad of the opportunity, through the medium of your columns, to say that all visiting brethren will be heartily welcome on the occasion. I will only add that the joint Secretaries of the Reception Committee, from whom all information may be obtained, are Bros. A. Buckle P.M. 236, of the Manor House, York, and J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, of St. Paul's Square, York.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD P.M.

Director of Ceremonies.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at the Hall in Great Queen-street, on Thursday last, when Colonel J. Creaton presided. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, Colonel J. Peters, A. E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, J. A. Rucker, E. C. Massey, and H. A. Dubois. The minutes of the last General Committee and of the House Committee were read. The petition of Agnes Fife was received for the list of candidates for the election in April 1882. On the motion of Bro. Richardson, seconded by Bro. Dubois, a Committee was appointed to act with the Secretary in furnishing the new Offices, and Bros. Richardson, Rucker, and Gladwell were selected to act thereon. A letter was read from Bro. Bevis, Secretary of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, pointing out that the services of Secretaries of such Lodges (who had considerable trouble in the collection of sums of money for the Charities) received no recognition, while the Stewards on whose lists these sums were placed received complimentary votes, granted by the Institutions, and asking that the Committee would consider the subject. This it was agreed should be done, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Bro. Bevis, informing him that the matter should be fully considered at a subsequent meeting. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Cure for Indigestion.—Indigestion and constipation, with torpidity of the liver, are sources of misery to thousands, who spend each day with accumulated sufferings, all of which may be avoided by taking Holloway's Pills. They strengthen and invigorate all the secretive and nutritive functions. Their action is essentially purifying and strengthening. They may be safely taken without interfering with ordinary pursuits, or requiring much restriction in diet. They quickly remove noise and riddiness in the head, and dispel low spirits and nervous fears. These balsamic Pills work the cure without debilitating or exhausting the system; on the contrary, they conserve and support the vital principle by substituting pure for impure blood.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brother "MARS," in his letter of 20th inst., finds fault with the work done in a certain Lodge of Instruction. I venture to think that he loses sight of the fact that Lodges of Instruction are for the improvement of aspirants, in order to qualify them to fulfil the duties of their different offices, and also to impart a knowledge of the ceremonies, the proper working of which renders our proceedings especially effective, while the want of such knowledge mars and spoils the whole. Repetition therefore is necessary, not only for the perfecting of the several parts, but because, from various causes, members of Lodges are debarred from regular attendance, and many therefore would oftentimes lose opportunities of gaining that knowledge of which they are in search. Lodges of Instruction are also necessary for those who have passed the chair, to keep them *au fait* with the work, that they may the better be enabled to fulfil their obligation of instructing those in the inferior degrees, and be ready when called upon to help and assist any of the Officers who may be deficient. Again, my experience is, that in spite of regular attendance there are many who require the aid of the Preceptor to carry them through their duties, and but very few, perhaps not one in a hundred, who can go through the work perfectly without. I cordially agree with Bro. "ALDERMAN" that a Superior School or Lodge of Improvement, where the more hidden mysteries were taught, would be a great boon to many. Lodges of Instruction are not meant for those who are perfect, but for the imperfect, and those who are not above being taught; where due credit should be paid to those willing to impart what knowledge they possess. In the curriculum mentioned by Bro. "MARS," I find no mention of the ceremony of installation, which should find a place occasionally in a Lodge of instruction, as also should a recital of the Charges after the rehearsal of the first, second, and third ceremonies. These Charges are peculiarly appropriate and impressive, but they are seldom given.

I would now like to call the attention of your readers to the following notice of motion, and my amendment thereto, which will come before Grand Lodge on the 7th September:—"That applicants who have been granted sums exceeding £50 by the Board of Benevolence shall receive up to that sum on the action of the Board being confirmed by Grand Lodge; and the remainder at the next Quarterly Communication when the Grand Lodge shall have confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting." Thus Bro. Nann. Upon this I move the following amendment: "That the whole of the sum agreed upon shall be given at the first meeting of Grand Lodge after such grant shall have been made." I now earnestly entreat all qualified members of Grand Lodge who have the speedy relief of their brethren in distress at heart to attend, and by using their voting privilege ensure the same.

Another urgently-needed amendment in our laws I would likewise call the attention of your readers to. As the law now stands, no child of a Mason can make application for relief should two years have elapsed after his father's death previous to his making the application; that is to say, if the widow or the orphans have been able to maintain themselves without seeking relief from the Fund for two years, no matter what reverse of fortune take place that source of relief is cut off from them. I feel quite sure that such an anomaly was never intended, and that it only requires to be brought prominently forward to ensure the necessary alteration.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

LODGE WORK AND LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to find that some brother has at length taken up the cudgels on behalf of Lodge Work as exemplified in our Lodges of Instruction. It savours of mercilessness to continue attacking a person or institution for whom or for which no defence is attempted. However, your correspondent "ALDERMAN" has gallantly put pen to paper, and calls in question the justice of the attack which has latterly been made on this particular class of Lodges. No material exception can be taken to what he says on their behalf. It is quite true that, "before you can learn a language, you must first master the alphabet," and equally true that "you must be perfect in the ceremonies before the explanation of them can be of any benefit." I think it highly probable that what he calls "a Lodge or Lodges of Oratory"—though why he should so designate them I cannot see—might in time attract a very considerable amount of support. It does also, I admit, seem uncharitable, and therefore un-Masonic, to speak lightly of those very worthy brethren who take it upon themselves "to afford assistance and instruction to their younger friends." But what then? The complaint urged so forcibly by some of your correspondents that the work done in Lodges of Instruction is monotonous almost beyond the utmost limits of a brother's endurance still holds good, and "ALDERMAN" very wisely does not go the length of saying that such a state of things is absolutely without remedy.

His argument amounts to this. Young brethren stand in need of assistance and instruction, and this, thanks to the self-devotion of

certain older brethren, known commonly as Preceptors, they are in a position to obtain in Lodges of Instruction. But as a man cannot learn a language until he has first mastered the alphabet, so no explanation of our ceremonies and lectures will be of any profit till a brother has become perfect in the ceremonies and lectures themselves. Therefore nothing more can possibly be done in a Lodge of instruction than teach our young brethren the alphabet of Masonry, that is, its ceremonies and lectures. But this is an argument to which I must entirely demur. For instance, what acquaintance should I be likely to possess with, say, the Greek language at the end of a two or three years course of instruction, if I had advanced no further than the alphabet, and, if you like, the declensions of substantives, adjectives, and pronouns, and possibly some of the conjugations? I can picture to myself what the result would be, if, with this limited knowledge, I attempted to translate an easy sentence from a Greek Delectus or a verse from the New Testament. Yet Bro. Alderman would have us believe that a brother will in time attain to some degree of proficiency by eternally going through the same endless iteration of alphabet, declension, conjugation; or, to speak Masonically, First Ceremony and Lecture, Second Ceremony and Lecture, Third Ceremony and Lecture. I admit, he is more likely to be letter-perfect in his knowledge, so far as it goes, but how much of it will he be likely to understand? Masonry, we are told—and one of your correspondents has made a note of this—is a progressive science. But if we are not required to know anything more about it than the ceremonies, lectures, and tracing boards of the three degrees, then I say it is a "stationary," not a "progressive" science. It never recedes, but neither does it make a step in advance. Is it asking too much of a Preceptor that occasionally he should set apart one evening for an exposition of the more hidden meaning of different passages in our several ceremonies and lectures, so that a young brother, at the end of his course of instruction, may be able to congratulate himself on understanding a portion at least of what he has been learning by rote.

I allow that, on the principle that one must not "look a gift horse in the mouth," it is a question of great delicacy to criticise the manner in which a Preceptor fulfils his self-imposed task of affording assistance and instruction to his younger brethren. We know that he willingly gives up much of his leisure time to this end, and that he does so without hope or expectation of reward. But what must an educated brother think to himself when he finds the Preceptor of his Lodge never opens his mouth without murdering the Queen's English, and that though the latter knows his work by rote, he is incapable of explaining its meaning? How can an educated Mason be expected to sit under a Preceptor so incapable of imparting anything beyond a mere parrot-like knowledge? Yet a very large number of our Preceptors are of the character I have depicted. They are capital fellows, and as ready as the day is long to do a fellow-Mason a good turn, but they have not the requisite ability to teach, and the question, therefore, arises, *Quis precipiet preceptores ipsos?*

I write without the slightest animus. There are many Preceptors whom I both know and respect, but you were pleased to insert a letter of mine in your issue of last week, in which I furnished a summary of the work done by one of our Lodges of Instruction in the course of thirteen consecutive weeks. I did not mention the Lodge, for obvious reasons. I made the selection at hazard, not even troubling myself as to which volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE I searched in order to compile my statement. But I venture to say, that if you had the space and I had the leisure to continue the search, it would be found there was not in any one of the volumes of the CHRONICLE which have yet been published a single report of the proceedings of this Lodge of Instruction in which was recorded any sort or kind of work above or beyond what I noted in my letter of last week.

With an apology for writing at such length,

I remain, faithfully yours,

MARS.

London, W., 23rd August 1881.

LODGE WORK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BROTHER,—I think no one, after reading MARS's letter of last week, will venture to assert that the work done in our Lodges of Instruction is not monotonous, or that it is calculated to excite the enthusiasm, I was going to say, but I will correct myself and substitute the word—interest of young brethren. From my experience of these Lodges, I have no manner of doubt that the statement showing the work done during a period of three months might have been extended over ten times as many months, and yet there would be seen the same endless repetition of initiations, passings, raisings, &c., &c., varied by an occasional installation or consecration. Of course, I know there must be repetitions, or newly made Masons would never be able to acquire the requisite knowledge of our ceremonies, &c., but that is no reason why there should not be now and again lectures explanatory of the inner or esoteric meaning of our mysteries. If such lectures were only given, say once a month, it would be a great boon to many brethren, who, like myself, rarely, if ever, attend a Lodge of Instruction, because it is so wearisome to be compelled to listen to the same humdrum, dull routine of work endlessly repeated.

Yours fraternally,

BRO. JACK.

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M'COSH'S "DOCUMENTS UPON SUBLIME FREEMASONRY."

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

THE peculiar characteristic of *Sublime Masons* is ambition, thus: a 32nd wants to be a 33rd, and a 33rd wants to be Grand Commander, and when a Sublime Mason is disappointed, he may either re-hash the degrees, and open business under another name, such as Primitive Rite, Misraim Rite, &c., or he will open business under the old name, and will denounce the older concern as spurious, illegitimate, &c. There is not a country wherein the high grades were introduced that has not got either two or more Scotch Rite Grand Concerns, or some other *sublime* rites at the side of the Scotch Rite, or two or three concerns of each kind at the same time. As the Memphis Rites claim superiority over the Scotch Rites, because they give more than three degrees to one of the others,* so Scotch Rites fight not only with its rival faction, but with the Memphis Rites too. When the high grades were first introduced into Charleston, South Carolina, their number was confined to a few, so that each member could be some kind of a Grand; but in the early part of this century, a number of high grade emissaries swarmed in New York, who manufactured high graders by wholesale, and pocketed the fees. The New York *sublimes* would not be ruled by the Charlestonians; they, therefore, picked up Mons. Cerneau, a Frenchman, a jeweller by trade, and made him Sovereign over the U.S. and its territories in 1807.

In 1812, Charleston sent to New York a Sublime Grand to investigate, who was sure, said he, that Cerneau was not a 33rd; but the New Yorkers swore he was a 33rd. Eventually Charleston set up Gourgas, another Frenchman, as S.G.C. over the Northern jurisdiction. But Gourgas could get no followers, and he continued for many years solely G.C. of himself. At last, some enterprising Bostonians brought out Bro. Gourgas's concern, removed the "Zenith" of the Northern jurisdiction to Boston, and appointed a Bostonian G.C. Unfortunately, in 1860, the "Secretary of the Holy Empire" quarrelled with his Sovereign, deposed him, and made a New Yorker G.C.; but as the old Sovereign had friends who rallied round his banner, we had two *Zeniths* in Boston.

Each faction was however anxious to have a preponderance in the G.L., and in order to secure it, they not only vilified each other in print, but each party went to work, and for little or nothing gave away their secrets to every Mason who was willing to receive them. Nor was this confusion confined to Boston; the same policy was pursued throughout all the Northern States. Had these Sublime gentry been real Sovereigns, blood would have flowed like water; but fortunately, their Sovereignty, Chivalry, &c., was after all mere *moonshine*. So, with the exception of the hatred engendered, and the disgrace it brought on the Craft, no further harm ensued. After seven years' war, the Cerneanites and the two factions of the Boston Gourgasites united (in 1867). It was then naturally supposed that the fight was ended. But a few years ago an old Cerneanite in New York revived the Cerneau concern for the whole U.S., and fighting continues, not only in the North, but also in the South, for they actually invaded Sovereign Albert Pike's dominions, by establishing a high grade concern in Florida. Poor Sovereign Pike's dominions are torn to pieces, for, in addition to the Cerneanite invasion already mentioned, a French faction in New Orleans set up some years ago a high grade concern of their own, and who knows how many more such concerns may yet spring up?

These high grade Sublimes have a notion that they are endowed with right and power to rule the Grand Lodges of Craft Masonry too. When these notions became known to the G.L. of South Carolina, the G.L. summoned the Sublime dignitaries, to enquire "from whence they held their powers." The Sublimes then went into a long rigmarole about Stephen Morin, Frederick the Great, &c., about whom the reader will learn more hereafter. "The G.L. at once took exception to their proceedings, and disputed their authority. A pretty warm contest ensued, but it appeared in the sequel that some of the Officers of this Supreme Council were also Officers or Members of the G.L." So at last the Sublimes condescended to *waive* their rights over Craft Masonry. But in 1830, Bro. Attwood, by virtue of being Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33rd, the last and highest degree in Masonry of the Cerneau faction in New York, actually created a Grand Lodge in New York, and granted Charters for Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, and what not!

Bro. M'Cosh of South Carolina was doubtless a pious and sincere man, but like many of his stripe was stupidly credulous. The Cerneau faction in New York made him feel very sad; he therefore selected a number of documents from the Charleston archives, and published them, in 1823, for the purpose of convincing the Masonic world of the sinfulness of the New Yorkers. The first document contains the history of Masonry and the high grades from the Creation. Omitting the said history, and the latin heading, I shall proceed with some extracts which will convey an idea of the pretensions of the *Sublimes*.

"From the east of the Grand Supreme Council of the Most Puissant Sovereigns, Grand Inspectors General, and under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith, which answers to the 32nd degree, 45 minutes N.L.

"To our illustrious, Most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights of the K.H., Illustrious Princes and Knights, Grand, Ineffable, and Sublime, Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, ancient and modern, over the two hemispheres.

"It is well known that about 27,000 Masons accompanied the Christian Princes in the Crusades to recover the Holy Land from the Infidels. While in Palestine they discovered several important

Masonic manuscripts among the descendants of the ancient Jews, which enriched our archives with authentic written records, and on which some of our degrees are founded.

"In the years 5304 and 5311, some very extraordinary discoveries were made, and occurrences took place, which renders the Masonic history of that period of the highest importance. A period dear to the Mason's heart who is zealous in the cause of his Order, his Country, and his God. [Bancombe].

"Another very important discovery was made in the year 5553, of a record in Syrian characters, relating to the most remote antiquity, and from which it would appear that the world is many thousand years older than given by the Mosaic account, an opinion entertained by many of the learned. Few of these characters were translated until the reign of our illustrious and most enlightened Brother Frederick II. King of Prussia, whose well-known zeal for the Craft was the cause of much improvement in the Society over which he condescended to preside.

"As society improved, and as discoveries of old records were made, the number of our degrees was increased, until, in progress of time, the system became complete.

"From such of our records as are authentic we are informed of the Sublime and Ineffable degrees of Masonry in Scotland, France, and Prussia immediately after the Crusades. But from some circumstances which to us are unknown, after the year 4653 they fell into neglect, until the year 5744, when a nobleman from Scotland visited France, and re-established a Lodge of Perfection in Bordeaux.

"In 5761 the Lodges and Councils of the superior degrees being extended throughout the Continent of Europe, His Majesty the King of Prussia, as Grand Commander of the Order of Princes of the Royal Secret, was acknowledged by all the Craft as the head of the sublime and ineffable degrees in Masonry throughout the two hemispheres. His Royal Highness Charles, Hereditary Prince of the Swedes, Goths, and Vandals, Duke of Sudermania, Heir of Norway, &c., &c., &c., was, and still continues the Grand Commander and Protector of the Sublime Masons of Sweden; and His Royal Highness Louis of Bourbon, Prince of the Blood, Duke de Chartres, &c., &c., &c., and the Cardinal Prince and Bishop of Rouen, were at the head of those degrees in France.

"On the 25th of October 5762, the Grand Masonic Constitutions were finally ratified in Berlin, and proclaimed for the government of all the Lodges of Sublime and Perfect Masons, Chapters, Councils, Colleges, and Consistories of the Royal and Military art of Freemasonry, over the surface of the two hemispheres. They are secret Constitutions, which have existed from time immemorial, and are alluded to in these instruments.

"In the same year the Constitutions were transmitted to our illustrious Brother Stephen Morin, who had been appointed, on the 27th of August 5761, Inspector General over all Lodges, &c., &c., &c., in the new world by the Grand Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret convened in Paris, at which presided the King of Prussia's Deputy, Chaillan de Johnville, Substitute-General of the Order, Right Worshipful Master of the first Lodge in France, called St. Anthony's, Chief of the Eminent degrees, Commander and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, &c., &c., &c.

"When Brother Morin arrived in St. Domingo, he, agreeably to his patent, appointed a Deputy Inspector General for North America. This high honour was conferred on Brother M. M. Hayes, with the power of appointing others where necessary. Brother Morin also appointed Brother Franken Deputy Inspector General for Jamaica and the British Leeward Islands, and Brother Colonel Provost for the Windward Islands and the British Army.

"Brother Hayes appointed Brother Isaac Da Costa Deputy Inspector General for the State of South Carolina, who, in the year 5783, established the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection in Charleston. After Brother Da Costa's death, Brother Joseph Myers was appointed Deputy Inspector General for this State by Brother Hayes, who also had previously appointed Brother Colonel Solomon Bush Deputy Inspector General for the State of Pennsylvania, and Brother Barnard M. Spitzer to the same rank for Georgia, which was confirmed by a convention of Inspectors, when convened at Philadelphia, on the 15th of June 5781.

"On the first day of May 5786, the Grand Constitution of the Thirty-third Degree, called the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, was finally ratified by His Majesty the King of Prussia, who, as Grand Commander of the Order of the Princes of the Royal Secret, possessed the Sovereign Masonic power over all the Craft. In the new Constitution this high power was conferred on a Supreme Council of nine brethren in each nation, who possess all the Masonic prerogatives in their own district that His Majesty individually possessed; and are Sovereigns in Masonry"—[The italicising is not mine].

After giving the doings of five meetings, held between 5788 and 5802, and also the names of the thirty-three degrees, the report goes on to say—

"Besides these degrees, which are in regular succession, most of the Inspectors are in possession of a number of detached degrees, given in different parts of the world, and which they generally communicate, free of expense, to those brethren who are high enough to understand them, such as Select Masons of the 27th and Royal Arch, as given under the Constitution of Dublin, Six degrees of Maconnerie D'Adoption, Compagnon Ecossais, Le Maitre Ecossais, and Le Grand Maitre Ecossais, &c., making in aggregate 52 degrees.

"They respectfully salute your Grand Council, by the *Secret Numbers*.

"Charleston, South Carolina, the 10th day of the 8th Month, called Chislen 5553, A.L. 5802, and of the Christian era, this 4th day of December, 1802.

"FREDRICK DALCHO."

* The Scotch Rite has 33 degrees and the Memphis Rite has 96 degrees, but neither confers the first three degrees, hence the former only confers 30 degrees, and the latter 93 degrees.

K.H.P.S.R. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the United States of America.

The above is followed by four more signatures, each accompanied by a somewhat similar string of inflated titles. I cannot however refrain here from adding my opinion, viz:—If *faith* is a sure passport for heaven, then those who have faith in the *high grader's* history of Freemasonry from the Creation, and that 27,000 Masons joined in the Crusade; that they got old Masonic MSS. from the Palestine Jews; that the periods of 5301 and 5311 are "dear to Masons' hearts," on account of discoveries made in those years; that in 5553 a Syrian Masonic record was discovered; that Frederic of Prussia was Grand Commander of 52 degrees; that he conferred on the Charlestonians and their successors, the title of *Sovereigns in Masonry*. &c., &c., I say, that those who can believe so much, not only deserve to get into heaven, but they further deserve to occupy the best upholstered easy chairs in the upper regions.

STORY OF AN EMBLEM.

"THE STAR—THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM!"

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

WHOEVER has enjoyed the privilege of admission to a lodge of Freemasons has observed among the emblems on the Trestle-board the figure of a peculiarly constructed *Star*, with five points, and frequently enclosing a letter G in the centre. It is conspicuous in the group of emblems; and, as you first approach, it seems to move forward toward the centre of the collection of emblems, and there assuming an important attitude, to give you an imperious look as if to say,—“I, too, have something important to reveal,—I, too, as well as my associate emblems around me, can suggest new thoughts and reveal hints of doctrines and duties of high importance to all, and especially to every member and lover of our Royal Art.” It is well for the candidate, as well as the Mason of maturer years, to make a note of this, and give attention to it at an early and fitting occasion. The blazing star, in all Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, is one of the “ornaments of a lodge, and this has been the character assigned it for the past century, if not longer. But mere ornaments are not, like the Great Light and the working tools, absolutely essential in constituting a legal Lodge. We may have a Lodge without any ornaments; we may have a legal Lodge without the Mosaic pavement or the tessellated border; but we can have no legal working Lodge without the Book of the Law, the square, the compasses, and the working tools of lesser magnitude and importance. The working tools are essential, and the work of the Lodge cannot be properly accomplished without their presence and their aid, but we may do without the five pointed star. Indeed, in an emergency, we *could* work a Lodge if there were nothing else present except the Charter, the Holy Scriptures, and the square and compasses, as a Lodge may hold its meetings out of doors, in emergent cases, and the work be as legal as though the meeting were held in the finest Hall in Christendom. We have known at least two such cases within our recollection,—one was held on the open prairie, and the other on a mountain crag or summit. But what business has this emblem in a Lodge, and what is its mission and object there? For the satisfaction of our readers, therefore, we will call up this strange mysterious emblem and see what it has to say for itself, or what its friends can testify in exposition of its nature and mission,—what it foretells, and what it ultimately reveals, of truths and revelation that thrill the world. Let us first see what others, well able to give information on Masonic matters, have to say on this question.

The earliest tangible evidence existing of the use of this emblem, so far as the writer's knowledge extends, is a “Tracing-board,” which was published in the early part of the last century—now over one hundred and fifty years ago. In the centre of that venerable relic is a blazing star of five points, enclosing the letter G. Dr. Oliver, in explaining this tracing-board, says,—“Over the centre pillar is a blazing star which forms one of the ornaments of a Lodge, and is an emblem of Prudence which ought to appear conspicuous in the conduct of every Mason; but it is more especially commemorative of that star which appeared in the east to guide the wise men to Bethlehem, to proclaim the birth and the presence of the SON OF GOD. Here we have a direct reference to that divine Being who came into the world to drain the cup of sorrow for the purpose of reconciling us to GOD, and to die as a sacrifice that He might work out human redemption. Our lessons of morality, thus invigorated by a brilliant object, ever present, like the Deity whom it represents, to quicken our faith, enliven our hope, and stimulate our charity, can scarcely fail to be effective both to our temporal and eternal benefit. In this point of view the blazing star becomes a symbol of more than ordinary value. If the other emblems of Masonry be inestimable from their moral signification and universal application to regulate our conduct in the affairs of this world, *this* will far exceed them, because it bears a spiritual reference to a system of infinite value and surpassing grandeur—a system which is the delight of angels, and the souls of just men made perfect.”

Doctor Hemming says,—“The Blazing Star, or glory in the centre (of the Tracing-board), refers us to the sun, which enlightens the earth with its refulgent rays, dispensing its blessings to mankind at large, and giving light and life to all things here below.”

We know not where the good Doctor obtained the information that this emblem represented the sun, for we have found the opinion expressed nowhere else in any of the Masonic writers that we have examined.

Rev. Doctor Ashe, an eminent English Mason, intimates that the leading object of this emblem is to teach prudence, but that it also refers to the Star of Bethlehem. He says, “The emblem of prudence is the first and most exalted object that demands our attention in the Lodge. It is placed in the centre, ever to be present to the eye of the Mason, that his heart may be attentive to her dictates, and steadfast

in her laws, for prudence is the rule of all virtues; prudence is the path which leads to every degree of prosperity; prudence is the channel whence self-approbation flows for ever; she leads us forth to worthy actions; and as a guiding star enlightens us through the dreary and darksome ways of this life. * * * * *

We may apply this emblem to a still more religious import; it may be said to represent the star which led the wise men to Bethlehem, proclaiming to mankind the nativity of the SON OF GOD, and so conducting our spiritual progress to the Author of redemption.”

In the twenty-eighth degree of the French Rite, *ancien et accepté*, the Blazing Star is an emblem of truth, and is defined as “a true Mason perfecting himself in the way of truth, that he may become like a blazing star which shineth with brilliancy even in the thickest darkness; and it is useful to those whom it illuminates, if they be desirous of profiting by its light.”

In the degree of Secret Master, pertaining to the modern Rites, the Blazing Star represents the “light of Providence pointing out the way of truth.”

Doctor Oliver, in his Dictionary of Symbolical Masonry, says,—“The Blazing Star must be considered merely as the creature which heralded the appearance of the Grand Architect of the Universe, but the expressive symbol of that Great Being Himself, who is described by the magnificent appellations of the Day Spring, or Rising Sun; the Day Star; the Morning Star; and the Bright or Blazing Star. This, then, is the supernal reference of the Blazing Star of Masonry, attached to a science which, like the religion it embodies, is universal, and applicable to all times and seasons, and to every people that ever did or ever will exist on our earth.”

Doctor Mackey says of this emblem,—“Formerly it was said to be commemorative of the star which appeared to guide the wise men of the East to the place of our Saviour's nativity. But as this allusion, however beautiful, interferes with the universal character of Masonry, it is now generally omitted, and the Blazing Star is said to be an emblem of Divine Providence. In the English ritual it is emblematic of prudence.

So writers differ as to the meaning of this emblem. Doctor Mackey, as stated above, says that in the English Lodge it teaches prudence; but we have seen that Doctor Oliver, as well as Doctor Ashe, admits that it refers to the star which guided the Wise Men of the East to the Manger in Bethlehem, and at the same time the virtue of prudence as well. In this country, from Webb to the present time, the ritual used in almost every Lodge makes it emblematic of the Star of Bethlehem.

Doctor Mackey's objection to its reference to the star which led the wise men on their way to Bethlehem, we think, is not tenable. If everything that “interferes with the universal character of Masonry” must be excluded from our Lodges, strictly speaking, their dedication to the Saints John, and all allusions to Solomon and the Temple and the Jewish rituals must also be omitted, and the New Testament must be removed from our altars, and the parallel lines destroyed, and a hundred other changes made. Indeed Masonry would present a sorry aspect if every jewel borrowed from the Christian Dispensation were torn from its robes. This “universal character of Masonry” is, after all, mere moonshine,—it has no such character, in the sense that some would have it. We see Jew and Christian, Chinese and Parsee and Mahomedan, kneeling at the same altar, though we do refer to events in the history of Christianity; yet these facts do not justify us in declaring Masonry universal, or that all may be admitted to its privileges. If everything Christian about it must be removed for fear of destroying its universality, for the same reason all its Jewish features must be destroyed; and having lost the lineaments of both Jew and Christian, it would be exceedingly difficult to discover its parentage, its relations, or its nature. Instead of having a “universal character,” it would have no character at all; and we should have the strange exhibition presented of that most beautiful structure despoiled of its attractions and all torn to fragments, because, forsooth, it is not *entirely* of the Corinthian, Composite or Ionic order in architecture. Masonry is neither Judaism nor Christianity; but, drawing its inspiration from the revelation of God to man, it partakes of both. In its symbols and forms and ceremonies, it partakes largely of the elder dispensation, but like everything in it which was typical of better things to come, it also bears a spiritual application, and breathes the living spirit of the New Testament revelation. The Blazing Star may be regarded as an emblem of prudence, and by some has long been regarded as such, although we cannot see why that, more than a square, a circle, or any other object of a particular form, should be so regarded. It may also have been thought to represent Divine Providence, and one or the other of these *may* have been the original signification. But as far back as any recorded evidence exists of its explanation, it has been commemorative of the star which led the wondering Magi to the cradle of the infant Redeemer at Bethlehem. This application of it, too, accords with the recognition of the Christian religion in the dedication of our Lodges, and the festivals of the Baptist and the Evangelist, and many other kindred references. They all point to the same thing, and breathe the same spirit, and are all born of that “life and immortality” from the grave of sin and death which were brought to light by the introduction of a new and better dispensation. We are not willing, therefore, to rob this beautiful and expressive emblem of the character it has borne for more than a hundred years.

Webb, among the earliest American Masonic writers on our rituals, used it, and that too after he had thoroughly investigated its claims, with the facilities furnished for that purpose by the most illustrious of the Craft in Europe and America; and every Masonic writer in this country, since his day, with one or two exceptions, has conceded that Webb was correct. We are willing it shall teach us prudence, but we have another and more expressive representation of that virtue. We will consent that it shall remind us of that Divine Providence which watches over the pathway of frail humanity, and shelters it from a thousand dangers; but let this not be its only language, nor the exclusive object of its mission. The wonderful artisan of Tyre was an expressive type of “The Man of Sorrows.” He, and He alone, of all

human artificers, was found capable of superintending the erection of the Temple on Mount Moriah: as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," alone, of all in earth or heaven, we found worthy to "open the book," and introduce a spiritual architecture for "habitation of God through the spirit." The wise Master Builder of the first Temple was allied by birth and lineage to Jew and Gentile both, and thus united the extremes of the human family in the great undertaking, thereby ensuring peace between elements that were otherwise jarring in perpetual discord. The Blazing Star was the guide to those wise men—(most probably learned astronomers from Persia)—on their way to Bethlehem and the Manger, thus bringing Jew and Heathen together—the last, as was meet, doing homage to the former.

So, too, the stranger—"THE SON OF GOD," foretold to be such by the prophets, and acknowledged as such by "signs and wonders and divers miracles"—brought extremes together, and restored amity and peace and friendship where hostility had existed before. The man of Tyre, too, suffered the penalty of a transgressor—preferring death and the grave to a forfeiture of his integrity and innocence. And so, likewise, the Prophet of Israel, at the peril of his life, in the face of His enemies, and in view of the cross, persevered in declaring Himself to be the long expected of Israel—the promised Shiloh, and at last died a victim to the jealousy and malice of His foes. And this parallel might easily be carried farther, if we dared to trace it on paper; but the intelligent Craftsman will readily perceive what our pen is forbidden to record.

From these and many other considerations that might be urged, this reference of the Blazing Star to the scenes of Bethlehem, and the after results, must be regarded as in perfect harmony with the whole genius and spirit of Masonry. It uses the same language that other types use, and partakes of the same general features of the whole family of Masonic emblems.

There let it stand, then, in its life-developing character, and in its sublime moral beauty, pointing with unerring finger to Bethlehem and the Manger.

"Star of Hope, thy mystic ray,
Pointing to the promised One;
Now foretells the coming day—
Ushers in the glorious SON.

From the East and the West, from the North and the South, let it continue to lead the enquiring stranger to the "Hope of Israel." Let it tell of a calm, peaceful, starry night, with shepherds in the fields watching their flocks, and inquiring strangers following the light of the Blazing Star, until it rests "over the place where the young child lay," and sheds its rays of calm and serene beauty along the path to the caravanserai, and the manger, and SHILOH. Let it be the herald of good tidings and great joy—the abiding reminder of that wonderful event which proclaimed deliverance to humanity, and opened, through the dark chambers of the tomb, a "highway" to immortality in the heavens. Let the mystic light which emanates from that radiant star flame along the pathway of the obedient Craftsman, until it shall guide him to Mount Zion—the emblem of that Temple "not made with hands."

"Hail to the Craft! whose light broadly beaming,
Streams from the loveliest Star of the sky;
O'er sorrow's vale ever cheerfully gleaming,
Guiding to yonder bright temple on high.
Still may that holy ray,
Type of Immortal day,
Light the lone path of the pilgrim along;
Till the Grand Master's 'hest,
Bid all his labours rest,
Attuning his harp to the mystical song."

SOC. ROSICR.: in Angliā.

York College.—The August gathering of the members of this body was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Ripon, by kind permission of the W.M. and brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. The fraters assembled about noon, from York, Leeds, and other places, and after luncheon at the Unicorn Hotel, Ripon, drove to Studley, when they inspected the glorious old ruins of Fountains Abbey. Fra. Peterson, of Bradford, was to have given an explanation of the architectural features of the building, and from his professional knowledge, and the fact that he has for years made Cistercian Architecture his special study, the fraters had looked forward to the event. At the last moment, however, came the intelligence that Fra. Peterson was dangerously ill, and quite unable to be present. Fra. Dr. Maffry, of Bradford, however, most kindly and bravely stepped into the gap, and conducted the party round the ruins, acting most ably as guide. On returning to Ripon, the M.C. was formed by the following members:—T. B. Whytehead IX. Chief Adept, T. W. Holmes VI. Celebrant, J. S. Cumberland VII. Secretary and Treasurer, W. Rowley VI. 1st A., W. Paley I. as 2nd A., J. Oates I. as 3rd A., S. Middleton I. as 4th A., J. Maffey IV. Con. of N. A. T. B. Turner II. Organist, J. F. Taylor I., C. S. Lane I. Successful ballots were taken for four candidates, and Brothers T. Trevor, G. Ayre, C. R. Fry, and W. Harrison were duly admitted into the M.C., the ceremonies being worked by Fraters T. W. Holmes Celebrant, and J. S. Cumberland Past Celebrant. It was resolved, on the motion of the Chief Adept, that accepted aspirants who do not come forward for admission within twelve months of acceptance shall be ineligible without a fresh proposition and ballot. Votes of thanks were passed to the brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge for the use of their Lodge-room, and to Fra. Maffry for his promptness in undertaking the task of the morning, and it was suggested that he should put his remarks in form for publication. Several letters of apology for absence were read, and two brethren were proposed as candidates. M.C. was then dissolved. After par-

taking of tea at the Unicorn Hotel, the Fraters took train for their respective homes. This College has now on its roll many of the best working Masons in the county. It is doing good work by exciting amongst its members an interest for Masonic Archaeology, and is drawing towards itself a stream of earnest brethren who find in its organisation and objects the fulfilment of a long experienced want. The next meeting will be at York, in November.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE EXHIBITION.

A NOVEL feature in the character of the series of exhibitions which are held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, was inaugurated on Monday last, when the doors of this popular resort were opened by those who advocate the cause of Temperance for a display of the many varieties of non-alcoholic drinks, and the paraphernalia and articles of machinery used in the manufacture and preparation of the same. In the absence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, the Exhibition was formally opened by Canon Ellison, Chairman of the Church of England Temperance Society, who in the course of a few pertinent remarks drew attention to the advance made by those associated with the Temperance movement since the only places where persons who did not wish to partake of intoxicating drinks could supply their requirements were a few coffee-stalls in the streets. This exhibition showed what had been done to substitute wholesome, refreshing, and palatable beverages for those which people were urged to give up. He hoped the Exhibition would be supported by all advocates of Temperance, and he trusted that one effect of this movement might be to bring the various Temperance societies into a much closer union. Among other notable personages who have taken part in the movement may be mentioned Canon Duckworth, Lord Cland Hamilton, and Mr. Hilton, of the United Kingdom Alliance, while in the list of exhibitors may be found some of the most enterprising firms in the country, who display every known requisite that will tend to simplify production, and minimise the cost of the several articles they dispense. The Exhibition has been arranged under the direction of Mr. Thomas Shairp, and most creditably has he carried out the task entrusted to him. One of the features that claim attention is the artistic arrangement of their goods by Messrs. Evans, Sons, and Co., of Liverpool. This takes the form of a gigantic "trophy," of pyramidal shape, and from its immense height cannot fail to attract the notice of visitors. Messrs. Evans distribute samples of their Montserrat Lime Juice, Vin Santé, &c. In the same class of exhibitors we may direct attention to the Messrs. Feltoe, who claim for their "Specialité" Lime Juice that it is absolutely non-alcoholic and pure; is free from sulphuric acid; contains no medicinal substance; and will keep any time sound and bright in all climates after the bottle is uncorked. We are great believers in lime juice as a remedy for indigestion and its accessories, and speak from some experience of the advantages derivable from it. At the same time it is absolutely necessary that something should be done to overcome the "musty flavour" so generally complained of. Messrs. Feltoe claim that in this they have succeeded, and judging by the sample we tried, we freely award them due meed of praise for the success that has attended their efforts. Messrs. Samuel Gulliver and Co. state that their mineral and aerated waters are manufactured from water from the Chiltern Hills, procured from the Vale of Aylesbury. They direct attention to their "Vinita," which is perfectly free from any of the preparations of iron, soda, &c., which have been found to be detrimental in very many instances. It may be said of this firm that they received two first class awards at the Melbourne Exhibition, the highest honours obtainable for mineral waters. Special reference was made to the good quality of their exhibits, which likewise received two second awards and honourable mention, the firm thus securing five honours in all. Mr. G. W. Bruerton is the representative for Messrs. Gulliver, and he points out, with justifiable pride, the compact way in which his principals arrange their wares for the public and the elegant appearance each bottle presents when offered to the consumer. One sample of refreshing drink much to our taste was Messrs. Clayton and Co.'s Spark-link Hopetta, which though it looks like beer, smells like beer, and tastes like beer, is not intoxicating, and has been pronounced "not beer." It has the especial merit of being very low in price, as Imperial half-pints can be supplied from the Brewery, Barton-on-Trent, or from any of Messrs. Clayton's Agents, at 1s 9d per doz. (bottles 1s and case 5s extra); and in 6 dozen cases 21s, an allowance of 10s being made when case and bottles are returned. Hopetta may also be had in casks, and as a dinner table drink we doubt not it will meet with special favour. We are given to understand the demand for this article has already necessitated its manufacture to the extent of 3000 gallons per day. Messrs. Clayton also introduce a Hopetta Champagne, which they supply at 6s 6d per dozen pints in six dozen cases—1s 6d allowed for each case returned, and 8d per dozen for empty bottles. Visitors to the Hall likewise have the opportunity of passing judgment upon such well-known beverages as that supplied by the celebrated Wilhelms-Quelle Company, the Gerolstein Company, and the Apollinaris Company, while the deservedly popular Zoedone, &c., &c., need not be overlooked. The principal purveyors of Tea, Coffee, Cocon, &c., are represented by Messrs. Phillips and Co., of King William-street; Messrs. W. W. Page, 79 Upper Thames-street; the Pure Indian Tea Supply Company, 4 Callam-street; the White Lion Cocoa Company Limited, Acton-street, London, W.C. Redwood's Prepared Cocoa Perfected, &c. As regards the stall of Messrs. Phillips & Co., it is worthy of something better than a mere passing word of commendation. In the first place, thanks to the taste and ingenuity of Mr. Dorrell, the assistant in charge, the various exhibits are most judiciously arranged. Distributed about the stall is an excellent display of vases in China and Japan ware, enamelled plates, cups, basins, and other appliances which go towards making up a tea or coffee service, among them being a very handsome pair of

Satanma vases such as are not to be met with every day. Indeed, the display of these articles would have formed a worthy addition to an exhibition of Fine Art Pottery for domestic use. But the real interest created is the show of teas, coffees, cocoas, &c., &c., for which this firm has so long enjoyed a reputation. Of teas there were no less than thirty-one different kinds, among them being the famous "Mahé-Yerba" tea from Paraguaná, the "Bush" tea, such as is used in Cape Colony, and the "Brick" tea, which finds such favour among the Russian and Tartar peasantry, who, it is well-known, are strongly addicted to tea-drinking. Our attention was likewise drawn to the "Mandarin Caper," of which the Messrs. Phillips & Co. are the sole importers. These are teas with which the public are not generally acquainted. Each has some special points to recommend it, and we have no doubt that when they are more widely known, they will be appreciated and patronised as widely. Of the twenty-five varieties of coffee, it is hardly necessary to say that Mocha has the place of honour, but in addition we noted samples of Tellicherry, Venezuela, Plantation, and Jamaica. Of cocoas there were fifteen different kinds, varying, of course, in excellence, but all of good, sound, and wholesome quality, such as Motherfamilies would have no hesitation in placing before her family. We have been at some pains in order to place these details before our readers because of the teas, &c., we have specified some are only to be had pure of such long and well-established firms as Messrs. Phillips & Co., while others, also we feel assured, will in time find favour, not only with the ordinary consumer, but likewise with the Connoisseur, and can also only be had of this house. We may add that we took the opportunity of tasting Redwood's prepared cocoa, and found it a most palatable and satisfying beverage. Those of our readers who enjoy a cup of good coffee should avail themselves of the opportunity of testing that made from Branson's Extract. It frequently happens that after our banquets a demand is made for this "corrective," but it is also frequently urged that facilities are not to hand, or the time requisite for preparation is inadequate. Whenever or wherever these excuses are put forth we would recommend those who tender them to consult Mr. Branson. By that gentleman's process coffee is "made in a moment," a single cup or twenty may be prepared with equal facility; it is quite clear, and guaranteed free from chicory. Moreover, we found it what it was represented to be. At the Hall, no inconsiderable amount of space is devoted to the various appliances used in every day domestic life. Messrs. Ewart are very happy in their arrangements for heating water, for cooking, or for warming apartments or conservatories. The several ice-making machines, and refrigerators are well worthy inspection, while fittings for coffee palaces, restaurants, &c. are of the most perfect construction. Nor would it be just to pass entirely unnoticed the Soups and Gravy Sauce Powders of Messrs. Geyelin and Co., of Belgrave House, Argyle Square, W.C., which have obtained so many Prize Medals at previous Food exhibitions. These are so well known that it will be sufficient if we say they are as well represented here as they ever have been before. Among the miscellaneous exhibits which are only, as it were, indirectly connected with the purposes of this Exhibition, are the Bronzed-Iron and Marble top Tables for Cocoa Houses, Restaurants, &c. shown by Mr. C. Hutton of the Conybere Works, Birmingham. A similar compliment is due to Mr. George Edwards of the Kingsland Road, E., who has fitted up no less than three stalls, at which he exhibits some of the best manufactured billiard and bagatelle tables—with the accompanying necessities in the shape of balls, cues, markers, settees and the usual fittings—which it has been our good fortune to see. They are in all respects a credit to the manufacturer, and have the farther merit of not being over costly. Altogether the Exhibition, which will remain open till 3rd September, is worthy a visit.

It is always satisfactory to hear that the differences which have arisen between brethren have been amicably settled, and, accordingly, we have great pleasure in announcing that the dispute between Grand Treasurer and Bro. Massa is at an end. Bro. Massa has unreservedly withdrawn the objectionable epithet which, in a thoughtless moment, he applied some time since to the late Grand Treasurer, and, on hearing of this Lieut.-Col. Creaton has as unreservedly withdrawn the objectionable epithets he applied to Bro. Massa. We take some credit to ourselves for this result. We pointed out to Bro. Massa at the time, that not only was his reflection on the memory of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins unwarrantable, seeing that a deceased brother could not take up the cudgels to defend himself, but likewise that it was untrue. Being thus advised, Bro. Massa has most honourably withdrawn his statement, while Bro. Grand Treasurer, with a similar sense of honour, has retracted what he said of Bro. Massa. We should, indeed, be pleased, if differences between other brethren were always put an end to thus amicably. Had this been the case in a certain memorable instance, which was made the subject of more than one discussion in Grand Lodge, and that too, after it had been fought out to the bitter end in a Court of Law, Freemasonry would have been spared a very grave scandal. We feel great pleasure in adding that Bro. Clabon used his kind offices in bringing about this desirable consummation.

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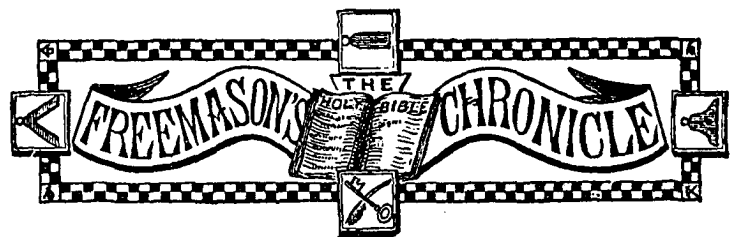
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THE earliest records of Royal Arch Masonry in Lincolnshire are those of the Chapter Concord, held in the City of Lincoln, and attached to the Witham Lodge (present No. 297), and of St. Botolph's Chapter attached to the Harmony Lodge, No. 272.

The Chapter of St. Botolph was first convened Mar. 15, 1807, an old minute book of that date being still in existence. Very little, however is to be found relating to P.G. Chapter, excepting certain entries confirming the records of the Chapter of Concord given below.

The Chapter of Concord was founded Aug. 21st, 1808, and was held continuously from 1808 to 1859 inclusive. Unfortunately, however, the old Charter has been lost, as also the Minutes prior to July, 1835.

It is probable that these Minutes (from July, 1835), and the Register Book of the Chapter of Concord dating from 1808, are the only existing records from which any information may be gleaned respecting the Provincial Grand Chapters constituted in Lincolnshire prior to 1875.

A careful search of these books has, therefore, been made by the P.G. Registrar (Comp. T. C. Lazenby, J. 297), and the following are the various references to P.G. Chapters which appear therein.

Extracts from old Register and Minute Books, Chapter of Concord, 297, Lincoln.

1822. May 12th. "Rev. Matthew Barnett, recommended as P.G. Supt."

It appears from the reference in the petition (*vide below*) recommending Dr. Oliver, that this Companion was appointed P.G. Supt., but as his name does not appear as a member of the Chapter of Concord, Lincoln, it is probable he was a member of one* of the other two Chapters in the Province.

1843. At a Chapter held Sept. 15th, it was proposed and agreed to "That the thanks of the Chapter be given to the M.E.Z. for the trouble bestowed and diligence employed in investigating the signatures affixed to the Petition for a Chapter to be held at Boston."

"That the many irregularities thereby brought to light render it imperative to apply for the controlling authority of a P.G. Superintendent."

"That the Principals of this Chapter be requested to present a respectful petition to the M.E. Pro Grand Z. the Earl of Zetland, soliciting him to make such appointment, and suggesting to him the name of the M.E. Comp. the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., past Z., as most fitting for the office."

1844. Feb. 22. The following Memorial was accordingly forwarded to W. H. White, Esq., Grand Scribe E., for presentation to the Earl of Zetland.

"To the most Excellent the Earl of Zetland, Pro Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons of England.

"We, the Principals and Companions of the Chapter of Concord, No. 374, attached to the Warrant of the Witham Lodge of Freemasons

* Presumably the Aletheia.—F.D.M.

held in the City of Lincoln, most respectfully solicit that in the exercise of your prerogative, you will be pleased to assent to a Grand Supt of R.A. Masons for the Province of Lincolnshire. We beg respectfully to represent, that in consequence of the long vacancy of such office, which has not been filled since the decease of the Rev. Matthew Barnett, great irregularities have occurred in the Province. We would only refer as an example to the *Petition* lately presented to the *Grand Chapter* for a *Charter* authorising a *Chapter* to be attached to the Lodge 339 at *Boston*, where several of the signatures were those of persons who had never been registered as *Companions* in the books of the *Grand Chapter*, and where one of the intended petitioners was found to be a Brother who had never been exalted in any *Chapter whatever*, nor do we believe this to be a solitary case, for there are Members of the Fraternity of Freemasons wearing R.A. Jewels in this Province who are unable to give any proof whatever of having been exalted. We might name other instances, but we are anxious that the irregularities should be corrected, not to bring any accusation against Brethren and Companions. We therefore pray that you will be pleased to provide the remedy by appointing a Grand Superintendent for this Province, and humbly suggest as a proper person to be appointed to that office Comp. the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., Vicar of Scopwick, near this City, a subscribing member and past First Principal of this Chapter, who was for many years the First Principal of the *Aletheia** Chapter at Great Grimsby, in this Province.

Given in open Chapter, No. 374, this 20th day of February, 1844.

(Signed) Robert Goodacre, 55 and 374. Z.
J. Osmond Dakeyne, 366 and 374. H.
Rd. Sutton Harvey, Past H., as J.

1844. Sept. 5th. At a Chapter held this day it was proposed that in consequence of Comp. Dr. Oliver retiring from the active duties of Freemasonry, on account of advanced age, a memorial be forwarded to the M.E. the First Grand Principal withdrawing the previous recommendation, and substituting the name of the then First Principal of the Chapter of Concord, viz., Comp. the Rev. John Osmond Dakeyne, M.A., Rector of South Hykeham, near this City, and Incumbent of St. Benedict's, Lincoln, a Magistrate of the County, exalted in the University† of Cambridge, about 1824, one to whom the Craft has been much indebted for his zeal and activity since he came to reside in this City, having been principally instrumental in the revival of R.A. Masonry in the Province, a sincere lover of the Royal Art, and well skilled in the Noble Sciences, particularly in those workings established by the last Grand Chapter of Promulgation.

1846. Mar. 30. At an extraordinary Convocation, a Patent super-scribed by the Three Grand Principals, and subscribed by the Grand Scribe, was read in open Chapter (the Companions standing), nominating and appointing Comp. the Rev. John Osmond Dakeyne, past Z., as Grand Supt. of R.A. Masonry for the Province of Lincolnshire.

The following letter was also read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, 27th March, 1846.

"E. Comp.—

I have to acquaint you that the M.E. First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons has been pleased to appoint the Rev. John Osmond Dakeyne, of the City of Lincoln, to be Grand Supt. for Lincolnshire, to whom therefore you will in future address all your communications relating to the Order; excepting the Returns of your Chapter, applications for Certificates, and other matters specially directed by the Regulations of the Order to be made to the Grand Scribe E., and which are to be forwarded to me.

"(Signed W. H. WHITE, G. Scribe E.

"The Principal of Chapter of Concord, 374."

1846. May 28. The Principals and Companions of the Chapter of Concord accompanied the Grand Supt. to pay a visit to the Chapter of St. Botolph at Boston.

1846. July 22. Special Convocation. In the minutes of this Chapter the first mention occurs of P.G. Chapter. "The Chapter was then resolved into a Provincial Grand Chapter," when the following Comps. were appointed to hold office ‡ in the Province.

M.E. Comp. E. A. Bromhead	-	-	P.G.H.
Comp. J. Middleton	-	-	P.G.R.
" R. Goodacre	-	-	P.G.S.E.
" E. F. Broadbent	-	-	P.G.N.
" R. Taylor	-	-	P.G.P.S.
" Osborne	-	-	P.G.O.
" Harrison	-	-	P.G.S.B.

1847. July 20. A Provincial Grand Chapter was summoned to meet at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln.

PRESENT—

M.E. Comp. the Rev. J. O. Dakeyne	-	-	P.G. Supt.
" " E. A. Bromhead	-	-	P.G.H.
Comp. Rt. Goodacre	-	-	P.G.S.E.
" E. F. Broadbent	-	-	P.G.S.N.
" Ralph Taylor	-	-	P.G.P.S.
" John Middleton	-	-	P.G. Reg.
" " " "	-	-	P.G. St. B.
" Osborne	-	-	P.G.O.
" Johnson	-	-	
" J. Stark	-	-	P.Z., Humber Ch., Hull.

* Comp. H. G. Buss, Assist. Gd S.E. writes—"I can find that there was prior to the Union in 1813, a Chapter at Grimsby named Aletheia, but I am unable to find any list of Members or date of Charter. In fact the Charter does not appear ever to have made any Returns to Grand Chapter."

† In a Chapter attached to the Lodge School of Plato, No. 366.

‡ It is curious that no mention is made of a 3rd Principal being appointed.—F.D.M.

The minutes of the proceedings of this Chapter are not forthcoming.

Owing to the removal of the Rev. J. O. Dakeyne from the county some time in 1817-8, the office of P.G. Supt. appears to have again become vacant, and at a Chapter held September 19th, 1848, it was ordered—

"That Scribe E. do communicate with the Grand Scribes on the subject of appointing a new P.G. Supt. for Lincolnshire."

1848. Nov. 14. A special Chapter was convened to receive a communication relative to this appointment, and M.E. Comp. E. A. Bromhead P.G.H., reported the result of an interview with M.E. the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Grand H. Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, in which that M.E. and Exalted Comp. had expressed his willingness to accept the appointment if such appeared to be desirable to the Companions generally, and conducive to the interests of R.A. Masonry in this Province. A resolution to that effect having been carried unanimously, the Scribe E. (being also Prov. Grand H.) was authorized to communicate to his Lordship in the usual manner this expression of feeling, and to take such steps as might be requisite to secure the appointment of his Lordship consistent with the regulations of the Order.

1849. That this appointment was duly made appears from the minutes of the Chapter held July 17th, 1849, when a Dispensation, "From the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Grand Supt. for the Province of Lincolnshire, for exalting Bro. Charles Mann as a serving Companion"

Was read in open Chapter, a copy of the Dispensation being inserted in the Minutes.*

1851. Sep. 30. A Special Convocation met for the purpose of making arrangements for the Provincial Grand Chapter on the 27th October next, for the enthronement of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Charles Anderson Worsley Pelham, as the Provincial Grand Supt. for Lincolnshire. Comp. Bromhead, as P.G.H., stated what had been done, and it was agreed that all the furniture, jewels, &c., belonging to the Chapter of Concord be lent to the P.G. Chapter for the occasion.

1851. Oct. 27. At a Special Convocation held at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough was duly enthroned as the P.G. Supt. for Lincolnshire.

"The Principals having vacated their chairs to the respective Officers of the P.G. Chapter, the business of the Convocation was carried on and completed by them.

"(Signed) CHAS. NAIRNE Z."

1856. Feb. 19. M.E. Comp. Chas. Nairne P.Z., communicated to this Chapter his appointment by the M.E. Provincial Grand Supt., as his "Deputy Supt." for this Province; the appointment being dated the 22nd day of August 1855.

The present Provincial Grand Chapter was constituted in 1875, when the M.E. Comp. William Henry Smyth, of El'kington Hall, near Louth, was appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent (the date of his Patent being Mar. 25, 1875). He was duly installed and enthroned at Lincoln, on the 19th August, 1875, by the M.E. Comp. John Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent for N. and E. Yorkshire.

Prov. Grand Chapter at that time consisted of thirty-eight Members, all Subscribing Companions of one or other of the Five Chapters of the Province as follows:—

St. Botolph's	272	...	8	St. James's	712	...	5
Concord	297	...	11	Oliver	792	...	9
All Saints	422	...	8				

Three of these are subscribers to two Chapters.

Twenty-eight Members of this P.G. Chapter were exalted in this Province, ten having been exalted in other Provinces prior to Private Chapters being formed in their own neighbourhood.

The Private Chapters in the Province at that time consisted of the five above named, taken in the order in which they appear on the Registry of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

Taking them, however, in the order in which they were constituted, we find

1st. Chapter of Concord, 297, held in the City of Lincoln, founded Aug. 21st, 1808, and attached to the Witham Lodge, whose then number on the Registry of Modern Lodges was 374. Unfortunately the old Charter of this Chapter is lost. It was held continuously from 1808 to 1859 inclusive, but fell into abeyance from 1860 to 1868.

Notes from old Register Book, Chapter of Concord, Dating from Aug. 21st, 1808.

1809. May 2. Name altered to Chapter of Independence, (Concord) already in the County.†

1817. Aug. 21st. Triple Triennial Festival.

This seems to point to the probability of three Chapters then existing, the third perhaps was the Aletheia ‡ at Great Grimsby, mentioned

* Also in 1850, a dispensation was received by the St. Botolph's Chapter, No. 339, from the Earl of Yarborough P.G. Supt., authorizing the exaltation of Bro. Wm. Howell, as a serving Companion.—F.D.M.

† Where was the other Chapter of Concord? Comp. H. G. Buss, Assist. Gd. S.E., writes—"The first Concord Chapter attached to the Witham Lodge, then 557, afterwards 374 (now 297) was granted some time between 1815 and 1817. This Chapter was erased by Grand Chapter in August 1861. I am unable to find any record of this Chapter having taken the name of Independence, or of there having been two Chapters of Concord in Lincolnshire at one and the same time.

‡ Aletheia. Comp. Anderson Bates, of Grimsby writes—"Dr. Oliver was exalted to the R.A. Degree in a Chapter attached to the Rodney Lodge in Hull. There was a Royal Arch Chapter in Grimsby,

in the petition for the appointment of Dr. Oliver as P.G. Supt., as a Chapter of which he was many years First Principal.

1817. Dec. 7. Correspondence with Grand Chapter to become conformable. Charter £5 5s, and Registration fee for each Comp. 5s.

1819. Dec. 5. Name Cyrus Chapter of Independence.

1820. June 11. Chapter of Concord. Charter of Constitution renewed.

1822. May 12. Rev. Matthew Barnett recommended as P.G. Supt.

1835. June 28. Grand Chapter of Promulgation* convened. M.E. Wright, Z., deputed. Report of same received July 27.

1846. First P.G. Chapter held at the County Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Rev. J. O. Dakeyne.

1847. April 20. M.E. Comp. Rev. J. O. Dakeyne, P.G. Supt., left the Province, having removed to Wolverhampton.

1849. July 20. Prov. Gd. Chap. held at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln.

1849. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Deputy Grand Master of England, and P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, appointed P.G. Supt. for the Province, in succession to M.E. Comp. the Rev. J. O. Dakeyne, who had left the county.

1851. Oct. 27. Installation and Enthronement of Lord Yarborough as P.G. Supt., Comp. Bromhead as acting P.G.H. performing the ceremony.

1854. May 18. The new Chapter Hall, in Grantham Street, dedicated by the Earl of Yarborough.

The present Chapter was consecrated July 28th, 1869, by M.E. Comp. William Henry Smyth, the present Prov. Grand Supt., then P.Z. 792. The Present Charter is dated May 5th, 1869. The Chapter of Concord has held meetings in all for sixty years, but only twenty-eight Companions have filled the office of First Principal during that time, giving an average of over two years to each. Out of this number of past First Principals six are subscribing members in 1875. The meetings are held first Tuesday in each month.

2nd. St. Botolph's Chapter 272, held at Boston, and attached to the Harmony Lodge. The Chapter appears, from an old Minute Book in the possession of Comp J. Allen, S.E. 272, to have held meetings (without warrant) as early as 1807, which were regularly continued until 1821. No evidence is forthcoming between this date and 1844, when St. Botolph Chapter, No. 339, was constituted and dedicated by the Lincoln Companions (Comps. Dakeyne, Bromhead, Goodacre, Taylor, Whitehouse, etc., being present as members of Concord, 374). The present charter is dated Nov. 1st, 1843, signed by Zetland Pro Z., Salisbury H., Ramsbottom J., William H. White S.E., and A. Dobie N.

Chapters were held in 1846, and again in 1850, 1862, and 1863, after which date there is no evidence until it was revived by dispensation dated 19th January, 1871. Since which time it has held regular meetings, and all its past principals continue subscribing members. The meetings are held the 3rd Monday in each month.

Extracts from old Minute Book, belonging to Chapter St. Botolph, No. 272, Boston, dating from Mar. 15, 1807.

FIRST ENTRY—

"Holy Royal Arch Chapter convened and held at the Ship Tavern, Boston, by the sanction of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 453.

Companions Present—

Wm.† Willman Z., Cohen H. Jno. Wilson J.

Bros. Wm. Wells, John Brotherton, West Brotherton, Adam Dods, Wm. Wilkinson, Jno. Barton, Hawson Scarborough, and Thos. Wilson.

"Chapter convened in due form 15th March,† 1807, when R. W. Bros. Willman, John Wilson and Cohen presided as Grand Chiefs, and finding Bros. Wm. Wells, Jno. Brotherton, West Brotherton, Adam Dods, Wm. Wilkinson, Jno. Barton, Hawson Scarborough and Thos. Wilson duly qualified, exalted them to the sublime degree of R.A. Masons. Chapter then adjourned until next meeting."

1807. March 18. "Chapter convened in due form, when E.W. Bro. Chas. Willman, John Wilson and Cohen presided as Grand Chiefs, Bro. Wm. Wells and Bro. John Brotherton, were duly elected Grand Chiefs for the ensuing twelve months. West Brotherton Scribe Ezra, Adam Dods Assistant Scribe Nehemiah, Wm. Wilkinson Treasurer, Bro. Jno. Wilson Principal Sojourner, Jno. Barton and Hawson Scarborough Sojourners, etc."

1807. Dec. 27. After two exaltations the "Chapter then adjourned until the first Sunday in April."

but the only circumstance connected with it that I am able to give is that Bro. George Parker was elected First Principal in 1814. It was no doubt attached to the Apollo Lodge."

* In June, 1833, a resolution was passed in Grand Chapter "that a Committee be appointed to consider the Ceremonies of Installation of Principals, and other Ceremonies of the Order." In February, 1834 a Committee was nominated for the purpose, and in February, 1835, the Grand Z., the Duke of Sussex, issued his Warrant nominating twenty-seven Companions in all to form the "Committee or Chapter for instruction and promulgation of the several Ceremonies of the Order." This Committee or Chapter of Promulgation doubtless had many meetings, to one or more of which it would appear that Comp. Wright was deputed by the Chapter of Concord.—F.D.M.

† Afterwards Chas.

‡ A Sunday.

At this time it appears to have been the custom for the Chapter to meet on the first Sunday in January, April, July, October.

The exaltation fee was one guinea, Quarterly subscription 1s, each Brother on his exaltation to pay one year's subscription in addition to exaltation fee.

Among other items of expenditure in 1808 is £5 5s "to Bro. Choen * for his attendance and information."

1809. Jan. 1. "Day of Election" (Officers), evidently the first Sunday of year, Principals styled M.E., Grand Chiefs, Z., etc.

1811. July 7. It was unanimously agreed "that every Companion resident in Boston, who neglects to attend the wishes of the Chapter, after receiving a summons signed with the triple Tau, shall pay a fine of one shilling, unless he is sick or out of town, and that every Companion who neglects his attendance after receiving a summons signed H.A.B. shall pay a fine of two shillings and sixpence, unless sick or out of Town."

1812. Chapter of Instruction instituted on the Sunday afternoon preceding the regular meeting of the Chapter.

1813. Five guineas voted "to the Craft Lodge, towards the expenses at the procession."†

1816. April 28. Agreed that "on account of the absence of the P.G.M. that Bro. Barnett, D.P.G., be wrote too, to now his opinion with respect to gaining a Warrant for Holding a Chapter."

1817. Jan. 12. Two guineas voted to the widow of our late Bro. and Comp. Rylatt. First mention here of new No. of Harmony Lodge 512, although altered in 1814.

At several meetings, there being no other business, the "Bro. Comps. lectur'd on the Holy Royal Arch."

1819. April 18. First meeting at private room, Church Street, Boston.

1821. June 17. Resolved to "write to Grand Chapter for a warrant."

The Chapter appears to have met regularly from 1807 to 1821, but from this date till 1844 the Minute Book is a blank. It appears probable that no meetings were held as on the very next page after the above entry appear the following:—

The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Botolph, No. 339, convened at the Lodge Room, Church Street, Boston, 11th June, 1844.

The Chapter was opened in due form by the Companions of the Chapter of Concord, No. 374, Lincoln, when Bros. Comp. Jas. Dixon and James Thornton, Spalding, were obligated afresh.‡

The Chapter was duly consecrated, and Comp. Geo. Coltman was appointed first Principal, Bro. Comp. B. Williamson second Principal, Bro. Comp. Z. Woodward third Principal, and all were regularly installed.

It was agreed that the By-Laws be the same as the Chapter of Concord.

1846. May 28. Among those present were several Comps. of the Chapter of Concord, 374, viz. Rev. J. O. Dakeyne P.G. Supt., Comps. Bromhead Z., Cotton H., Goodacre P.G.S.E., Wheelhouse P.H., Taylor J., Middleton N., and Hanson J.

"The Grand Superintendent produced the Patent appointing him to his office."

From an old account book it appears that at this time the exaltation fee was £3 3s.

1850. April 11. "Bro. Wm. Howell was exalted as a serving brother without fees by virtue of a dispensation from the Earl of Yarborough, Grand Supt., for that purpose."

In the present Minute Book we find the first entry as follows:—

1862. June. Comp. Bailes elected first Principal, Tidswell second, and Stainbank third.

No notice of any meeting between 1850 and 1862.

1863. Dispensation from the Earl of Zetland M.E.Z. to exalt Bro. Joshua Marjason as Serving Comp.

1871. Chapter revived by dispensation, since which time the meetings have been continuous.

3rd. All Saints' Chapter, No. 422, held at Gainsboro', was founded Aug. 15, 1836, and attached to the Yarborough Lodge, at that time No. 611. The Charter is dated May 1, 1836. Meetings have been held since its commencement, but the Register of the earlier Principals has not been kept. Of the nine First Principals who have held office in this Chapter, whose names have been registered, six are still subscribing members, including M.E. Comp. J. W. Pashley, the First Principal of this Chapter when it was founded. The meetings are held the 2nd Monday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

4th. Oliver Chapter, No. 792, held at Grimsby, was founded June 5, 1865, and is attached to the Pelham Pillar Lodge, the charter being dated May 3, 1865. It has held meetings continuously since its establishment, and is the largest Chapter in the Province. Of the nine Companions who have held office as First Principals up to the formation of the P.G. Chapter, six are still subscribing members, including M.E. Comp. W. H. Smyth, the present Prov. Grand Supt., who was First Principal of the Chapter when it was founded. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday bi-monthly in Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.

5th. Saint James Chapter, No. 712, held at Louth, and attached to the Lindsey Lodge. This Chapter was founded July 31, 1874, the Charter being dated May 6, 1874, M.E. Comp. James Fowler was the First Principal elected. The meetings are held the Friday after the full moon in Jan., April, July, and October.

* Query Cohen.

† In the record of P.G. Lodge we find Aug. 12th, 1813, mention of a procession to Church at Grimsby after dedication of Apollo Lodge by the D.P.G.M.

‡ This confirms the statement made to the M.E. Grand Z., in the Memorial dated Feb. 22, 1844.

§ £2 15s was paid on this occasion to the Lincoln Comps. for travelling expenses.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The W.M. (Bro. A. W. Fenner) opened the Lodge soon after 3 p.m., he being supported by Past Masters Picking, Brown, Lyons, and Andrews, and an efficient staff of Officers. A goodly number of members were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Auditors was adopted. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. George Henry Clark, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The Installation of Bro. Adolphus Clark, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, and he was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Fenner. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Fenner I.P.M., R. W. Pearcy S.W., W. Serjeant J.W., Wayland Treasurer, Rowe Secretary, Dr. Ager Chaplain, Giesecke S.D., D. Legg J.D., Patrick I.G., Stroud Wine Steward, Horley Director of Ceremonies, Bowler Tyler. The addresses were rendered in a very efficient manner. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Installing Master for the manner he had performed the ceremony, for which he returned thanks. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which they did full justice to. On the cloth being removed the Loyal toasts were proposed, and full honour done them. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in a short but effective speech, which drew forth the cordial approbation of the brethren. Bro. Clark replied by assuring the brethren he would ever have the interests of the Upton Lodge at heart, and whatever he could do for its advantage he would. He congratulated the Lodge on its having such an efficient staff of Officers to assist him in carrying out the duties, and trusted that his conduct during his year of office would be such as to merit a continuance of their confidence. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master Brother Fenner, in a very complimentary speech, and presented him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel. In doing so he observed that he had well earned it, and expressed a sincere wish that he might live for many years to wear it. In reply, Bro. Fenner said he felt proud at having gained the honourable distinction of P.M., also of feeling he had the confidence of the brethren of the Lodge. He trusted that nothing might occur to lessen this confidence, and assured the brethren that he would in the future as in the past strive to do his best for the benefit of the Lodge. The other toasts were in due course proposed, and as duly honoured. Bro. Initiate remarked that he felt pleased to become a member, and hoped to gain such Masonic knowledge as others had undoubtedly achieved. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Lardner W.M. 1745, while Bros. Picking and Lyons replied for the P.M.'s. The Treasurer and Secretary severally replied. Brother Wayland, in thanking the brethren for the compliment paid him, said he had lost an efficient Secretary, but from what opportunities he had already had of judging, thought Bro. Clark would be efficiently replaced by Bro. Rowe. Bro. Rowe replied by assuring the brethren that he would try and do his best; he felt confident that he should be able to secure the approbation of the W.M. and the confidence of the brethren. The Officers' toast was responded to by Bro. R. W. Pearcy. As the time was getting short, and trains do not wait for Masons more than for other folk, the W.M. had to sound the gavel for the Tyler's toast, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The Visitors were Bros. Wilson P.M. 1155, Payn W.M. 201, Lardner W.M. 1745, Woolly 15, Adams 181, Weeden and Perl 813, and Dupree 1851. The following brethren, by songs, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening:—Bros. Lund, Serjeant, Patrick, G. H. Clark, Stroud, and last, though not least, the Organist, Bro. Sherwin, who assisted both in a vocal as well as instrumental capacity.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., when a large assemblage of the Craft attended to witness the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. George Mason, of Southsea. The ceremony was carefully rendered by Bro. J. Willmott P.M. 342, and the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Good I.P.M., W. D. Parkhouse S.W., G. Forney Brown J.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treasurer, John Wesley Gardner Secretary, George Banning S.D., J. Westaway J.D., J. S. Gardner I.G., James Moody D. of C., Henry Bainton and W. W. Slade Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. After the customary work of the Lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining hall, where about fifty partook of a banquet served in a *récherché* style by the staff of the Freemasons' Club. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, in responding for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, in a lengthy speech bore testimony to the great and increasing interest manifested by the Prince in the promotion and welfare of the Ancient Order. The Grand Secretary, after passing a high eulogium on the other members of the Royal Family—viz., their R.H. the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, who were prominent, active, and most zealous Masons, and whose working in the Craft was of high merit, proceeded to point out to the brethren the high moral effect the influence of Masonry had in uniting all classes in one great fraternal union. After thanking the W.M. and brethren for their cordial and hospitable reception, and congratulating the brethren on their magnificent Lodge room, and good working of their Lodge, the Grand Secretary concluded, amidst the hearty plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer responded for Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., the Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Alderman A. Cudlipp, in a speech of some force, proposed the

toast of the W.M.'s and representatives of the neighbouring Lodges, which was responded to by the W.M.'s of 257 and 312. The toast of the W.M. was ably proposed by Bro. W. Edmond P.M. and suitably acknowledged. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. W. Rink, in responding for the toast of the Visitors, in a humorous speech detailed some of the onerous and numerous engagements devolving on the head of any great municipality, which prevented him from taking that active interest in the Craft which he desired, and hoped to be able to do in the future. During the evening some vocal and instrumental music of high merit was rendered by Bros. Sylvester, Brown, Grant, and Cunningham. The following brethren attended to do honour to the W.M.:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.M. Grand Secretary, Captain Haldane P.M. P.P.G.W., Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, S. R. Ellis P.M. P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, G. Wilkins P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Craven P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. P. Arnold W.M. 1428 P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Geo. Grant I.P.M. 1705, R. J. Furney P.M. 312, Thos. P. Hall P.M. 804, 1776, W. W. Townsend P.M. 1903, Arthur Cudlipp P.M. 487, W. Edmonds P.M., J. A. Elverston W.M. 804, Richard W. Downing W.M. 903, Thomas P. Polgrave W.M. 497, H. Adames W.M. 1776, J. Gieve W.M. 1069 P.G. Secretary, J. Hayman W.M. 257, William Judd, J. J. Slade, George Sylvester, George Dean, George Manes, T. Good W.M. 1834, J. V. Banjalup Secretary 344, 1776, W. D. Parkhouse 1834, George Forney Brown 1834, George Banning 1834, John Westaway 1834, James Moody 1834, J. W. Gardner Secretary 1834, W. W. Slade 1834, Charles Bevis 1834, J. W. Wilmott 1834 and P.M. 342, H. Bainton 1834, T. V. Box 1834, J. S. Gardner 1834.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on the 16th instant. Bros. Christian W.M., Jones S.W., Edwards J.W., Marsh S.D., Clark J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin acting Preceptor; Bros. Polak, Carr, A. Clark, Young, Gompertz, Clegg, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Polak was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. gave the traditional history; he also worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed, when Bro. Carr, as candidate for passing, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Gompertz and Clegg, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, were elected members.

On Tuesday, 23rd instant, Bros. Wardell W.M., Clark S.W., Glass J.W., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington Preceptor, Polak S.D., A. Clark J.D., Christian I.G.; also Bros. Boyce, Young, Carr. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Boyce acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. P.M. Wallington, the able Preceptor. Brethren will have a Masonic treat, as Bro. Wallington enjoys a high reputation as an exponent of the ceremonies. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

The La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction has removed from Maddox-street, Regent-street, to Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street. The members meet every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has signified his acceptance of the invitation to preside at the 217th Anniversary Festival of the Scottish Corporation, which will be held on the 30th of November (St. Andrew's Day).

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.40, YOUTH.
COVENT GARDEN.—At 8, PROMENADE CONCERTS.
HER MAJESTY'S.—At 8, HAVERLY'S MONSTER TROUPE OF REAL NIGGERS. Wednesday and Saturday at 2 also.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE MIDDY ASHORE. At 8.15, JANET PRIDE.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, THE LITTLE TREASURE. At 8.30, EAST LYNNE.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7, TWO OLD BOYS. At 8, THE OLD LOVE AND THE NEW.
STRAND.—At 7.30, UP THE RIVER. At 8, OLIVETTE.
GAITY.—At 7.0, OPERETTA. At 7.20, FAST COACH, At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.
OLYMPIC.—At 8, CLAUDE DUVAL.
CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, FLATS.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, UNCLE SAMUEL. At 8.30, PATIENCE.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.30, THE COLONEL.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HIS LAST LEGS. At 8.30, IMPRUDENCE.
NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—HAMLET.
ALHAMBRA.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE.
ALXANDRA PALACE.—This day, HORSE LEAPING, "UNE FÊTE COSMOPOLITE." Monday and Tuesday, TROTTER MEETING, CONCERT, &c.
CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. THE PALACE OF TRUTH, &c. On Monday, Tuesday, a d Wednesday, FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOW, &c. On Thursday, FIREWORKS, &c. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c., &c.

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, 27th AUGUST.

- 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 29th AUGUST.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177—Tonby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tonby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 30th AUGUST.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shearstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 7.15 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1283—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Cration, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Bartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Luigate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, 108 Blackfriars-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
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.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch. (Instruction)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Balling-lane, Great Grimsby.
816—Roid Spring Gardens Inn, Wandle, near Rochdale
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of "dinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Tonsham, Devonshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1381—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473—Booth, Town Hall, Booth, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wre, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 754—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, W. George-st., Edwars-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Gough-st.-rd. N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
453—Chirwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
83—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1006—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1528—Fort Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1684—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5

SATURDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE Annual Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday, when Bro. James Garrod was placed in the chair. The meeting was well attended both by members and visitors; the work was admirably performed by the I.P.M. Bro. Clements, while the after proceedings were of a most enjoyable character. All things considered, the installation meeting of 1881 may be pronounced one of the most successful known in the Lodge. After the usual formalities Bro. James Garrod was introduced, obligated, and installed, and having been saluted, he invested the following brethren as his Officers, viz.—Bros. Tegg S.W., Lewis J.W., Dance P.M. Treas., Cunningham P.M. Sec., Fidler S.D., Rowe J.D., Meek D.C., Goodall and Gilling Stewards, and Very Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, and the Lodge was closed. Among the Visitors who were present were Bros. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, F. Binckes P.G. Steward, G. Perry W.M. 1110, J. Chapman 1768, J. H. Thompson 1580, H. J. Emmerson 40, A. Durrant P.M. 1185, Barber 933, E. Poore 1237, J. Garrett 173, A. Bryant J.W. 1237, Taverner W.M. 1237, C. C. Pearce 1237, J. Green P.M. 27, J. E. Pinder 1707, J. Bell 181, T. Evans 1237, J. F. Wood 1288, J. Webb 1707, A. Pawsen 1732, W. H. McBirney 186, J. Driscoll 30, A. C. Boot 362, J. Charlton 1446, Hale 8, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, &c. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided by the host, Bro. Oddy, and to which ample justice was done. At its conclusion, and after grace had been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen, with which was coupled that of the Craft. This was heartily acknowledged, and followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. G.M., after which the W.M. proposed that of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In introducing this toast he had great pleasure in referring to the presence of a distinguished brother, the Past District Grand Master of Malta, Bro. Broadley. Coming from such a distance, the W.M. felt all the greater pleasure in mentioning the name of Bro. Broadley in connection with this toast. The District with which he was associated was just now in a turbulent state, but he trusted that the trouble there had not interfered with the Masonic brethren, whom he understood were very numerous and united there. Bro. Broadley was sorry to say, that although

coming from a district very many miles distant, it was one that had been very much before the English public of late. The district he had the honour of representing was intimately associated with the early history of Freemasonry. He had helped to raise the standard of Freemasonry in Tunis, and was very proud of the part he had taken in the introduction of the beauties of the Craft into Northern Africa. The History of English Freemasonry in Tunis was a very remarkable one, and he should regret if the course of recent events made any difference to it there. It had been his privilege to preside as first W.M. of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, and in that position had ruled over its destinies for three consecutive years, during which time he had initiated into the Craft upwards of 120 members who represented no less than seven different nationalities and five different creeds. He felt that whatever might occur in the future in Tunis, these brethren would ever be united in their desire to uphold the Grand Lodge of England and its sacred watchwords—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Although then speaking to the members of the High Cross Lodge for the first time, he did not feel he was among strangers; he had read accounts of their doings, and was now very proud to attend a Lodge which had for so long a time had the credit of being a staunch supporter of the Charities, and was noted for its generally strict adherence to the principles of the Craft. He owed his knowledge of the members to the Masonic Press, since the introduction of which he thought a great and beneficial change had come over Freemasonry. It would now afford him great pleasure to be able to endorse the good opinion already formed by his friends as to the character of the Lodge, which he had visited with great pleasure. Bro. Clements now assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. During his term of office no ceremony had given him greater pleasure than had that of installing Bro. Garrod into the chair. In initiating a member into the Order it was necessary for a Master to rely to a very great extent on the recommendations of others, but in the case of installing a successor it was different; in that case the Master, and indeed all the brethren, had their own experience on which to base an opinion, and it was but natural that a different feeling should be experienced by the Master, more particularly when, as was the case with Bro. Garrod, the incoming brother was more than usually proficient in the work of the Lodge. In installing such a Master he felt that really he was not longer wanted in the Lodge, as his successor was quite capable of performing all the duties that could possibly be required of him. If any further proof of the fitness of Bro. Garrod for the office were required than that possessed by each individual brother, he thought that the action of the members of the Lodge of Instruction attached to the High Cross Lodge would supply it. The apron with which he had that evening had the honour of investing Bro. Garrod was presented to him by the members as a mark of their esteem and regard. The gift in itself, he felt, would be agreeable to Bro. Garrod, but when with it were tendered the heartiest good wishes of the donors, he felt it would be even more so; he could only hope that as Master of the High Cross Lodge Bro. Garrod would continue to merit that regard from all with whom he was associated that was so apparent at the present time. The apron referred to is mounted with silver fittings, and enclosed in a case which bears the following inscription:—

"Presented by the members of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, to Bro. James Garrod on his installation as W.M. of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, 24th August 1881."

Bro. Garrod tendered his sincere thanks for the kind way in which the brethren had received the toast. He should endeavour to conduct the work of the Lodge to the satisfaction of them all, but he was afraid, following in the footsteps of such a Master as Brother Clements, that he had a very hard task before him. Five years since he had been initiated in the Lodge, and forty-six years since he had made his appearance in this world, to disturb the peace and harmony of the establishment he thus formed a part of; so far the day was an auspicious one as far as he was personally concerned. He hoped to enjoy his Masonic meetings as much in the future as he had in the past. Referring to the testimonial presented to him by the Lodge of Instruction, he could only say he valued it very much, and desired to thank the members for their kindness. He then proposed the health of Bro. Clements the I.P.M., referring to the very satisfactory manner in which that brother had performed the ceremony of installation, and the work of the Lodge generally during the past year. He had great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel which had been voted by the members, and which all felt was well deserved. He might say that although Masters in the past may have been as much entitled to the jewel of a P.M., there was no one who could possibly have better deserved it than did Bro. Clements. Bro. Clements in a few well chosen words tendered his thanks to the brethren for the support they had given him in the past, and for the jewel that day presented him. He hoped he might never disgrace the position of Past Master, to which he had now succeeded, but ever fill it to the benefit of the Craft in general and the High Cross Lodge in particular. He had the satisfaction of feeling that he left the chair of the Lodge with the esteem of the brethren, and also with a clear conscience, having done all that lay in his power to fulfil his duty. Bro. Garrod had said that he was that night really placed on his trial; and he (Bro. Clements) could only hope that twelve months hence he would deserve as clean and clear a verdict as had been given to him that evening. Brother Garrod then introduced the toast of the Visitors, which was responded to by several of the guests of the evening; after which the Charities was given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bros. Binckes and Thompson. The Past Masters, the Masonic Press, the Officers, and the Tyler's toasts were severally given and acknowledged, thus bringing the proceedings to a conclusion. Among the Past Masters present were Bros. J. Wells, T. Jones, J. Linzell, J. Cunningham, G. Townsend, F. Barham, W. Dance, H. Stephens, G. Burford, &c.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Tucker (Treasurer) V.M., Andrews P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Monson J.D., Maton I.G. This being the evening appointed for the election of Preceptor, there was a large attendance of brethren. Lodge was opened, and after preliminaries, Bro. Andrews, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. A lengthened discussion then ensued with regard to the election of Preceptor, and ultimately Bro. Andrews P.M. 77, 299, 615, and 1461, was unanimously elected to the office. Bro. Andrews expressed his sense of the honour done him, and pointed out the importance of the duties. He was then elected to fill the chair on the 26th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

BANQUET TO BRO. DOUGLAS M. SHERWILL.

A COMPLIMENTARY inaugural banquet was held on the 18th instant, at the Royal Aquarium, Brighton, the occasion of Bro. Douglas M. Sherwill 813 (late Manager to Bros. Ritter and Clifford, of the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City) undertaking the proprietorship of the refreshment department of the above establishment. Several friends came specially from London to support Bro. Sherwill and wish him success in his new enterprise. The chair was occupied by Mr. McMillan, Q.C., Chairman of the Company, supported by the Mayor (Bro. David Smith), Alderman Davey (ex-Mayor), Sir John Bennett, General Streetier; Aldermen Bridgen, Cox, Hallett, Alberty; Messrs. Evitt, Curtis, D. H. Jacobs, Collings, Willes, A. Painter, Arthur, Levey, C. Hudson, Soper, Pion, Taylor, Wilkinson, H. M. Levy, &c. The déjeuner took place in the Exhibition Room, which was artistically decorated, and where was exhibited an antique cabinet, over two hundred years old, in splendid preservation, presented by the last Doge of Venice to the English Ambassador, Sir Richard Worsley, in 1787, kindly lent by Bro. T. Winter, of Blencoe House, Brighton. The room was photographed by Messrs. Lombardi and Son, of West-street. The Chairman eloquently proposed the Loyal and complimentary toasts, Bro. Sir John Bennett making a very humorous speech. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the day, remarked that he thought the Directors might congratulate themselves on having made a happy selection. However, he felt bound to say that their late contractor, Mr. George Reeves Smith jun., had done his duty to their satisfaction; he left of his own accord, and all wished him success in his new venture. Personally, he thought the Directors had acted wisely in selecting Mr. Sherwill to fill the position. He had been chosen from among a number of applicants, and during the short time he had occupied the post he had discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner. Not only does he individually exert himself, but he has also the assistance of his amiable wife. On the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales he gave them every satisfaction. He would now ask the guests to drink to his health and success. With the toast he would couple the name of Mrs. Sherwill. Bro. Sherwill, in responding, said he did not anticipate so many being present from London. He was honoured by the presence of the Chairman, the Mayor, Sir John Bennett, and many other kind friends, who had attended to welcome him on his inauguration. He regretted the absence of many distinguished citizens, and re-echoed the sentiments of the Chairman, that whatever we try to do we should do well and to the best of our ability. Bro. Sherwill then announced that in future there would be a table d'hôte, from five till eight, at a charge of 3s 6d, including admission to the Aquarium. The company were delighted with songs and glees, by Bros. Chaplin Henry, Kift, J. Brown, and Arthur Thompson; Bro. H. Harker was the Toast Master. All these brethren came to support Bro. Sherwill, and gave their valuable services, which were well appreciated by all present. The company separated about seven o'clock, when hearty good wishes were given by the friends of Bro. Sherwill, who desired him every success.

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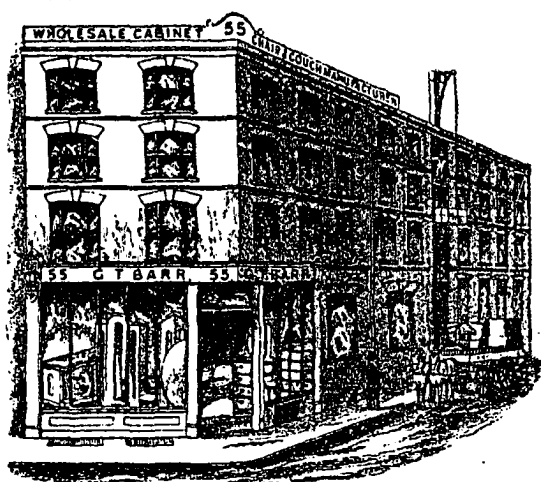
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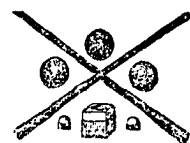
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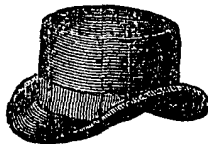
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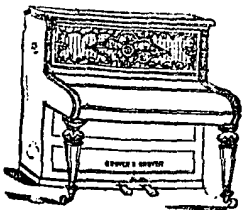
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