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## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BY reason of the conduct of certain brethren in attempting, for unwise purposes of their own, to set up an independent Grand Lodge, the District of New South Wales has acquired, during the last year or two, a certain amount of unenviable notoriety. The majority of the brethren—English, Irish, and Scotch, are loyal to the backbone to their respective Grand Lodges. But human nature is human nature, and there are always heaps of people who never know when they are sufficiently well off. The discontents—we should be sorry if we had written, as we originally intended, the word “malcontents”—cannot possibly fare better under an organisation of their own than they fare now in their connection with the Grand Lodges to which they are indebted for their existence. In our opinion, indeed, they would be in a worse position. To be connected with the oldest Grand Lodges in the world is an honour not lightly to be regarded, and an honour against which absolute, in place of comparative, independence weighs nothing. For these reasons it is that we welcome, all the more heartily, the appearance in New South Wales, of a *legitimate* organ of Masonic opinion in the shape of the *Sydney Freemason's Chronicle*, while all the greater is the pleasure we experience, not only in bearing testimony verbally to its merits as such, but likewise in giving all the publicity in our power to its notice of the meeting of District Grand Lodge, held on Monday, the 15th May. R.W. Bro. J. Williams, J.P., D.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Westcott D.D.G.M., F. A. Whyte Moore D.G.S. Warden, Rev. W. M. Whyte Moore D.G.J. Warden, and a strong muster of D.G. Officers, present and past, and other brethren. The minutes of the previous Communication having been read and confirmed, the reports of the Board of General Purposes and Board of Benevolence were submitted and adopted, after which the District Grand Master addressed the brethren present in the following terms:—“Worshipful Brethren, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the great progress and extension of English Freemasonry in this colony during the past year; indeed, I can unhesitatingly say that it is unparalleled in the history of Masonry in New South Wales. No less than five new Lodges have been formed, and of a class of brethren that will do honour and credit to the Order. The names of the Lodges are as follow:—St. George, Paramatta; Glebe, Glebe; Cobar Cobar; Prince of Wales, Muswellbrook; and Lodge of Peace, Uralla. I need not say how gratifying it must be to you, brethren, as well as to me, to mark the steady advancement of our Constitution, notwithstanding the subtle efforts that have been made from time to time to break the bonds of unity that bind together the Lodges here under the Grand Lodge of England. One act has been effected by this District Grand Lodge, of vital importance to the welfare of English Masonry, viz., the laws passed for the relief of indigent Freemasons and their widows (which laws will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge for its approval) and this has been done without any extraneous aid from either Lodges or brethren, our own benevolent funds being ample to meet any case that comes before the Committee. Our financial position, as our worthy Treasurer's balance sheets show, is most pros-

perous. The amount expended in benevolence has been £215 10s 6d. We have issued during the past year 383 certificates, and would have issued upwards of 400 if we had had blank certificates to meet the demands of the Lodges. These are the proofs, brethren, of our progress during the past year, and for them we have reason to thank the Great Architect of the Universe.” The R.W. D.G.M. having explained how, on learning the dastardly attempt on the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, he had taken upon himself to cable immediately to the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the sympathy of the Craft E.C., and had received within twenty-four hours a reply from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, thanking them for their loyalty and Masonic feeling, the proposal to hold the annual D.G.L. Festival was discussed. Some were in favour of a ball, others of a banquet. Bro. Whyte Moore D.G.J.W., LL.D. thought a banquet was most suitable. He did not propose this because his sacred calling prohibited his visiting a ball; yet, at a banquet, worthy brethren could give expression to their feelings, and many Masonic honours might be accorded which, at a gathering composed of ladies and strangers, would have to be omitted. Wor. Bro. S. Hodge said his experience was that when a banquet was given D.G. Stewards had to put their hands in their pockets to make good the deficiency in the expenses, whereas last year the ball left a surplus of £37. The R.W. D.G.M. reminded D.G.L. that the ball last year was an exceptional case, as the anticipated presence of the Royal Princes tended to make it the success it proved to be. The R.W. D.G.M. then spoke of the honour it was considered in England to hold the position of a Grand Steward, and gave a very lucid and interesting account of their origin. In conclusion, he remarked that he was at a loss to know why one of the greatest Masonic events of the year, viz., St. John's Day, was no longer celebrated in New South Wales, as formerly. Application has been made for dispensation under the English Constitution for three new Lodges, viz.:—Royal Albert Lodge, Esk Bank; Ballina Lodge, Richmond River; Moorabin Lodge, Wilcannia; making in all fifty Lodges. After some routine Masonic business District Grand Lodge was closed.

## IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

THIS is a question we are continually being asked, and taking all the facts, we scarcely feel ourselves in a position to answer so satisfactorily as could be desired. That the Order has made huge advances, especially within the last eight or ten years, is an undoubted fact, and were numbers of themselves any recommendation, we might be able to congratulate the Craft upon the progress it has made. But, unlike the friendly benefit societies, numerical strength in Freemasonry is not an unmixed good. With those the accession of “financial members” is a great point to be gained, for therein lies the secret of their success and the stability of their existence; whereas, in Masonry unwieldy Lodges are a source not only of anxiety, but a positive disadvantage in every sense. To this cause may in no small measure be attributed the unsatisfactory condition of many Lodges, both in the metropolis and the provinces; for in their desire to see the numbers increase, some brethren, in their excess of zeal,

seem to lose sight of the principle which should guide them in admitting candidates for the mysteries and privileges of the Institution, and to lack discrimination in the selection of persons who seek a participation in its benefits. That the subject is one not unaccompanied with difficulties we readily admit; still, when we hear certain brethren exult over the ever widening extent and popularity of the Craft, it would be well to pause and consider how far the quality of our Lodges is affected by the quantity. It is well known that many Lodges, by the freedom with which candidates are admitted, have become too large to be manageable with any degree of satisfaction either to the Master or the members. The inevitable consequence is, that brethren aspiring to office, and seeing their chance, in the face of so large a number, very remote, reason together with the view of starting an offshoot of the mother Lodge, and, of course make it a proviso that they shall fill the chairs from the outset, and thus enter into competition so to speak with the parent branch. We have known Lodges in which young brethren yearning for prominence, and unable to find it within their own circle, have strained every feeling of disinterested love for the Craft in their ambition to grasp a collar; and have pledged seats of honour to those who would combine with them in applying for a warrant to establish a new Lodge in which they themselves might lay claim to offices which they had failed to earn in the Lodges into which they were initiated. Herein has lain the cause of many a strife and much bitterness of feeling, and Lodges so formed have not unfrequently struck among the shoals and quicksands of jealousy and heartburning only when those who had been most active in their formation, actuated by personal motives, have either supped full of their self-sought honours, or grown tired of Freemasonry altogether, and retired—as so many do who are unsuccessful—disappointed with the “hollowness” of the profession, as they are pleased to designate it. The profusion with which warrants for new Lodges have been granted till within the last two years was, in our opinion, not altogether well-advised; and we are by no means disappointed that, of late, the “progress of Freemasonry” has been more steady and subdued. Had it gone on at the ratio it assumed prior to 1880, the consequence must have been to cause such a degeneracy of the Craft as to have shorn it of much of its influence and importance. As it is, how many men do we know who, having sought admission to our ranks with ulterior motives of benefit and gain, have seceded when they found their prospects of mercenary or personal aggrandisement fall short of their anticipations? These are the men who shrug the shoulder when the praises of Masonry are sung by those who really love the Craft for its own sake, and who fail to see any of its sublime professions borne out by practice. These are the malcontents who, having failed to gain honours by merit and the purity of their motives, stand aloof, and with bated breath malign the Institution they once professed to admire and promised to support; who ultimately descend from one point to another, until we find them in the ranks of those who look askance at our Benevolent Funds, and ask in alms what they could not gain by avarice. We have known men, even after they have assisted in breaking away from their mother Lodge, and in building up an offshoot, in the ruling (!) of which they could take a share, going back to their original, and obtaining a petition for presentation to the Benevolent Fund for aid, which in some cases they need not have required but through faults of their own. In the country this is even a worse evil than in London, because few Provincial Lodges possess benevolent funds, having quite enough to do to meet the necessary expenses of the Fourth Degree, and to pay Grand Lodge fees. In such cases, when brethren appeal for relief, all they can do is to send up a petition to the Lodge of Benevolence in the hope of obtaining some help for the needy brother, and thus we find the number of applicants for assistance at each successive meeting of the Committee absolutely overwhelming, and impossible of being fully met. Apart from all other considerations, this is one of the ill effects of a too ready admission of candidates into Freemasonry. of men who fall into arrear, at first with their subscriptions. then lapse altogether into a state of apathy and discontent, and finally fall into the ranks of those who have to ask for charity. With young Lodges formed in the way we indicate, it is imperative that initiates shall be found, in order to keep up the balance in the hands of the Treasurer: though, unfortunately, in some Lodges we could mention, in spite of an average share of admissions the balance-

sheet tells a woeful tale of laxity on the part of the members, and a hopeless state of arrears, so far as contributions are concerned. Far better it would be if instead of gratifying personal vanity, and endeavouring to “keep up appearances” before the world, members would remain alive to a sense of their individual and collective responsibilities, and maintain in their integrity those motives and impulses which first prompted them to enrol themselves under the Masonic banner. Initiation fees are necessary, and naturally acceptable, but if the vitality of a Lodge depends upon these, and permits a laxity in the regular and constant support it has a right to expect from its older members, disasters must follow as an inevitable consequence. Another source of weakness is when we find brethren, after they have fought their way, with more vigour than discretion, through the chairs, and at last are decorated with a Past Master's jewel, sadly retiring into the background, either because they think they have achieved all they can hope for, or because they may have aspired to the purple, and found it like the “sour grapes” in the fable. Such men should never become Masons, whose zeal and enthusiasm are damped by every little trial of their fortitude and patience. This is another undesirable result of the inflation of the Craft by the too rapid creation of Lodges, and we think, all things considered, we shall best answer the question propounded at the commencement of this article by concluding that, much as we rejoice to see the Craft widen in its influence and importance, the mere increase of numbers is not all that we can wish for, and that in this very rapid augmentation of numerical strength there is danger of deterioration in point of the quality of the brethren admitted. Better far to have a reasonably workable Lodge, without drones, and in a sound financial position, than a crowd of apathetic members whose only aim is for office, whether they are qualified or not, and who sink into gloomy discontent, if “vaulting ambition” happens to “o'erleap itself and fall on the other side.” If it were possible to weed out the hundreds of dissatisfied ones into whose outspread laps honours have not fallen, or deservd to fall, our Lodges would be freed from the trammels by which many are so sorely tried, and the wheels of Masonic prosperity would revolve with a far less grating sound. The query put to us, and which we have endeavoured in some way to open, is one which is exercising the minds of a considerable section of the Craft just now, and we shall be glad if any of our correspondents can, by their thoughts or experience, throw any additional light upon it. By the interchange of thoughtful opinions much good is wrought, and we trust we may receive the expression of many views upon the momentous and most important question under consideration.

### BANK HOLIDAY.

EACH of the four Bank Holidays which, thanks to the initiative taken some ten years since by Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., occur annually, has its special recommendations. Boxing-day enables the hardy sons of toil to extend their Christmas festivities over two days, while it further stimulates the chemist to extra exertion by promoting the sale of antibilious pills in order to counteract the dyspepsia that follows invariably the consumption of too many rich viands. Easter Monday, so dear to our Volunteers, falls in the early spring, when the trees are just beginning to bud, and the breadwinner, wearied by labours protracted through months of dull and musky weather, is looking forward to a little sunshine. Whitmonday falls later, when, for better or for worse, the weather is more settled; when cricket, and athletic and aquatic sports are in full swing; when visions of gooseberry tart and gooseberry fool loom in the by no means remote future; when our school children are counting the days to the Midsummer vacation, and bethinking themselves where they shall go, and what they shall do to enjoy themselves during that blissful period of the year; and when working men—by no means limited to the artisan and mechanic classes—have begun to feel more acutely than ever the heavy strain on their mental and physical powers. The August Bank Holiday comes in the full tide of summer, and is most enjoyable if the weather has about anything of summer. The days are still long, and the air generally warm—occasionally even a little more so than is pleasant. The corn crops are beginning to look their

brightest, and the attractions of the sea-side resorts have not yet had time to become stale and unprofitable. Thus, as we said at the outset, each of the four Bank Holidays has its special recommendations, while, to speak generally, Bank Holiday, without reference to differences of season, may be looked upon as being almost as sacred in the eyes of loyal Britons as Magna Charta or the Bill of Rights. No wonder, under these circumstances, that those who cater for the convenience or entertainment of the public should lay themselves out to meet the varied tastes and requirements of their patrons. On this occasion the Railway Companies, as usual, provided any number of excursion trains, at cheap rates, to all parts of the country. Steamboat Companies followed their example, while the programme set forth by the theatres left nothing to be desired.

The weather, if not exactly the brightest and sunshiniest we have had this year, was extremely pleasant, and from a very early hour the principal railway termini were crowded with people who, like famed John Gilpin, "on pleasure bent," had resolved on taking that pleasure either by the "sad sea waves," or at some quiet pleasure-resort inland. Thus, very heavy complements of holiday folk travelled by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railways to Brighton, Hastings, Eastbourne, Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight, and other favourite seaside towns, while some, making shorter stages on the same lines, were content with roaming among the Surrey Hills, &c. The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Companies were under the necessity of putting their best legs forward in order to keep pace with the well-nigh overwhelming demands made on their resources by those who think Margate and Ramsgate are the only places of their kind which offer the requisite quantum of pleasure. The Great Northern not only despatched a heavy load of excursionists to St. Albans, where there was an additional attraction to the nice country round about in the shape of a combined Foresters' and Odd Fellows' Fete, but conveyed some 2,000 visitors from Cambridge, Hitchin, and other stations on its line to the Alexandra Palace; via the London, Chatham, and Dover to the Palace of Crystal. The London and North Western, notwithstanding the heavy demands on their resources, found means to dispatch sundry excursions to Harrow, Sudbury, Wembley Hill (all of them great favourites with holiday-seeking folk), St. Albans, to which we have referred in connection with another line, and Watford, &c. All this traffic was so arranged that it did not in the slightest degree interfere with the regular traffic of the Company—a feature in railway management on which the Directorate is to be congratulated. The Midland ran a cheap train to Bedford, where there was a fire brigade competition; and the Great Western, besides dividing with the South Western the onus of filling Royal Windsor to an overflow with excursionists, bent either on enjoying a stroll on the banks of the Thames, or in the beautiful country round about, or visiting the State Apartments at the Castle, despatched an early and heavily-laden train to Swindon, Bath, Bristol; and a somewhat late, but equally well-filled one to Reading, Pangbourne, &c., &c. The Great Eastern did a heavy passenger traffic, not only in close proximity to Epping Forest, but to the remoter centres of resort with which it is connected—Walton-on-the-Naze, Clacton-on-Sea, Harwich, Dovercourt. The London, Tilbury, and Southend line, though it had its power severely taxed, was fully equal to the occasion, and by its means thousands of bread-winners with their families spent a happy day at Rosherville, Gravesend, or Southend. The Steamboat Companies also had a good time of it, and did their part in the day's traffic, by conveying some thousands to Margate and Ramsgate, Gravesend, Southend, and Sheerness, or up river to Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court.

To attempt anything like a full and particular description of the entertainments provided for these multitudes would be out of the question, even if the space at our disposal were more considerable. Those resorts which are accessible all the year round cannot complain they had not their share of the public patronage. Kew Gardens, with its rare botanical collection, had some 40,000 visitors, and fully as large a number made or renewed acquaintance with the lions of Royal Hampton. The British Museum, the Zoological Gardens, South Kensington Museum, and the Royal Horticultural Gardens, one and all were more or less crowded with holiday folk, while others gravitated about the Tower of London and saw the lions—not your

real live *F. Leones*, such as were to be seen there half a century since, but the Regalia, the Horse Armoury, the axe and block, Traitors' Gate, &c., &c. As for such vast open spaces such as Hampstead Heath, they, we may be sure, were not neglected. Some 50,000 to 60,000 visited the Heath we specified, the only drawback to their enjoyment being the intrusion of the Salvation Army. As to the Alexandra Palace and Crystal Palace, the enterprising management had in each case good reason to congratulate themselves on the grand programme they had prepared for the occasion. Thousands upon thousands of people sought admission at one or other of these abodes of pleasure, and enjoyed themselves till further enjoyment had become well nigh impossible. Moreover, as the railway arrangements in connection with the two Palaces were admirably regulated and controlled, these said thousands upon thousands were conveyed thither and home again, expeditiously under the circumstances, and without misadventure of any kind that we have heard of since. Lastly, those who returned early to town, or being in town as visitors, were not making homewards till the night was well advanced had something still to fall back on to make their day's pleasure, if possible, still more complete, that something being the theatres and music halls, the Christy and Mohawk minstrels, &c., which, one and all, made abundance of hay of a kind that is never disappointing long after the sun of their August Bank Holiday of this year of Grace 1882 had disappeared below the horizon.

#### ORGAN RECITAL.

ON Saturday the 29th. ult. Bro. Dr. Spark, the borough Organist, assisted by the Yorkshire St. Cecilia Quartet, gave his last free organ recital for the present season in the Leeds Town Hall, which was crowded by an overflowing audience. This was the fiftieth organ recital the Doctor had given since 3rd January, besides having played at six other meetings of a different character. In the course of those recitals two new pieces have on an average been introduced at each recital, so that the frequenters have had brought under their notice the best current music of the day. It is calculated that no fewer than 60,000 persons have attended the recitals, and listened to about 400 of the best compositions of living and dead authors, including excerpts from Herold, Mozart, Schubert, Bach, Guilman, Wely, Lemmens, the Wesleys, Romberg, Handel, Wagner, Mendelssohn, Marandi, Spark, Dussek, Merkel, the Hepworths, and others. From this it will be seen that the Music-loving people of Leeds have had exceptional opportunities of making the acquaintance of the composers of music for the king of instruments, including not a few of the organist's efforts. That Dr. Spark has thoroughly gauged the tastes of his audience has been proved by the attentive hearing he has always received, and the unstinted marks of appreciation that have rewarded his efforts. He has rarely played before a larger or more appreciative audience than that of Saturday evening, and the programme selected for his final appearance this session was one calculated both to please his hearers and to show off to the best the capabilities of the magnificent organ of which he has so long been the able custodian. Auber, Rossini, Merkel, Gounod, and Romberg, had each been drawn upon to provide music fitting the occasion, and the selections must in every way have commended themselves to the audience. The vocal part of the entertainment included "The soldier's love," "Banish, oh maiden," "The dance," and "The three chafers," compositions which it is needless to say were rendered in an admirable manner by the quartet who had so kindly volunteered their assistance. The Rev. Canon Ormsby, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who is at present officiating at St. Martin's Church, Potternewton, felicitously proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Spark for the musical treats he has from time to time provided to his hearers. The rev. gentleman expressed the personal enjoyment he had received from the recitals he had been enabled to attend, and said that they must be doing a great deal to educate the musical taste of the people of the town. He congratulated the people of Leeds on having such a hall, and such a splendid organ. Their thanks were due to the Corporation for providing such a means of education, but principally and chiefly were their thanks due to Dr. Spark, to whom he had pleasure in moving a vote of thanks, which he called upon the audience to accord in true Yorkshire fashion. The vote having been carried with acclamation, it was briefly acknowledged by Dr. Spark, who said that so long as he lived he should devote himself to the organ for the edification of the people. He hoped to resume his free concerts on the second Saturday in September, which he trusted would be the beginning of an equally successful session as the one which was now over.—*Yorkshire Post*.

Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G. Chaplain, Canon of Winchester, Rector of Burghclere, and Chaplain to Bro. the Pro Grand Master, has written a letter to the *Guardian* in favour of Home Missions of the Church of England.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, was present at the annual distribution of prizes on board the Mount Edgcumbe training ship, at Plymouth, on Wednesday last, held under the presidency of Admiral Sir Houston Stewart.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held at Newton Abbot, on Tuesday, 1st inst., and, as is usual, was preceded by various Committees. The auditors V.W. Bros. J. E. Curteis P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.W. and W. S. Pasmore P.M. P.P.G.R., having performed their duties, the Huyshe Memorial Committee met at the Devon, 1138, Lodge room. There were present W. Bros. John Brewer P.G.S. Chairman, J. E. Curteis, W. E. Elphinstone Stone P.P.G.J.W., Rev. W. Whitley P.P.G.C., C. Godtschalk P.M. 70 P.P.G.D., R. H. Rae P.P.G.D., J. Stocken P.G.T., J. Jerman P.P.G.S. Works, and J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C. The accounts having been gone through and verified, the following report was adopted:—

The Huyshe Memorial Fund beg to report that the subscriptions received, a summary of which is annexed, amounted to 551 10s. Of this sum £525 was appropriated in payment of the purchase of a life presentation in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £7 15s 10d in expenses for printing and postages, leaving a balance of £18 14s 2d, which your Committee recommend should be presented in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the same Institution on the Steward's list of Bro. Godtschalk, who in August 1881 moved the resolution in the Prov. Grand Lodge that the John Huyshe Memorial should take the form which is now consummated. The presentation has been filled by the nomination of Sidney Sowden, son of the late Bro. Sowden, of Lodge 372, Badleigh Salterton. Your Committee further recommend that this Report, together with the summary before referred to, be printed and forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province.

The next meeting was the important one of the Committee of Petitions. Here the V.W. Bro. J. E. Curteis presided, and there were present W. Bros. J. B. Gover Secretary, C. Godtschalk Rep. in London, J. Brewer P.G.S., J. Stocker P.G.T., E. Aitkin Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, W. Whitley P.M. 156 P.P.G.C., Webb E. Elphinstone Stone 372 P.P.G.J.W., J. Chapple P.M. 1396, G. Merrifield P.M. 282, D. Watson P.M. 328 P.P.G.J.D., Henry Stoker W.M. 39, L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Works, H. Welch P.M. 202 P.P.G.P., G. C. Searl P.M. 710, William E. Warren 1358 P.P.G.O., Robert Hambly W.M. 1855, T. D. Ford W.M. 1091, James Murray P.M. 1402 P.G.S., John Hurrell P.M. and T. 797, J. Bassett I.P.M. 1212, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550, J. R. Lord P.M. 70 and 1247 P.P.G.S.B., R. Cawsey P.M. and S. 230, A. R. Lethbridge P.M. 1847, Samuel Jones P.M. 112 P.P.G.J.W., John T. Crosby I.P.M. 952, S. Loram P.M. 1442 P.P.G.D.C., G. T. Barry P.M. 248 P.P.G.P., H. J. Kitt W.M. 105, Edmond T. Fulford P.M. 1254, William Brodie P.M. 1753 P.P.G.J.D., Thomas Ford P.M. 1125, George Evans P.M. 1181 P.P.G.S.D., W. Powell P.M. and S. 1205, S. B. Harvey P.M. and Sec. 1255, Henry G. Beachy P.M. 1138 P.P.G.T. A letter was read from the chairman, the R.W. Bro. W. Goddard Rogers D.P.G.M. stating his inability to attend. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, were confirmed. The Secretary read his report as follows:—

The number of votes received from the Provinces for the past year have been for October 1881, 253 boys' and 184 girls'; for April 1882, 267 boys' and 184 girls'; for May 1882, 434 men's and 444 widows', showing an increase over the number received last year of 214 votes. This improvement clearly demonstrates the utility of widely circulating the Reports of the London representative, in which Reports will be found many wholesome truths and undeniable facts. There are, however, still some Lodges who persistently withhold their support. This must be because the brethren who are appointed to represent them on this Committee fail in their duty. The Lodges who have neglected during the past year have been Nos. 106, 489, 710, for the eleventh year 1135 and 1753. The Chapters are 106, 444, 710, 90, and 1284. The disposal of the votes will be shown in the Report of Bro. Godtschalk, as also the position of the Province, which is highly favourable.

The report of the London representative (Bro. C. Godtschalk) having been printed and circulated was in the hands of each member of the Committee of Petitions, and is abridged as follows:—

The Annual Report referred first to the fact that at the half-yearly Report, Devon owed to other Provinces a total of 2,204 votes, whilst there were due to Devon 1,949 votes. The first election of the year was that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 8th April 1882, and a peculiar feature of this election was that at a Quarterly Communication, held immediately preceding the election, a motion was carried that all the candidates (twenty-seven) should be admitted without a ballot. Hence, the thousands of votes collected with so much care, became waste paper, and Devon was enabled to pay their liability of 626 votes. Of course arrangements had been made to pay in full if it had been required. The next election was for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 10th April 1882; the Devon votes received by Bro. C. Godtschalk from the Province were 267 Boys', with 816 repaid by Warwickshire, 197 borrowed, and fifty from a private source. These 1,330 votes were disposed of as follows:—Repaid Worcester 457, Cheshire 29, Bro. L — 33, lent Cheshire 500, to Warwickshire 257, and to South Wales 54. At the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Widows, 19th May, there were received from the Devon Province 444 votes; add to these the following votes obtained by your representative from Warwickshire 816, from Monmouthshire 535, from Cheshire 1,000, from South Wales 108, borrowed from Cornwall 239, and from Exmouth, exchange for men 47. These 3,189 votes are thus accounted for: The candidate selected by the Committee, the widow of an Exeter brother, had, during two previous elections polled 22 votes, 1,381 votes were polled for her, and she was elected with 1,403 votes. Then selecting the widow of the Plymouth brother whose friends had previously guaranteed to poll for her some two or three hundred votes; 1,381 votes were polled for her by me, and she was elected by a total of 1,841 votes; 427 were then lent; this accounts for all received. The exceptionally high polling at the election of widows, at which only thirteen were to be elected out of sixty-three candidates, meant that the highest candidate polled 2,096 votes, and the

lowest elected 1,373. At the Election for Aged Freemasons, on the 19th May, the Devon votes were 434; borrowed from Cornwall 207, from Wiltshire 50, repaid by Cumberland 104. These 795 votes were thus dealt with, including sixteen rejected coloured votes, because three Lodges and two Chapters had neglected to pay their dues to Grand Lodge, to a brother of Exmouth. In exchange for 100 Widows' votes, lent Exmouth 175 votes, and in exchange for twenty-five guineas to be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the list of Bro. C. Godtschalk, 504 votes were handed to Bro. Carter, and he was enabled to elect a duly qualified Devon candidate with 988 votes. Thus at four elections, the total number of Devon votes received by your representative were 1329; whilst the elections of Devon candidates during same elections a total of 3,541 votes more had been used, and yet our Province has no future liability, other than can be repaid by votes lent to other Provinces. Devon has now on the London Charities seven Aged Masons, seven Widows, and three others receiving half their late husbands' annuities, six Devon orphan boys, and eight girls in the Schools. Bro. Godtschalk's Report concluded with a regret that the duties were so manifold, and with less time at his disposal, he should not seek re-election at the expiration of his term; his successor, however, would find the Province under no liability for a single vote in connection with the elections.

An animated discussion arose hereon as to the disposal of some of the votes, and the independent line of action adopted by Bro. Godtschalk at the several elections, as shown by this and other of his reports.

In reply, Bro. Godtschalk said evidently two or three of the Committee were labouring under a mistaken notion. They must bear in mind in every case since he had represented the Province at the Great Masonic Charities, he had first, from his own efforts, supplemented the small number of Province votes placed at his disposal, and with these votes at once elected the candidate, whether man, woman, boy, or girl that had been selected by this Committee. Had these poor candidates been left to reap the benefit of what the Devon Province votes would have done for them, it is certain they would not have been elected, but been left out in the cold, and by now probably be hungry. Not only had he, without a single exception, elected the candidates selected by the Committee, but had, with surplus votes obtained entirely outside the Province, elected other duly qualified Devon candidates, for which the Province of Devon is under no liability whatever. He also pointed out to the two or three brethren who cavilled at this independent action, that had he used the large number of votes obtained wholly outside Devon, by electing candidates not belonging to the Province, then there might be something in their objection, but they well knew such had never been the case. He failed to see, looking at the fact that his action had been to relieve the Province, by electing duly qualified Devon candidates, whose cases must sooner or later have come before this Committee, who not having the power to elect the same would have had a burden to deal with, which, by his action, to the extent of the candidates elected, this Committee is relieved from dealing with. Moreover, let it be noted that in two recent cases of Devon candidates elected, they not being selected by this Committee, monies have been paid to the respective Institutions, for which Devon gets the credit, and future votes, through her Steward. Thinking thus, it would be well if certain brethren, before giving vent to the very crude objections expressed, were to throw a little light thereon, and endeavour to post themselves with a knowledge of some of the features of a contested Masonic election; they would learn that during the two hours of the poll being open, and after previous well-arranged plans have been made for the election, and the ultimate disposal of votes, many contingencies arise; by having to depend on others for votes, which have to be allotted, repaid, marked, and polled, and to the brother whose word is good for the prompt return at a future election within the last hour of the poll being open, large parcels of votes are sometimes offered; this requires instant decision, with the knowledge of what number he wants to elect his candidate, and not to poll at random, and so waste votes; and also to know that he will be in a position to repay the borrowed votes at next election; to do this requires a representative, not a mere go-between who must needs wire his Province for instructions over every small transaction. For some years he had been, in the sense first-mentioned, their representative, and the large number of Devon candidates—Aged Masons', Widows', Boys', and Girls'—carried by him, with only a small moiety of Devon votes to do so, placed him in a position to say to carping brethren, "In the interest of our Province, and for the benefit of our unfortunate and necessitous poor,—Go thou and do likewise." At the conclusion of these remarks, Bro. Godtschalk's report was received and adopted by the Committee, for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The following Report was likewise adopted for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

The Committee of Petitions, in submitting their annual statement to the Provincial Grand Lodge, have the pleasure to report that the result of their efforts has been as successful as in former years. The total number of votes for all the Charities received by the Committee from Devon for the year have been 1766, an increase over the former year of 214. With these at their disposal the Committee have succeeded in securing the election of one aged Mason, two widows, and one girl, and for this purpose 4851 votes have been used. Where and how the enormous balance of over 3000 votes were obtained is shown in the Reports of Bro. Godtschalk, to whom the Province is largely indebted for his indefatigable energy and skilful arrangements. It is still, however, a subject for regret that many Lodges do not support the Committee. Those who have neglected to do so in the past year are Lodges 106 Exmouth, 489 Bideford, 710 Totnes, for the eleventh year 1135 Ilfracombe, for the fourth year 1753 Okehampton, and Chapters 106 Exmouth, 444 Starcross, 710 Totnes, 954 St. Anby, 1284 Topsham. There are at least 600 votes annually lost to the Province, either by being given to candidates outside Devon, or not being utilised. It should be remembered that the pink coloured votes sent to Lodges and Chapters are rejected by the scrutineers if the Grand

Lodge and Chapter dues are unpaid. And at the elections a black list is issued by the Grand Secretary, and the Lodges who figure therein lose their votes. At the meeting of the Committee in Exeter, on 24th January, the following sums were granted:—£5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 112 Exeter, being a fifth donation, £5 to a brother of Lodge 159 Stonehouse, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 230 Devonport, £5 to the brother of Lodge 248 Brixham, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 328 Torquay, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 Tiverton, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 Stonehouse, the sum of £2 10s to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1247 Plymouth, and £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1550 Plymouth. At the meeting held at Newton Abbot this day, the Committee have granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 489 Bideford, and they recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to grant the following sums:—£5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 230 Devonport, £5 to a brother of Lodge 248 Brixham, £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 Tiverton, £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 Stonehouse, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 156 Plymouth, £10 to a brother of Lodge 328 Torquay, and three guineas to a widow of a brother of Lodge 1181 Seaton; and in accordance with the resolution of the Provincial G. Lodge, the Committee recommend that the sum of one hundred guineas (the available balance of the funds) be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that it be placed on the list of the W. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W., as Steward representing the Province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Alexandra Hall, under the banner of Devon Lodge, No. 1138, and the room was well arranged and decorated by the zealous members of that Lodge.

The Secretary's Report, showing the returns of the Lodges in the Province, the number of members and amount of dues, which will be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges, was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report showed the amount received for the past year, and beyond small printing and postal expenses, the balance will be found to be satisfactorily expended by the Committee of Petitions. The Report of the Fortescue Fund was not presented.

The Report of the Committee of Petitions was read by W. Bro. Gover, and it was unanimously resolved that it be received and adopted, and the sums therein recommended be paid.

The Bye-Laws Revision Committee reported that they had met, and having regard to the fact that the constitution of the Order was also to be revised, and having the advice of the higher authorities, the Committee would wait for the settlement of the general laws.

The Report of the Hyshe Memorial Committee was received and adopted.

The Report of the Committee for purchasing Collars and Jewels was read. They had been unable to find exactly how many would be really wanted, and there was a large difference in the Masonic drapers' and jewellers' prices; but after the meeting, when they proposed to retain the collars, they would be able to decide and carry out the arrangement. Bro. Gover suggested that it would be better to adopt the principle of Grand Lodge, and let the brethren who were appointed to office come provided with their regalia. He had had several experiences of new collars being bought for Grand Lodge, and could scarcely understand how these were lost; a Brother distinguished by high official rank ought to be able to recollect to whom the jewel lent him for a year really belonged. The Report was received and adopted.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge was submitted for consideration:—"That at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, holden on 7th June, it had been proposed that, for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the Lodges in the London district (except Military Lodges) shall pay quarterly 1s 6d each to the fund, instead of 1s, as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March 1814. And that all members of Lodges not within the London district (except Military, Colonial, and Foreign Lodges) shall pay quarterly ninepence each to the fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the Grand Lodge." But, "after some discussion, the following resolution was passed:—"That the further consideration of this motion be postponed until an opportunity be given to Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether any increase should be made to the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge." I am, therefore, directed to request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps to ascertain the views of your Provincial Grand Lodge on the question, and to notify the same to me before the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 6th December next, at which meeting the consideration of the motion will be resumed." The brethren generally were opposed to this proposition, and it was proposed and seconded by W. Bros. Samuel Jones and Perry that no increase in the quarterage should be advised. The only brother that spoke in behalf of the Grand Lodge proposition was Wor. Brother Charles Godtschalk, who sought to show that one of two courses must be followed: either the quarterages must be increased, or the relief afforded by the Lodge of Benevolence must be limited. At present that Lodge had a reserve fund of £45,000, but the calls upon it had increased so much of late that the expenditure exceeded the income, and at the present rate that reserve fund must be annihilated in about twenty years unless the brethren came in some way to its aid. Lodges were always applying to the Board of Benevolence for aid when they had any distress, somewhat too frequently, he feared, from want of caution and circumspection in their Lodge management. Yet they thought nothing of how that fund was to be replenished. By the reckless increase of Lodges during the past few years, whether wanted or not, many had been brought into the Order who had better have been left out; with them Masonry had made a bad debt. This debt must now be paid by increased quarterages, or it must be liquidated by diminished grants from the Fund of Benevolence. The proposition against the increase of the quarterage was carried with scarcely another dissentient. W. Bros. John James, J. W. Cornish, and Walter Bradnee were proposed for the office of Treasurer. Bro. Cornish was elected. W. Bro. J. E. Curteis and W. S. Pasmore were re-elected Auditors.

R.W. Brother Rogers then invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Worshipful Brothers Captain W. Elphinstone Stone, R.N., 372 P.G.S.W., Wm. Derry 166 P.G.J.W., the Rev. Roger Granville 489 and Rev. H. B. Grimaldi 161 Prov. Grand Chaplains, W. Vicary 1138 P.G. Registrar, J. W. Cornish 223 P.G.T., John Brewer 251 P.G. Sec., W. B. Colston 218 P.G.S.D., Mark Farrant 112 P.G.S.D., W. H. Goodridge 797 P.G.J.D., Thomas Sanders 421 P.G.J.D., George Merrifield 282 P.G.S. Works, James Murray 1402 P.G.D.C., H. L. Friend 1443 P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Gillman 1099 P.G.A.D.C., H. H. Edmonds 444 P.G.S.B., James Chapple 1396 P.G.O., C. W. Holdstock 666 P.G. Purs., C. H. Cooper 105, F. H. H. Orchard 164, H. F. Willey 1284, James Thorne 1332, Frederick Palk 1358, and F. Littleton 1847 P.G. Stewards, P. L. Blanchard 444 P.G. Tyler, John Rogers 202 A P.G. Tyler. This concluded the business, and in the evening a large number of brethren dined together at the Globe Hotel, R.W. Bro. Rogers presiding.

On the 5th September their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany will visit Preston, when His Royal Highness will lay the first stone of the Free Library with Masonic ceremonial. There will be present on the occasion the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, and Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire, the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmoreland, Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart. M.P., Sir R. Assheton Cross, M.P., Bro. the Earl of Derby, who will present an address to the Duke, &c., &c. It is expected that quite a thousand members of the Craft will take part in the proceedings of the day.

The transport Orient with Major-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.W., and the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards on board, left Malta for Alexandria at 1 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th instant. The ship reached the latter place on Thursday, and shortly after its arrival H.R.H. landed and paid a visit to the Khedive.

The Calabria with Lieutenant-General Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, commanding the expeditionary force to Egypt with squadrons of the 2nd Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards reached Gibraltar at noon on Tuesday. Lord Napier of Magdala, who commands the Garrison on the Rock, went out in a gunboat and paid Sir Garnet a visit.

Commander Bro. Lord Charles Beresford is one of half a dozen officers of the same rank who have been promoted to be Captains in the Royal Navy in consideration of their distinguished services on the occasion of the bombardment of the Alexandrian forts on the 11th July.

A committee has been formed with a view to raising by public subscription sufficient funds to enable Mr. J. T. Wood to resume his exploration of the remains of the famous Temple of Diana at Ephesus. It was as far back as 1863 that Mr. Wood began his labours, and after continuing them for six years he was fortunate enough to discover the site of the building some twenty feet below the surface of the ground. For the five following years he prosecuted his task under the auspices of the Trustees of the British Museum, by the aid of government grants, amounting in the aggregate to £12,000. Since then circumstances have not been favourable to his wish to carry his searches further, and hence the present movement, which is under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

On Tuesday afternoon the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales were confirmed at Whippingham Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, the ceremony being performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom were the Dean of Windsor and Canon Connor. The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters the Princesses Victoria, Louise, and Maud of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, the Duchess of Connaught, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, the Duke of Hesse, and the Princesses Sophia and Margaret of Prussia occupied seats in the chancel, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, while on the Communion Table was an exquisite display of white lilies. The young Princes wore their naval uniform, and by special desire of Her Majesty, every rank on board the Bacchante was represented, Captain Lord Scott and the other officers being in full uniform.

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## HOLIDAY TIME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At a time when the sun is broiling us all in London, and rendering life almost unbearable to us who are "chained to the desk" it is pleasant to think of so many of our brethren who are away on the wings of holiday-making, and who will return to their duties full of renewed health and vigour, when the recess is over. I hear, too, that the summer banquets which have taken place in connection with many of the metropolitan Lodges have turned out an unqualified success, and that one or two others are on the point of drawing together goodly parties of brethren and their lady friends during the next few weeks. I only regret that your columns are not thrown open more freely to a description of these happy *réunions*, for independently of the pleasure such accounts would give to the unfortunate, but unselfish, ones who have to stay at home, the records of trips and enjoyable excursions by road, river, or rail, always possess some features of interest which may be read with pleasure during our hours of relaxation. I have just received a missive from an old friend of mine, who is now enjoying a flying visit to the land o' cakes and it is positively charming to hear his recital of the benefit and pleasure he is deriving from the change. Our brother, before crossing the Tweed, wrote and asked, which was the most convenient hotel in the locality for which he was bound? and received what must have been to him a very welcome hint. "My house would be as good an hotel as any I know of, and so you had better come here." It is not often an invitation comes so frank and hospitably, and I should have wondered had Brother O— needed a repetition of it. So away he speeds on a 350 miles journey, which he says, gleefully, was got over in eight hours and twenty minutes; and, he adds, "we did rattle away over some parts of the journey!" There is a tantalising chuckle about that style of reminder which makes one almost rush in desperation and pack up one's portmanteau instantaneously! He goes on further to tickle the fancy by saying, "This is a beautiful place. The house is situated in a large park of over a thousand acres, with a splendid trout stream running through it, and surrounded by very high hills, the scenery of which is splendid. I long to be at the top of them, which I shall be in a few days." My correspondent, —let me whisper in parenthesis,—always seems to hold "Excelsior!" as his motto, whether in Lodge or in his business and pleasure; and that is one reason, perhaps, of his having attained the enviable means of scudding off every now and then on a 350 miles journey! "The air is singularly pure and bracing, and it is considered one of the most healthy places in Scotland." Even in the midst of all this delicious revelry, with mountain-climbing and trout-fishing on the brain, he does not, however, forget home, for he hopes some kind brother was found the other night to "scratch down" the minutes of the Lodge of which he is Secretary, and if the substitute is too indolent to make them into "fair copy" for the next meeting, he asks me to "keep them in the rough till he comes home." Of course, the worthy old fellow need not make himself anxious at all on that score, nor allow the thought of it to interfere for a moment with the rural felicity he is now enjoying. In the postscript are the words, "We are off for a drive directly after dinner. Remember me to the brethren all, and say, I am enjoying myself and forgetting all about Masonry, so I shall have to rehearse to myself while fishing." Lucky dog! the only harm we wish you is, that we could join you on the banks of your lovely stream, and hear your merry prattle, as the trout rise to the fly, to enbale your mountain breezes, and to "rehearse Masonry" (?) instead of spending the next few sultry weeks on a high stool amongst the bricks and mortar of this eternally hard-worked city. Cannot you get a few more of our brethren who are floating about in charming holiday ease to send us a few little bits of such gossip. It would enable them to give vent to their joyous feelings, and do a little to make us at home forget the worries of an involuntary imprisonment in the durance vile of our offices.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

GRUMBLER.

Cheapside, 9th August 1882.

## JEWS IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—All English historians agree that Jews settled in England during Cromwell's time; E. H. Liudo, in his "Jewish Calendar," page 127, says, that in 1656, "The first Portuguese synagogue, Duke's Place," was opened, also their burial ground, in Mile End, and their hospital, where it now stands. I was, therefore, surprised to find in "The England of Shakespeare," by Edwin Goadley, published by Cassell, Petter, Galpin and Co., chapter ix. page 138, an intimation that Jews lived in England during Shakespeare's time.

The said chapter is devoted to an imaginary ramble, by the author, through various parts of London. On page 138 he says, "Our route is by Cornhill, then anything but a corn place, full of old clothes shops, and familiar Jewish physiognomies. If you have been robbed of a hat, a cloak, or a rapier, in a brawl over-night, it is here you may find it hanging next morning, with a good price on it in English

money." On the next pages he says, "To the right is the Jewerie, the abode of the persecuted, but useful tribe."

Now, if there is any truth about the old clothiers in the days of Elizabeth or James I. in Cornhill having bought stolen goods, these old clothiers could not have been Jews. I hope you will call the publisher's attention to the blunder of Mr. Goadley, so that it may be corrected in the next edition of that otherwise very interesting little book.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 21st July 1882.

## SUBDIVISION OF THE LONDON LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of your correspondent "DELTA" gives me great encouragement. I have not lost sight of my proposal, and, as a proof of intention to promote it, I may, perhaps, be allowed, through your pages, to inform him and the brethren generally, that I have forwarded to the proper quarter another notice of motion, which I trust will not be affected by any technicality rendering it unacceptable to the Board of Masters, to whom it, as well as all other notices of motion for discussion in Grand Lodge, must in accordance with our rules and constitutions, be submitted. My motion now is as follows:—

"That, having regard to the great increase, during the past twenty-five years, in the number of 'Lodges within the London District,' (see Book of Constitutions, page 72), this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the desirability of subdividing the said London District into Subordinate Grand Lodges, to be constituted in like manner to Provincial Grand Lodges."

There is not the least doubt that the question I desire to have discussed is one in which a majority of the members of the Metropolitan Lodges take great interest; and I conscientiously believe that, if the suggestion I make can be carried out without interference with any prerogative whatsoever, their votes will be given in its favour. I have no personal desire to give the slightest occasion for interference with duly constituted authority; but, on the contrary, am loyally disposed to submit thereto in all matters consistent with firm principle and freedom of discussion. Being, therefore, undesirous of promoting any debate which cannot be to the interests of Freemasonry, I have sought advice and information as to whether any, and, if any, what reasons can be advanced against this notice of motion as a fair question for the decision of the Grand Lodge, which body "alone as the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft." But it has been intimated to me that it is no part of the duty of others, notwithstanding official position, "to advise private members of Lodges either as to the form or substance of resolutions they may desire to bring forward in Grand Lodge."

Consequently the action I have taken is on my sole responsibility, and I must stand or fall accordingly as the members of the "Lodges within the London district" may afford or withhold their support. The "championship of free discussion," to which your correspondent alludes, although a very taking and complimentary expression, does not carry with it that freedom from anxiety which is essential to comfort, unless there be a corresponding effort on the part of those who agree with the principle. If that assistance be given, not only by perfect agreement out of Grand Lodge, as it is, but by open endorsements within its portals, the task of securing a "fair hearing" for an important question will be made easy, and the result give satisfaction.

On the merits of the question to which my notice of motion refers, I will not now enlarge. There will be proper time and place for full explanation of my views. They may not accord with the general sentiments of the brethren; on the other hand, they may. I am content to take their opinion in either case; but as to any interference with the ordinary course of procedure in respect of "notices of motion" the "question of privilege" still remains as a "*dernier ressort*," unless indeed the "cloture" should become a standing order of Grand Lodge procedure.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 7th August 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No one admires Bro. James Stevens more than I do, and no one would more gladly see his efforts at any reasonable reform crowned with success. I do not doubt, as your correspondent of last week "DELTA" is pleased to remark, that Bro. Stevens's proposal for "the subdivision of the London Lodges into Metropolitan Grand Lodges," already "has the agreement of a large body of Metropolitan Masons in its favour," and, such being the case, it does not surprise me in the least to hear that they "desire that Bro. Stevens should not let the matter drop because of his having been misinterpreted on the last occasion." I think it was quite beneath the dignity of the Board of Masters, even though they were fortified in what they did by the opinion of so learned an authority as our respected G. Registrar, to employ a mere quibble in order to defeat Bro. Stevens's motion, and Bro. Stevens was perfectly justified in bringing the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge as a question of privilege. I will go further and say, that in my humble opinion, Bro. Stevens's plain and unadorned explanation showed advantageously by the side of that offered by Grand Registrar, and I



am considerably more than half inclined to believe that our Pro G. Master, though he felt it his duty to justify—as he did on grounds which, as his lordship was pleased to remark, were most trivial—the action of the Board of Masters, was of the same mind. But, though I think the Board of Masters was in the wrong in rejecting Bro. Stevens's motion, and that the latter was not only fully justified, but acted most pluckily in bringing his question of privilege before Grand Lodge, that is quite another affair from having faith in the virtue of the proposal Bro. Stevens was desirous of submitting. I do not, in the first place, think the Lodges in the Metropolitan area have the slightest reason to complain of not having their due share—if there be a due share, where merit alone is, or should be, the ground for promotion—of Grand Lodge honours. In the next place, the line which separates the Metropolis from the contiguous Provinces of Kent, Surrey, Essex, Herts, and Middlesex, is so absolutely nominal that a London brother who is anxious to win for himself Prov. Grand honours need not experience the slightest difficulty in satisfying his ambition. Lastly, the proposition, if carried, would, by encouraging still further the already too prevalent love of tinsel, still further detract from the simplicity of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,

"JOD."

### MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have little doubt that your readers have by this time had well nigh enough of this discussion. The question of the bestowal of alms, and in what cases it is justifiable, in what the reverse, is one in respect of which there will always be found a large number of people who are of one mind only in one particular—they agree to differ. But this hardly affects the point as originally raised by a "CONSTANT READER." He cited a particular case, in which a "wayworn" brother applied for help to the members of a Lodge who were in the act of enjoying the final bout of conviviality at the very moment he made his request, and was sent away unrelieved. He remarked on the hardship of the case, but was rebuked by "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" for his pains. I followed, with a suggestion that no harm could possibly have been done if the poor fellow had been temporarily relieved with the price of "glasses round," meaning of course, as I subsequently explained, that that would have met the immediate necessities of the brother's need till proper inquiry had been made into the circumstances. The discussion continued, and at length culminated in the article which appeared in your number of last week. Now there is nothing in which the observance of a hard-and-fast rule is so likely to be injurious as in the distribution of alms. The man who makes a point of giving indiscriminately to every applicant has his charity again and again abused by loafing vagabonds. If you remonstrate with him, all he probably says is, "Well, it can't be helped; at all events, there were some worthy people among those I helped." On the other hand, the man who on principle refuses every applicant for help, acts with equal unwisdom. But in Masonry there is some difference in the administration of help to needy brethren. We are invited—or rather I should say it is enjoined upon us—to help those of our fellows who are in distress—within the just limit of prudence. Therefore, though it is the duty of every Mason to whom application is made by a brother for help to exercise the necessary caution, so as not to encourage the vagabond in his wanderings, it is not his whole and sole duty. If he can afford it, he ought to give him sufficient for his immediate necessities, so that, to use your own quotation, it may not be a case of "While the grass grows the horse starves." It is better to waste a little on some unworthy object of your sympathy than to run the risk of driving a worthy one into the workhouse. If, on inquiry, you find your applicant is little else than a vagabond going about the country for the purpose of seeking whom he may devour, you can then advertise him as such in the Masonic journals, and you have expended no more than you would have spent, if, in company of half-a-dozen friends, you had paid for "glasses round." If, on the other hand, he turns out a worthy fellow, you not only have the immediate satisfaction of having helped him in his immediate distress, but you can leave him with the almoner of a Lodge with far better grace, and therefore be of greater service to him ultimately, than if, in doubt of the justice of his case, you had dismissed him unrelieved.

I have no wish to prolong the discussion, but these few remarks may possibly help to illustrate your article of last week.

Fraternally yours,

"LONDONER."

The Prov. G. Lodge of South Wales, Western Division, will hold its annual meeting at Haverfordwest, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant. There is sure to be a very considerable gathering of the Craft, as there is, unquestionably, no more popular Masonic Provincial chief than Lieut.-Col. Lloyd Philipps, who is Grand Master of the Province. We anticipate that the meeting will prove a great success.

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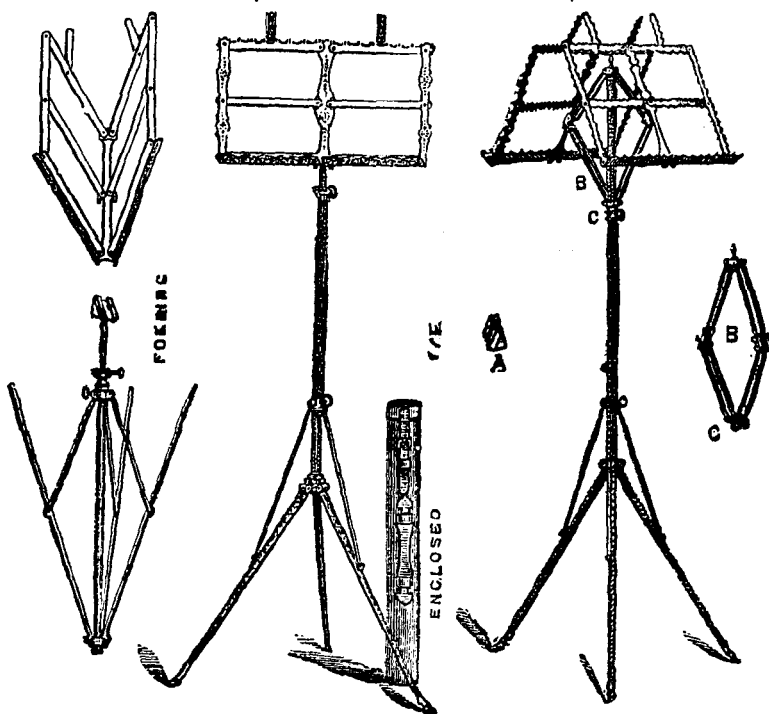
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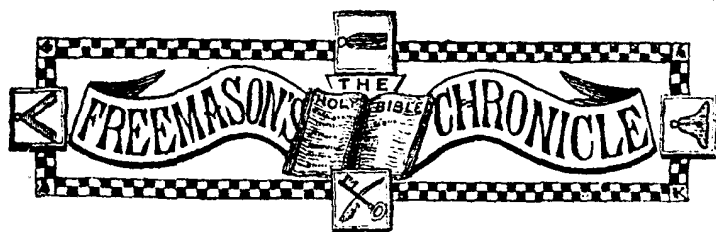
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## LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT NASSAU.

THE ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple at Nassau took place on Monday, 17th July, in the presence of an enormous concourse of people of all religious denominations and grades of society in this city. A procession was formed at the Lodge room in Bay-street soon after four p.m., which moved to the Cathedral, headed by two Tylers with drawn swords, the Friendly Society's Band, the Members of the Lodges and Masters thereof, the two Grand Lodges, the Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Masters with the Grand Deacons on either side of them, two Grand Stewards and the Grand Tyler bringing up the rear.

In this order the march was continued till the Cathedral was reached, when a halt was called, and the brethren opened to the right and left, facing one another inwards, so as to leave a lane for the Grand Masters to pass by the centre; thus the Church was entered by inverting the order of the procession.

The service was begun with the appropriate hymn, "Pleasant are Thy courts," &c., which was sung most heartily. The Rev. R. Swanu, rector of the parish, read the prayers; the Rev. R. Saunders, rector of St. Matthew's, read the first lesson; and the Rev. W. W. Duncombe, rector of St. David's, the second lesson. The sermon by the Right Rev. the Bishop was a practical and eloquent exposition of the words: "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord,"—Ephesians ii. 21.

The Cathedral choir on the occasion was increased by many of the singers of St. Andrew's Church, which added much to the music both in volume and effectiveness. The Anthem selected was "The Marvellous Work," from Haydn's Creation. The solo was very finely sung by Mrs. Spence, in a clear, brilliant, and well-sustained manner, and the whole service was most hearty and joyous. When the last notes of the organ were pealing out the Hallelujah Chorus the procession reformed, and proceeded to the grounds of the present Lodge, in front of which the new Temple is to be erected, where preparations were made for laying the corner stone. A platform had been constructed for the members of the Grand Lodges; and as soon as order could be obtained, the Hon. J. H. Webb, District Grand Master for the Bahamas under the English Constitution, announced the purpose of the occasion, and offered a short prayer. The Provincial Grand Master, under the Scotch Constitution, F. J. Aranha, Esq., then inquired of the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Grand Lodges what coins, papers, or written documents had been prepared to place in the cavity of the stone. These Officers responded, and Bro. Butler read the scroll, which contained the names of the Grand Masters and Officers of the Grand Lodges, &c. Coins of the period and newspapers were also deposited under the stone, the cement was spread and the stone lowered, making three distinct stops, while the band played "Rule Britannia." Bro. Grand Master Aranha then presented to the Deputy Grand Masters, Bros. Captain Lightbourn and A. Thurston, the Square; to the Grand Senior Wardens the Level, and to the Grand Junior Wardens the Plumb, and the following colloquy ensued:—The Deputies were asked, "What is the proper jewel of your office?" To this they replied, and stated the moral and Masonic use of the Square. Similarly the Senior and Junior Wardens stated the jewels of their respective offices, and their uses in Masonry; the Level to remind the brothers of equality and to lay horizontals, and the Plumb to indicate rectitude of conduct and to try perpendiculars. All these several Masonic uses were applied to the Corner Stone, and the Deputy Masters reported it "square," the Senior Wardens "level," and the Junior Wardens "plumb." The District Grand Master then said:—

"This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry, and we find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty. We do, therefore, declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient Craft. Let the elements of consecration now be presented."

The Deputy Grand Masters then scattered corn as an emblem of plenty, and said:—

"May the blessing of bounteous heaven be showered upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude."

The Senior Grand Wardens produced wine, and, pouring it on the Stone, said:—

"We pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper our Empire and City, and may Friendship and Brotherly Love endure throughout all ages."

The Junior Grand Wardens poured oil on the Stone, and said:—

"We pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrowing and trouble no more."

An Invocation, pronounced by the District Grand Master, followed: in these words:—

"May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of these Islands with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, long preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us all a supply of the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy."—Amen.

An Address by the Provincial Grand Master Aranha followed:—

Men and Brethren here Assembled: Be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey the unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to build a house, which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world, till time shall be no more. Amen."

At the conclusion of this Address, the District Grand Master (Bro. J. H. Webb) rose and delivered an eloquent and extempore oration, in a clear, comprehensive and happy style, of which the following is a summary:—

"Brethren and Friends,—At this stage of our proceedings, it is usual for some learned and eloquent brother to deliver an oration, embodying the salient principles of our Order, and their adaptability to the exigencies of modern thought and the requirements of Society. I at once admit my incapability of properly performing this duty, but I feel somewhat relieved from any embarrassment by the sympathy and interest so clearly manifested in the vast assemblage of persons of all ranks and walks in life here gathered to assist in the ceremony of the day. I look upon the joyous faces of my brethren, this surging crowd, this glorious weather and brilliant tout ensemble, as an oration in itself—more eloquent than any language of mine can illustrate. We cannot paint the lily nor adorn the rose, any more than can any words of mine add to the poetic beauty and grandeur of this interesting occasion. However, I will occupy your attention for a short time with a few points in the history of Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, the Secrets of Masons, and the universal principle of Charity and Brotherhood, which is the glory of our Order. Laurie's "History of Freemasonry" contains the most succinct and graphic history of the Craft. I will read a passage or two from this work, and then leave this part of my subject, which, like all other traditional histories, is involved in a certain amount of obscurity, but has still enough of the sunlight of truth and fact to connect it with modern Speculative Freemasonry. (Extracts were here read, tracing the origin and progress of this ancient and venerable Institution.) In the West Indies Masonic history can be traced to its first Charter, about 130 years ago, and in our own sea-girt island we have data for nearly a hundred years. In the records of the vestry of Christ Church in 1785 it is stated that the Freemasons attended Divine Service on St. John's Day; and in 1810 the foundation stone of St. Andrew's Kirk was laid by Freemasons. In 1830 they assisted at the laying of the foundation stone of the tower of Christ Church, and in 1837 they were again present when the corner stone of the new church was laid. In 1844 the first efforts were put forth by Bros. Sir George Anderson, Cooke, Jarrett, Dillett, and Smith (whose son I now see present), to obtain funds for the purchase of the present Lodge site, and the erection of the building for which to-day we are met to lay the Corner Stone. It is peculiarly gratifying to me to assist at this ceremony, because I believe the building to be erected will be an ornament to this City as well as a home for Masons, where in mutual brotherhood meetings for intellectual culture and social recreation may be had. It will be the fault of Masons alone if the arts and sciences are not therein discussed and cultivated, and I rejoice in the knowledge that all good men and true may there receive educational advantages. Of the secrets of Masonry it only becomes me to say, that they are not at variance with either the laws of God or man. In ancient times the Operative Mason used them as signs of brotherhood, and in modern times the Speculative Mason uses them in the same way to discover the bond which makes all within its mystic pale one in universal charity. Whether our wives approve or not, one fact is certain, that many a widow's heart has been cheered, and orphan's life made happy through the very secrets which some despise and condemn. The magnificent schools, almshouses, and retreats for the elder brethren of the Order scattered throughout the mother country fully corroborate what I state; and there is hardly a brother present who cannot testify to the fact that some young man or woman has had the first start in life through the influence which these traditional secrets impose on the conscience of the brethren. A good Mason will sure to be a good man, and a bad man cannot be a good Mason. Freemasonry, let us bear in mind, "is not a plaything or a sensation. It is a very useful, unassuming, benevolent, and valuable Order; a friend to true progress, and improving civilisation, which asks for and obtains the warm support of the intellectual, the moral, the kindly disposed, and the honest-hearted. It is an institution, around which we may freely rally, amid many opposing schools of thought and sympathy to-day, as offering us a standpoint on which we ourselves can plant, as on a firm basis, its goodly standard of toleration, honour, loyalty, and charity." Let me urgently advise its use, and recommend its principles. It seems to me to say to-day, in convincing tones, Our Order is one within whose peaceful portals you may learn useful lessons, without dwelling upon hurtful, puerile contentions—lessons of forbearance, love, truth,

without condemning one another. Amid all the noise of angry combatants and the turmoil of sectaries Freemasonry offers a rendezvous for toleration, concord and brotherhood. Of the great fundamental principles of the Order, I will only say that they appear to me like the grand old Atlantic Ocean spread out before us in dazzling beauty and sunlit streaks. Its vastness is only limited by the globe we inhabit, though its waters merge into other oceans and seas which lave the continents and islands which give them names. So is the universal bond of Masonic charity. It knows neither Confucian, Buddhist, Islam, nor Christian, by symbol or creed, but embraces all in its universal girdle of charity and brotherly love. It only asks for the sign, to at once extend the fraternal embrace. I commend this Order to your wise consideration and enlarged sympathies, and thank you, on behalf of my brethren, as well as myself, for your kind presence here to-day to assist in laying this stone."

The Benediction was then read as follows:—

"Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men! O Lord, we most heartily beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold and bless this assemblage; pour down Thy mercy, like the dew that falls upon the mountains, upon Thy servants engaged in the solemn ceremonies of this day. Bless, we pray Thee, all the workmen who shall be engaged in the erection of this edifice; keep them from all forms of accidents and harm; grant them in health and prosperity to live; and finally, we hope, after this life, through Thy mercy, wisdom, and forgiveness, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, in Thy bright mansion—in Thy holy temple—not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—Amen."

The brethren here responded earnestly, "So mote it be!" and gave the grand honours and a hearty huzza.

Refreshments were afterwards liberally supplied in the lower hall of the Lodge room, which had been beautifully and lavishly decorated with flowers, and the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the Temple closed.—*Nassau Guardian*.

[We are indebted to a correspondent for the paper which contains this interesting report. Bro. J. H. Webb, the District Grand Master, is well known to, and deservedly esteemed by, many of our readers, inasmuch as he is a brother by birth of Bro. W. P. Webb, the popular Worshipful Master of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1381.—Ed. F.C.]

On Saturday last there was a meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer presiding. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. A. Williams, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, R. W. Stewart, A. E. Gladwell, L. Rnf, Jas. Terry, Rev. A. F. Woodford, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, E. C. Massey, and the Secretary. After the usual business of confirming the minutes of the Committee's previous meeting, and reading the minutes of the House and Audit Committees for information, a sum of £250 was voted to be transferred from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund, which had been overdrawn. Three petitions were presented, and of these two were approved and the other deferred for further information. An outfit allowance was voted to A. E. Breary, a former pupil, who was certified to be giving satisfaction to the employers to whom he has engaged himself. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion, of which due notice had been given, then came on for consideration. Bro. Binckes having withdrawn, Bro. Stewart briefly stated his proposal that the Committee should add the sum of £100 a year to the Secretary's salary. He had originally proposed to ask them for an addition of £150, but to this Bro. Binckes had himself objected. Although the subject of discussion precludes any detailed report being given of what was said by the different speakers, the unanimity of the vote will sufficiently indicate that there was no opposition offered to the motion, which was seconded by Bro. Matier, and carried without a dissentient voice. It is desired, however, that the Craft generally may be informed exactly as to the following facts:—Seven or eight years ago Bro. Binckes's salary was fixed by the Committee at £400 a year, in addition to which he was allowed a sum of £200 as compensation for the discontinuance of the per centage he had previously received upon the sums collected for the Institution. On his completing his twenty-first year of service, the sum of £100 was voted to him as a gratuity, to commemorate the occasion, but from the manner in which this payment had been entered in the published accounts it is feared that some brethren may imagine that it is an annual payment, which is not the fact. In short, now that Bro. Binckes's salary has been raised to £500, his whole emoluments from the Institution do not exceed £700. On being informed of what had been done for him, Bro. Binckes thanked the Committee for the compliment they had paid him, and said that though his faculties had lost some of the vigour they possessed when he was a younger and stronger man, the resolution that had been passed was an indication that

the Committee did not consider that he was as yet failing in his efforts on behalf of the Boys' School. There was no other business, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Brett, Edgar Bowyer, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. March Case, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, J. G. Gordon Robbins, H. McPherson, Thomas W. C. Bush, C. H. Webb, Robert P. Tate, W. Hilton, Charles Godtschalk, W. J. Murlis, and James Terry Secretary. The chairman signed cheques for the quarter's annuities £1,570 to the men, and £1,355 to the women, besides cheques for office salaries, expenses, &c. A widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and four male and two female candidates were placed on the list for the May 1883 Election. Bro. Terry informed the brethren that G. Lodge would hold its next Quarterly Communication before the Committee met again, and as Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for granting £800 a year to the Benevolent Institution would be again mentioned there, it was desirable that all the brethren should attend to support it. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

On Saturday afternoon, H.M.S. Bacchante, with the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, took up her moorings off Cowes. Its arrival had been expected much earlier in the day, and at 8 a.m. the Prince and Princess of Wales, on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, had started to meet the good ship on which their sons had been voyaging round the world. But for some reason, whether barnacles or other is of little moment, it was not till the afternoon was well advanced, that the approach of the Osborne followed by the Bacchante was signalled, and as there were yachts and other small craft innumerable sailing about, and as the Hector guardship, Cowes, the Prince of Wales's yacht Aline, &c., became all of a sudden quite gay with the bunting they displayed, the scene was a very lively one. The Prince and Princess on meeting the Bacchante had boarded her, and greeted their sons most affectionately, and, having inspected the ship, returned with them to the Osborne. When the latter, therefore, had taken up her moorings, the Royal party left in a steam pinnace for the purpose of visiting the Queen at Osborne. About seven o'clock they returned on board the Osborne, where the Prince and Princess entertained at dinner a number of guests, among them Lord Charles Scott, Captain of the Bacchante, and several of his officers. The young Princes afterwards returned to their vessel. On Sunday the Prince and Princess of Wales attended divine service on board their sons' ship. As the Bacchante sailed from Portland on 20th September 1880, the Royal midshipmen have been absent only a few weeks short of two years.

The meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, are being conducted in an eminently satisfactory way. On Thursday last Comps. Edmonds filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Stroud J., John Evans Sheffield S.E., Knight S.N., R. F. Feunell P.S., Edmonds Preceptor, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which Comp. Stroud of the Bedford Chapter, and Comp. Phillips of the Industry Chapter were elected joining members.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST.

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 2.30  
Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

## MONDAY, 14th AUGUST.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredgar, 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.  
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham  
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
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  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

## TUESDAY, 15th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1338—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon 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)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
1449—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1606—New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
687—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1062—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool.  
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

## WEDNESDAY, 16th AUGUST.

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.)  
610—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
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)

1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames  
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
581—Faith, Droyer's Inn, Openshaw  
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1018—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
1206—Cinqs Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1371—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST.

5—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gray, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton  
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Ho el, Anerley  
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Taver, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

## FRIDAY, 18th AUGUST.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
145—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
24—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
706—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)  
834—Raneagh, 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)  
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Ca-tle, 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.)  
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
518—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds  
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Fendleton  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

## SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Forss W.M., Jones S.W., Frith J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Christian S.D., Smyth I.G. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glass offered himself as candidate for passing; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Brother Glass was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Frith of Lodge 1707 was elected a member. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.



## WELCHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Railway Station, on Friday, 4th instant, and the members of the Lodge, taking advantage of the Lord Mayor's visit to Welchpool, eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity of asking his lordship to honour the Lodge by attending as Grand Junior Warden of England.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at five p.m. by Bro. Edmund Field Robinson W.M. in the chair; Bros. Rev. Alfred Whitlow, M.A., I.P.M. Chaplain, T. R. Morris P.M. P.Z. as Senior Warden, Dr. Morgan P.M. as Junior Warden, W. Whithy P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, D. P. Owen P.M. P.Z. Secretary, W. Collender Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer. P.Z. as S.D., Rhys Buckley Williams J.D., Rees Thomas I.G., T. McGrath Dir. of Cer. members of the Lodge; R.W. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master for North Wales and Shropshire, J. Danily Past Prov. G.S.B., F. Britton Past Prov. G.J. Warden of Derbyshire P.Z., J. H. Anderson P.M. M.E.Z., R. W. Hurst, Edward Owen, John Owen, R. Lewis Andrew members of the Welchpool Chapter. Bros. J. Kitto P.M., W. Spraggon Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer., C. E. Monro, J. Nunn P.M., T. A. Forster P.M., Clement O. Ray. Visitors—Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London Grand Junior Warden of England, attended by the City Marshal, Bro. Major Bannerman Campbell 21; the Sword Bearer, Bro. C. J. W. Winzar 87; and the Mace Bearer, Bro. W. H. R. Ikey 697; R.W. Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master of Surrey, W. H. Spanll Prov. G. Secretary, Col. Huddleston 460, Edgar Attwood W.M. 1070, T. Goodman P.M. 1594, T. Warren Thompson P.M. 117, J. H. Webb W.M. 1582, W. Russell 120, A. J. Blair 1432, J. Pugh Morris 1124, Joseph Evans 1583, Ed. Davies 1582, W. Craig 954, W. Francis 1594, J. A. Talbot 1594, Edward Jones 1594, C. L. B. Powell 1072.

A letter from the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry Prov. G.M. Durham was read, expressing his inability to attend.

The ballot was taken that Bros. T. Morgan P.M. 1120 and A. J. Blair 1432 be joining members. This proved unanimous in their favour. The ballot was then taken that Mr. William Noah Holt, Inland Revenue Officer of Welchpool, be a candidate for Freemasonry, and was unanimously in his favour. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of N. Wales and Shropshire was then announced, and received in proper form, and the same with Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, and they were saluted accordingly. The W.M. then asked W. Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. to ascend the pedestal, and the candidate being present was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The Masonic services were conducted musically. Bro. D. P. Owen's Masonic Service of Scriptural Extracts being ably rendered by the aid of Bro. R. Lewis Andrew, presiding at the harmonium, assisted by Bros. John Owen, Ed. Owen, and W. Francis. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. resumed the pedestal, when the R.W. Grand Junior Warden was announced, and a deputation consisting of W. Bros. Collender and Spraggon Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer. awaited upon his Lordship, and conducted him to the dais, when he was saluted in due form. A petition to the Board of Benevolence was sanctioned by the Lodge on behalf of an old member, and a cheque of £5 was ordered to be sent to meet his present necessities. Lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak, where a sumptuous banquet was served in Mr. Rowland's usual excellent style. Great credit is due to the brethren of the Lodge for the very handsome manner in which they had furnished their Lodge room.

The following was the

## MENU.

Potages—Creme de Pois, Consommé Clair.  
Poissons—Turbot Hollandaise, Saumon d'Homard Anguilles.  
Entrees—Cotelettes d'Agneau au Concombre, Quenelle de Volaille, Compote de Pigeon.  
Rots—Hanche de Venaison, Diundonneaux Bechamel, Langue de Bœuf, Bœuf Braize.  
Relevés—Cailles, Levrauts, Canetons, Poulets Rots.  
Entremets—Gelée au Maraschino, Creme de Vanille, Tartelettes.  
Glace—Pondin à la Nesselrode.  
Dessert—Grapes, Pines, Melons, Peaches, Apricots, Greengages, Jersey Pears.

W. Bro. Edmund Field Robinson, M.B., W.M., said the first toast he had to propose was one of unusual interest—that of the most illustrious Lady in the land, the Queen. They all knew how she had endeared herself to the Brotherhood by permitting her son to take the sincerest interest in the welfare of the Order.

"God Save the Queen," by the Band.

Bro. Robinson said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Prince of Wales—a name that was dear to all as the noble patron of the Order and the Worshipful Grand Master of England. His geniality and thoughtfulness were so proverbial that he need not say more on that point, and it gave him great pleasure to couple with the toast the name of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, with sincere thanks for the honour he had done Lodge 998 by accepting their invitation to advance the interests of the Craft, and if he (the Speaker) were not going beyond the bounds of propriety, he was quite sure that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would give him absolution if he said on his behalf that there was nothing which gave him greater satisfaction than to feel that the Freemasons appreciated the work he did on their behalf. He begged to connect the toast with the R.W. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden of England.

The Lord Mayor, in responding, said he hardly knew how to reply for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but they all knew how exceedingly gracious and condescending His Royal Highness was, and how he was always anxious to promote the interests of Freemasonry. The objects and ends of Freemasonry were so worthy that upon several occasions he had freely and with the most open heartedness explained the real and true principles upon which Freemasons act, and he was assured that those

principles were the principles which His Royal Highness highly approved. He believed that the basis of all Freemasonry was goodwill towards men. Justice, truth, honour and virtue were the words that were inscribed, not upon their banners, but on their hearts. They believed that the happiness of mankind was made up by behaving to each other as they would be done by, and that those virtues should be practised by Freemasons, not occasionally, but universally—at all times. With them emulation was one of the first principles, but they desired to succeed not to the disadvantage of others, but that their success might be a benefit to all who were associated with them. Those were the sentiments which he believed should emanate from every true Mason. Having the honour on the present occasion of answering for the toast, he had great pleasure in doing so. He felt it a most distinguished honour and a pleasure, and a gratification beyond expression. He felt also very great satisfaction in being associated with such excellent company. Perhaps he could hardly speak amongst Welshmen of his friend Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in terms which would be equal to what he knew animated their breasts; in fact, no language could describe the position which Sir Watkin held in the Principality. He hoped and trusted that some more able orator than himself would yet propose the health of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn. But speaking of Bro. General Brownrigg, he was the P.G.M. of the County of Surrey, which was the county in which he had long resided. He could say that they were very proud of their county. It was a metropolitan county. They believed they had the advantages which a great town affords in civilising and educating the people, but they also possessed some of the most beautiful scenery in the world—the river Thames, in its beautiful course—the Surrey Hills, full of grand scenery, and almost as poetic as the hills of Wales; but the beauty and grandeur of the scenery of Surrey would not create envy, because envy never entered the breast of a Welshman. But they esteemed Bro. Brownrigg on account of his knowledge and skill in the Craft of a Freemason. His Lordship concluded by returning their heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast.

"God bless the Prince of Wales," by the Band.

W. Bro. D. P. Owen said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the next toast, viz., the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire Sir W. W. Wynn, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Owen) had peculiar pleasure in so doing, as he was one of the very few who were present eighteen years ago, when Sir Watkin came and consecrated the Lodge. The pleasure of Sir Watkin's presence was enhanced by the knowledge that he always expressed his great delight whenever he honoured the old town with a visit. The able manner in which Sir Watkin governed his Province was evinced by the fact that Masonry was dull in the Province previously to the establishment of No. 998, the Masons of the Province sprang into activity in 1864, since which time Sir Watkin had consecrated eighteen Lodges, and in the Province, in addition to the twenty-seven Blue Lodges, five Chapters were flourishing as well. As regards the other Provincial Grand Officers it was well known how assiduous they were in the performance of their duties.

"Sir Watkin's Delight," by the Band.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn said he rose to return thanks to his old friend, Bro. Price Owen, for the kind way in which he had proposed his health. He begged to thank them all for the kindness they had shown to him. It gave him great pleasure to be amongst them again, for in no town in North Wales had he received more kindness. He was glad of the present opportunity of being there, and very glad to see one in particular coming amongst them. One who occupied a very high position in this country. One presiding over the largest municipality in the kingdom. In that position the Lord Mayor had done all he could to keep up the prestige of that high office. He felt sure that they were glad to have the opportunity of welcoming one who held one of the highest offices in Grand Lodge as well as the responsible position of Lord Mayor of London. He would not trouble them with any further remarks, but they all knew, especially the old Officers, how interested he was in their success, and he concluded by thanking the Officers and their predecessors for their kindness.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn said he had to give them a toast which he thought ought to be given, the health of the Worshipful Master, with thanks for the trouble he had taken in receiving the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor in the way which he had done, and also to propose prosperity to this Lodge.

"For he's a jolly good fellow" (Band).

Bro. E. F. Robinson W.M., in responding, said he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which his health had been drunk. It was a great honour to him to receive such distinguished company that day, and it would afford pleasing reminiscences to him and the Lodge.

Bro. Pryce Jones said that the next toast, that of the Immediate Past Master and the Officers of the Lodge, had been placed in his hands, why, he assured them, he knew not, save that it was simply because he was an inhabitant of the county of Montgomery, and also a member of the Welchpool Lodge. It was his mother Lodge in Masonry, certainly, and the Masonry which had taken root throughout the county was initiated by the Lodge at Welchpool. The Immediate Past Officers, and its present Officers must certainly, therefore, have managed the affairs of Masonry at the Welchpool Lodge in such a manner as to merit their thanks. They had formed a Lodge not only at Newtown, but at Llanidloes, and he also knew that the Welchpool Lodge had a considerable sum of money at its bankers, which spoke a good deal for its management by its Officers. He also knew that they were continually making life votes, year after year, for the good cause of Masonry. In conclusion, he said he would now venture to propose the toast which had been placed in his hands, and that was the Immediate Past Master and Officers of the Lodge of Welchpool.

Bro. Rev. A. Whitlow I.P.M., in responding, said it was his duty to return thanks. He confessed it was the most auspicious occasion

upon which he had been at a banquet. It was no doubt a grand red-letter day in the history of the Lodge, and he ventured to express a hope that it would encourage them to work harder and make Masonry prosper here and everywhere else.

Bro. E. F. Robinson W.M., said he wished to give the next toast, the Visitors, with great heartiness. They had honoured and distinguished guests, and old friends, and he was very pleased to see them, and hoped that they might long be spared to meet them again. He thought that those visits did a great deal of good—infused new ideas, and introduced influences which would tend to the prosperity of the art. He coupled with the toast the name of R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey.

Bro. Brownrigg, in responding, said he felt sure that all those who were, like himself, visitors, would entirely agree with him in thanking the Lodge of Welchpool most cordially for the hospitality they had shown them that evening. He was very pleased with their surroundings, and particularly struck by the arrangement of the draperies, and the artistic and very charming appearance of the Lodge room. It was much better that Masons should hold their meetings separately from any hotel—there was a certain sanctity about their meetings and customs which made it far better to have a temple dedicated to Masonry in which to hold them. But what struck him very much was the admirable way in which the initiate passed his trial, and the solemnity in which he went through it. Very often, sometimes through nervousness, sometimes from other causes, there was an appearance of carelessness. But he believed the ritual of the Order was thoroughly impressed upon the mind of the initiate that day. He concluded by returning thanks on behalf of the visitors, and said it was a matter of great congratulation to him to meet them, and to see that they were flourishing and doing such good work.

Bro. D. P. Owen then gave the Masonic Charities. He stated that it ought to be known that their distinguished guest, the Lord Mayor, had a few days before presided over the Boys' Festival, and his exertions in the cause of charity evidenced itself in the fact that almost £12,000 was put down on the dinner table. As regarded the Charities and the Welchpool Lodge, they were supported by making a Life Vote every year, and if every Lodge followed this example it would add about £10,000 per annum to the funds of the three Charities.

The Tyler, Bro. John Barnard, gave To all Poor and Distressed Masons.

The string band performed a nice selection of music during dinner, and was conducted by Sergeant Drummer Whittingham, 4th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

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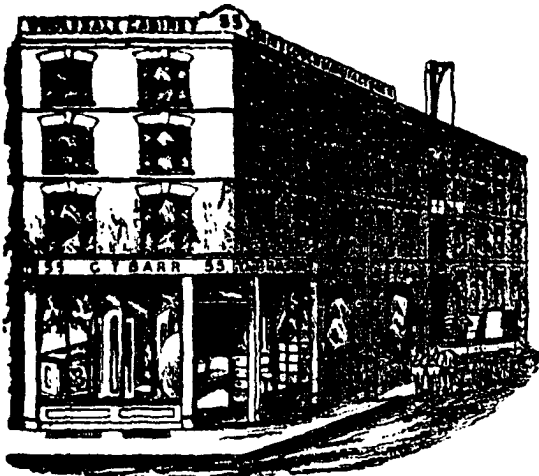
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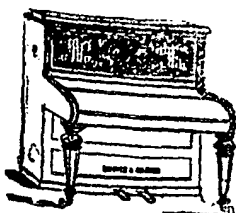
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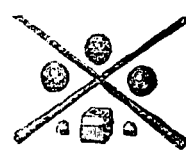
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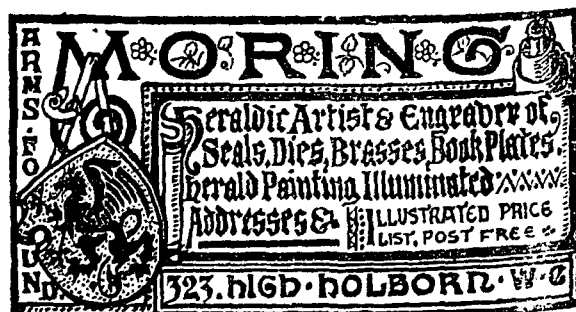
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