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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE R.M.B.I.

AS is our custom, we draw the attention of our readers to the circumstances of the next annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and its election to fill up the vacancies that have occurred since May of last year on the Male and Female Funds. In both cases the approved list of candidates is a formidable one, while the number that can be elected is out of all proportion to that on the list. Thus, in the case of the Male Fund, which is unquestionably the more promising of the two, there are forty-seven candidates for nineteen vacancies, while of the sixty-three widows of brethren, whose claims have been accepted as worthy of recognition, room for only twelve can be found, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the number of both classes of annuitants has been so amazingly increased during the last few years.

As to the male candidates, who, as we have said, are forty-seven in number, No. 1 now appeals to the support of the Craft for the third time. His two previous candidatures do not seem to have yielded him any very considerable amount of aid, as he has only thirty-two votes to his credit towards the election on the 19th instant. Possibly, however, his friends may rally round him in more formidable numbers, and as he is said to have no "means of support," it is clearly most desirable they should do so. The eight that follow on the list made their first essay at being balloted in May of last year. No. 2, who was formerly in good circumstances as a "Printseller and Publisher," has 556 votes to the good, while No. 3, formerly a "School Master," but now "utterly destitute," is still better off, with a credit of 682 votes. No. 4, once a "Master Mariner," though he has received as yet only forty-five votes, has at all events a miserable pittance of £3 16s towards his support, and No. 5, who is "quite unable to perform any manual labour," has 705 votes to the good. No. 6 is entirely dependent on charity, but unless he can appreciably increase his store of seventy-eight votes, it is very likely, we regret to say, that he will remain in his present dependent position. No. 7, who is a "Life Governor of all the Institutions" has a credit of 372 votes, and as he is prevented from earning a livelihood, we can only wish him success in his present effort. The other two "second applications" have 611 and 685 votes respectively to their credit, and both appear to be worthy of the relief afforded by the Institution.

The remaining thirty-eight applicants are candidates for the first time on this occasion. The circumstances on which they found their appeal for support to the governors of the Institution are, in all respects, most painful, and, were it possible to find a place for them all on the roll of annuitants, we feel sure the electors would place them there. This, however, is out of the question, and all it is in our power to say is, that we trust the worthiest of them will be accepted. One, for instance, who is close on seventy three years old, has been "Steward to the three Institutions, and is a Life Governor of them." Another is "without means," and a third, who is sixty-eight years of age, is "dependent upon the precarious support of his daughters." In short, all

seem from the record—and we may be sure it is a just one—to be most pitifully circumstanced and, as we have just said, we could wish it were possible to relieve them all to the full extent of their several petitions.

Turn we now to the case of the widows, who are sixty-three in number, while the vacancies are only twelve. No. 1 on the list has lived nearly seventy and eight years, yet eight previous applications have only resulted in a credit of 648 votes. "She has no means of support, and is entirely dependent upon a son-in-law." Let us hope this venerable lady may attain the goal of her wishes on this occasion. No. 2 has made five previous attempts, with the result that she now brings forward 735 votes to the good. The four next in order are applicants for the fifth time, and have 204, 100, 735, and 432 votes to their credit respectively. Three "fourth applications" follow, of whom one (No. 8.) is on the eve of completing her eightieth year. She is in receipt of the moiety of her late husband's annuity, as well as an annual income of ten guineas, and as she has a credit of 760 votes, her prospects of success on the 19th instant are the reverse of unlikely. Nos. 10-14, both inclusive, were candidates for the first time in 1880. Of these, No. 12, who is in her seventy-third year, is in receipt of half her late husband's annuity, but, what is more to her present purpose, she has 715 votes to the good. No. 13 also stands well as regards votes, there being 724 to her credit, but otherwise she is ill-circumstanced, being "without means of subsistence," and "having a daughter dependent on her." No. 14 is in her seventy-seventh year, and is "quite destitute," being "dependent upon her son, who can ill-afford to maintain her." The next twenty-nine candidates—Nos. 15-43, both inclusive, made their first attempt last year. One of them (No. 38) was born 26th April 1799, and is consequently in her 84th year. No. 39 will complete her 81st year in October next, while three others (Nos. 18, 19, and 26) have exceeded the allotted span by six years. The claims of all are clearly set forth, as indeed are likewise those of the twenty new candidates, of whom No. 62 is close on seventy-three. The circumstances of all these old lady candidates, who have seen happier times, are very sad, and we can but repeat our wish that the funds of the Benevolent Institution admitted of their being all assisted. This cannot be, however, and we say in this, as in the case of the men candidates, "May the worthiest be successful!"

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

IT is, as it were, but yesterday that we had the pleasure of enjoying a personal conversation with Bro. Jacob Norton, and hearing the satisfaction he expressed at being permitted to attend the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, which had been called for the particular purpose of passing a resolution to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on her fortunate escape from the dastardly attempt on her life, recently made by a lunatic. Now, as a communication elsewhere in our columns will show, we have the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to Brother Norton in the pages of the CHRONICLE. His letters are always ac-

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ceptable, but none more so than the one we publish to-day. In fact, Brother Norton, it seems to us, has, in his present contribution, added a very valuable leaf to the volume of Masonic History. The History of the Royal Arch Degree is even more obscure as to its origin than the history of Free and Accepted Masonry of the purest and most unadulterated character. We must not, of course, be held to have adopted unhesitatingly the theory of our esteemed brother, but there cannot be a moment's question as to its value. He proves, at all events, that the introduction of the Royal Arch Degree into the Masonic system of the so-called "Moderns" took place much earlier than is generally supposed, having regard to the statements of Bro. William Preston, the learned author of the "Illustrations of Masonry" as our guide. The late Brother Oliver, much as we respect his enthusiastic devotion to the Craft, is not to be relied upon for his facts, and it is by no means unlikely, as Brother Norton suggests, that our late reverend Brother consulted, not the "original records in Freemasons' Hall," but only the "printed records," such as "the several editions of the Constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, and Preston." Be this as it may, however, Brother Norton has very creditably grasped the full value of the "find," which, not long since, was announced in open Convocation of Grand Chapter by Grand Scribe E., and has deduced, from other circumstances which appear to have come to his knowledge, what must admittedly be accepted as a most reasonable conclusion.

Brother Norton very summarily disposes of Dr. Oliver's statement, to the effect that the Royal Arch Degree was "brought to England by the Chevalier Ramsay, who first offered it to the Grand Lodge of the *Moderns*, but as that Grand Lodge would have nothing to do with it, he next disposed of it to the *Ancients*," &c. As the Chevalier Ramsay died in 1743, and there was no Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" till ten years later, it is obvious that the distinction between "Modern" and "Ancient" Masons did not exist during the Chevalier's lifetime, and hence he could not have offered it first to the one and then to the other of the two, at the time, non-existent bodies. The testimony of Brother Fifield Dassigny is quite supererogatory, and need not have been appealed to in support of a statement so obviously inconsistent with facts.

Dassigny's evidence, however, which a short time since was routed out by Bro. W. J. Hughan, is of the greatest importance as to the introduction of the Degree in question into this country, supplemented, as it is, by the confirmatory account of Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges." Bro. Dassigny makes mention of a certain brother who propagated a "false system some few years ago in this city," of Dublin—his "Inquiry" was published in the Irish Capital in 1744—and who "imposed upon several worthy men under a pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the City of York, and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of that valuable piece of Masonry." It seems, however, that "his fallacious act was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some months before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false." From Bro. Gould we learn that Laurence Dermott, who may be described as the genius of the "Ancient" Masons, was born in 1720, initiated in Ireland in 1740, and installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, in the year 1746. On coming to England, he first joined a Modern Lodge, but was a member of Nos. 9 and 10 *Ancients* when elected G. Secretary, 5th February 1752. It may be noted by way of parenthesis, that, in our Grand Lodge Calendar, it is stated that for some time prior to the establishment of their Grand Lodge, the "Ancients" were governed by a sort of General or Grand Committee, but it seems more than probable that it was not until Laurence Dermott joined the Seceders from the Grand Lodge of England that the distinctive denominations of "Ancients" and "Moderns" were employed, and it seems equally probable that it is to him we are indebted for the establishment of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge as a rival of the "regular" Grand Lodge of 1717. And as Bro. Dermott would seem to have made the Arch a special feature of his section of the English Craft, it is not unreasonable to suppose that it was with that section it was in the first instance associated.

So far generally, and we think reasonably. Bro. Norton then goes on to show that a "Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem," which became the Grand Chapter in 1767, must have been constituted in 1765; and as, in one of its

regulations, it was "Resolved, That the Companions belonging to, and having been exalted in the Caledonian Chapter, or any Chapter in the country or abroad, being properly vouched for, shall be admitted visitors in this Chapter on payment of 2s 6d each," Bro. Norton very naturally argues that the said Caledonian Chapter must have preceded the said Jerusalem Chapter. Bro. Norton's contention is certainly an ingenious one. He points out that in February 1763, a certain "William Leslie and other Scotch Brethren residing in London," petitioned the Grand Lodge "for a Lodge Charter to be held in London." This was very naturally and very properly declined by the Grand Lodge in question; but Leslie "obtained a Dispensation from the *Ancients*, dated 20th April 1763, and Bro. William Preston was the second person who was initiated in this Lodge." Through Preston's influence it shortly afterwards passed under the banner of the "Moderns," and "was re-constituted 15th November 1764, at the Half Moon, Cheapside, by Lord Blaney, when it assumed the name of 'ye Caledonian Lodge.'" From this, Bro. Norton deduces that as the so-called "Ancients" practised the R.A. degree, the members of "ye Caledonian Lodge" were "familiar with it," and that to them we are indebted for the introduction into "Modern" Masonry of the said degree. This is not necessarily a *sequitur*, but it is a perfectly legitimate deduction. Be it added that, while the Caledonian Lodge still enjoys an honourable existence, the Caledonian Chapter passed away "two or three years after the Union."

We have said we do not adopt Bro. Norton's theory, but it must be obvious to our readers that it furnishes much palatable food for reflection. Doubtless, now that Bro. Norton has set the ball rolling, Bros. Hughan, Gould, and other curious students of our history, will help to elucidate the position he has taken up.

MASONRY—ITS HISTORY AND TEACHING.

By Rev. Bro. Eaton W. Maxcy Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

THE history of Masonry is lost in an antiquity so remote, that it is impossible to state its origin with positiveness and accuracy. To say naught in reference to supposed traces of it in the Orient, it is not unreasonable to believe that we see it in one of its early stages, in the colleges of builders instituted by Numa Pompilius, 715 B.C. These colleges were at first religious societies as well as fraternities of artizans. After the labours of the day, their members were accustomed to convene in their respective Lodges (wooden houses erected near the edifices in course of construction) where they determined the distribution and execution of the work. Here, too, the new members were initiated into the secrets and particular mysteries of their arts. These initiates were divided into three classes: apprentices, companions or fellow-workmen, and masters, and they engaged themselves by oath to afford each other succour and assistance. The Presidents, whose term of office was five years, were named masters or teachers (*magistri*), and their labours in the Lodges were always preceded by religious ceremonies. As the membership was composed of men of all countries, and consequently of different beliefs, the Supreme Being was represented in the Lodges under a general title, and therefore was styled "The Grand Architect of the Universe," the universe being considered the most perfect work of a master builder.

These organisations were in full vigour almost to the fall of the Roman Empire. The irruption of the northern barbarians dispersed them and reduced their number. They continued to decline while those ferocious men worshipped their horrid deities, but when Christianity was accepted they again flourished.

Many of these fraternities of builders who were with the Roman legions in the countries bordering on the Rhine, were sent by the Emperor Claudius, about the middle of the first century, into the British Isles, to protect the Romans against the incursions of opponents. The especial work of the Masonic corporations here and elsewhere in similar circumstances, was to construct for the legions the camps, which they surrounded with walls and fortifications, which in some instances were subsequently beautified with structures, rivalling in attractiveness those in Rome itself. Portions of the native population who aided the Romans in the work, were incorporated into the bodies of workmen and taught their art. The intercourse thus produced, developed an intimacy which resulted in a great tolerance of religious and national peculiarities, and a feeling of brotherhood. Christianity, as it spread into Britain, gave the Masonic Lodges peculiar characteristics about this period. Over the famed Roman roads constructed by the skill of the Masonic brethren, passed many a convert to the Christian faith, who believed it obligatory to impart the knowledge of the true religion. When alone, these converts were exposed to bloody persecution in the towns and villages. But they were permitted to accompany unmolested the Masonic corporations, which, sometimes alone and sometimes accompanying the Roman legions, were constantly traversing that mighty empire.

Happily, Britain at this time had more kind and humane governors

than those who were over other provinces, and by their connivance, the persecuted Christians found a refuge among the building corporations. In consequence, many among those who became active in the dissemination of the Gospel, sought and obtained admission into these fraternities.

In later ages, in England as upon the Continent, Lodges became attached to the convents, and were more or less governed by monks, according as the leading architects were monks or lay brethren. Hence arose the custom of holding Lodge sessions in convents. When an abbot became Master or Warden, he was addressed as Worshipful Master or Worshipful Brother—a mode of address which has been handed down to our own time in connection with the first Officer of the Lodge. As years rolled on it was deemed advisable that influential individuals who loved and protected the arts should be received into the fraternity, although they were not practical architects and builders, and they were designated as *Accepted Masons*. The Lodge at York, which became the most important in the country, received none as companions who were not *free men*, establishing this characteristic of the Institution.

It was formerly the custom to dedicate to some saint the structures intended for Divine worship, and in like manner organisations of artists and artisans chose patron saints. The Masonic brethren selected St. John the Baptist, as his Festival was on 24th June, the period of the summer solstice, when nature is most lavish in her abundance and the sun attains its greatest height, a period which had always been celebrated by the ancients and the Fraternity from the earliest times. Thus they came to be known not only by the name of Freemasons, but as the Fraternity of St. John. Upon the Continent they were generally designated as St. John Brothers or Brothers of St. John.

I have mentioned these circumstances, culled from Masonic history in Europe (it has, however far remoter connections), to indicate that it is not strange that there should be found in our Institution, as we have received it from the mother country, both a religious element and a peculiar tinge of antiquity. There appears much in our work which is congruous with the fragments of historical tradition which have come down to us. Even the language employed tells of a distant past; we find a quaintness of expression which is most peculiar—archaic words which are liable to be misunderstood, and which, so far as I am aware, are not employed in our day outside the Lodge room. They are like the ocean shell, which, held to the ear, tells in gentle murmur of the distant home whence it came, or the beauteously-formed vegetation of the sea which exhales its fragrance and reveals its original habitat, or the fragments of the mausolea (shall we so term it?) of the polypi, which tells of

“A coral grove
Where the purple mullet and gold fish rove,
Where the sea flower spreads its leaves of blue,
That never are wet with the falling dew.”

So our exercises and lectures suggest to a thoughtful and studious mind much of a far by-gone day, and give indication of sacred truths which in the past practical Masonry has done so much to uphold, and which speculative Masonry should ever legitimately conserve.

Among the various teachings which Masonry inculcates there are several which at this time may be briefly recalled by us as peculiarly important. The first is the *idea of a God over us*. Did it ever occur to you (I am sure you must have thought of it) how terribly out of place in our exercises would be one who had lost belief in the Great God over all? Of course such a person could not be admitted into our band save by a deception most gross any more than a lunatic or an idiot could be. But for the purpose in view, suppose such a case as I have suggested—a man within the walls of a Lodge room with belief in God lost. Verily it would seem as if, in the language of Habakkuk ii. 11: “The stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it,” in execration of such profanation of presence. How strange to him would be a glance toward the East with its pendant solitary letter above the Master—how strange the incipience of candidature—how strange the altar in time of labour with that which rests upon it—yea, how strange everything from opening to closing inclusive. Out of place? Yea, like Christians in Mohammedan mosque or in Buddhist temple. No man ought to enter or leave a Lodge room without a deeper impression of the presence of that All-seeing Eye, whose ken penetrates all nature and looks into all hearts. If, indeed, the operative Mason might, in erecting his temporary building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Master on his trestle-board, be absorbed, for a time at least, in that which was of the earth, earthy, certainly no speculative Mason can rightfully ignore that Supreme Architect of the Universe, to honour whom are erected the temples made with hands, but whose glory is more adequately honoured in the temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens. I do not know that I could give a better illustration of the legitimate influence of this character exerted by our Fraternity, than by a reference to one who was for some time the highest official in the Lodge with which our late Most Worshipful Grand Master Bullock was connected. It was some years since, when I was very young in the Craft, that the Brother to whom I have referred said to me in the Lodge room, “I don’t see how it can be different with others, but I know that in my own case the suggestions which I here received have led me to attendance on church services.” Subsequently he became a communicant. I am sure the issue was legitimate. To the devout worship of God, the teachings of our Fraternity legitimately lead. You may remember the expression of Young in his “Night Thoughts”:

“An undevout astronomer is mad.”

And the same statement would be predicable of one who had received and studied the teachings of our Fraternity, and was not reverent to the Great Being over all. I would therefore recognise as a handmaid in religious inculcation the body which is here represented. It is cheering to think that here are to be furthered the interests of an institution which, though human in origin, yet points the finger

reverently towards the dwelling place of Him before whom all, from the youngest entered Apprentice to the Worshipful Master, should with reverence most humbly bow.

I note, as another feature which claims out attention, the *fraternal love* which Masonry inculcates. It is well to encourage, on general principles, any institution which, shunning that which is wrong, gathers together those who have peculiar regard for each other’s welfare. I think no one with any experience in our Fraternity will be hesitant in acknowledging the glow of fraternal pleasure with which he has often met those whom he discovered to be Brothers in the mystic bond. It may have been in the hurrying car; it may have been a casual acquaintance in the weeks of recreation; it may have been at some disaster where physical injury was involved, or it may have been when sickness had prostrated, or at a chance gathering with those who had met in the last office to cast the sprig of evergreen. The pleasure of some of these meetings, who shall happily describe? But the point which I desire to impress upon you is, that the heart on having its sympathies thus aroused towards brethren, is not thereby rendered any less cordial to those who are, Masonically considered, outsiders. Because you are very cordial and cheery on meeting one whose presence arouses reminiscences which are pleasing, or ludicrous even, you are not in consequence inclined to be lachrymous if the next man you meet is a stranger. On the contrary, the probability is that, if you have any occasion to address him, it will be with a cheerfulness of manner which will leave no unpleasant impression upon him. So it is with the bond of our Brotherhood. I believe, that wherever the spirit of the Craft in regard to fraternal love is carried out, it will not only be felt within the limits of the organisation, but extend beyond its bounds. Let it be that not only is there an open hand when needed, but a Brother’s open hand, a Brother’s sympathy, and in this world of ours in which it must be that sorrow comes, and distress comes, and aching hearts come, here shall be one of the blessed influences to cheer and to irradiate. It shall be like the lights in the princely mansions on festal night in merry England in the olden time, which not only brightened the rooms within, but lighted the pathway of the weary traveller without, and encouraged him to enter and receive a cordial welcome within.

There are reasons why it might be desirable that one of another calling than mine should on an occasion as this address you. We all have our standpoints whence we take our views of life and the various organisations among men. The merchant, the statesman, the lawyer, the artist, all have their stations of outlook. The eye sees not only what it brings the power to see, but what its position brings as well. I can conceive of one looking at our Institution in its historic aspects, and carefully tracing, or endeavouring to trace, its remote outlines in the dimness of a shadowy past, where in the mists no glass can penetrate; or, like him who tries to discover in the distant ages, the germinal buddings of the fair tree of representative government, whose branches now are spreading over all the realms of civilised man. I can conceive of another studying our organisation, and endeavouring to trace its influence in war and in peace, as the centuries have rolled away. Another would study it as the artist studies some old cathedral, thrilled with the beauties of form and varied light and shade, loving even the defects which time has caused, and the ivy clinging to the mouldering wall. But you will expect with reason that one in my position, occupying the honourable station to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has kindly appointed me, should regard it in aspects in which it is seen as assisting men to view the grand truths connected with spiritual well being; and certainly, most prominent among these is that which glorifies humanity—the *soul’s immortality*. When that truth ceases to be taught in our Lodges, our ritual must be changed verily, and our symbols have a new rendering. In some other mode must we bury our dead, and the old story so familiar to us all, be told no longer, and the acacia be supplanted by the blossom of an hour. If within our closed doors he would be a profanation who believed not in God, profanation would the presence of him be who believed that the last of earth was the last of man. Remember that solemn truth, my brethren, and so live that the solemn striking of the funeral chime may be followed by the life which is in a nobler temple than can be delineated on the trestle board of any earthly Master.

In one sense, the voice which has spoken to you this evening is to some of you a strange one, but not, indeed, in every sense is it that of a stranger. A Brother’s heart has prompted these suggestions. If he has presumed to instruct where there are many who are his seniors in years, and in experience in the Craft, he knows that the oldest and wisest among you will second his suggestions. More than this, he knows you all will.

Make your Masonry no mere name nor formality. Gather the spirit of its teachings. Exemplify that spirit in your intercourse with each other, and with the world at large. It will make you better, and you will make the world better. Masons’ lips, outside the Lodge room, should be silent in regard to Masonry’s mysteries. Masons’ lives should be vocal for it. May your lives give no uncertain utterance.—*Keystone*.

The eighteenth Installation Meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will be held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday next, the 8th inst. Ex. Comps. Samuel Poynter, B. R. Bryant, and John S. Terry are to be installed into the respective chairs of Z., H., and J. There are several candidates for exaltation also, and the summons announces plenty of work. Exaltations at 3.30 p.m. Installations at 5. Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter, will officiate as Installing Principal. It is anticipated that the Grand Chapter will be well represented at the meeting.

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Dr. Oliver's "Origin of the R.A." contains some facts that were then unknown. I consider it, therefore, worth more than all his other works combined; but I am sorry to add, that his perverse nature would not allow him to write truth without adulterating it with absurdities. Leaving out his nonsense about the Christianity of that degree, I shall now merely run through a few of his historical errors.

Thus, he ascribes the discontent of some Lodges in 1734 to their being prohibited to confer the second and third degrees. But the fact is, that prohibition was repealed in 1725.

The R.A. Degree (says our Doctor) was brought to England by Chevalier Ramsay, who first offered it to the G.L. of the Moderns, but as that G.L. would have nothing to do with it, he next disposed of it to the Ancients, &c. Now, for all the above assertions there is not a shadow of evidence.

The third degree was dismembered (says our Doctor) first, by Ramsay, or Dermott (who made two degrees out of one) and Dunckerley, when he afterwards introduced R.A. Chapters among the Moderns, mutilated the third degree of the Moderns. The truth, however, is, the third degree was never dismembered or mutilated, either by Ramsay or Dunckerley, for it is the same to-day as it was a hundred and fifty years ago.

The R.A. (says Dr. O.) was introduced by Dunckerley among the Moderns "not earlier than 1776," and to the same year he ascribes the establishment of the G.L. of the Ancients. It will, however, be seen, that Dunckerley did not introduce the Chapter among the Moderns, and that the said events took place before 1776.

Preston says, "Under the appellation of the York banner the Ancients gained the countenance of the Scotch and Irish Masons who readily joined in condemning the measures [some alleged change in the ritual]* of the Lodges in London." Dr. Oliver magnified this into "a treaty of alliance and confederation" with the Scotch and Irish Grand Lodges. I am, however, persuaded that the coolness of the G.L. of Scotland, if it ever existed, originated after the Duke of Atholl's election as G.M. of the Ancients.

The fact is, Dr. Oliver never examined the original records in Freemasons' Hall, but confined himself to printed authorities only, viz.: to the several editions of the Constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, and Preston; but the histories appended to the Constitutions say very little about the origin of the troubles either of 1734 or later. The Ahiman Rezon is utterly unreliable; and Preston, who never mentions the Royal Arch, and who was not a Royal Arch Mason at all, absolutely furnished no materials for such a history; and besides which, Preston's account of the origin of the Ancients is crude, ambiguous, and is altogether unworthy of credit. Our Bro. Oliver, however, not only repeated the errors of Preston, but also added some from his own imagination. And, of course, whatever "the learned" Dr. Oliver wrote was received by the Craft as "gospel truth."

The appearance of an English edition of Bro. Findel's history in 1866 gave rise to, or stimulated, a new school of Masonic critics, whose aim was, and is, "Truth at any price." These were, of course, assailed by the old Masonic castle builders in the air. Some were hurt because the antiquity of Masonry was shaken. Others, because their chivalric moonshine degrees and high titles were demolished; and others again, who trembled in their boots lest the disbelief in the "thousand and one" pre 1717 Grand Masters should cause Masonry itself to topple over, either joined in chorus with the former, in crying down the iconoclasts, or endeavoured to steer a middle course. "Oh! well!" said they, "there is a stratum of truth to all traditions," and if it does not mean this, "it, no doubt, means that, or the tother." Some of those timid ones even said, in my presence, "Your theory may be all true, but it won't do to denude Masonry of all humbug." This hue and cry did not, however, stop inquiry. Bro. Buchan defended the "1717 theory." Bro. Hughan unearthed additional facts about the G.L. of York and about the Ancients. Bro. D. M. Lyon published his immortal History of Freemasonry in Scotland, and Bro. Gould will, I trust, stick to the motto, "Truth at any price," and will endeavour to outshine all his predecessors.

And now let us see what has thus far been accomplished in correcting the errors of the old school as far as the history of the Royal Arch is concerned. First, I must call attention to Bro. Hughan's discovery of "Dassigny's Inquiry." This was printed in Dublin in 1744, but no Masonic writer referred to it save and except Dermott, who quotes one paragraph with approbation from the "R.W. Dr. Dassigny's" book, and who appropriated other portions of that work without acknowledging its source, (compare p 93, &c. of Hughan's "Memorial" with pp 14, 15, &c. of the first edition of the "Ahiman Rezon.") Bro. Dermott, however, never told us what Dassigny said about the Royal Arch. Thanks to Bro. Hughan's assiduity, we can now glean something from that work about the Royal Arch.

"How comes to pass (says Dassigny) that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove

by a certain propagation of a false system some few years ago in this city, who imposed upon several worthy men under a pretence of being a Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the city of York, and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of that valuable piece of Masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till at length his fallacious act was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some months before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false; whereupon the brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft," &c. The principal value of that work consists—first, in being the earliest book wherein the phrase "Royal Arch" appears; second, in furnishing information as to how the Royal Arch found its way into Ireland, and as to how it was first received; and third, it confirms Dr. Oliver's theory, that the Royal Arch made its first appearance about 1740. But whether that adventurer in Dublin was an Englishman or an Irishman, whether he was the inventor of the Royal Arch, and an Irish pupil of his afterwards impregnated with it an Irish brother of "probity and wisdom" in London; or whether the Dublin "Master of the Royal Arch" got his Mastership in London, no one can now discover. But one thing is certain—namely, Dassigny's warning to the Dublin Masons did not altogether stop the "Master of the Royal Arch" there from grinding his Royal Arch mill; the material Masons are made of is too tough to yield to such warnings. Indeed, such warning is more likely to impel them to rush headlong into a moonshine concern than to restrain them; as an instance of the truth of my statement, Dermott himself states, in a record, that he received Royal Arch in Dublin in 1745 or 1747. This fact was communicated to me by an officer of the Grand Lodge, and to whom I am under great obligation for calling my attention to other facts, for showing me the original records, and for furnishing me with extracts and notes, as will be shown hereafter. But the fact must not be forgotten—viz., that Laurence Dermott was a full fledged Royal Arch Mason when he first came to London.

From Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," I learn that "Dermott was born in 1720, Initiated in Ireland in 1740, Installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, June 1746. On coming to England, he first joined a Modern Lodge, but was a member of Nos. 9 and 10 Ancients, when elected G. Secretary, 5th February 1752. Appointed D.G.M. March 1771. Being succeeded, at his own request, by W. Dickey, 27th December 1777. Again D.G.M. from December 1783 to December 1787, when, also at his own request, he was succeeded by James Perry; Present for the last time in the G. Lodge 3rd June 1789." From the fact that Grand Officers were appointed at Dermott's request, and from the fact that Dermott's writings constitute the whole stock of the Ancients' Masonic literature of the last century, we may reasonably conclude that Dermott was not only the original organizer of the Ancients, but that he was also the father of Royal Arch Masonry among them.

And now I will show up what kind of a body were the seceders before 1751. Upon this subject I further learn from Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," that on the 17th July 1751, the Masters of six self-constituted Lodges in London assembled and constituted themselves into a Lodge of Grand Masters, and these six Lodges were styled "Time Immemorial Lodges." After Bro. Turner was elected Grand Master of the Ancients, the Grand Master's Lodge was perpetuated as a mere Lodge, and was placed as No. 1 on the roll of the Lodges of the Ancients. Of these seven Lodges one died at the close of 1751, one in 1754, the remainder died in 1759, 1769, &c.; two lived up to 1783 and 1785 respectively. It is evident that some of the original Lodges, including the Grand Master's Lodge, were mere straw Lodges. When a Lodge ceased to meet among the Ancients, its number was sold to a younger Lodge, that is, sold to the highest bidder, thus: the Grand Master's Lodge died in about August 1759. Its number was then sold to a Lodge constituted in 1787. This Lodge since the Union figures as No. 1 of the United Grand Lodge.

The next question to be considered is—How and when did the Moderns get hold of the Royal Arch? I have no doubt that Royal Arch Degree peddlers continued to ply their trade after the Ancients adopted that degree. Indeed, Dermott himself censures somebody, whose name he withholds, for peddling the R.A. degree. It is therefore possible that some of the Moderns may have bought the secret from those peddlers. But be that as it may, and putting conjecture aside, my friend in the Grand Secretary's office, already referred to, showed me a record of a Chapter constituted by Moderns, beginning 12th June 1765. But the record shows that four brethren were exalted in March, and one in April previous, and the very first anniversary celebrated by that Chapter, which styled itself, "The Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem," was on the 8th of January 1766. Hence its organisation must have taken place in January 1765. In the beginning of the said record are a series of resolutions or regulations, to which a number of signatures are appended, among which is that of John McLean. One of the regulations reads as follows:

"Resolved, that the Companions belonging to, and having been exalted in the Caledonian Chapter, or any Chapter in the country or abroad, being properly vouched for, shall be admitted visitors in this Chapter on payment of 2s 6d each."

Now, I do not believe that outside of the jurisdiction of the Ancients, any Chapters existed either in the country or abroad in 1765. But here is mentioned the "Caledonian Chapter," evidently a Chapter constituted by Moderns before 1765.

The second anniversary of our new Chapter was celebrated on the 26th of December 1766, and in the minutes of that meeting is the following tribute to Bro. McLean, to whose signature I directed attention above by giving it in italics:—

"The thanks of the Chapter was given by the Z., in an address to Bro. John McLean, as Father and Promoter, who for his instruction and careful attendance was requested to accept a Gold Plate, with the following device." (Here follows the inscription in Latin, &c.)

Some years after this, Bro. McLean was compelled to apply to a Chapter for Charity, which of course was granted; and in the record

* Preston's remark is generally supposed to refer to a change of passwords. I am, however, convinced, if the passwords were ever changed, it was done by the Ancients, and not by the Moderns, and such is the opinion of Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati.

of that Chapter, he is designated as *Companion McLean, of the Caledonian Chapter*. (This was told to me by the brother in the Grand Secretary's Office.) Putting together the above facts, I must come to the conclusion that the Moderns derived the secrets of the Royal Arch, either direct or indirect, from the Caledonian Chapter. But to show further that Dunckerley was not the father of R.A. Masonry among the Moderns, I herewith give a minute from the record of the Chapter at its first anniversary, 8th January 1766, viz.:

"Bro. Dunckerley was proposed by Bro. Galloway, to become a member of this Chapter. Approved nem con."

This is the first mention of Dunckerley in the Chapter record. Whether Dunckerley got the R.A. from a peddler, or from the Caledonian Chapter, I know not; but holding a position under the Moderns, as Dunckerley did, he would not have risked the loss of his reputation by visiting Lodges denounced by his Grand Lodge as clandestine; and, on the other hand, I cannot believe that the Ancients would have admitted a Grand Officer of the Moderns into their Lodges or Chapters. Dunckerley was not, therefore, the father of Chapter Masonry among the Moderns.

On the 2nd of July 1766, the Grand Master, Lord Blaney, was exalted in the Chapter. As a rule, when a Lord patronises anything in England, it is bound to be a success. Such was the case here. Other Lords and Grand Lodge dignitaries soon rushed into the Chapter. On the 22nd July 1767, our Chapter transformed itself into a Grand Chapter. A MS. compact of that event was recently brought to light, which has been framed by order of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Bro. Clerke, and may be seen in the Hall where the Chapter meets. A copy of this MS. is in my possession.

The Caledonian Chapter seems to have held aloof from giving its adhesion to the self-constituted Grand Chapter for some years. The Companions, however, finally yielded; for in two printed lists of Chapters of the Moderns, of about 1788 and 1790, I found the "Restoration Chapter" as No. 1, and the "Caledonian Chapter" as No. 2. In connection with this, I must mention that on the 13th of January 1769, three Chapter Warrants were granted, and on the 14th July following, four other Warrants were granted by the new Grand Chapter. These were the first Warrants the Grand Chapter granted; whether all the above Warrants were successful in establishing permanent Chapters I know not. One of these Warrants, however, I must particularly mention, viz. 14th July: "To our M.E. Comp. Brooks, empowering him to hold a Chapter in his own house, by the Title of 'Restoration Lodge, or the Chapter of the Rock and fountain Philo.'" This Chapter seems to be the No. 1, "Restoration Chapter" of 1790 (or thereabout), and as already stated, Caledonian Chapter was No. 2.

Having proved that the Caledonian Chapter first introduced the R.A. among the Moderns; the question then comes, where, and how, did the Caledonians get the Royal Arch degree? To explain this I must inform you that a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in February 1763, from William Leslie and other Scotch brethren residing in London, for a Lodge charter to be held in London. This, of course, was declined by the Scotch G.L., but it declared its willingness to recommend them to the Grand Lodge of England. William Leslie, however, obtained a Dispensation from the Ancients, dated 20th April 1763. They met at the White Hart in the Strand; and William Preston was the second person initiated in that Lodge on the above date. This Lodge, through Preston's influence, afterwards went over to the Moderns, and was reconstituted 15th November 1764, at the Half Moon, Cheapside, by Lord Blaney, when it assumed the name of "ye Caledonian Lodge." Bro. Stephen Jones, an intimate friend of Preston, who wrote Preston's Memoir for the Freemason's Magazine in 1795, states, that all the officers of the Grand Lodge were present at the consecration of the Caledonian Lodge. In short, all enjoyed themselves, and had a good time upon that occasion. It might have been the first Lodge of Ancients that went over to the Moderns, and a new acquaintance was formed. Now, some of these Caledonianites were doubtless *Royal Archers*. While they were subordinate to the Ancients, they did as the Ancients did, viz. worked the R.A. in the Lodge. But when the Lodge became a Modern, the Chapter brethren had to set up an independent concern; and what with being Scotchmen (*McLean* is certainly Scotch), and what with their Lodge having assumed the name of "Caledonian Lodge," it was natural to name their Chapter "ye Caledonian Chapter." I admit that this is but a theory of my own, but whether future investigation will confirm or upset this theory, remains to be seen.

I must only add, that the "Caledonian Lodge," above referred to, is now No. 134 on the English Lodge List, and it meets in Leadenhall Street, London, at the Ship and Turtle, but the Caledonian Chapter, of 1764, became extinct about two or three years after the Union. So my friend (to whom I am under great obligation for the information herein given) told me.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S.

18th April 1882.

DISTRIBUTION OF HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“JUNIOR P.M.,” in your last issue, seems rather put about at the passing over of older brethren in the giving out of Provincial honours and offices. These sort of things happen in all Orders and Societies; but no doubt he, like many others, reflects on the oft-repeated remarks and speeches he hears among Masons as to *merit*; but he should reflect also that Masons are but men, and are governed by prejudice and favour as much as other people. He should also consider that the R.W.P.G.M. cannot know the merits of every one of

the Past Masters of his Province; hence it is necessary for some one in a Lodge to influence some one higher, and that one some one higher still, until it gets to R.W.P.G.M. “JUNIOR P.M.” will find, in Masonry as in other Societies, that a brother may work assiduously for seven years, and go through every office in his Lodge, and may do the same in Arch Masonry, and, for ten or twelve years more than that, after act as a Secretary, doing all the work of a Lodge free of charge, and never be thought of either by the brethren of his Lodge, or the Officers of P.G.L., with whom he has been in regular correspondence as worthy of any honour in P.G.L. In bestowing honours of this sort, position must be looked at, and as to whether any substantial benefits can be expected from the brother who is honoured, and also whether it may not be a burden to him. It would be rather costly to some brother who was only in moderate circumstances to be made a P.G. Officer, as to clothing, &c., and he ought to be able, or to be thought able, to do some good to the Charities when the occasions come about, so that a junior P.M. need not expect to see any brother honoured, whatever his merits as a Mason, if he is only in moderate or poor circumstances. Again, a Junior P.M. should look upon these appointments as an honour to his Lodge, and not altogether to the individual. If he will do this, he will see that merit is out of the question. All cannot have honours, but it is true they might be divided more equally among Lodges; and if it could be so, that if Lodges were allowed to send a kind of recommendation, and the R.W.P.G.M. were to select from such lists, having regard to what Lodges had previously been honoured, the distribution might be more equal, and sometimes a deserving, though poor, brother might be honoured.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A SENIOR P.M.

“A LITTLE HELP.”

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been asked by a well-known London Brother to help Brother Thomas Sewell, whose case is a very pitiful one. Indeed, any individual afflicted with the complete loss of one of his senses—especially that of sight—deserves the sympathy of all. I was shown the circular, with the names of those charitable brethren who are supporting the case, and I could scarcely believe my eyes, on referring to the Subscribers' Lists, when I found that out of the thirteen or fourteen names appended—Grand and Past Grand Officers among them—there were only five recorded as having contributed towards either one of our Charities. Do you remember *Æsop's fables*? One runs something like this:—A waggoner on his journey got suddenly stuck fast in a ditch. Whereupon, instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel, and trying to help himself out, he flops down on his knees, and cries on Jupiter to help him. This, of course, Jupiter does not. Now, “a little help is worth a deal of pity,” and I would recommend those brethren who are supporting this case to put their hands into their pockets, and urge Brother Sewell's friends to do the same, whether they are Masons or not. Remember, for every five shillings that is subscribed one vote is given; while four votes are given in exchange for a sovereign. Let those who wish to see Brother Sewell successful do something, or, like the wagon, he will surely be left in the ditch.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 458, I.G. 609.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have for many years thought that a time was fast approaching when the Metropolitan members of the Craft would be compelled to adopt some large and liberal measure to provide for their proper representation in the Councils of the Order, and at the same time secure for those who merit acknowledgment that recognition of earnest service which it is, in my opinion, more laudable to seek for than to disregard.

The original idea I had entertained, as to the means which might be adopted, became strengthened and matured during the preparation of the map of Lodges I have lately published; and the statistics I was enabled to compile therefrom will materially help such of your readers as may incline to give consideration to the proposal I desire to put before the Grand Lodge at an early date, and to correspond with me thereon.

It is no less than the sub-division of the Metropolitan area, which extends over a radius of twelve miles from Freemasons' Hall, into four Metropolitan District Grand Lodges, each representing exactly one-fourth of the circle, and each taking one-fourth of the Lodges which at present meet at the Hall (“the point within the circle”) the Grand Stewards' Lodge to be excepted.

This sub-division would provide in the North West Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, twenty-nine Lodges; in the North East Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, ninety-one; in the South West Metropolitan District G. Lodge, sixty-three; and in the South East Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, 123 Lodges. The Grand total of Metropolitan Lodges to the several thousands of members of which the “purple” is practically unattainable, was, on the 1st January 1881, no less than 306.

In a future letter, or article, a detailed list of these Lodges, and their places of meeting, shall be given. For the moment I am more concerned in letting the intended proposal be generally known, than in offering incontrovertible reasons in favour of its adoption. These are not only numerous, and easily forthcoming, but, to the minds of a majority of those interested, will present themselves without hesitation. One question, however, I may at once fairly ask: Why should eight Lodges only constitute a Province in the South West of Eng.

land, and the respective numbers of 29, 63, 91, and 123 Lodges in the Metropolis have no such privilege?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 3rd May 1882.

SUPREME GRAND R.A. CHAPTER.

THE Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the Grand Z., Pro Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., the Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Superintendent of Surrey as Z., Potter as H., and E. E. Wendt as J. Among those present were Companions Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Robert Grey as S.N., Gen. Clerk P.S., Rev. Ambrose W. Hall as 1st A.S., J. Sampson Peirce as 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander as Sword Bearer, Raphael Costa D.C., Thomas Fenn, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton G. Treasurer, Wilhelm Ganz, Magnus Ohren Past D.C., C. H. Marton, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, E. Letchworth, R. C. Else, R. H. Beswicke-Royds, W. G. Harrison, Q.C., W. Stephens, A. A. Pendlebury, Col. H. A. Trevelyan, Rev. H. A. Pickard, W. H. Perryman, Neville Green, T. Whitmarsh, William Vincent, C. Greenwood, Edgar Bowyer, William Dodd, Major J. Penrice, H. S. Alpass Prov. G.S.E. West Lancashire, C. F. Hogard, Frederic Davison, John Weston, Thomas Cochrane, Edward F. Storr, W. Alfred Dawson, H. Sadler G. Janitor. Formal announcement having been made from the chair that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was Grand Z., the following Companions were appointed as Officers for the current year, namely:—

Comp. Earl of Carnarvon	-	-	-	Pro Grand Z.
Earl of Lathom	-	-	-	Grand H.
Lord de Tabley	-	-	-	Grand J.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	-	-	-	Scribe E.
Major John Penrice	-	-	-	Scribe N.
H. A. Pickard	-	-	-	Pr. Sojourner
W. G. Harrison, Q.C.	-	-	-	1st A. Sojourner
Rev. Thomas Robinson	-	-	-	2nd A. Sojourner
Col. Creaton	-	-	-	Treasurer
McIntyre	-	-	-	Registrar
Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Rev. Thomas Cochrane	-	-	-	1st Standard Bearer
R. C. Else	-	-	-	2nd Standard Bearer
John Messent	-	-	-	3rd Standard Bearer
Horace S. Alpass	-	-	-	4th Standard Bearer
Charles Greenwood	-	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Masefield	-	-	-	A. Dir. of Ceremonies
Wilhelm Ganz	-	-	-	Organist
H. G. Buss	-	-	-	Asst. Scribe E.
H. Sadler	-	-	-	Janitor

Those present having been duly invested with the insignia of their respective offices, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, the full particulars of which we gave last week, was taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The motion that Colonel Creaton, G. Treasurer, be elected a Trustee of the Funds of Grand Chapter having been proposed and seconded by Comps. General Brownrigg and Potter, and unanimously agreed to, it was announced that Comps. Col. Creaton, Robert Grey, and A. J. Duff-Filer had been appointed members of the General Committee; and Comps. E. Bowyer, J. Lewis-Thomas, G. Letchworth, W. Stephens, Magnus Ohren, and G. Lambert having been elected members of the same General Committee, the proceedings terminated.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The annual meeting of this Chapter took place at York, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, York. Comps. G. Balford Z., J. M. Meek H. and A. Buckle J., occupying the chairs. A Board of Installed Principals was opened by Comp. Joseph Todd P.Z. and Treasurer; and the Principals elected at the previous Chapter were installed as follow:—Comps. J. M. Meek Z., A. Buckle H. and Rev. W. Valentine J. The Companions having been admitted, the following Officers were invested:—Comps. J. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, G. Kirby S.E., G. C. Lee S.N., W. H. Gainforth P.S., Geo. Garbatt first A.S., J. Young second A.S., T. G. Hodgson Organist, J. S. Rymer D.C., S. Borden and T. J. Russell Stewards. A ballot was taken for Bros. Captain O. J. Cavenagh and W. G. Calvert 236, and the latter Brother was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., after which Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent supper in the banqueting room. Amongst the members present were Comps. W. Lawton P.Z., R. W. Hollon P.Z., Fairburn, Rogerson, Rooke, Palliser, and Churchill; and visiting Companions J. H. Hartley, Sincerity Chapter 1042, and W. D. Merritt.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arise congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Malton. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Marshall W.M. Prov. G. Deacon, who was supported by his Officers and several brethren, Brother T. B. Whytehead P.M. of York acting as I.P.M. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. T. B. Whytehead took the chair, and proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Brother J. Staniland, in the chair, after which Brother Staniland appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. Chadwick S.W., W. Constable J.W., J. Hudson M.O., A. J. Taylor S.O., J. W. Marshall J.O., A. W. Walker Treasurer, Rev. W. G. Chilman Chaplain, J. Nichols Secretary, J. Dodsworth S.D., T. Goldie J.D., W. Newby Reg. of Marks, Heckley Organist, T. C. Walker I.G., J. Buckle and W. Metcalf Stewards, R. Wandley Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. Fitchett, at which the party met and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. An adjournment was then made for a brief space to the beautiful terraced gardens of the hotel, whence a charming view is obtained of the Vale of Derwent, the stream skirting the grounds, and disappearing amongst the wooded slopes of Castle Howard. On resuming their places at the festive board, the toast list was proceeded with, the W.M. presiding. In replying to the Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Whytehead gave a sketch of the history of the Degree, and alluded to the practical use of the study of Masons' marks in connection with archaeology and architectural history; and complimented the members of the Fitzwilliam Lodge on the success which had attended their efforts. The I.P.M. took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the support and kindness shown to him during his year of office, and stated that during the year there had been seventeen advancements. A number of other toasts followed, and a most social and agreeable evening was passed.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. occupied the chair (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lazarus W.M.), I. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. Bean S.D., L. Wall I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, J. W. Dewsnap M.C., S. B. Alexander Steward, and J. Wynman; Past Masters H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus, H. Hymans, O. Roberts, J. Abrahams, S. Hickman. Visitors—Bros. G. J. Dawson P.M. 1853, W. Klinkenstein W.M. 73, S. Marks late 188. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Salinger was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Hyman and Isaac were raised by Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. F. Deering, who was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. A very elegant marble clock, and a testimonial on vellum, were presented to Bro. L. Alexander P.M. for his services as President of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, during a space of six years. Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, and he headed the list with the sum of five guineas; the Lodge supplemented this by £5 5s from its Funds. Messrs. Lorie, Davis, and others were proposed for initiation, for which a Lodge of Emergency will be called. The Lodge was closed until October. The brethren adjourned to slight refreshments. Bro. Dodson P.M. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Brother Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 2nd May. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Smyth S.W., Wardell J.W., Corble S.D., Edwards J.D., Gosling I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bro. A. Clark. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother A. Clark acting as candidate. The same Brother answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Brother A. Clark was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, Brother F. Carr worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—A very agreeable meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Friday, 28th ultimo, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Lodge was opened at 6.30 by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Yolland, who was supported by Past Masters John Euerby, C. Gray, R. Fisher Young (Secretary), Hayward Edwards and Jas. Cntbush; Bros. Charles Allen S.W., George Askew P.M. J.W., &c. Visitors—Bros. C. Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Secretary Surrey, &c., C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 W.M. elect 1580, Brazier 1089, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. James Cntbush brought forward his motion, of which due notice had been given, that the Lodge vote a sum of money (not exceeding £5 5s) from its funds and invest the same in a clock for the Hertfordshire Convalescent Home. After some little discussion this was agreed to. A ballot was then taken for a Life Governorship in one or other of the Masonic Institutions, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, which provides that when the amount in hand exceeds a given sum the surplus shall thus be disposed of. The result of the ballot was in

favour of Bro. Gilling, one of the youngest members of the Lodge. Bro. W. W. Morgan, who was initiated in this Lodge, and figured in this instance as a Visitor, then delivered his promised Lecture on the "Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." As it has already been delivered in other Lodges, we need not be at the pains of discussing its tenour. Suffice it to say, that it was listened to with the greatest interest by the assembled brethren, and at the close, not only was Bro. Morgan most heartily applauded, but a cordial vote of thanks to him for his instructive essay was passed with acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Then followed the customary inexpensive repast, which, as usual, was excellently well served by Bro. Hall, after which the toast list proper to these occasions was duly honoured, and, to use a hackneyed, but in this instance a by no means conventional phrase, the proceedings closed in the utmost harmony.

The Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met for the first time on Wednesday. Bro. C. W. Thompson was voted into the chair, and among those present were Bros. R. Berridge, Edgar Bowyer, Charles Godtschalk, G. A. Cundy, C. Millbourn, J. L. Mather, E. Kidman, R. P. Spice, H. S. Andrews, &c., &c. Bro. Captain Wordsworth was appointed President of the Board, Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., George Lambert P.G.S.B., and Horace B. Marshall Acting Presidents; Bro. C. W. Thompson Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. F. Binckes Secretary. It was unanimously resolved that the Festival, which will be held on the 29th June, under the presidency of Lord Mayor Ellis should, in accordance with the precedent set last year, be held at Brighton. A sub-Committee of Bros. E. Bowyer, C. Millbourn, R. P. Spice, and J. L. Mather have charge of the musical arrangements. We must congratulate Bro. Binckes on the very satisfactory announcement that was made on the occasion, to the effect that the Board of Stewards, already at this early period, consists of no less than 215 members.

Miss Edmiston has accepted an adaptation of a German drama from J. T. Denny, and will produce it in London before the summer.

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COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, FAUST E MARGHERITA. On Monday, LA FAVORITA. On Tuesday, LA TRAVIATA. On Thursday, MIGNON.
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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A SIMPLE SWEEP. At 8.15, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.
HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.
STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.
SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.
AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.
COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU. At 2.30 also.
ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.
COMEDY.—At 8, BOCCACCIO.
GLOBE.—At 8, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.30, FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.
GAITEY.—At 8, PAIR OF THEM. At 8.30, THOSE GIRLS. At 9.30 BOHEMIAN GIRL BURLESQUE. This day, at 2.30, LORD BATEMAN.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 9.50, VULCAN, &c.
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 8.15, SINDBAD. On Thursday, LONG AGO.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.
CRITERION.—At 8, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.
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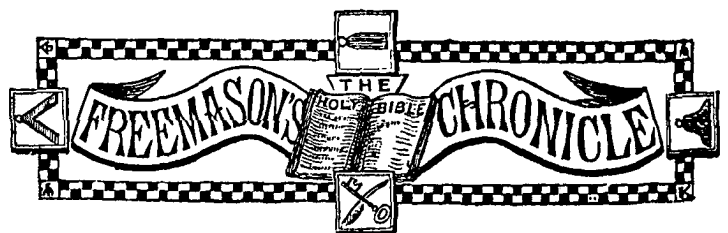
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, E.C.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand
Lodge of Canterbury, E.C., was held in the St. Augustine Masonic
Hall, Christchurch, on the 19th of January, when there was a good
attendance.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form with solemn prayer
at 7.30 p.m.

The minutes of the last Communication were read and confirmed.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from several brethren.

The D.G. Treasurer stated the balance to be—In Bank, £62 9s 2d;
on Deposit, £358 15s; total, £421 4s 2d.

On the roll being called, ten Lodges were represented.

The following correspondence was read:—

From the Grand Secretary, London, in reply, re petitioners for a
new Lodge, being registered English Masons—stating that "The
question had been before the G.M. more than once, and it had always
been ordered that petitioners should be English registered Masons,
adding that it is not insisted that all reside on the spot."

From the Secretary, St. Augustine, 609, conveying a vote of thanks to the D.D.G.M. and Officers of the D.G.L. for their presence at their installation, held on the 5th inst.

From Lodge Unanimity, re Bro. Brenk, who had been shipwrecked.

From Grand Lodge of England, with quarterly reports.

The D.G. Treasurer placed his statement of receipts and expenditure for the period ending 31st December 1881, before the members, showing a balance to the credit of the District Grand Lodge of—
at Bank, £50 5s 7d; on deposit at Savings Bank, £358 15s; total, £409 0s 7d.

On the motion of W. Bro. Joyce, seconded by W. Bro. Ford, the report and balance-sheet were approved.

At 8.30, in accordance with notice, the D.D.G.M. briefly epitomised the steps already taken in the matter of the special confirmation of minutes, and quoted the Book of Constitutions, Clause 8, page 58, in support, calling upon the D.G. Registrar, as the original mover of the resolution, to move the confirmation.

W. Bro. Smith then moved, "That the resolution standing in his name on the minutes of the D.G. Lodge, viz. :—

Clause 1—"For the purpose of enquiring into the claims of, and relieving, if desirable, all brethren in distress who do not subscribe to a Lodge in the district, there shall be a General Board of Benevolence, consisting of a representative or representatives from each Lodge in the district, elected annually in the month of Lodges of not more than 75 members are entitled to elect one representative, and above that number two representatives.

Clause 2—"The Board to have absolute control over all funds placed at its disposal, subject only to the account of its proceedings, and the expenditure of its funds being presented annually to the District Grand Lodge. The Board to have the power of making bye-laws for the conduct of its business, subject to the confirmation of the District Grand Master.

Clause 3—"Lodges under either the Scotch or Irish Constitutions desirous of participating in the work of a general scheme of benevolence can do so on equal terms with those under the English, except that their representatives have to be nominated by their respective Lodges, and formally elected by the General Board.

Clause 4—"That the fee for subscribing members annually be 5s.

Clause 5—"The fund to consist of 2s per member from each contributing Lodge and benevolent contributions. Out of its funds the District Grand Lodge will pay the amounts due by the Lodges under its control ;

be now confirmed by this District Grand Lodge."

Seconded by Bro. P.M. Deamer 609 and carried.

The report of the Standing Committee was read and received, and two sums of £5 each granted for relief.

The D.D.G.M. said that the Standing Committee was not of that permanent character he desired, and suggested that, in order to relieve it of a large portion of its work, a separate Committee to deal with benevolence be formed. He considered that this Committee should hold office for three years, one retiring each year, and as this was the proper time for discussing it, he would take the opinion of the members.

Bro. Joyce P.M. was pleased to hear the suggestion of the D.D.G.M., and would, with his permission, give notice to move the following motion at the next regular Communication :—"That a Board of Benevolence be constituted in connection with the District Grand Lodge, managed as near as possible to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. R. C. Bishop was unanimously re-elected as D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the D.D.G.M. then appointed his Officers as follow :—Worshipful Bros. C. Smith D.G.S.W., F. Pavitt D.G.J.W., H. E. East D.G. Chaplain, F. J. Smith D.G. Registrar, W. R. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, C. A. C. Hardy D.G.S.D., E. Williams D.G.J.D., H. S. Hobday D.G. Supt. Works, W. B. Allwright D.G.D.C., W. Sansom D.G.S.B., Hulbert D.G. Pers., S. C. Phillips, A. P. O'Callaghan, A. Evans, G. R. Hart, Champion, and Venner D.G. Stewards ; R. Stevens D.G. Tyler. Standing Committee for 1882, elected :—Wor. Bros. A. R. Kirk, W. Deamer, C. P. Hulbert, and S. S. Powell ; nominated by D.D.G.M.—Wor. Bros. Jubal Fleming, J. Joyce, R. D. Thomas, and P. Cunningham.

Bro. Jubal Fleming asked, without notice, upon what authority the D.G. Registrar assumed the chair in the absence of the D.G.M., or his Deputy ?

The D.D.G.M. replied that the D.G. Registrar did so by virtue of his office.

Bro. Hobday P.M. to move, "That the sum of £100 be granted out of the funds of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, as a donation towards the General Board of Benevolence."

W. Bro. P.M. M'Lellan to move, "That the sum of £25 be granted out of the funds of the District Grand Lodge towards the training-ship for the Lyttelton Orphanage.

The District Grand Lodge closed in the usual form at 10 p.m.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH, S.C.

THE quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand South, S.C., was held in the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on

the 24th February. Present—Bros. G. W. Harvey D.G.M. (in the chair), Gore D.D.G.M., L. Court S.D.G.M., Kerr D.G.S.W., Forrest D.G.J.W., Neill D.G. Secretary, Goldstein D.G. Treasurer, Schaaldt R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew acting D.G.S.D., Basket D.G.J.D., Pedden, acting D.G.I.G., Nees R.W.M. Lodge Otago Kilwinning, Parsons W.M. Lodge St. John, Timaru, P.M. Storie (I.C., Victoria), a P.M. of Robert Burns Lodge, Christchurch, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form at 8.15. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the roll being called, the following Lodges were represented :—Otago Kilwinning (Dunedin), St. Andrew's (Dunedin), St. John's (Milton), Robert Burns (Christchurch), and St. John's (Invercargill). Three letters from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were read, in one of which the dispute between the District Grand Lodge and daughter Lodges was referred to, the Grand Secretary stating that the matter would be taken up by the Grand Lodge Committee ; and in one of the 17th April it was set forth that the Grand Lodge did not think of blaming the D.G.M. for neglect of duty, but the Lodges had not been properly visited, and it suggested that another G.D. Lodge for the Middle Island should be formed, intimating at the same time that any suggestion on the subject from the District Grand Lodge would have the Grand Lodge's attention. In another letter, it was stated that the Grand Lodge was writing the North-east Valley Lodge, instructing that Lodge that it must discontinue meeting in an hotel until the Grand Lodge was satisfied that it was a suitable place. Attached to this letter was a copy of a communication which had been sent by the District Grand Lodge to a Grand Lodge, setting forth that the Lodge was held in a dance-room, to which ladies were invited by advertisement, and that the place was in bad odour. A letter from Bro. Schlötel R.W.M. of the Lodge was also read, in which he stated that they had held a lease of St. John's Hall for twelve months, having exclusive possession of it, and requesting that some members of the District Grand Lodge would inspect the hall. After some discussion on the subject, it was carried, on the proposition of Bro. Schlaadt, seconded by Bro. Basket, that the D.G.M. and Bros. Nees, Kerr and the D.G. Secretary be a Committee to inspect the North-east Valley Lodge-room, with power to act. A letter from the Rev. Wm. Ronaldson—returning his warmest thanks to the Masonic body for laying the foundation-stone of St. Peter's Church, at Caversham—was read. A petition, dated 14th February 1882, from seven members of the Caledonian Lodge, Timaru, was read, the petitioners complaining of irregular proceedings by the R.W.M. in the election of two candidates for initiation, which was unwarranted by usage, and setting forth that the secrecy of the ballot had been violated, and that the Bye Laws had not been complied with. The D.G.M., on receipt of the petition, caused the R.W.M. to be telegraphed to, requesting him to abstain from initiating the candidates until the case was inquired into. In reply to this, the R.W.M. telegraphed to the D.G.M. that he had decided to proceed with the initiation. The D.G.M. then telegraphed that if the Right Worshipful Master proceeded with the initiation he would suspend the Lodge. Other correspondence followed, the Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge writing in what the District Grand Lodge considered a most offensive manner. The candidates were initiated, and the D.G.M. caused a letter to be sent to the R.W.M., inhibiting him from performing any of the functions of his office, and ordering him to discontinue the work of his Lodge until the Grand Lodge's opinion on the matter was known. In a letter from the petitioners to the District Grand Lodge it was stated that the R.W.M. had instructed the Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge to write to other Lodges, requesting them not to receive the petitioners as visitors until their case had been dealt with. Subsequently, a letter of apology was sent to the D.G.M. by the R.W.M., in which he stated that he was in utter ignorance of the authority of the D.G.M., and requesting him to withdraw the prohibition. The D.G. Secretary read a letter, accepting the apology, which was to be posted to the R.W.M. The D.G.M. spoke in condemnatory terms of the letters of Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge, who had written very discourteously. The D.G. Secretary reported that a copy of the whole of the correspondence had been sent by the mail to the Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. stated that he, in company with the D.D.G.M. and the D.G. Secretary, purposed visiting the Christchurch Exhibition, and would not only enquire into the case of the Caledonian Lodge, but visit other Lodges. Some discussion ensued as to accepting the apology of the R.W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge, and ultimately it was carried, "That Bro. D.G. Sec. be instructed to write to the R.W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge, intimating to him that notices sent out against the seven brethren should be withdrawn." The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

"'Tis true, 'tis pity ; pity 'tis, 'tis true" that in a Society where proceedings are presumed to be governed always by a spirit of harmony, there should from time to time be such violent outbreaks of discord. In England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States of America, France, Germany, in fact, in every country in which Freemasonry has been established, there have been at divers times dissensions, squabbles, and long-enduring schisms. Just now, from a circular we have received from the Lodge "Le Progrès de Toultscha," Orient of Toultscha, Roumania, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, it appears that the course of Freemasonry in Roumania does not run so smoothly as could be wished. It is not unnatural, perhaps, that the aspirations of the brethren in this newly-created kingdom should be desirous of establishing a Grand National Lodge of their own ; and it is in the almost every-day experience of most people that there are sure to be many who will

prefer retaining the old connection rather than have anything to do with a new arrangement, just as there are people innumerable who would rather occupy chambers or parts of houses than have houses of their own. Thus, Lodge "Le Progrès de Toultscha" is strongly opposed to what it calls the "pretended" Grand National Lodge of Roumania, in the establishment of which a certain Captain Moroin, formerly an active member of the Lodge "Les Sages d'Héliopolis Orient Bucharest, Obédience Française," has taken the principal part. This gentleman, it seems, during the late war, conferred the symbolic degrees on a number of adepts, whom he constituted into a Lodge, and in September 1880 re-constituted this Lodge as "La Grande Loge Nationale." For these steps he appears to have had no authority, and he has consequently been expelled definitively from the said Lodge "Les Sages d'Héliopolis," and also from another holden under the United G. Lusitanian Orient (Portugal) as well as from all his rights and privileges as a French Mason. We gather likewise from the letter that Captain Moroin is not in any way cast down by his expulsions and exclusions. On the contrary, he persists in his scheme of having a Grand National Lodge for his native country—France, Bucharest, Toultscha notwithstanding. On the other hand, the brethren of Toultscha persist in their denunciations of Captain Moroin and his associates, so that, as we have said, the course of Roumanian Freemasonry is not running very smoothly just now. Doubtless all will come right in time, and in time these dissensions, like those that have occurred in our own country, will be healed. Meanwhile, however, it serves to illustrate the old and familiar adage, that "history repeats itself" in Freemasonry as in other mundane institutions.

The members of the late Board of Stewards, who exerted themselves to such good effect in connection with the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as to produce an addition of £12,600 to the funds of the Charity, visited Croydon on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, upon the invitation of the House Committee, in order that they and the friends who accompanied them might have an opportunity of seeing how carefully the comforts of the inmates are attended to. Fortunately, the weather was tolerably fine and warm, and the visitors were enabled to visit freely the residences of the inmates, and stroll about the pretty grounds by which the Institution is surrounded. The hours of reception were from one to four—though, as a matter of fact, the last of the visitors did not leave until about half past five. The band of the Boys' School attended from the Institution at Wood Green, and performed a selection of music from well-known favourite operas, and performed so well as to give universal satisfaction. A liberal luncheon was provided, and the only toasts besides "The Queen" that were proposed were "the late Board of Stewards," with the names of the Chairman, Brother Clarke, and Bro. Terry the Secretary of the Institution, Brother Edgar Bowyer the Treasurer of the late Board, and Brother Dr. Strong the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution.—*Evening News*.

We have great pleasure in giving circulation to the following appeal of Brother Binckes on behalf of the Institution with which he has now been connected for over twenty years, and in which he has exhibited so great an interest. At the proper time it will become our duty to offer some remarks on the claims of "Our Boys" to the support of the Craft, and we need hardly assure our brother that, so far as our humble ability goes, we shall do so earnestly, and we hope, successfully. In the meantime it is as well that our readers should keep before them the fact that on the 28th June 1882, Lord Mayor Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, will take the chair at the Boys' Festival, and for his sake, but especially for the sake of the Institution, we trust the following appeal of Brother Binckes will have a satisfactory result.

Office,—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.
27th April 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Twenty-five years ago the Chair at the Anniversary Festival of this Institution was occupied by the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, the late Rt. Hon. William Cubitt, with considerable advantage to the welfare of the Institution.

The history of a Quarter of a Century—fraught with events of

general interest—to us, as Masons, is especially worthy of note, having regard to the truly wonderful progress developed by our Fraternity! Instead of existing in comparative obscurity and retirement—its work unobserved by the outer world—its proceedings unnoticed, Freemasonry has achieved a position of dignity and respect hitherto unparalleled.—enjoys a recognised position, more prominent perhaps than any other organization unconnected with the State;—exercises enormous influence, successfully pursuing its unostentatious course, and busying itself principally in the work of charity and the cultivation of the social virtues.

At the forthcoming Festival of this great Charitable Institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of the City of London will once again preside, and it is the most earnest desire of the Committees and the Executive that

The Rt. Hon. and R.W. Brother JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, shall receive a support commensurate with the prosperity of the community over which he rules, and with the claims of an Institution second in importance to none of a similar character.

This appeal is addressed to the Lodges within the area of the City—increased numerically and influentially to an unprecedented extent during the period already alluded to—to the Brethren of the Order who are associated in various ways with City Government—on whose countenance and encouragement in all good works their elected Chief has every right to rely.

The services as Stewards of such Brethren—of Masters, Officers and Members of City Lodges—are earnestly solicited, so that the Festival of "our Boys" School of 1882 may, of itself, be a lasting testimony to Civic influence and generosity;

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally obliged,

FREDERICK BINCKES Secretary.

We have received copy of a statement showing the "Business Results and Claim Statistics, 1881," of that most useful organisation, known as the "Accident Insurance Company (Limited)," which has its headquarters at 7 Bank Buildings, Lothbury, E.C., and of which our worthy Bro. C. Harding is the manager. From this statement it appears that the total number of claims paid by the Company during the period 1870-81, both inclusive, were 14,624, of which 129 were for fatal injuries. The lowest figure in any one year is 953 in 1871, the highest 1527 in 1879, while last year there were 1457 claims, of which 621 come under the head of "Riding, Driving, Walking;" 364 were "Business and Professional Accidents;" 231 "Home and Domestic Casualties;" 50 occurred to people while "Travelling;" 17 were caused by "Animals, Birds, &c.," and 174 through "Sports and Pastimes." The amount paid in satisfaction of these 1457 claims was £29,999 13s 2d, and for all the claims during the twelve years £300,650 12s 1d, giving an average per year £25,054 4s 4d. On the other hand the premiums paid last year were £55,433 14s 11d, of which £7,070 17s was received for new insurances, so that the payments equalled 54.11 per cent. of the receipts. The Bonus reductions in 1881 were £2,847 17s 5d, while the average for the whole twelve years is over £2,000 a-year. The Assets at close of the year, including balance brought forward, amounted to £47,290 9s 3d—a state of things which, it must be admitted, is highly satisfactory. Considering the advantages offered by the Company, and the low rate of premiums charged; considering, too, how liable we all are to accidents, this Company deserves to be well supported by the public. We strongly advise those of our friends who are not policy-holders already to become so forthwith.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See *Times* of July 24th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1½d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in all-viating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

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.

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, 6th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junc., at 8. (Inst.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinnai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 8th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
53—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderson's Hotel
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Copold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
R.C.—Hozy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
332—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
900—Palhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgembe, 19 Jern yn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Wellington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1694—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1685—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1789—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1304—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
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, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-st., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanddow, Trewythen Arms, Llanddow
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.

- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newnort, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill.
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 768—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1157—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, (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Cligwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Faversham Institute. There were present Bros. F. W. Underdown W.M., Stapleton Payn S.W., E. J. Acworth S.D., Alfred Green J.D., G. H. J. Rogers I.G., J. E. Cook Tyler; also Bros. F. A. Gange P.P.G.J.W., F. F. Giraud P.P.G.J.D., R. Griggs P.M. Hon. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. J. M. Longhurst, F. A. Whiting, W. H. Drake, J. W. Penton, E. Hogben W. J. Fuller. Visitors—Bros. J. S. Eastes P.M. 709 D.P.G.M., R. Boughton Smith P.M. 1007, 511, 540, 1915 P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, G. Page Past Master 1209 P. Prov. Grand J.D., H. W. Garrett 20, C. Benham 1273, G. A. Gann 1915, J. T. Reeves 31 and 1915, J. Wool 1915, E. J. Lawson 1915, W. P. Coleman 31 and 1915 J.D., C. F. Wachter W.M. 1209, R. Pickering W.M. 483, G. Green W.M. 189, H. Bailey W.M. 127, J. C. Biggs W.M. 77, H. Taylor W.M. 1273, H. Black S.W. 1273, R. Phillips I.G. 1273, J. Harnden S.D. 1273, W. G. Kennett J.W. 1273, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. elect Bro. Stapleton Payn, was installed into the Master's chair. He appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. J. Acworth S.W., A. Greey J.W., F. A. Gange Treasurer, R. Griggs Secretary, G. H. J. Rogers S.D., H. S. Rogers J.D., W. J. Fuller I.G., J. E. Cooke Tyler. The W.M. then drew the attention of the Lodge to one of the most pleasurable duties he would have to perform during his year of office, viz. the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. P.M. Penton, who had so ably carried out the various offices of the Lodge, and more especially as Secretary. The jewel had been subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of their esteem and regard to Bro. Penton who, he regretted to say, had left the town, after being many years a resident. Bro. Penton very suitably responded, and claimed the indulgence of the brethren for not making a lengthy speech, inasmuch as the presentation had taken him much by surprise. He assured the brethren he should highly value the jewel, and said he

should be able to look back on the many happy meetings he had had with the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony; they were some of the happiest incidents of his life. Bro. P.M. Giraud then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master Bro. Underdown, who had carried out the duties in a way that could not possibly be excelled. After the reading of a circular relative to a testimonial being raised for the P.G. Chaplain Bro. Robinson, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, Faversham, where a capital banquet had been prepared by Bro. Hogben. The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were responded to with musical honours. Bro. Gange, in suitable terms, proposed "The Right Wor. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon," and Bro. Smith introduced the toast of the "Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Lathom) and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Underdown, in very eulogistic terms, proposed the "Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale." In doing so, he said they all knew that Lord Holmesdale was a very hard worker in the Craft, and no better testimony could be given of the respect and esteem in which he was held in the Province than the very handsome testimonial which was presented him some little time back. The W.M., in proposing the health of the "Worshipful Deputy Provincial Master (Bro. Eastes) and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present," remarked how pleased the brethren were to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Eastes) among them. Bro. Eastes, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the brethren for the hearty way in which the same had been responded to. No greater encouragement could be given the Provincial Grand Officers in their duties than by the hearty way in which they were received wherever they went. He (Bro. Eastes), when he accepted office, was determined to do his duty, and he hoped he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren at large. Freemasonry had prospered to a very great extent, more especially in the Province of Kent. He remarked the difference there was in Freemasonry at the present time to that of twenty years ago, and the value that appeared to exist in the minds of the outer world respecting it. The mere fact of His Royal Highness accepting the post of Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, had done much to increase the Craft in the estimation of the world, and as long as the brethren were careful who they admitted to the ranks of the Fraternity, they would continue to prosper. He would like to hear Bro. Gange reply to this toast, inasmuch as he was a good and respected member. In conclusion, Bro. Eastes hoped it would not be long before he came to see them again. The I.P.M. Bro. Underdown, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, dwelt upon the fact that the Lodge had at the present time to preside over it a brother who was most capable of fulfilling the important duties devolving upon the office, and who had won the respect of all the brethren. He hoped he would have a prosperous year: he was sure Bro. Stapleton Payn would have the able support of the Officers and members of the Lodge. The W.M., in reply said, he should do his utmost for the interests of the Lodge of Harmony. Although he felt he had a great many shortcomings, he could with confidence appeal to the brethren to be lenient with him, and give him all the aid they could. He then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the "Past Masters of the Lodge," which toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Gange, who in responding said he felt some little diffidence in again replying, inasmuch as he had been called upon once before to respond. However, as it was the desire of the W.M., he could but fall in with his wishes, and say, that although the Lodge was not in such a flourishing state as he should like it, yet he hoped it would prosper greatly in the future. The Lodge could, doubtless, have had more members, but they were very careful whom they admitted, hence their small number. The W.M. might depend upon the support of the Past Masters; and he was sure the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Gange then thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the kind reference he had made respecting him, and hoped the Lodge would have the pleasure of Brother Eastes' company more frequently. "The Visitors" was responded to by Brother Biggs of Freedom Lodge, who made a special appeal to the brethren present, to be guarded as to whom they admitted into Freemasonry. The W.M. in appropriate terms then proposed the health of "The Installing Master," remarking how very ably Bro. Underdown had carried out that day the duties devolving upon him. Although the W.M. felt sure he should never be proficient enough to undertake the Installing Master's duties, yet it would no doubt be a pleasure to the brethren, as it would be to himself, to have to call on so able a worker as Brother Underdown to do the duty for him. Bro. Underdown in replying said, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had always impressed upon him the importance of each Master installing his successor, and hence he felt he had only done his duty. It was very gratifying for him to know that the manner in which he had carried out the work had met with the approval of the brethren. He then alluded to the illness of one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Bathurst, whom he had seen that morning, and who requested that he would return his best thanks to the brethren for the kind letter of condolence sent at their last meeting. Every one regretted the absence of so kind and genial a brother, and trusted that he would be spared to be amongst them again. "The Wardens" was responded to by Bros. Acworth and Greey, and the "Junior Officers" by Bros. Rogers and Fuller. The "Secretary," Bro. Griggs was proposed by the W.M., who felt sure the duties of Secretary would be carried out as efficiently by Bro. Griggs as by his predecessor. Bro. Griggs suitably replied;—when he was asked to accept office, he felt it was his duty not to decline, for the simple reason he was always ready to stand by and help a friend. He hoped to carry out the duties with satisfaction to the Lodge. The health of the "Master of Ceremonies" Bro. P.M. Longhurst was received with enthusiasm. The W.M. in proposing the toast, said the Lodge was greatly indebted to Bro. Longhurst for the able way he had carried out his duties as Master of Ceremonies and as Wine Steward. Bro. Longhurst in reply said he

always felt a pleasure in doing all he could for Masonry, and hoped he should spare many years to work for the Lodge of Harmony. "The Host," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. We should not omit to mention that during the evening Bros. Whiting, Longhurst, Acworth, Fuller, Drake, Rogers, &c. contributed some songs. Bro. Drake ably presided at the pianoforte.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. Shadler W.M., Maidwell S.W., Walker J.W., Haines S.D., Stafford I.G., Moss Preceptor; Clements, Roberts, Morgan, Brown, Daniels, Webb, Marshall, &c. After preliminaries, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Morgan offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the sublime degree. After examination and entrustment, Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a careful and impressive manner. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Maidwell was elected to preside at the meeting on Tuesday evening next, when Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary No. 211, has promised to attend and deliver one of his lectures. The death of the mother of the worthy Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Hollands, was announced; and those present agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with him in the loss he has sustained. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, when it is anticipated there will be a good attendance.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday last. This being the Fifteen Sections night, the brethren mastered in strong force, under the presidency of Bro. Gush, who was ably assisted by Bros. C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Robinson I.G. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the various sections. First Lecture—Bros. R. Percy, W. Williams jun., G. Ferrar, A. W. Fenner, C. Lorkin, D. Moss, J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. W. Williams, R. Percy, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, D. Moss. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, I. P. Cohen. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, and hon. membership of the Lodge of Instruction was conferred on him. A vote of thanks to the brethren who assisted in working the sections concluded the business of the evening. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Saturday, 6th May, at 8 p.m., when Bro. C. Weeden will preside.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 1st May, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at which nine members attended. Bros. Brook W.M., Nicholson S.W., Taplin J.W., Brown S.D., Cotton J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming candidate. Bro. Rowles was interrogated and entrusted, and after the Lodge had been advanced to the second degree, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the brethren called from and to labour. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, and adjourned until Monday, the 8th.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Master's night, Friday, 28th April, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. Present Bros. F. Thruston W.M., W. H. Harris (W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge) S.W., H. M. Williams J.W., F. G. B. Wells S.D., J. Bate J.D., C. H. Phillips I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Preceptor; also Bros. Plant, Martin, H. Goodwin, J. James, G. Bain, A. G. White, W. Klingenstein W.M. 73, J. S. Miller 93 S.C., J. W. Smith Rose of Derry I.C., and others. The W.M. selected for his work the openings in the three degrees; the ceremony of raising, Brother A. G. White being candidate; the closing down to first degree; the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. G. B. Wells being candidate, and the Charge, which was very ably given by Brother J. Bate. A brief discussion on two or three points of Ritual followed up the excellent work of the evening, and the Lodge was duly closed. Brother W. H. Harris was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We are requested to state that the Lodge will be in the second degree on Friday the 12th instant, when the Preceptor, Bro. Stevens, will prenote, at question time, his forthcoming Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonies of that Degree.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, the 28th April, at eight o'clock. Bros. Andrews P.M. and Preceptor W.M., Gunner S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Taylor S.D., Turner J.D., F. Botley I.G., C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary; Blasby P.M., and Maton. Visitors—J. L. Sherrin 1494, Vassella 1328, S. Page 1326, Taylor 511. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The fifth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Taylor and the brethren. Lodge opened in the second degree. The fourth section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Taylor and the W.M. Bros. Sherrin, Vassella, and Page were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for 5th May. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Bro. Talbot on his marriage with the daughter of our late Bro. Kyezor. Lodge closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 27th April. Present—Bros. G. Read P.M. W.M., C. Andrews P.M. 77, 511 and 1767 S.W., S. Smout P.M. 1642 J.W., G. Coop S.D., F. C. Woolmer J.D. 217 J.D., A. Jones I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. G. Davis P.M. 167, W. G. Reynolds J.W. 1441, Mickelburgh P.M.

1425, Webb 81, S. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, K. H. Wood 1642, R. D. Smith 190, S. Smout jun. S.W. 1642, J. Heath 1681, E. Rogers 1642, Parker 1428, Cotton 382, Tapling 382, Nicholson 382, Stroud 55, Hart 1681, J. Chapman 591, J. French 1642, A. Jones, G. Coop, J. Owen, J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, G. Parsons, W. Nye, H. J. Hewlings, H. Lamb, J. O. Walker, Pitt, H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when the sections were worked. First Lecture—Bros. E. Rogers, Henry E. Tucker, A. Jones, G. Coop, G. Davis, E. Rogers, G. Davis. Second Lecture—Brothers Heath, W. G. Reynolds, Mickelburgh, Charles Andrews, Samuel Smout jun. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and Bros. Parkhouse and Bro. G. Davis worked the first and third sections. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, an address, congratulating H.R.H. Prince Leopold on his marriage with H.S.H. the Princess of Waldeck, was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. Read and the other brethren for working the sections.

Thursday, 4th May.—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., A. Jones S.W., Cunningham J.W., J. Wells Sec., Hewlings S.D., Lamb J.D., J. Owen I.G.; Bros. Stephens, J. J. Clarke, J. A. Smith P.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Lamb answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. A. Jones answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. C. Andrews worked a part of the installation ceremony. Lodge was closed to first degree. The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Hon. A. Yorke, Equerry in Waiting to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, acknowledging the congratulations of the brethren on the occasion of His Royal Highness's marriage. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. E. A. Head W.M., W. Rudge S.W., J. G. Calway J.W., S. Davison I.P.M., John G. Horsey P.M., G. Mitchell Secretary, W. Pile S.D., A. M. Betobley W.S.; also Bros. G. Histed, G. D. Woolgar, J. Woodbridge, J. Cooper and W. Hoskins; Visitor, Brother Thomas Smith 1096. Lodge was opened at 5 p.m., and after confirming the minutes of previous meetings, the brethren unanimously elected the S.W., Bro. Ridge W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Heckford Treasurer, and Bro. Sergeant Tyler. Three auditors were appointed. Brother John G. Horsey P.M. next read the bye-laws of the Lodge, and was followed by Bro. Davison P.M. giving notice of motion that a jewel be voted by the Lodge to the retiring W.M., and that the bye-laws of the Lodge, so far as relates to the dates of meeting and payment of subscriptions, be altered. After Lodge was closed, the brethren reassembled at table, and spent a very pleasant evening.

TOWN HALL, POPLAR.

BRO. J. A. KEABLE gave a very successful Literary and Musical Entertainment at the above Hall, on Monday evening last. Bro. Keable's ability as an elocutionist has been thoroughly established. He was set down on the programme for four pieces—"How Jane Conquest rang the Bell," Milne; "A Night with a Baby," Chantler; "Mr. Bumble and Mrs. Corney," Dickens; and "My Pipe," Watson; by the appreciation shown him by the audience it is clear he had made a happy selection. Bro. George Weige sang "The Bugler," by Pinsuti, and "The Boatswain's Story," by Molloy; he also, in conjunction with Mr. C. A. White, gave a capital rendering of the Duett "Excelsior." This latter gentleman had two songs, which were much applauded, viz., "Once Again," Sullivan, and "The Lighthouse Light," by Hutchison; the second being much to our taste. Mr. Lovett King (Pianoforte), and Mr. Frank Richardson (Flute), rendered excellent service, while the former gentleman's buffo songs were given with infinite humour. The ladies who took part were Miss Keable, who played two Pianoforte Solos, and exhibited therein promise of correct musical judgment; and Miss Jeanie Rosse. Miss Rosse sang "The Child and the Rose," "The Old and the Young Marie," and "The Bailiff's Daughter." Miss Stephens, who seems to be a most painstaking artiste, was much applauded in "Quand tu Chantes," by Gounod, wherein she was ably assisted by Mr. Richardson, who played the Flute obligato. In the Second Part Miss Stephens sang "The Trespasser," by Pontet, and gained an enthusiastic encore, when she substituted the ever popular "No, Sir." This lady also joined Mr. Lovett King in "The Singing Lesson," and was again most successful. Altogether the entertainment met with unqualified approval.

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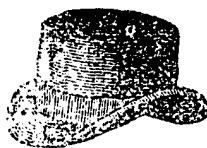
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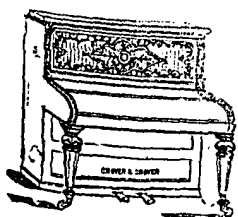
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