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THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

BY the adoption of Brother Nunn's resolution a step has been made in the right direction, and brethren who are under the necessity of applying to the Lodge of Benevolence, and whose cases are deemed to be of unusual gravity, will no longer be compelled to wait for four, or it may be close on six months, until all but a modest £10 of the grant recommended is paid over to them. The law, as it stood until the proposed alteration was accepted, was to the effect that in all cases of grants in excess of £50, they should not be paid to the applicant until the minutes of the Grand Lodge, at which the said recommendations were approved, had been confirmed; while in the case of smaller sums which might be paid forthwith, that is, immediately after they had been voted by the Lodge of Benevolence, the amount was stated at £10. The effect of Brother Nunn's resolution will be that in future where a sum in excess of £50 is recommended, a payment of £50 may be made on account the very morrow after the recommendation of the Lodge of Benevolence has been approved by Grand Lodge, while as to sums in excess over £50 they will not be paid till the minutes of the approving Grand Lodge have been confirmed. As regards the amount of the grant which may in future be paid at once, it has been altered from £10 to £20.

It cannot be denied that these changes are, as we have said, in the right direction, and both Bro. Nunn, who submitted them, and Bro. Clabon, who seconded, expressed themselves as most anxious to adopt any plan by which, as far as possible, the relief administered should be immediate. Both these brethren—and from their long connection with the Lodge of Benevolence, Bro. Clabon as President, and Bro. Nunn as Senior Vice President, we must not fail to show due respect for the opinions they set forth—both these brethren, we say, seemed willing to suggest or accept any changes in the Constitutions which were calculated to improve our present system of administering relief in the larger and more important cases, their sole reason, as they stated most emphatically, being that the action of the Lodge of Benevolence should be governed by prudence. If we think their notions of prudence most nearly resemble an excess of caution which, having regard to the circumstances is uncalled for, we must, nevertheless, thank them for having placed their views so clearly and conscientiously before Grand Lodge. They have taken the lead in bringing about a change in our laws which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the class of brethren whom it will affect, and so far at all events, we have every reason to be satisfied with what has been done.

Another resolution was subsequently moved in Grand Lodge by Bro. Perceval and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, to the effect that in the case of all grants in excess of £50 recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, they should become payable immediately after they had been approved, and without waiting for the further confirmation of Grand Lodge, that is, for a further period of three months. Bro. Perceval pointed out that an applicant to whom a sum above £50 was awarded was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence, whose members had all the

facts of the case before them, and that after careful consideration of those facts they proposed the grant of such a sum as they considered would meet the necessities of the distressed brother. Bro. Stewart pointed out that it could not be the intention of Grand Lodge to keep a brother waiting for that which would do him good. He said he knew cases where if the grants had been made immediately, the recipients might have recovered somewhat of their former prosperity. And why, he asked, should they doubt their Committee, who thoroughly investigated every case that was brought under their notice? If they intended to benefit their fellow-creatures they should do so simply and at once. Bro. Binckes strengthened these arguments by stating that he knew of cases where grants of a large amount would have been almost nugatory, if some good friends of the applicants had not come forward and advanced money till the grants were receivable from Grand Lodge. He said it seemed to him that, by the present law, Grand Lodge itself interfered between the desire of the Board to administer relief and the applicant who sought it. He added that in no case would any brother attempt to support an exceptionally large grant by the Lodge of Benevolence unless he had good and sure grounds on which to recommend it. He suggested it was enough if the recommendation of a grant passed the scrutiny of the Board in the first instance, and then of the Parliament of the Craft in Grand Lodge assembled, and he closed his speech by stating it as his opinion that Bro. Nunn's resolution, though a progressive one, did not go far enough, while, if they adopted Brother Perceval's amendment, they would be doing that for which the Lodge of Benevolence was organised—namely, assisting a needy brother at the time when he most wanted assistance. Bro. James Mason inclined towards the views of Bros. Nunn and Clabon, while Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P. Grand Chaplain thought the balance of advantage as between the two propositions was in favour of giving immediate relief. The difference, he urged, was between a proposition of principle and a proposition of degree. Bro. Nunn's proposition was a very graceful one, but Bro. Perceval's was merely carrying out that graceful proposition to its legitimate conclusion. Bros. Nunn and Clabon, however, still adhered to the views they had expressed, that it was necessary in these cases to act with prudence. They were all desirous of giving liberally and as promptly as possible to applicants for relief, but if, when they had given the whole sum voted in the manner proposed by Bro. Perceval, any question should afterwards arise, he thought they would all regret it. After a few words from Bro. Perceval, in the course of which he pointed out that where a few cases occurred in which grants had to be negatived, the number of cases which were disappointed by not being able to have the larger sum within a short space of time were too many to be counted. Grand Lodge divided on the amendment, which was rejected by 150 votes to 113. Bro. Nunn's resolution was then put and agreed to, and the discussion ended.

For ourselves we should rather have had the amendment than the original resolution, our chief reason being one we have more than once laid down in articles or comments on the point at issue, namely—that we have the utmost faith

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in the ability, experience, and prudence of the Lodge of Benevolence, that its members will not heedlessly, and without the utmost possible preliminary investigation, vote away large, or even small sums, to those who apply to them for help. Some short time for further consideration, and if necessary, revision of the vote or recommendation is necessary, but as Brother Binckes has pointed out, it should be enough if the case will bear the rigid scrutiny of the Lodge of Benevolence, and afterwards of the Grand Lodge itself. Any further delay is an interference between the desire of the former to administer relief, and the applicant who needs it. Such interference we consider unnecessary.

The regular half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Crystal Palace Gas Company was held on Thursday, when the directors presented their report for the six months to 30th June 1881. This report was in all respects satisfactory. The capital account showed that of £437,500, the aggregate of the amounts authorised to be raised, less than £300,000 had been paid up. The Reserve Fund showed a balance on 30th of June of over £30,843, and the Insurance account one of over £3,331. There were made during the half-year 245,513,000 cubic feet of gas, of which 233,645,000 cubic feet were sold, and 2,951,900 cubic feet used on the premises. From the capital account it appeared that the receipts were £298,754 10s, while the total expenditure from the establishment of the Company, after making the requisite allowance for depreciation in the value of meters and gas stoves, amounted to £274,820 7s 6d leaving a balance to the good of £23,934 2s 6d. The revenue account, showed receipts amounting in all to £56,563, the principal items being gas (public and private) and meter rental over £42,703, and by sale of residual products over £13,771. Among the chief items of expenditure were, for manufacture of gas upwards of £31,002, for distribution of ditto £3,092, lighting and repairing public lamps just on £724, rents, rates, and taxes £1,727, expenses of management nearly £2,961. These with the lesser items made up a total of over £39,947, the balance to be carried forward to profit and loss being £16,616 5s 2d. The accounts being so satisfactory it was recommended and agreed that the following dividends—in every case less income-tax—should be declared, namely, 6 per cent. on the preference stock, 7 per cent. both on the ordinary and new ordinary 7 per cent. stock, and 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. stock, after making the necessary allowance for which there yet remained nearly £4,000 to be carried forward to the profit of the next half-year. In all other respects the tale as told by the Directors was similar. The gas examiners of the parishes supplied by the Company reported satisfactorily as to the illuminating power of the gas, its freedom from sulphuretted hydrogen and ammonia, and the limitation of the sulphur to the amount prescribed by the parliamentary standard. It was further announced that a contract had been entered into for a new gas holder to be erected in the spring of next year, the tank to receive the holder being already almost completed. This would give the Company an additional storage of 1,600,000 cubic feet of gas. The Directors also recommended an addition to the salary of the secretary (Brother Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C.) of £50, in graceful and grateful recognition of his services. The meeting passed off most satisfactorily. It may be added that the Chairman of the Company is Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., while one of the Auditors is Bro. James Glaisher P.G.D.

It is with great regret we announce the death, after a few days illness, at his residence, 28 Belgrave Square, of Robert Shapland, second Lord Carew. His Lordship, who was born in the year 1818, was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and it was during his stay at the University that he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. This was in the year 1838. He formerly sat for Wexford in the House of Commons, and succeeded his father the first Baron in 1856. The funeral took place on Thursday, at Castle Borough, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, whither his Lordship's remains had been conveyed previously. By his death a riband of the Order of St. Patrick and the Lord-Lieutenancy of Wexford become vacant.

POPULAR INFIDELITY.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE June Voice's comment on the Agnostic type of "popular infidelity" is so pointed that Atheism and Infidelity may well have a fresh rap from the Masonic setting-maul for "general good," and benefit of the Craft in particular. *Imprimis*, in answer to any fling of there being "bad men" in Masonry; granted! and no one denies it. But the bad are "everywhere;" in societies of the best, bodies, corporations, lodges, assemblies, unions, and cynosures, of all sorts, secular or religious. Among the very reformers are some of the worst "members" in the world; and, the better the organization in purpose, often, for a cloak of goodness, hypocrites will don its habiliments. As a positive prerequisite, though, without exception, for applicants to become worthy and accepted Freemasons, "God and the soul's immortality" cannot be rejected or disavowed. Not exclusively to employ one's own, but the very express language of no less than that representing one of the United States, Masonically, to quote: "The Grand Lodge of Arkansas has put itself on record against anything in the shape of atheism, infidelity and materialism, in the following:

Resolved, That the belief in God and the immortality of the soul is a cardinal doctrine of Masonry, and it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the God of Masonry (the Divine Being, that is, Masonry avows and demands faith in) is the Great Architect of the Universe, the Creator and Preserver of all things, the God of the Bible as well as the God of those who (as the heathen) know nothing about its teachings; that the God of Masonry is not a god, a force, a materialistic cause, but the one true and living God, to whom we must all account; and that any one rejecting these truths is unworthy of initiation into, or holding membership in a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

That, as a human source, may settle the Deity question with unbelievers, for Masonic exemplification at least. From Holy Scripture on the divine side, most clearly, is derived apt illustration of the atheist, as shown by Psalm liii: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." There being no quarrel with Masons subscribing to belief in what Deity is, agreeably, as to Faith in common, of Holy Liturgy, its first article of religion forthshows, "There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts or passions; of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible." So, too, *Credo*, "one God, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible," acknowledged by millions of every nation, tongue and kindred, under the whole canopy of heaven, in a world that, "without God," if left to its own baser self, would be little else than "hell upon earth."

Ignorance and ignorance seem to furnish the fashionable excuse for professed infidelity. Is it not, indeed, a pitifully poor pass to come to for "human intellect"—the boasted brain, that those notoriously of this world go so much on, by way of "reason and presumption" to plead, after all said and done, poverty of understanding, and non-knowledge as their all-sufficient apology for being "know-nothings!" It proves nothing. It is the beggarly makeshift of the time-serving, sensuous and Godless. How despicable is this continual, "I don't know," and "I don't believe," with its co-ordinate, "Don't care," all the while, seekers for light and life in the world are not asking for negation, as *not* for what not to believe, but for something to believe in! Meanwhile the infidel lyre goes tinkling on with its puny refrain, like the musicless twang of some little one-stringed instrument; "There is no Deity, and what do we know?"

Out upon it, men, Masons, Christians, religious and responsible of our nineteenth century! Set yourselves against this atheistic demon of doubt and unbelief, seeking to set up the mere mortal to be worshipped as if Divine! Put foot on the enemy of souls, and foe to your better self! Believe in God! Seek to serve and worship Him! Trust in Him—our ALL-FATHER! Commit your ways unto Him! Ask light, and the true light of Him who is the "Way, the Truth and the Life" and Light!

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a work just appearing from his pen, caustically remarks:

An agnostic is one who says, "I know nothing of things spiritual and metaphysical. You tell me that there is a world beyond the grave, and that there is something within me which is destined to live in that world when all the material objects of whose existence alone I can be certain have crumbled into dust. You tell me old stories of men believing that they had intercourse in time past with a spiritual being who dwells somewhere above the clouds. I know nothing which is capable of corroborating such fancies. Why am I not to regard them as the dreams of a heated imagination? I want something certain and I find this certainty only in the physical phenomena around me, and in the unchanging laws of outward nature. It is just possible that there may be some truth in your vague imaginings, but I cannot ascertain it, and, therefore, for all practical purposes, I shall consider them to be but vain * * *. You say there is a Supreme Intelligence animated by a Father's love, which regulates all things. I see no proof of it * * *. Let us confine our thoughts to what we are certain of. Let us conform ourselves to the irresistible course of this all pervading machinery of which we find ourselves a part. Let us make the most of our present material existence * * *. Priests and so-called theological philosophers, all the world over, have been only misleading us * * *. I know nothing but what I can observe and classify, and I take no interest in your theologies and vain philosophies."

Now, having read this as graphically depicting the empty *animus* and expression of the merely *material*—the materially-minded, that is, contesting the really invisible—from effect to cause—let us consider the question from another stand-point *vice versa*, or

logically *a posteriori*. In the light and aspect admittedly of reason, we understand as it is affirmed—"The rational look of the world is denied by none. Eyes look as if they were made to see with; ears, as if made to hear with, and legs as if to walk with. The nutritive apparatus looks as if it were made to keep the body in repair. The lungs look as if they were made to create the blood, and the blood vessels as if made with an eye to their actual functions. And, in general, Science everywhere assumes that nature is rational, and that everything is adapted to everything else," appropriately. And, above all, too, "We must remember that Science is not merely observation, but is chiefly the conclusions from the observations. Let us, then, call the very particular attention of the agnostic to this fact, as it may tend to enlighten the clouded faculty of the "know-nothing" sort—of that sort who are ever harping about, "Science says so and so"—too often when Science says nothing of the kind, imputed or attributed to it, under the circumstances, but is substantially bare *Sophistry* begging the question.

True "Science aims by the aid of reasoning to pass behind the phenomena and form some conception of the supersensible realities upon which appearances are based." Not to claim of the supernatural here, for argument's sake, howso that may be, nevertheless,—Science, we are assured, "Enters into this hidden world only by thought," not by mere hand-touch—as by manipulating test of probe or crucible alone. And Science "implicitly assumes, therefore, that the laws of thought are valid for ALL being," material, immaterial, Divine, as well as human. To this, thus, we are logically brought. So conclusively, "Science, then, is built upon the notion that the real is rational and intelligible; not as, perhaps, some abnormally mis-witted, reckless or hair-brained one may assert or ignore, but SCIENCE *simplex et pura* "aims to grasp the rational system which is in things" *toto coelo*. For, "if we should assume that the real is irrational and unintelligible, all our Science would perish. If everything is to be "cut and dried," so to speak, just that the fool, in his heart, shall say I understand that perfectly and it is true, while I deny everything that my mind cannot comprehend, it is only *ex parte*. We are asked, for instance, "What would become of astronomy—if we assume that the flying planet is not bound by the rational principles of mathematics? And the Great Author of all is as much Master of Mathematics, as He is Architect of the Universe, Maker of mankind, and the Saviour of souls. So, moreover, "the atomic theory and ether theory use no facts of observation, but only rational influences from phenomena," which many an atheist may be confounded at and staggered by—"but if the real is not rational, of course these and all other scientific theories fall to the ground; and where would the materialist, agnostic and infidel be, then? Therefore the conclusion is, "There is Mind back of nature which realises in nature its preconceived plans and purposes." And, of whom we are, though many may deny or know Him not—of whom "through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the WORD OF GOD, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear." His Divine Revelation informs us, Who formed all things, and after His own image, as best pleased Him, man above all things created by the WORD OF GOD. The fact of it is, the Divine Mind, as of the Omniscient, so utterly overlays, outweighs and altogether exceeding surpasses the pinched and contracted capacity of man's mind, that it cannot possibly fully "Know GOD!" Of whom "the invisible things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that He hath made, even His eternal power and Godhead." For all that we are, therefore, of divine goodness, we can but look to Him, as the true source of immortal impartation for the mortal from the eternal, Holy, Ineffable, our LORD AND HEAVENLY FATHER. Remove the light of Faith like this from among men, and our race would indeed be all the more miserable, as with Faith lost, so also would fail Hope and Charity, the three great lights of the world.

On Saturday last a Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the purpose of conferring the distinction of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order on His Majesty King Kalakua. Sir Knight Captain John Crombie presided as Grand Sovereign in the absence of the Earl of Kintore, and the King, who had been received by Sir Knights R. S. Brown and D. Murray Lyon, having been introduced to the G. Conclave, was presented with a copy of the Constitutions of the Order as well as with the star of Knight Grand Cross. Sir Knight James Crichton having offered the illustrious visitor the rank of an honorary member of the Edinburgh Conclave, No. 1, the King returned thanks for the honour they had done him, and said he should ever retain a lively recollection of his visit to Freemasons' Hall, and to the meeting of the Grand Conclave. He accepted the honorary membership of Conclave, No. 1, and should regard it as an additional tie between himself and Scotland. Before leaving, His Majesty was presented with portraits of Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart Grand Master Mason of Scotland and the Earl of Kintore M. III. G. Sovereign of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, &c.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction will meet again on the last Monday of the present month at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, E.C., at seven p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Charles John Perceval, James Brett, John Balmer, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, A. H. Tattershall, J. Quittmann, Richard Hervé Girand, S. Rawson, William Hale, W. Hilton, Thomas Goode, Fredk. Adlard, J. M. Case, William Clarke, J. R. Gallant, Dr. Jabez Hogg, James Kench, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. W. C. Bush, L. Stean, C. Daniels, and J. Mason, for the Secretary, who is away for his holiday. The death of one female annuitant was reported. The Chairman announced that the House Committee had visited the Institution, and notwithstanding the bad weather, found that satisfactory progress had been made with the new portions of the building. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, as to the exertions of the Secretaries of Charity Associations, who had great trouble in collecting sums subscribed for the Institutions, not being recognised. The letter was ordered to lie on the table. Authority was given to pay the builder £400 on account of the works at Croydon, that amount being certified by the architect. Authority was also given to the Secretary, in conjunction with the House Committee, to purchase furniture for the new offices provided by Grand Lodge. Bro. C. J. Perceval gave notice of motion for next meeting, "That a sub-committee be formed to revise the bye-laws." The Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC TRIP TO LLANDUDNO.

LAST week the members of the Everton Masonic Lodge, No. 823, made a special pleasure trip to Llandudno, for the benefit of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The steamer Sunshine was chartered to convey the party to their destination, and a large number of the brethren and their lady friends embarked for the day's excursion to the Welsh watering-place. The vessel left the Prince's landing stage at half-past nine o'clock, and after a most delightful sail arrived at Llandudno shortly after twelve. The company then dispersed, some to drive round the Great Ormeshead and enjoy its grand, rugged scenery, and others to stroll along the yellow sands or wander up the happy valley. The weather was beautifully fine, and the visitors were thus enabled to thoroughly enjoy themselves. In the course of the afternoon the party dined together at the Castle Tudno Hotel, Bro. John Houlding Prov. Grand Registrar presided, and amongst the others present were Bros. Carefull W.M. (by whom the trip was specially organised); Boyle P.M., Ashmore P.M., and Mr. C. W. Boote. The dinner was sumptuous and well served, and gave general satisfaction. At half-past six o'clock the Sunshine, which was under the command of Bro. Smith, left the landing stage at Llandudno, and made a capital voyage home, reaching the Prince's Stage in three hours. Music, dancing, singing, and other entertainments were got up on board for the delectation of the voyagers, and the result was a most pleasant excursion.

His Royal Highness Prince William Frederick Charles of the Netherlands, Grand Master for many years past of the Grand Lodge of Masons in that country, died at his palace near the Hague, on Thursday, the 8th instant, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. The late Prince was brother of the late King William II., who as Prince of Orange, held the command of a division in Wellington's army during the Waterloo campaign, and was severely wounded towards the close of the battle. His relationship with the present King of Holland, William III. was that of uncle. His Royal Highness was an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The following compliment to Bro. Albert Pike of the United States is taken from an early number of an old magazine entitled the *Knickerbocker*. "We were shown yesterday A. Pike, which was six ft. one in. in length and weighed nearly two hundred pounds. He was originally caught at Little Rock, as it is called, in Arkansas, and was as fresh and lively as if he were still in his native element." This Bro. A. Pike is Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, and an honorary member of the Supreme Councils A. and A. Rite of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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BURDETT COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.

THE Installation meeting was held on Thursday, at the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, E. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Brother George Defriez, who was supported by his Officers, a full attendance of members, and the following Visitors:—H. G. Bass Assistant Grand Secretary, A. Abrahams Senior Deacon 205, W. H. Smith 1622, J. C. Whiddington 1827, Morris Hart 1816, Defriez 1693, H. Perrin P.M. 1056, Edney W.M. 933, W. H. Stokes P.M. 861, H. G. Cant 174, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Thomas Clark Junior Deacon 1178, G. T. H. Seddon P.M. 174, A. G. Clement Secretary 1306, J. B. D'Ardenne 1184, T. H. Francis 55, Thomas Cook 1056, Grove Ellis 188, G. E. Batchelor Junior Deacon 140, J. D. Gray 55, W. Walden 49, C. Kindall W.M. 1625. The Past Masters of the Lodge were represented by Bros. W. Crutch (Treasurer), G. Ward Verry (Secretary), Henry Lloyd and A. Lazarus, some of the others being away on holiday trips. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into requisition for the election of Mr. Geo. Leeder, who was proposed by Bro. H. C. Gould, and seconded by the W. Master. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. After the Auditors' report had been received and adopted, Bro. Lazarus, the Immediate Past Master introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard L. Sturtevant, who was duly obligated by Bro. Defriez. The brethren below the rank of Installed Master in due course withdrew, and the Board completed their part of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and he then appointed the following Officers: Albert Jones S.W., R. G. Chitson J.W., W. Crutch P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Sec., J. J. Berry P.M. Senior Deacon, G. T. Peall Junior Deacon, W. H. Making Inner Guard, W. Clark Director of Ceremonies, G. Hodge Wine Steward, Hammond Assistant Wine Steward. The W.M. proposed his son as a candidate for initiation, the name to be placed on the summons for next meeting. The Secretary announced a letter from Col. Sir Francis Burdett, an honorary member of the Lodge, regretting his inability to accept the invitation of the brethren to attend the meeting. Heartly good wishes were then tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served; there was an abundance of everything, and every one present expressed gratification; but we think, in view of the journey home, 10.15 is almost too late to begin the toasts. As a consequence the hurry consequent with the desire to do justice to all somewhat marred the pleasures of the evening. The Loyal toasts were loyally received. For the Grand Officers, our worthy Brother Bass responded. The I.P.M., Bro. Defriez, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was his opinion the brethren had made a wise selection in appointing Bro. Sturtevant, whom he described as a most zealous Mason, and one imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. Bro. Sturtevant, in response, said he felt scarcely able to express his sentiments. He had been deeply impressed with the conviction that the members reposed every confidence in him, and he assured them his heart should keep pace with his hands in carrying out the trust they had reposed. The Initiate's toast met with a cordial reception, and after Bro. Henry Lloyd had sung the E.A. Song, the compliment was manfully acknowledged by Bro. Leeder. Bro. Perrin, in a well-considered speech, replied for the Visitors. The other toasts comprised the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master of the day, to whom was presented the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge; the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, &c. On account of the advanced hour the remarks were curtailed, but each speaker referred to the pleasant nature of the proceedings. Bros. J. J. Berry, the W.M., Batchelor, and others entertained the company with songs, while Bro. Seddon, who, we think, never misses an opportunity of attending an installation meeting of this Lodge, rendered good service as accompanist. We congratulate Bro. Sturtevant on the happy auspices under which he enters upon his duties. We are convinced the Burdett Coutts Lodge will prosper under his genial sway.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The brethren have resumed their weekly meetings at the Lamb Tavern, Junction-road, Bethnal-green. On the 14th instant, Bros. Stewart W.M., Brittain S.W., Ward J.W., Anderson S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Chitson I.G., Clark Preceptor pro tem, Hand Secretary; Bros. Christian, Bonner, Clements, D'Ardenne, Abrahams, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read. The Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Bonner candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sturtevant, who went through the formula of Investing Officers. On the W.M. resuming his duties, Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Sturtevant, and seconded by Bro. Bonner, that Bro. Musto P.M. be elected Preceptor. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Brittain will preside next week.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The first regular meeting since the installation of the new W.M. of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. E. A. Head W.M., W. Rudge S.W., G. Mitchell Secretary, S. Davison I.P.M., John G. Horsey P.M. D.C., W. Pile S.D., G. W. Holmes J.D., A. M. Betchley W.S.; also Bros. G. Berry, J. Cooper, M. Ovenden, H. Histed, G. Histed, and G. D. Woolgar. Lodge was opened punctually at 5.30. The only business was that of initiating Mr. George Edwards, after which Lodge was duly closed, and a very pleasant evening spent by the brethren.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, the 10th September. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by Bro. F. Kearney the W.M., supported by Bros. E. Marlett S.W. W.M. elect, J. Wall J.W. and the rest of the Officers; Bro. Leins P.M., Bro. Mather P.M. Treasurer. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Kearney proceeded to instal Bro. E. Marlett into the chair of K.S., with all the usual formalities; the ceremony was correctly and impressively rendered by the Installing Master, who thus finished a very successful year of office in a manner highly creditable to himself and gratifying to the members of the Lodge, by whom he is highly esteemed. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. B. Wall S.W., C. G. Sparrow J.W., Ede S.D., Read J.D., Mitchell I.G., Goodchild and Bridgman D.C.'s, Smith and Fox Stewards; Bro. Mollindina, who has filled the office of Secretary since the formation of the Lodge, was again entrusted with the duties of that important office. Heartly good wishes were tendered to the new W.M.; the Lodge was closed, and the brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, served in first rate style under the personal superintendence of the courteous manager, Bro. Begbie. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts from the chair, which were heartily responded to by the brethren. The W.M. in proposing the health of Bro. Kearney the I.P.M. congratulated him on the very excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, and in the name of the Lodge presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services. Bro. Kearney returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences, and expressed his delight with the good feeling and harmony that prevailed in the Lodge. The health of the W.M. was very cordially received, and heartily responded to. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Visitors gave them a hearty welcome to 1743, and the toast was very cordially received. Bro. Brown P.M. 65 and Bro. Johnson 1297 in responding, expressed their pleasure in being present on the occasion, as did the other visitors. Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. Treasurer, in responding to the toast of the Charities, thanked the brethren for the support given him on the occasion of the Festival of the Boys' School, which enabled him to appear sixth on the list of London Stewards—a result highly creditable to so young a Lodge. After the toasts of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers, the Tyler was summoned, and a very pleasant evening brought to a close. Visitors—Bros. G. T. Brown P.M. 65, W. G. London W.M. 1580, R. Ede W.M. 1471, S. Johnson 1297, F. Marx W.M. 957, J. P. Swayne W.M. 1572, S. Holness 1471.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last, Bros. Dignam W.M., Glass S.W., A. Clark J.W., S. Clark S.D., Cushing J.D., Edwards I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Christian, Carr, Wardell, Jones, Gosling, Olley and others. After preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. Wardell, as candidate for passing, was entrusted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian, a candidate for raising, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third, when Bro. Christian was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 13th Sept. Bros. Smith W.M., Pavitt S.W., Johnson J.W., Ives S.D., Watkins J.D., Brown I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor, Bro. Ives Acting Secretary; also Bros. Day, Willoughby, &c. Lodge being regularly opened to the second degree, and Bro. Brown as candidate having answered the necessary questions, the W.M., in his usual able manner, rehearsed the ceremony of passing, after which Bro. Pavitt, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture. Lodge was regularly closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 20th instant. We are glad to see this model Lodge has resumed its meetings for the season, with Bro. P.M. Musto, its old Preceptor. We can assure brethren, especially those living in the neighbourhood, who are desirous of acquiring correct Masonic ritual, they cannot do better than spend a couple of hours a week under Bro. Musto's able tuition. The meetings commence at 7.30.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moor-gate, 15 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Monday evening, the 19th instant, commencing at 7 p.m. Bros. H. J. Gush J.W. 1541 W.M., R. Larchin W.M. 1541 S.W., F. J. Wray P.M. 1604 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. R. W. Fraser, B. Kauffmann, L. Jacobs, N. P. Vallentine, R. Larchin, F. J. Wray, and C. Koester. Second Lecture:—Bros. T. C. Edmonds, W. J. Burgess, James Hemming, J. C. Smith, and W. M. Siles. Third Lecture:—Bros. E. F. Pierdon, Edwin Storr, and F. W. Sillis. Bros. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, W.M. elect 1507, Preceptor; Edwin Storr I.G. 167 Secretary.

At the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, W., on Thursday, 6th October, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. C. Koester P.M. 435 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. J. Harvey, E. Knight, B. Kauffman, W. Birrell, R. Cook, J. Paul, and W. J. Burgess. Second Lecture:—Bros. L. Jacobs, G. L. Moore, F. W. Wray, E. Farwig, and J. C. Smith. Third Lecture:—Bros. J. W. Smith, J. Hemming, and F. W. Sillis. C. Koester P.M. 435 Preceptor, F. W. Sillis W.S. 1744 Secretary.

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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION AT YORK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with a great deal of interest your account of the reception given by the two York Lodges to the Masonic members of the British Association, and I feel convinced the latter must have highly appreciated the compliment, especially as leading members of the two Grand Lodges of the County and the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Grand Chaplain of England, together with such influential local brethren as Bro. Todd P.M. of York Lodge, No. 236, and Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland, of Eboracum, No. 1611, took a prominent part in the proceedings. What, however, I am anxious to draw attention to in connection with this Masonic gathering is, not so much the zeal of certain brethren, and the excellence of the arrangements they made for the entertainment of their guests, as the fact that outside the city of York none of the Craft seem to trouble themselves at all as to the collection of Masonic relics. There must be a great number of these scattered about the country, and one would have thought that the authorities of Grand Lodge would have done something in the way of countenancing the formation of some kind of Museum in connection with the Grand Lodge Library. It is quite true that only during the past two or three years has Grand Lodge given any attention to this Library, and the sum it has had the courage to vote annually would hardly suffice to purchase two books of any rarity, such as some of those that were sold at the dispersion of the Spencer Library about five or six years back. It cannot be denied that Grand Lodge has ample funds at its disposal, and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Golden-square have shown what energy and a judicious outlay of money will do in building up a valuable library, and gathering together interesting, and in some cases valuable, mementoes of the past history of the Craft. Surely if a couple of private Lodges can, by the zeal of some of their more active members, bring together a collection of rarities, and if an enterprising and wealthy body like the Supreme Council, which, after all, owes its existence primarily to the connection of its members with Craft Masonry, can do something similar, though on a larger scale, our Craft Grand Lodge, which does not lack funds or the accommodation, might imitate the good example set by inferior bodies. So little, however, is done or said by Grand Lodge that I should say there is hardly one brother in twenty who knows there is a Grand Lodge Library, and that Master Masons are privileged to visit and inspect its contents. Is not this being a little too much behindhand in this age of curious investigation into the mysteries and singularities of past generations? If our Freemasonry is as progressive as it claims, I should think it might occasionally muster up courage enough to make a step or two in advance.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

A. DRYSDALE.

THE LATE PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The total amount of the funds subscribed has, in compliance with a resolution passed at the final meeting, been returned or handed to the Charities, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the subscribers. The balance (unclaimed) left in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to £143 5s 1d, has been paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

(Signed) CHARLES J. MARTYN,
Hon. Treasurer.

DICK RADCLIFFE,
Hon. Secretary.

12th September 1881.

FREEMASONRY IN RANGOON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Book of Constitutions provides for the election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler of a Lodge. The Wardens are selected and appointed by the W.M., and after having served as such for a year are eligible for election to the Eastern Chair.

That the Wardens are important Officers in the government of a Lodge, and that great discrimination is exercised in their selection is to be presumed, but as a fact what do we find? That Wardens are too often selected by the W.M. on personal grounds, or from their social position, or to help them on to the chair, or it may be that they are of the oldest members of the Lodge. None of these motives are to be despised.

How seldom are brethren selected for Wardenships for their regularity of attendance, their Masonic qualifications, or their Masonic virtues.

How often do we find, after the installation of the Worshipful Master and the appointment and investiture of the Wardens, certain of the brethren, who may rightly or wrongly have entertained hopes of

being selected for a Wardenship, secede from the Lodge, become obstructives, or indifferent.

I have now in my view a brother who, at the first meeting of the Lodge after his installation, exclaimed, Brethren, I would that there were six Senior and six Junior Wardenships, for then I might be able to please many of the older members.

I allow that the fitness of Worshipful Master may be determined from the appointments made by him, yet it has occurred to me that Lodges would be better worked if the Worshipful Master was elected from the body of the Master Masons comprising the Lodge, without any qualifying service, but this is too much to hope for at present. Masonry is conservative, and moves slowly; the time must come, notwithstanding, when the above suggestion will be adopted; till then, and this is the intention of this portion of my letter, I would enquire of you:—

Is there anything in the Book of Constitutions inconsistent with, or which would prohibit a Lodge, by its Bye-Laws, enacting (the Book of Constitutions notwithstanding) that the Wardens shall be elected? II. Since 1877, Masonry in all its degrees, has retrograded in this Province of British Burmah; it was never very healthy, except for a short interval immediately after the formation of the District Grand Lodge, Provincial Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and the District Grand Chapter. The question has been put,—What is the use of a District Grand Lodge and District Grand Chapter? One answer would readily be,—To rule, govern, direct, and advise the Private Lodges; but all these functions have been abrogated by the present District Grand Master, who seems not to understand his duties and powers as such.

The District Grand Lodge and District Grand Chapter seem to exist only for the gratification of vain Masons, who seek Masonic honours, but are both unable and unwilling to give their time and money in furtherance of Masonry, and to put it on a proper and a healthy basis.

The private Lodges remain unvisited. The District Grand Master's and District Grand Superintendent's opinion on Masonic matters are seldom sought, and when on occasion it is invoked, it is worthless, and treated with contempt. I would refer to some recent proceedings of the District Grand Bodies in illustration of my position. There are private and unattached Masons who know more of our Masonic economy than the District Grand Bodies: in short, the present District Grand Master is an incubus.

The only reason which justifies the existence of the District Grand Bodies in British Burmah is, that it enables us to levy fees for our Provincial Charities—fees which formerly were paid to the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, and not a red cent was ever paid during that period to any deserving case from this Province. To this extent only can the existence of the District Grand Bodies of British Burmah be justified. It is true that the Quarterly and Half-yearly Communications of the District Grand Lodge and District Grand Chapter are held with tolerable punctuality, but the hours fixed for these Communications are ungodly, while the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge and the District Grand Chapter are hurried through to enable the District Grand Master and personal friends to get away to their dinners and amusements.

There has not been a single District Grand Lodge or District Grand Chapter Festival since the formation of the District Grand Bodies, nor has the District Grand Master or his following the ability to organise one.

On the installation of a brother in the Eastern chair who was incapable, contentious, and spiteful, a sturdy old Mason and a Past District Grand Officer exclaimed, "Thank God for that glorious Book of Constitutions! this brother will reign over us but for a year."

In the same sense do we say that the District Grand Master's term of office will expire in 1882, when we hope to have a new District Grand Master.

The intention of this portion of my letter is to inquire of you whether a District Grand Master, Provincial Grand Mark Master, and District Grand Superintendent may not be appointed without District Grand Bodies, virtually a Masonic Dictatorship, say for five years?

3. In the Craft, Mark, Arch, Templar, and Rose Croix Degrees, brethren are elected and installed Master, Principal, Preceptor, and Prior, or Most Wise Sovereign within a week or month before their leaving the Province for a lengthened period, when it is known that they do not propose to, and are unable, to serve their year of office. This is notably so in the Rose Croix degree, several of the Most Wor. Sovereigns having thus been installed. I challenge a denial. The intention of this portion of my letter is to inquire whether these brethren can claim to be Past Rulers in their respective degrees?

There is but one Rose Croix Chapter in this Province—the Leeson—which very properly has no Provincial Ruler.

4. There is but one Knights Templar Preceptory and Priory in this Province—the Loyal Burmah Preceptory and the Emmaus Priory—with a Provincial Priory, in which the same Companions are Provincial Grand Officers. It has a sickly existence.

The intention of this portion of my letter is to inquire what necessity there is for this Provincial Priory? Is it not sufficient that we should be under the Great Priory, instead of a contemptible Provincial Priory?

Lastly, by way of warning, I mention that several Past Masters and brethren have had it under consideration whether it would not be better for the interests of Masonry in general to place themselves under the Grand Lodge of Scottish Masonry for all India—an active body—instead of the effete system and individual we are now under?

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL MASON.

Rangoon, British Burmah,
5th August 1881.

[We think it would have been far better had the tone of

the above letter been somewhat more moderate, but that is a point which concerns the writer rather than ourselves. With reference to the case of brethren who are elected and installed into offices, which the laws of the Craft, Mark, Arch, or other Body, require to be filled for a certain period, when it is known beforehand they are on the point of leaving the Province, and will be unable to serve their full term, we consider they are so elected in violation of the spirit, if not of the letter, of the law. We do not, therefore, consider they are justly entitled to the rank of past rulers. As regards District or Provincial Grand Chiefs, they are appointed by the Grand Chiefs as their representatives—very often at the instance of the Brethren or Companions in the District or Province. There may be special circumstances governing special cases, but we see no reason to find fault with the present system, which, whatever may be the case in British Burmah, has on the whole been found to work well as a rule. There would seem to be no particular reason for a Provincial Priory, but the Knights Templar of the District may be supposed to know their own business best, and if they seek and obtain one, who shall question the arrangement? As to the District Grand Master, we think he is spoken of in too uncomplimentary terms. We presume there is a Deputy District Grand Master, who visits the Lodges, and, moreover, visiting the scattered Lodges in British Burmah is probably a less easy task than visiting Lodges in Essex or one of the Lancashires. We may possibly refer to some of these points on some future occasion.—Ed. F.C.]

We must all join in lamenting the very sudden death of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woolloton, one of the most genial and jovial and thorough-going member of the Craft; a man of great linguistic attainments, and a great friend to the less fortunate of his fellow-creatures, as well as supporter of philanthropic institutions; the British Orphan Asylum at Slough, to which he had contributed largely, being a notable case in point. Our late Brother had but few days previously returned from a Swiss tour, and though sixty-three years of age leaves a father to bewail his loss. We offer our tribute of sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

On Saturday, Bro. Sheriff Waterlow laid the first stone of a new Wesleyan Church, at Willesden Junction. There was a large muster of spectators, among them being Bishop Simpson, President of the Wesleyan Conference, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and several members of the Common Council. The Lady Mayoress was in attendance to receive purses presented by twenty young ladies.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. R. P. Tate W.M. 862, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, on Friday, 23rd ult. The business will commence at 7 p.m.

We have pleasure in announcing that Madame Worrell will give her annual Evening Concert, on Thursday, 20th October 1881, at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, commencing at 8 o'clock. Tickets, price 3s, 2s, and 1s, may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W.

Bro. Edgar Mowbray, the respected manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his annual benefit for the 28th inst. Since the return of the "Mohawks" to their old quarters at Islington, they have been well supported, as indeed they deserve to be. The entertainment they provide for their patrons is complete in every detail. Those who have not yet experienced the pleasure of listening to this minstrel troupe should pay them a visit at the Agricultural Hall.

We understand from the *Portsmouth Times* that the new Masonic Hall at Shanklin, which is described as a beautiful building, and which is situate in the East Cliff-road, has been completed, and will shortly be opened. The Provincial Grand Master W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., who is to perform the opening ceremony, has not yet fixed the date on which he will attend for this purpose.

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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THE Annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 10th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas C. Corpe, who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. W. Brooke I.P.M., W. Gibson Bott S.W., G. F. Smith jun. J.W., J. W. Dewsnap Treasurer, A. Williams Secretary, A. Stokes S.D., J. C. Wilkins S.D., and G. F. Smith D.C. There was also a good attendance of members and the following visitors:—Bros. I. T. Calkin 586, R. Scott 1558, H. Garrod P.M. 749, James Hill D.C. 1658, J. P. Sadler I.G. 1670, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, James Dunn P.M. 72, C. Basil Cooke Sec. 1928, W. H. Brand P.M. 1524, E. Beilly J.W. 897, T. B. Bidall P.M. 193, Joseph Da Silva S.W. 205, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, James Chubb 186, A. Boehr P.M. 1585, &c. The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. E. J. Hodges and the installation of Bro. W. Gibson Bott, both of which ceremonies were performed in a most praiseworthy manner by Bro. Corpe. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his Officers:—Smith S.W., Stokes J.W., Dewsnap Treasurer and J.D., Brooke Secretary, Wilkins S.D., Smith I.G., Williams D.C., H. S. Trego Organist, H. Cattermole Steward, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The addresses having been given, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Tavern to banquet. After a most enjoyable repast, the usual toast list was gone through. In proposing the Grand Officers, the W.M. alluded to the presence of the Grand Secretary, who they were pleased to welcome as an honorary member of their Lodge. Bro. Clerke tendered his thanks, and complimented the members on the success which had attended their Lodge, giving credit for a great part of it to the first Master and present Secretary, Bro. Brooke. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Wor. Master, a toast which he felt sure would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. He referred to the excellent way in which Bro. Bott had carried out the duties of the offices he had already filled in the Lodge, and felt assured he would continue to devote his attention to the proper discharge of the work required of him. Bro. Bott felt deeply sensible of the kind way in which the toast had been received. He had done all that lay in his power during the past two years, and he hoped successfully. He should strive to make his year of Mastership a still greater success. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He had on many occasions listened to the ceremony of installation, but had never heard it rendered so impressively as had been done by Bro. Corpe that day. He felt it very difficult to follow such Masters as those who had preceded him, and could not help feeling that for a time they had attained the summit of perfection. He concluded by placing on the breast of Bro. Corpe a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The I.P.M. tendered his hearty thanks both for the jewel and the kind expressions of the Lodge. He had considered it his duty to do all that lay in his power during his term of office and had experienced the greatest pleasure in conducting the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. Garrod replied. From what he knew of the W.M. he could with safety say that no brother had the interest of Freemasonry more at heart. He felt sure Bro. Bott would do all that lay in his power for the good of the Order in general and his own Lodge in particular. The health of the Past Masters was duly honoured and replied to by Bros. Corpe and Brooke, the latter brother also later on acknowledging the toast of the Secretary. Bro. Dewsnap, the Treasurer, tendered his hearty thanks for the way his health had been drunk. He hoped long to enjoy the confidence of the brethren of the Lodge. As their Treasurer his desire was to keep the finances in good order. The toast of the Press was acknowledged by Bro. Morgan, and that of the Officers by the J.W., after which the Tyler's toast was given.

DE OGLE LODGE, No. 632, MORPETH.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, on Thursday 8th inst. In the absence of Bro. C. C. Davison, the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Davidson P.M. P.P.G.J.D. presided, and there was a good attendance of the officers, members, and visitors. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, and the earlier business disposed of, Bro. G. Jeffrey S.W. and W.M. elect was duly presented for the benefits of installation by Bro. T. Waters P.M., acting as Director of Ceremonies, and in due course, after the retirement of brethren below the rank of Installed Master, was formally and most impressively inducted into the chair. Having been saluted according to ancient custom, the new Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. C. C. Davison I.P.M., J. Wilson S.W., R. S. Dickenson J.W. and Organist, T. Ashton Secretary, T. Gillespie P.M. Treasurer, W. Graham S.D., J. Hann J.D., C. Lea I.G., W. Davidson P.M. D.C., J. Watt and E. Ashton Stewards. Bro. T. Braithwaite P.M. P.P.G.S.D., having presented to the Lodge a solid silver pair of compasses and square, in the name and on behalf of Bro. J. W. Bowery, Alnwick, Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where, under the presidency of Bro. Jeffrey, a capital banquet was served by the host Bro. J. Watts. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Kenrick P.M. Worcestershire, W. M. Bell P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Hexham, Hall P.M. Stockton, E. L. Marrett P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, Dr. F. W. Skrimshire Percy Lodge, Newcastle, T. Edington Blagdon Lodge, Blyth, and G. Fawcus, Warkworth Lodge, Amble.

On Thursday, the 8th instant, Bro. W. H. Taylor was installed Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Loughurst I.P.M.

A NOBLE ACT.

By the late disastrous railway accident in France, 85 persons who were to have taken a part in the performances were prevented attending the Grand Musical Festival held at Brighton. During the concert in their aid at the Dome, the Mayor (Bro. David Smith) expressed his heartfelt sympathy, and generously started a fund, heading the list with the sum of £5 5s. Bro. J. O. Griffiths, Q.C., Recorder of Reading, proposed that a collection should be made in the room, and that each person should give not more than 5s, nor less than 1s. Twenty ladies and gentlemen, including his Worship the Mayor and his daughter, canvassed the room. Mesdames Appia and Castillon, the principal lady vocalists, received the contributions of the orchestra. The Mayor announced that the sum of £50 had been collected; he and the Mayoress personally thanked Bro. Griffiths for his valuable suggestion. We may add that Bro. J. O. Griffiths has lately founded a free library at High Wycombe.



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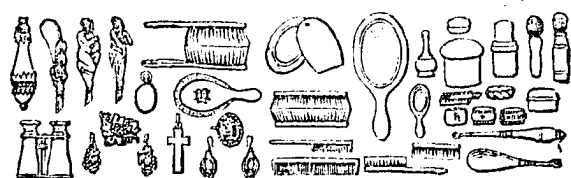
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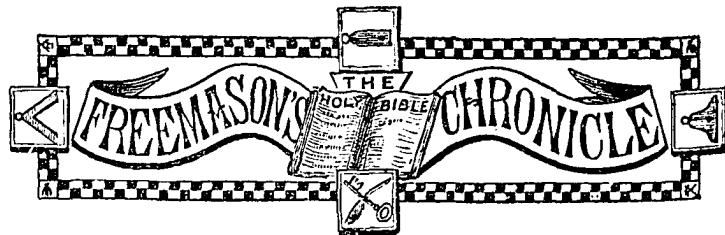
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
WILTSHIRE.CONSECRATION OF THE THYNNE CHAPTER,
No. 1478.

ON Friday, the 9th instant, a meeting of the Royal Arch Masons of Wiltshire took place at Warminster, for the double purpose of assisting in the inauguration of a new Chapter and of attending the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wilts. There

were present Most Excellent Companions Lord H. F. Thynne Prov. Grand Superintendent Wilts, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent Hants; Companions Lord Methuen Prov. Grand Master Wiltshire, P.Z. 355, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., and a considerable number of the present and past Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and others. The new Chapter, to be called the Thynne Chapter, has been formed in connection with the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, and is now the fourth Chapter in Wiltshire. The proceedings commenced by a Chapter being opened by Lord H. F. Thynne Prov. Grand Superintendent as Z., with Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as H., and Excellent Companion W. W. B. Beach as J., after which the Companions were admitted, and the Acting Z. requested Grand Scribe E. to take his place, and consecrate the new Chapter. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke having assumed this position, called on the Acting Scribe E., Companion H. C. Tombs, who read the petition and Charter for the new Chapter. The Companions who had signed the petition, ranged in the form of an Arch, were then asked whether they approved of the Principals named in the Charter, and expressed their assent in due form. Comp. the Rev. F. King P.Z. 586 P.P.G.J. then delivered an oration on the principles of the Order, and the auspicious occasion on which they were then assembled. He reminded the Companions that the efficiency of a Chapter did not all depend upon the Principals, but to a great extent upon the Officers and Companions, and that its well-being was entirely in the hands of its members, who could promote it only by working well and harmoniously together. Remember, he said, that the chain is strong as the links are strong, and is no stronger than its weakest link. If any member allowed himself or his example to do despite to the honour of the Chapter, he would be the weak link in the chain, and the whole Chapter would suffer. He concluded by expressing his heartfelt wishes for the long-continued prosperity of the new Chapter. After a solemn chant, the first portion of the Dedication Prayer was given by the Acting Third Principal, and the Invocation by the Consecrating Officer. Then followed another chant, and the reading of a portion of Scripture (Ezra iii. 8-13), and the pedestal was unveiled. Then an Anthem was sung, after which the corn, wine, and oil were respectively carried round by the three Acting Principals, and the Consecrating Officer formally dedicated the Chapter. The censer was then borne round, and the remainder of the Dedication Prayer having been given, the Chapter was formally constituted by the Consecrating Officer, who, after the Anthem, "Glory be to God on High," pronounced the benediction. The three Principals named in the Charter were Ex. Comps. Robert Stokes P.Z. 586 P.G.H. Wilts as Z., Thomas Stephen Fletcher P.Z. 586 P.P.G.S.N. Wilts as H., and William C. P. Powning P.J. 586 as J. These having all passed the chair, corresponding to those to which they had been appointed in the new Chapter, were installed therein without ceremony, and the Officers for the ensuing year were elected and invested. The names of eighteen or twenty candidates for exaltation, and five or six for joining, were proposed. Comp. Henry C. Tombs P.G.S.E. Wilts and P.A.S. England, who had taken an active part in connection with the formation of the Chapter, was unanimously elected an honorary member thereof, on the proposition of Comp. Tombs, seconded by Comp. Pike. A vote of thanks was most warmly passed to the M.E.P.G. Supt. Lord H. F. Thynne for his liberal donation to the Chapter of the whole of the new furniture and appointments, in acknowledging which vote his lordship took occasion to express his high appreciation of the compliment paid to him by the brethren of the Longleat Lodge in naming the new Chapter connected with their Lodge after himself. The members of the Provincial Grand Chapter now retired, and on being re-admitted, and received by the Thynne Chapter, the M.E. Comp. Lord H. F. Thynne took his seat as P.G. Superintendent, supported by Comps. Robert Stokes P.G.H. and William Nott P.G.J., and declared the Provincial Grand Chapter open. The roll of the Chapters was called by Companion Tombs P.G.S.E., all being found duly represented, and the minutes of the Last Prov. Grand Chapter were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand S.E. Comp. Henry C. Tombs P.G.A.S. then read the report of the Charity Committee, held that morning, from which it appeared that out of the balance in hand the Committee recommended that £10 be voted to the newly established Wiltshire Provincial Benevolent Fund, and £10 10s to the Boys' School, in the name of the Prov. G. Superintendent, and to be placed on the list of Comp. Wm. Nott P.G. Treas., who had offered to represent the Province of Wilts at the next Festival of that Institution. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted. Comp. Nott Secretary of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, at the request of the P.G. Superintendent, explained the position of that Fund, stating that from the returns already sent in he had every reason to believe that it would be supported by the various Lodges in the Province in such a manner as to ensure its success, but that at present, for want of information from some of the Lodges, he was not in a position to give any precise figures. The Treasurer's report was then read and approved, after which the Provincial Grand Registrar Comp. A. Plummer read his annual report, recapitulating the position of the Chapters in the Province, both financially and numerically. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions, whom he was pleased to see in attendance in such large numbers. This was a red letter day, adding to the Province, as it did, a new Chapter, which, he trusted, would prosper as the Longleat Lodge, to which it was attached, had done. He was glad to welcome so many distinguished visitors. He would more especially mention Col. Shadwell Clerke, and would thank him for performing the consecration ceremony in such an impressive manner as they had heard to-day, trusting that when he returned to Grand Chapter he would be able to take back a satisfactory report from Wiltshire. He the P.G. Supt. would also particularly express his obligation to Most Ex. Comp. Beech, from the neighbouring Province of Hampshire, for his valuable assistance to-day. To Lord Methuen also, the beloved Provincial Grand Master of the Craft, who had honoured them with his presence, he would express his pleasure at seeing him there. The Provincial Grand Superintendent alluded

to the satisfactory nature of the Charity and Financial Reports which they had to-day heard. He had been somewhat doubtful as to the wisdom of adopting any scheme which would have a tendency to divide ourselves from the Head Charities, where our candidates had always been so successful, but he hoped that we should not be less successful on account of the new Benevolent Fund scheme. Finally, as a Warminster man, he must thank the Companions generally for coming to visit them on the occasion. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then declared all offices vacant. On the proposition of the M.E. Superintendent, seconded by E. Comp. Fletcher, Comp. W. Nott was re-elected Treasurer. The M.E. Superintendent then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers of the P.G. Chapter for the ensuing year as follows:—Henry C. Tombs (P.G.A.S.) 355 P.G.H., S. T. Fletcher 586 P.G.J., H. P. Blackmore 586 P.G.S.N., William Nott (by election) 632 P.G. Treasurer, John Rumbold 586 P.G.P.Soj., Francis J. Russell 586 P.G. 1st A.S., Robert S. Edmonds 355 P.G. 2nd A.S., Ambrose Tucker 586 P.G.Reg., John Chandler 355 P.G.D.C., John Savory (by election) 355 P.G.Jan. On the proposition of the M.E.P.G. Superintendent seconded by the P.G.H., it was unanimously resolved that the cordial thanks of the Chapter be voted to Comp. Shadwell Clerke, for coming to consecrate the Thynne Chapter; to Comp. W. W. B. Beach, for his attendance and assistance in the ceremony; and to the P.G. Master of Wiltshire, Lord Methuen P.Z. 355, for supporting them by his presence. The Companions named respectively acknowledged the vote of thanks. After the usual routine business the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to the Bath Arms Hotel, where there awaited them an excellent banquet, to which the M.E. Superintendent had contributed a liberal supply of venison and game.

BURDETT CHAPTER, No. 1293.

THE September meeting of this Chapter was held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, last Saturday, on which occasion there were present Comps. Thomas Massa M.E.Z., W. Maple H., Henry Phythian P.Z. as J., H. G. Buss P.Z. Treasurer, D. W. Pearse S.E., J. William Sanders S.N., W. Alfred Dawson 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander P.Z. G.S.B., Frederic Davison P.Z., A. W. Duret, George Clark, H. W. Roberts, Thomas G. Jarr, William Kirby, Herbert Dicketts P.Z., H. Massey P.Z. 619, T. J. Maidwell J. St. Mark's Chapter, Wrigglesworth, and W. W. Morgan. The only business before the Chapter was the elections. Comp. W. Maple was chosen M.E.Z., Comp. C. W. Gray H., Comp. H. M. Gordon J., Comp. J. William Sanders S.N., Comp. H. G. Buss P.Z. Treasurer, Comp. D. W. Pearse P.Z. S.E., and Comp. Kentish P.S. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Thomas Massa for his ability as M.E.Z. during the past year. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to a charming banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts. After the loyal toasts had been disposed of, the M.E.Z., in proposing "the Grand Officers" said, the Burdett Chapter had the honour of having two Grand Officers present, and what was more, they were members of the Chapter, and very popular, both as members of the Burdett and of Grand Chapter. Those were Companions Buss and Levander. Companion Levander responded, and said he should imitate the M.E.Z. in making a very short speech. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the M.E.Z. and Comps. for such a flattering mark of their approval, leaving it to Comp. Buss, a much older member of Grand Chapter than he, to make a fuller response. Comp. Buss said that Comp. Levander, as well as himself, had met in Royal Arch Masonry and in Grand Chapter with a very kind reception; it was gratifying to his feelings, especially after being associated with his friends in Masonry so many years, to find that his advancement to a high position in Grand Chapter was so cordially approved of on all hands. He felt deeply sensible of the honour that had been conferred upon him, but additionally gratified that it was approved of. It had always been his earnest study to promote the interests of Masonry as far as lay in his power, and if in those endeavours he had behaved in such a manner as to convince the brethren around him that he had tried to promote the interests of the Craft and Royal Arch, he was amply repaid for his exertions. Grand Officers of every grade if present on this occasion could not but feel heartily gratified at the way the toast had been received. The M.E.Z., in giving the toast of "the Provincial Grand Superintendent," said Colonel Sir Francis Burdett was very popular, and he had done good work in the Province. They had also popular Provincial Grand Officers who were present—Comps. Levander, Buss, Davison P.H., Phythian, and Pearse. Comp. F. Davison P. Prov. H., in replying said, that in the Provincial Superintendent and other Provincial Officers they had a body of Masons who felt that anything they could do to forward Masonry, in whatever grade it might be, in the Province of Middlesex, was both a pleasure and a duty, and they would continue to be actuated by those feelings. As to Sir Francis Burdett, the very mention of his name to any Brother or Comp. in the Province of Middlesex was sufficient to arouse a feeling of enthusiasm that showed they appreciated his efforts on behalf of Freemasonry in the Province. Sir Francis was not ungrateful for the kind support he had received from his Brother Masons in Middlesex, and although he could not that day be present in the Burdett Chapter, his heart and sympathies were with the Companions. He trusted that the Chapter, which was named after him, would continue to be as great a success as it had hitherto been, and that the Comps. would often meet around that table to drink the health of the Grand Superintendent. Comp. D. W. Pearse P.Z. and S.E. proposed "the M.E.Z.," a toast which was really the toast of the evening. If at any time he (Comp. Pearse) should feel any difficulty in speaking of Comp. Massa's zeal it was quite unnecessary that he should dilate on it on the present occasion, because in Chapter the Comps. had substantially recognised his many virtues. The M.E.Z. had performed his duties as First Principal of the Burdett

Chapter, whatever work there had been to do, in an admirable way, and whoever was present on the former occasion would remember how he exalted Comp. Carr into the Order. Although Comp. Massa, in the Chapter, was getting into the sere and yellow leaf, they would find that his ripened age brought matured counsels, and he hoped that the Burdett Chapter would for many years continue to receive the benefit of that matured wisdom which he had gathered up as the M.E.Z. He (Companion Pearse) was quite sure he had only to mention the toast to secure for it at the hands of the Companions a hearty reception. The M.E.Z., in responding, said if it were at all consistent with his dignity he would say he was an unpretending little fellow, but he would not say that. The Companions, who were in the plural, had given him very kind words, and he in the singular returned thanks for them, and also for the very great kindness he had experienced during his year of office as First Principal, and the other years he had been in the Chapter. He had met with kindness from all the Companions—those of high standing in the Chapter, as well as those who had just come into it. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the H. and J., said the Companions had elected the H. of the Chapter as the First Principal, and that was a proof of the esteem in which they held him. The J. was not present, but he had been elected H., and he was a Companion fully competent to do his work, and would be a great acquisition to the Officers. All the Companions knew Comp. Maple would make an excellent M.E.Z. Comp. Maple replied, and said the Companions had hitherto heard—and very rightly and properly heard—the praises of the rulers and leaders of the Chapter, including the M.E.Z.; he thought this toast separated the rulers from the Officers, who came in after them. It had been the custom, he thought—and certainly it was the wish of every Principal—his Officers should work in such a manner as would redound to the credit both of himself and the Chapter; that wish, he believed, had been attained. He trusted that in future so excellent a rule would not be departed from, but that himself and those who came after him would follow the good example of the M.E.Z., and strive to do their utmost for the honour and welfare of the Burdett Chapter. It was now some years since he (Comp. Maple) was exalted in the Burdett Chapter, and he trusted he had not been found wanting in the duties he had been called upon to perform. They had been severe, but they had been performed with the greatest amount of pleasure, because one always felt an amount of pleasure in striving for the office the M.E.Z. now filled. He trusted that during his year of office he might have the sympathy and kind assistance of the Officers and Companions, not only those who had preceded the present M.E.Z. in the chair, but those who would come after him (Comp. Maple), and that his year of office would be a credit and honour to the Burdett Chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave the Past Principals of the Chapter—Companions Pearse, Levander, Phythian, and F. Davison—a toast which he believed would be drunk as cordially as the other toasts had been, because they were all very good fellows, good Companions, and good workmen. Comp. Phythian replied, though he thought he was not the one who should be called upon to respond while Comps. Pearse and Davison were present. He thanked the M.E.Z., the Officers, and Companions for the kind support they had all given the Past Principals in days gone by, and also for the very great attention and excellent manner in which the business of the Chapter had been conducted. It was a source of great gratification to the Past Principals to find things going on so satisfactorily, and he hoped they would so continue for many years. The toast of the Visitors followed, and Comps. H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, and T. J. Maidwell returned thanks. Comp. Sanders, in responding for the Officers, said he hoped as the Chapter grew in age, the Companions would grow in their fellowship with each other, and that harmony might flourish and increase year by year. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened during the evening by some excellent songs.

KING KALAKAUA IN EDINBURGH.

KING KALAKAUA, of Hawaii, left Edinburgh on Saturday afternoon, en route for Lancashire. His Majesty, who was the guest of Mr. Macfie, of Dreghorn, planted two Norwegian maples in the grounds on Saturday morning, and shortly after twelve left Dreghorn for Edinburgh. The route chosen was by Hunter's Tryst, past the Comistone and Fair Milehead Toll, and through Morningside. The drive was continued along the Grange to the Queen's Park, where "Sampson's Ribs" were first visited. The carriages were then turned, and the party proceeded along the Queen's Drive past Dun-sappie and St. Margaret's Loch to Holyrood. After passing Holyrood, His Majesty was driven by Abbeyhill and St. Andrew Square to the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, where an interesting ceremony was about to be performed. There a Grand Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, an ancient chivalric and religious Order in connection with Freemasonry, had been specially summoned for the purpose of investing His Majesty with the Grand Cross of the Order, to which, it may be said, His Majesty already belongs. This knightly fraternity, which was originally instituted by the Emperor Constantine, in commemoration of the signal success of his arms, foretold by the appearance of the cross in the heavens, has long flourished in England; but the Order was only established in Scotland as an independent body in 1874. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett was the first Sovereign of the Order in Scotland, with the late Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, as his Viceroy. The second and present Grand Sovereign is the Earl of Kintore, and his Viceroy Captain Charles Hunter. In the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Kintore, the Grand Conclave on Saturday was opened in due form by V. Ill. Sir Knight Captain John Crombie, Grand Sen. Gen. Acting Grand Sovereign, there being present, amongst others, Ill. Sir Knights James Crichton Grand Junior General, Acting Grand Viceroy, Robert S. Brown Grand

Recorder, James Dalrymple Duncan Grand Standard Bearer, and Jas. B. Mercer Past Grand Chancellor, the following members of the Grand Senate:—viz., V. Em. Sir Knights Wm. Milne, Captain A. M. Bruce, Jas. Melville, Sir Molyneux Hyde Nepean Bart., Francis Law, and F. W. Roberts, also Sir Knights Wm. Mann S.S.C. P.G. Warden, and D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Councillor Alex. Henry, G. S. Ferrier, J. Fleming, P. R. Haddow, J. H. M. Bairnsfather S.S.C., W. Hamilton, &c., &c. Apologies had been received from the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Viceroy, the Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, J. H. Balfour W.S. Grand Marshal, and Colonel J. Todd Stewart, Glasgow, Grand Chamberlain. King Kalakaua was introduced to the Conclave by the Recorder and Brother Murray Lyon, and passed under the arch of steel to a place on the right of the Throne.

The Acting Sovereign, addressing His Majesty, then said—The members of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland are very much gratified at having the pleasure of meeting your Majesty here to-day, and conferring on you the highest honour they have it in their power to bestow. They have desired me to convey to your Majesty their grateful sense of your courtesy in allowing your name to be added to the roll of Knights Grand Cross of Scotland. I regret exceedingly that the Grand Sovereign of the Order—the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore—has been prevented from attending and personally conferring this distinction upon you. As your Majesty's time is very limited, and as we heartily concur in every word said by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh at the meeting yesterday, I shall only detain you to say that we all join, and every Freemason in Scotland, when he reads of the event of to-day, will join in earnest, and heartfelt prayer to our Omnipotent Ruler the Great Architect of the Universe, that every blessing and happiness may attend your Majesty through life, that you may have a safe and pleasant return to your own kingdom, that your reign there may be long and prosperous, and that you may continue to take a warm interest in, and manifest a zeal for, and be a credit and an ornament to the Craft we all love so dearly. (The King was then presented with a copy of Statutes of the Council, which he pledged himself to obey, and the Acting Sovereign, in investing him with the Star of the Grand Cross, further said)—In name and by special authority of the Grand Sovereign of the Order, I now invest you with the jewel of a Knight Grand Cross of the Imperial Council of Scotland, and may I venture to express a hope that the jewel and the patent which our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Brown, will forward in a few days, may sometimes recall to your mind your visit to Scotland, where thousands of Freemasons who have never seen your Majesty's face, but knowing your great talents as a Mason, and the high position you have attained in the Craft, extend to your Majesty their fraternal feelings of esteem and love, and will be highly gratified to find that these feelings are reciprocated by your Majesty.

The Star of Knight Grand Cross of the Order, with which the Acting Sovereign invested the King, is one of eight points, in silver and blue enamel, the centre being charged with a red cross and double-headed eagle in gold. The Acting Viceroy V. Ill. Sir Knt. James Crichton P. Sov. No. 1, took occasion also to endorse the remarks of the Acting Sovereign, and offered his Majesty honorary membership in the Edinburgh Conclave, No. 1. This his Majesty accepted, and signed the roll of membership. King Kalakaua, in reply, spoke of the cordial reception he had met with in this country, and remarked that he appreciated no honour that had been conferred on him more than the one he had just received. He should ever retain a pleasant recollection of his visit to the Freemasons' Hall, and it would give him great pleasure to convey to the brethren in Honolulu—of whom there were a large number—an account of the hearty reception he had received from the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland. After the ceremony was concluded, a service of cake and wine was partaken of, and the health of his Majesty proposed from the Throne and cordially pledged. King Kalakaua shortly replied, thanking the Conclave again for their kindness. Thereafter the Knights lined the passage from the hall to the outer doorway, and his Majesty passed out under the arch of steel to his carriage. The Knights returned to the hall, where the Conclave was closed with the usual ceremonies. The whole proceedings lasted about fifteen minutes.

Among those who had the honour of being introduced to his Majesty were—Sir Knights William Mann S.S.C. Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Sir Molyneux Nepean Bart., Councillor Henry, and Dr. Loth, who presented a copy of his work on the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Before his departure his Majesty graciously accepted the portraits of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and of the Earl of Kintore Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross Order. His Majesty also accepted a copy of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland Galop," by Francis Law.

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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, 17th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
17—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)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—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.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 778—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Fernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-at-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.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1345—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Boote, 146 Bury-street, Bole, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Prince Albert, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, 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.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, F.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
1289—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)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creston, 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)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
960—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1341—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
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.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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.)

- 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
934—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Bailey
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1058—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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfeld
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL ARCH LODGE, NO. 122.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., a Deputation waited upon the Earl of Breadalbane at Taymouth Castle, and in the name of the office-bearers and brethren, presented his Lordship with an illuminated certificate of his affiliation with their Lodge. The members of the Deputation were—Bros. Ex-Bailie Carnegie R.W.M., Robert Sanson S.M., ex-Provost Richardson, Rev. James Brunton Chaplain, Councillor James Bridges, W. B. Thomson, and James Heron. On arriving at Aberfeldy the

deputation were met by the R.W.M., who had a conveyance in waiting, and the party drove off to Taymouth Castle *via* Weem. On the invitation of Sir Donald Currie the party visited Garth House, where they were entertained, and had the honour of being introduced to the late Prime Minister of Cape Colony, who is at present the guest of Sir Donald. After being shown over the house (which at present is undergoing considerable improvements) and through its beautiful surroundings by Sir Donald, and cheers having been given for Lady Currie, the party proceeded to Fortingall. Here a short stay was made at Lyonview (where the R.W.M. had been spending a few weeks), for the purpose of enabling the party to visit the far-famed old yew tree and the Roman camp. The deputation then proceeded to Taymouth by Loch Tayside and Kenmore, where they arrived at two o'clock, and were received and welcomed by the Earl and Countess. The R.W.M. Bro. Carnegie, in presenting the certificate to his Lordship, said—My Lord, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Perthshire East, we are here to-day as a deputation from the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 122, Perth, to present you, on behalf of the office-bearers and brethren of the Lodge, with a certificate of your affiliation with Lodge 122. In doing so I have simply to say that we consider it a very high honour to have your name enrolled among the long list of honoured names in connection with our Lodge. It would be entirely out of place on my part to do more than read you the address, which I now do:

"The Right Worshipful Master and Office-bearers of the Lodge Royal Arch, Perth (122), holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, hereby certify that Brother the Right Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane was duly affiliated a member of this Lodge on the 29th day of October 1880.

F. P. Carnegie R.W.M.
John Robertson Secretary."

Perth, 15th August 1881.

"In asking your acceptance of it we hope to have your presence amongst us as often as your valuable time will allow. Not only do we as a Lodge consider it a high honour, but I may speak for the other Lodges within your Province, that they likewise consider it a high honour to have you as their Right Worshipful Grand Master. Before handing you over the certificate I observe on it your crest and well known motto, 'Follow me.' I am sure of this, that were all Masons copying your example since you joined the Brotherhood, and especially since you have presided over us as Provincial Grand Master, not only would the membership of Freemasons increase, but the obligations inculcated would be better known and shown more clearly. Personally I have to thank you for your kindness and attention in receiving us this day." When the Right Worshipful Master had handed him the certificate, his Lordship thanked the Deputation for their kindness in waiting upon him, and hoped they would convey his thanks to the brethren of the Royal Arch Lodge for their very handsome present, which he would esteem very highly, and find a place for in his own room. He feared that he did not deserve all the complimentary things said of him by Brother Carnegie, but he could assure them that he had a warm interest in the prosperity of Freemasonry. The prolonged session of Parliament, and his duties in connection therewith, had taken up very much of his time during the summer, and had interfered somewhat with the duties he perhaps owed to the Craft; but he hoped to make up for any apparent neglect in this respect during the winter. At present it was his intention to spend the winter in Scotland, and he would thus be able to visit all the Lodges in the Province, in the particular welfare of which, and in Freemasonry in general, he felt much interest. As already said, he should highly esteem the present of Lodge No. 122, and he accepted it as a token that the little he had been permitted to do for the Craft was appreciated in that brotherly spirit which it was the duty of Masons to cherish and diffuse. Bro. Richardson then addressed his Lordship, remarking on the kindly feeling that had always subsisted between the House of Breadalbane and the City of Perth. He could assure his Lordship that the citizens of Perth were deeply grateful for the interest that his Lordship took in all that pertained to the city, and he hoped that his Lordship would be long spared to show the noble example of how town and county should conduct themselves to each other. Bro. Rev. Mr. Brunton also addressed his Lordship, remarking on the principles of Freemasonry. The Deputation were afterwards entertained to lunch by his Lordship, after which they were shown by his Lordship over the castle. The address, which was artistically executed and beautifully illuminated—the border displaying the crest and motto of the Breadalbane family—was the work of Messrs Hay, George Street, Perth.

Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 8th instant, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. Dr. Hauxwell W.M., F. Daniels S.W., H. S. Soper J.W., H. Histed Secretary, Billing as S.D., S. R. Legge P.M. as J.D., Nell jun. I.G.; Past Masters G. Smith, V. P. Freeman P.G. Secretary Sussex, J. Read, Cyprian I.P.M., Dixon, W. Smith, J. M. Reed; Bros. Hughes, Dixon, Titcombe, &c. Visitors—Bros. Briggs, Hastings, J. B. Hannay 1821. F. Marks 1636. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Titcombe answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and was passed to the second degree by the Worshipful Master, in an able and impressive manner. Heartly good wishes were given by the brethren and visitors, who then sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet, provided by Bros. Sayers and Marks (the well-known caterers of the Western-road), that gave every satisfaction. The Worshipful Master presided with great ability, and eloquently proposed the Royal and Masonic toasts, including the health of the Right Worshipful Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Sussex, which met with an appropriate response from the worthy and respected Bro. V. P. Freeman Prov. Grand Sec. Sussex.

The toasts of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Officers were in due course given, and responded to. Bros. Dixon and Briggs replied for the Visitors. Some very excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Soper, Daniels, and Histed; altogether, a very agreeable evening was passed.

LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

AN installation meeting, wherever the Lodge may be situated, is invariably surrounded with interest, not only as regards the immediate Lodge itself, but the Order generally, more or less. At this period pleasing associations are renewed, reminiscences are awakened, and hopeful expectations cherished. There is the putting off and the putting on, the gradual gradation from office to office; the relinquishing of old, together with the assumption of new duties, yet more responsible. Brethren from other Lodges are present, who not only take part in the work, but, moreover, notice with keen observation how the Lodge is conducted; the efficiency and non-efficiency of any or all of its office bearers. This is as it should be, inasmuch as good results follow, and emulation is often kindled, while what has got out of order is carefully noticed, restored, or amended. We are pleased to know that great care manifests itself, as a rule, at our installation meetings, and that those seasons enable our younger and more inexperienced brethren to glean something which cannot be obtained but on such occasions. It is, therefore, no wonder that our installations are, and indeed should be, invested with a peculiar spirit of interest. On Saturday afternoon, the installation meeting of the above excellent Lodge was held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, and prompt to the time for which the meeting had been convened was each Officer in attendance. This deserves commendation—we may add, emphatically, special commendation. We have been present when time has been frittered away, and nothing could be done because some brother was *non est*, who, moreover, could have been prompt, had he been so disposed. We heartily congratulate Bro. Beedell on having around him Officers who are not only conversant with their duties, but who are found in their places when called on. We noticed among the Visitors, Bros. G. H. Stephens West Smithfield 1623, John Thorey Chapter 1354, J. Mason P.M. Harmony 309, W. J. Beedell P.M. Fortitude 12, W. Ball Strong Man 45, W. H. Wallington P.M. Dalhousie 860, G. W. Primock P.M. Unity 183, C. Stevens Sir C. Bright 1793, A. Perceval Hengist 195, G. J. Glover Marquess Ripon 1489, and J. J. Brinton I.G. Sphinx 1329. Bro. J. Newton P.M. kindly undertook the duties of Installing Master. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read, and the report of the auditors received and confirmed, the impressive ceremony of installation was performed right loyally and heartily. After the usual adjournment, and the return of the Brethren to the Lodge, the popular W.M. Bro. E. C. Beedell was saluted in the three degrees. He then proceeded to invest his Officers, namely, Bro. T. Jones Senior Warden, F. Carr J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, W. H. Roberts S.D., W. Giller J.D., J. Garden I.G., C. A. Morgan D.C., and Dr. Gayton Wine Steward. We need hardly remark that the several addresses were delivered most eloquently by Bro. Newton. The W.M., after some other business had been transacted, alluded in feeling language to the illness of Bro. E. G. Legge P.M., his predecessor, whom he would have had to invest with a P.M.'s jewel had he been present. The absence of their esteemed Brother was deeply regretted by all, and it was the cause of much sorrow to him (the W.M.) that their Immediate Past Master was not present in their midst corporeally, though doubtless in mind he was, inasmuch as he was absorbed in the welfare and interest of the Lodge. As the subject would be referred to at a more advanced period of the evening, he would forbear for the present to add more words. Bro. P.M. Newton remarked that their Worshipful Master took a lively interest in the Royal Benevolent Institution, as indeed he did in all other good works. He would be pleased to receive subscriptions or donations as Steward for that Lodge from any brother, and it was hoped that in February next a liberal sum would be placed to the credit of the Institution from the Lodge, through the medium of their newly-elected Master. He would move that a sum of ten guineas be voted from their funds towards the support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. F. Carr seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Newton observed that the W.M. had alluded to the indisposition of their I.P.M. Bro. Legge; it would be unnecessary on his part to add anything to what had already been expressed in reference to their esteemed brother's illness. He felt assured that all endorsed what had been expressed by the W.M., but he felt something more should be done by them as a Lodge, in order to testify their deep sympathy in reference to the illness through which their I.P.M. was at that moment passing. No doubt there would be further allusion to the subject during the afternoon. He would move, however, that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Legge, assuring him of the deep regret and sorrow felt by the brethren for him in his illness, and hoping he might speedily be restored to them. Not only did the Lodge sympathise with him, but likewise with the members of his family. Bro. Perceval seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The W.M. then received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, and the Lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment was made to the spacious dining saloon, in which a goodly repast awaited the brethren, whose labours of the afternoon had added zest to appetite. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. in well chosen terms of patriotism gave the Queen and the Craft, which was pledged right well. Bros. Tutton, A. Thompson, C. Stevens, and C. E. Tinney sang the National Anthem, under the direction of Bro. C. Stevens Organist of Lodge 1793. We may here mention that to these artists much of the pleasure of the evening was to be attributed; their vocalisation was of a high order of merit, and great pains was taken to render justice to the music. The W.M. then called for a bumper, remarking that inasmuch as a long programme had to be gone through, he

did not intend to preface the toasts with exhaustive comments; therefore he would at once propose the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales their Most Wor. Grand Master. This toast having been enthusiastically received, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was rendered; the refrain being well sustained. Past Master Newton proposed the health of the W.M. Owing to an untoward circumstance, he had to act as the Immediate Past Master. It afforded him great pleasure to propose the toast, for various reasons; he had initiated their esteemed Worshipful Master into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and during that afternoon he had installed him in the honourable and proud position which he now occupied in their midst. It was indeed a remarkable coincidence, and moreover, one that did not often occur. But so it was. As regards their Worshipful Master, he need hardly add that his genial, amiable, and courteous manners had won their esteem and regard. Bro. Beedell had filled all the offices leading to the chair, with zeal and ability, which was an earnest that he would fill that office in a similar manner. He (the speaker) looked upon him as his adopted son, at least in Freemasonry; he therefore took a deep interest in all that appertained to their Masonic duties and obligations. The Lodge was now commencing a new era. It had been in a different condition compared with what it was now, and, to use a metaphor, after having stood still for a season it was now enabled to run by itself. If at any time his advice should be required and sought for, he would tender it with much pleasure, and co-operate with them in every possible manner, in order to advance the prosperity of the Lodge in which he felt so much interest. After having in graceful terms, make some farther remarks in reference to the Lodge, he proposed the W.M.'s health. The W.M. in acknowledging the compliment observed that he was much indebted to P.M. Newton, who had so kindly proposed his health. He felt he did not deserve the encomiums which had been passed upon him. He could not however conceal the fact that from the hour of his initiation he had felt an interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and would do all in his power to maintain its prestige. He was alive to the fact that deep responsibilities rested on him, and that in a measure much would depend upon him. He rejoiced, however, to know that he had excellent Officers, who would support him in any difficulties that might arise. Moreover, if counsel were needed, he knew from whom it could be obtained. He had received that afternoon many pledges of kindness, therefore he anticipated a prosperous year of office and an accession of members. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see; on the part of the Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome. At all times he should be glad to see them in the Lodge, and hoped that those then present would come among them again and again. Bro. P.M. Wallington acknowledged the compliment, remarking that as Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, held at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, he was gratified to see so many around the festive table who had been under his instruction. He had been instrumental in educating brethren for the chair, Bro. Webb being an instance thereof. He had a knowledge of Freemasonry extending over half a century, and if the younger brethren would educate themselves by attending regularly, under proper instructors, he had no fear that all of them would pass the chair with credit to themselves and honour to their respective Lodges. He hoped to live to see them all installed. Bro. J. J. Brinton, having also been called on to respond, complied, and subsequently, as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, acknowledged the compliment paid the Press. The Worshipful Master remarked that they must not forget absent brethren, he proposed the health of those far away. Bro. Perceval had two sons at the Cape of Good Hope, he would therefore associate this name with the toast. Bro. Perceval replied; he would communicate to his sons the fact that they were remembered, although far, far away. As a father he felt gratified thus to be called upon to respond. The W.M. said the toast next in the usual order he should have to propose would have been the Immediate Past Master; under the untoward circumstances, however, which had overtaken Bro. P.M. Legge, that toast would be passed over. He (the W.M.) held in his hand the jewel which, had his predecessor in office been present, it would have been his pleasure to place on his breast. That, however, could not be accomplished, to the infinite regret of all within call. They all respected Bro. Legge, who had never made an enemy, but many sincere friends. He was ill, and therefore could not be among them; this was the cause of unfeigned sorrow to one and all. He (the W.M.) would therefore entrust the jewel to Bro. Newton, who would, no doubt, invest their sick brother therewith, and convey to him the expressions of sympathy which had been spontaneously evoked that afternoon. The anxious desire of them all was, that their brother might speedily be restored to health, and take his place among them when next they assembled. Bro. P.M. Newton, to whom the jewel had been handed, said he would at the earliest moment invest P.M. Legge therewith, according to the wishes of the W.M. and the Lodge generally. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Officer Bro. P.M. Newton, who in his genial manner acknowledged the compliment. Then the P.M.'s were honoured, to which compliment Bro. Webb replied. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was also given from the chair, and Bros. Brown and Newton responded. In speaking of the Masonic Institutions, the W.M., in a clever and forcible speech, expatiated on the incalculable good these Institutions were daily effecting. He called on the brethren to contribute in a liberal spirit towards them. In February next, as Steward, he would have to hand to the Treasurer their contributions, and he expressed a hope that their Lodge would be foremost in liberality. It would be quite unnecessary for him to state that their money would be well expended;—that they all knew. But they did not know who hereafter among them might have of necessity to be the recipients of such bounty. We do not know what shall be on the morrow, what changes may occur, or adverse circumstances arise. P.M. Mason responded; in an eloquent speech he gave a sketch of the several Masonic Institutions, he would not call them "Charities." Alluding to the education received by the boys and girls, he remarked that

great care was taken to teach them subjects which would fit them for battle in the world in after life. The sum of £12,000 was annually expended on the Benevolent Institution, which would testify to the magnitude of their responsibilities. More and more calls were daily being made on the Trustees, who were unable to meet every case, however deserving, and however great their anxiety to afford assistance. The money, to a farthing, was judiciously spent, and it was quite true the allegations made against the Order that their Institution for the relief of needy brethren was a "huge benefit society." Much as he deplored that so many calls should be made for assistance from all quarters, he should still more deplore the fact if no assistance could be rendered when sought for. They would remember that some time since a rumour prevailed that the funds were foolishly lavished away. This caused an investigation, the result being that such charges were completely refuted; more than that, it was proved that the greatest amount of economy and care had been taken in the administration of the funds. It would be well if others would do as much for their necessitous brethren as did the Freemasons, and that without parade or vain glory. The W.M. here asked the Treasurer to take round a subscription list, which request was complied with, and notwithstanding several brethren who reside at remote distances had been compelled to retire, the sum of £50 was collected. In addition several sums were promised, so that the Loyalty Lodge, it is anticipated, will not be behind many others in their bounty in February next. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was a toast much appreciated. The manner in which the W.M. extolled his Officers could not fail to convince them they were regarded as being efficient to discharge the duties upon which they had entered. Bro. B. Jones S.W. responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded these interesting proceedings.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 8th instant, at 8.30 p.m. There were present Bros. W. Browne-Kidder W.M., Samuel Goode S.W., T. W. Tillet J.W., A. Millward J.D., J. Carnaby I.G., Robert D. Cummings Preceptor, Harold Halliday Secretary, and a good muster of other brethren. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was impressively rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Lawrence acting as candidate. The Lodge was then called off and on, and opened and closed in the second and third degrees. It having been proposed and seconded that Bro. S. Good be W.M. for ensuing week, and carried unanimously, the W.M. elect appointed Officers in rotation. Bro. P.M. Hunter proposed, and Bro. Hurford seconded, that a committee of seven—three to form a quorum—be appointed to revise the rules, and submit such revision to the annual general meeting in November. Bros. Millward, Tillet, Hurford, Hunter, the Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary being proposed as such committee, it was unanimously carried. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington. This is about the most successful Lodge of Instruction in the North of London. It has been started about fifteen months, and since then has subscribed £5 5s to the Asylum for Aged Freemasons, repaid the preliminary expenses of the founders, and at the present time has a good balance in hand. The meetings are held each Monday, all through the year, and the attendances are very good. Last Monday Bro. P.M. Gillham, of the Stuart Lodge, very ably rehearsed the third ceremony, Bro. Rowley being the candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. P.M. Trewinnard of the Kingsland and United Strength Lodges, is all that a Mason should be, and the manner in which the proceedings are carried out is a credit to the Craft. We advise brethren who have not yet visited the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction to do so. On Monday next Bro. Morgan has kindly consented to read a paper on a subject of Masonic interest.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, on Friday, the 23rd instant, by Bro. R. P. Tate W.M. 862. Proceedings will commence at 7 p.m.

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The Times, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

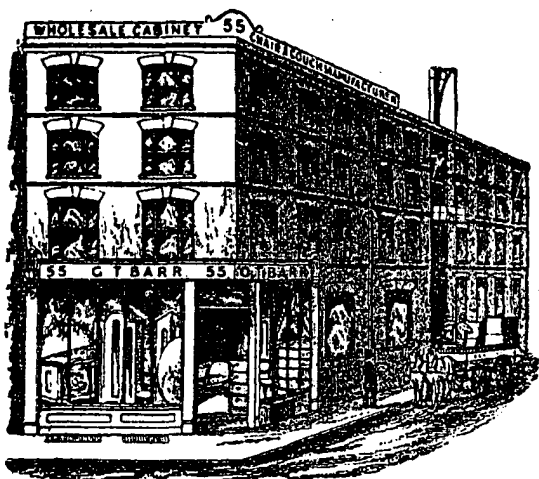
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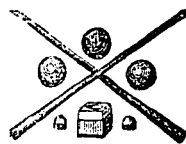
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