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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Wednesday last was held in the large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, who was supported by a large assembly of the Present and Past Grand Officers, and representatives of various Lodges; altogether there being nearly 700 brethren present. After Grand Lodge had been opened, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication, which were confirmed. After the minutes referring to the Grand Festival of the 25th April had been read, a question was raised by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Grand Master of Bengal, as to the precedence of brethren appointed as Grand Officers on that occasion. Brother Sandeman pointed out what he conceived to be an important error in the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge. If this error arose unintentionally, he had nothing more to say on the matter; but if otherwise, he thought an encroachment on the powers and privileges of Grand Lodge was involved. He alluded to page 37 of the printed Proceedings of United Grand Lodge, where the sequence of appointments for the year does not follow that laid down in the Book of Constitutions as regards the degree of rank. He would therefore ask that the record be so arranged as to name the Grand Officers according to the rank assigned to them under the Constitutional law, which having been passed by Grand Lodge can be modified or altered by Grand Lodge only.

Brother Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said, that the only question before Grand Lodge was whether the printed minutes recorded accurately what took place in Grand Lodge at Grand Festival on the 25th of April, and it was perfectly clear that the minutes did correctly state what took place. The order in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the Grand Officers for the year was without doubt within the exercise of his prerogative. He could appoint his Officers, and give rank as he pleased; that had been acted upon again and again by former Grand Masters. It was acted upon before the Union; it had been acted upon since the Union; and the various positions and distinctions of Officers have varied from time to time at the will of the Grand Master for the time being; instead, therefore, of its being an encroachment upon the powers of Grand Lodge, to oppose such actions would be an attempt to encroach upon the rights, privileges, and prerogative of the Grand Master. Bro. McIntyre then gave some very lengthy illustrations in support of the views he had enunciated, and respectfully submitted to, and asked the M.W. Grand Master in the chair to rule that, inasmuch as the Grand Master, the fountain of honour, had the bestowal of the offices, and the appointment of the officers, he also had the right to put them in that position and in that rank which he thought proper. Bro. McIntyre ventured to represent that as the only question that could be raised in Grand Lodge was whether the printed report of what took place upon the last occasion represented what was done by the authority and order of the Grand Master, and that inasmuch as what was done was correctly represented by the minutes, and was within the Grand Master's province, they had no power to interfere.

These views were strongly opposed by W. Bro. H. H. Locke, who said that though his work in Masonry had been done many thousand miles away, and though he was but a stranger amongst them, he could but raise his voice, with all earnestness, in emphatic protest against the astounding doctrine just laid down by the Grand Registrar—a doctrine as he conceived not only unsound and dangerous in itself, but contrary to our Constitutions, and such as would be as distasteful to the Grand Master himself as to the brethren at large when they hear of it.

After some remarks from Bros. James Stevens and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair said he had purposely allowed this discussion upon a point of order to run on, being anxious that a question on which Grand Lodge felt strongly should not seem to be in any way curtailed by any act from the chair; before, however, he gave his ruling on the subject, he wished to say a word with regard to the remarks that fell from the worthy brother who spoke last but one. He always deprecated—in Grand Lodge especially—the introduction of anything like personal feeling, which diminishes from the fairness and harmony with which all their questions ought to be discussed, and which imparts a personal and acrid tone into our debates. He thought it his duty to notice that that brother went far beyond his province when he suggested there was any intention to make use of the Grand Master in order to stifle debate or to bring forward the name of the prerogative in order to diminish the just rights and liberties of Grand Lodge. Such a course of proceeding could only proceed from, or at least through, the brethren who sit in the chair which he now occupied. It had been his good fortune often during the last two years to sit in that chair, and he thought no brother in Grand Lodge could say that he had ever been guilty of wishing to curtail the liberties of Grand Lodge, or even by word, hint or innuendo to bias unfairly the course of discussion. That was a charge lightly and not very discreetly thrown out, therefore he would say no more on the subject. The question which he had to consider, or which rather he had had to consider within the last five minutes, was this—what is the question which has been raised in this way, and on which a decision is needed? The worthy brother who raised it did not justify or formulate it in any way. It was, as he gathered it, a general and uneasy feeling in G. Lodge that something had been done which in some degree militated against their ancient rights. Now, if that be so, he was the last man living who would wish to prevent the full and free discussion of it; but it must not be discussed hastily, by a side wind, in an indirect manner, and without full knowledge on the part of all who attend that discussion of what they have to discuss. Therefore, if it rested on that ground alone, he should feel it incumbent on him, not only for the sake of Grand Lodge, whose interests are as dear to him as they are to any person in the room, but for the sake of the Grand Master, whose chair he had the honour to fill, and whose position and prerogative he was bound to guard as far as they were to be guarded, he should feel it incumbent to prevent discussion arising hastily or indirectly on an important question. If there be such a feeling in Grand Lodge as that he had indicated, and if a fair case could be made out, let it be discussed fully and fairly at the first convenient opportunity. There were two questions, as he gathered. First of all the question of pre-

cedence itself, whether the precedence adopted upon the last occasion was right or wrong? secondly, who has the right to authorise the precedence and to vary it? Those, as he understood, were the two questions which had been indirectly raised. It would be for Grand Lodge, on a future day, if it thought well, to consider them. Meanwhile, he considered it right to rule that the only question before him was whether the Proceedings of the last Grand Lodge had been correctly reported; and, believing that they were correctly reported, and, having heard nothing to the contrary, he must for the present put aside the question, leaving it to be discussed at some future day. The question, therefore, is that the minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April be confirmed. The motion was then carried *nem con.*

The next business, the Election of Members on the Board of General Purposes, resulted as follows:—

	No. of Votes
JOHN LAURENCE MATHER, 1471	294
RALPH CLUTTON, 631	231
GIOVANNI PAULO FESTA, 1900	222
ALBERT ESCOTT, 1593	219
CHARLES ATKINS, 27	217
WILLIAM SMALLPEICE, 1395	190
GEORGE PITT-LEWIS, 46	189
ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D., 4	183
WILLIAM BRISTOW, G.S.L.	182
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, 907	177
SHARON GROTE TURNER, 2	154
WILLIAM H DEAN, 417	153
GEORGE HENRY HOPKINSON, 14	152
HENRY RICHARD COOPER SMITH, 1731	143

The undermentioned were nominated by the G. Master: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Ralph Gooding, M.D., Frank Green, James E. Saunders, Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., John A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Robert Freke Gould, and Raymond Henry Thrupp.

The following brethren will form the Colonial Board:—James Brett P.M. 177, William George Lemon P.M. 1601, Edward Letchworth P.M. 197, James Henry Matthews P.M. 143, Thomas Hastings Miller P.M. 907, Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, William Stephens P.M. 1489.

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. John Anthony Rucker President, Hugh D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker.

148 votes were recorded for Bro. James Garner P.M. 975, but as not more than seven Past Masters could be elected, a brother on the list of Masters was returned with a less number of votes.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	No. of Votes
CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE P.M. 733	283
CHARLES ATKINS P.M. 27	258
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL P.M. 143	235
JAMES WILLING JUN. P.M. 1507	226
WILLIAM J. MURLIS P.M. 1642	206
WILLIAM H. GOODALL P.M. 1567	189
JOHN JAMES BERRY P.M. 554	181
THOMAS W. C. BUSH P.M. 1728	176
GEORGE L. MOORE P.M. 169	166
ROBERT PERRY TATE P.M. 862	144

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Girand, Jabez Hogg, Captain N. G. Philips, R. T. Ryott, D.C.L., J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, James Brett, and James Kench.

The recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence, as regards grants, as printed by us last week, were, on the motion of Bro. James Brett P.G.P., seconded by Bro. G. P. Britten, confirmed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was next taken as read, received, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton then rose to move—

That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggestion of the reconstruction and enlargement of the Premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution, under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The particulars of the fire that took place recently in the Temple were well known to the brethren, and doubtless were lamented by them as much as by the Board of General Purposes. After referring to the various suggestions that had been made in the columns of the public press, as to the reconstruction of the Temple, he stated that the Board of General Purposes felt it their duty to lose no

time in giving their close and careful attention to the whole position, in order that it might be brought preliminarily before Grand Lodge with all possible speed. He need scarcely say that having no sort of power or authority to take any actual step in the direction of reconstruction, they thought they should be bad men of business if they did not make some inquiries of a general character as to what would be for the benefit of the Craft if carried out. Those matters and the result of those inquiries are referred to in the somewhat lengthy Report now in the hands of the brethren. In briefly considering the propriety, or rather the expediency, of removing our time-honoured position to another site, we had many points before us, but more especially those affecting the personal convenience of brethren; secondly, the interests of the Craft in a pecuniary and financial sense. We recollected that our property is situated where we now stand, and we remembered that if it were thought in all other respects desirable that our Temple should be removed we should leave behind us a very important part of our property in the shape of Freemasons' Tavern and the premises adjacent to it; and it needed no skilled advice to assure us that we should very considerably have injured, and irremediably destroyed that property if such a step were recommended and afterwards taken. The only spot which has anything to recommend it other than our own location is the Thames Embankment. There is no doubt a certain amount of convenience connected with the railways on the Thames Embankment, but we found that the consideration would be attended by such enormous financial cost as to be practically impossible. It had been suggested by enthusiastic brethren that the moment a notice went out to the Craft for a whip of £1 a head it would be responded to. Of course that was hardly likely to be adopted; indeed, it would not be a dignified thing for the Craft to do under the circumstances. After giving some sound and practical reasons for the decision he and his colleagues had arrived at Bro. Monckton moved the resolution as given above.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., while agreeing with the report of the Board in many points, and lamenting the destruction of the Temple, thought they should erect in its place a building capable of meeting the wants of the brethren. They needed a Hall which would accommodate 1500 persons. What he wanted was a Committee to act with the Board of General Purposes. He therefore moved that,

“Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee, in conjunction with Members of the Board of General Purposes, to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a Hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order.”

Brother Havers said that it was only the strongest sense of duty, as well as a strong love for an Institution which he had served for so many years, that had brought him there on that occasion. He felt he should be doing wrong to himself and to the brethren if he did not venture to trespass on their attention with a few remarks. When that Hall was built Grand Lodge elected him chairman of the Building Committee. He might therefore be presumed to have some knowledge of the building, what was done, and what was the best way of doing it. He had been utterly amazed with the proposal now placed before Grand Lodge. Giving credit to the Board for all good intentions, let them ask themselves what was the proposal. It was that Grand Lodge should grant a sum of £30,000 or £35,000, plus the money received on the insurance, and from Messrs. Spiers and Pond, to erect a building which was not even yet conceived. He asked himself, would they build a labourer's cottage, costing even a couple of hundred pounds, without first seeing plans of what was to be built? certainly not. He would therefore call the attention of Grand Lodge to what was done on the occasion to which he had referred. The matter was offered to public competition, and they got a number of valuable designs, which were placed in St. Martin's Hall for a month, and brethren invited to go and see them. Amongst the plans sent in was one with which they were all delighted; there was a grand middle hall, but with entrances all round it quite compatible with the purposes of such a hall. The building had to be constructed under peculiar circumstances; they were bound to consider the requirements of Grand Lodge for its Quarterly Communications, and they were bound not to stop the business of the Tavern; the Hall had, therefore, been constructed at three different periods. As erected,

the Hall was not built from a single design, but was the combined work of several. Brother Havers earnestly asked Grand Lodge to refer the matter back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to them to obtain plans, and submit them to the brethren for their opinion. The building could not be completed for two years, and he thought the Board was not the right party to deal with the matter—a Committee of six or seven would be more efficient; and, for the reason that there was nothing to be gained by hurry, nothing would be lost by waiting a couple of months inviting plans for consideration. It was most desirable that the brethren who came to Grand Lodge should hear and take part in the proceedings. It would be necessary to make a building capable of containing 1500 brethren, with due regard to acoustic properties.

Bro. Beach thought the brethren might congratulate themselves upon having Bro. Havers amongst them again, to advise them on a subject upon which his information and opinion must be worthy of the greatest respect; he thought it desirable there should be no great difference of opinion, and suggested that the Board of General Purposes should endeavour to fall in with the views of the brethren.

Bro. Frank Green argued that Bro. Havers had answered Bro. Stewart's proposition. He thought it would be a great mistake to bring a large number of brethren to the consideration of the subject, and considered that the Board of General Purposes was quite competent to decide what plans should be submitted for inspection. Bro. Brackstone Baker supported Bro. Havers' motion that the Board of General Purposes should nominate a consultative Committee. Bro. R. Stewart said he did not propose to elect a large committee; he proposed a committee of six, to act with the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Henry Hacker objected to Sir J. B. Monckton's proposition, as extremely crude. Without giving details as to how the result was arrived at, he had stated generally that the expense of erecting a larger hall would only be £500 a year more than at present. Another brother said the Board had had before it fullest information, and was better able to judge than any outside person as to the removal or not from the present site. He would impress upon the Board or Committee that might be appointed to avail themselves of the opportunity of perfecting the mode of exit from the Temple. The thought had occurred to him at various times as to the terrible results that would ensue should the brethren from any cause be thrown into a state of panic. Bro. Monckton said that perhaps he might be allowed to end the discussion in a manner agreeable to all. First, the Board never had entertained the insane policy of having plans which would be adopted without being first submitted to Grand Lodge. Secondly, he had meant to say that the increase of £500 a-year in the cost was after making every allowance. He asked Grand Lodge to ignore the Board altogether; let there be a Committee of seven, ten, or any number Grand Lodge pleased, but let half be elected by Grand Lodge, and half by the Board of General Purposes. The Committee would be a permanent body, and everything would be brought before Grand Lodge. Brother Holden considered this a matter of great importance, which would be best dealt with by referring it back to the Board of General Purposes. The functions of the Board were the dealing with the working out of Masonry, but if he wanted a building erected he should not think them the most suitable body to be entrusted with the work. Bro. Havers thought the proposal of the Board a very proper one. He suggested that Grand Lodge should select four brethren, and that the Board should also select four; on this basis he recommended them to accept Brother Monckton's proposal, and withdrew his own. Brother Æneas McIntyre said, as the Board of General Purposes was a very large, as well as a changeable body, it would not be a convenient course to constitute them a Building Committee. A smaller permanent Committee would be preferable, and he proposed as an amendment, "That this matter be referred to a Committee consisting of eight members, four being nominated and appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board; the Chairman to have a casting vote."

Brother Binckes suggested that Brother Havers should be asked to assist. He strongly objected to the course adopted by the Board of General Purposes as expressed in motion No. 2, which suggested that the scheme of reconstruction should be referred back to the Board "for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works," which manifestly meant that Grand Lodge was to leave the matter entirely to the Board. He begged Grand

Lodge not to give up their power altogether, but adopt Brother Havers' suggestion for the appointment of a Committee to take evidence.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master said that the advantage of this discussion had been at least this—that it had sifted the opinion of Grand Lodge, and it gave him an opportunity of saying with how much personal gratification he had listened once more to his most excellent Bro. Havers. His voice had been very often heard in their councils, and there was no man who could give them better advice at a juncture like the present. He thought the discussion had brought matters to a harmonious point. There was now no question whatever as the proposal of the Board of General Purposes. Brother Monckton had explained that it never was the intention to act without further consulting Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge, it was clear, must be consulted, and in order that this might be done Grand Lodge must pledge its power to some one Committee. There was a concurrence of opinion that there should be a Committee, and that part of that Committee should be named by Grand Lodge. It remained to consider whether the whole or a part should be so named. They were bound to bear in mind two things—first of all, that the Board of General Purposes was selected by Grand Lodge every year, out of the best of their members, to consider and carry on many important matters that arise during the year. He was quite sure it was not the wish of Grand Lodge to cast a slight on the judgment of those whom they had placed in that important position, therefore it seemed to him to be a fair compromise between two conflicting opinions that the Grand Lodge should nominate half and the Board of General Purposes should choose the other half. All such matters were matters of compromise. It was an essential condition that there should be give and take; and he thought himself, though he did not wish to press it upon Grand Lodge for more than it was worth, that it was a fair and reasonable compromise, suggested in a conciliatory spirit. As such he should be glad to see it adopted, and what was more important, he thought Grand Lodge might adopt it with perfect safety and prudence as regarded the result. He thought it his duty not to withhold his opinion on the point; he should wish to avoid all questions of detail, because these must be considered by the Committee to be appointed, and must afterwards come back for confirmation and ratification by Grand Lodge. But he would venture to urge strongly upon those who considered the matter, that whilst they looked to increased accommodation, they must on the other hand remember that the place in which they met was for the conducting of business, and that if built too large and without reference to acoustic principles, the inconvenience they would all suffer at ninety-nine out of every hundred of their meetings would be a most serious and irremediable consideration. It would now be his duty to submit to Grand Lodge the proposal that this question be referred to a Committee of eight, of whom four are to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board of General Purposes. For the sake of convenience the vote was put in a slightly altered form, viz., that this question be referred to a Committee of eight, of whom four are to be appointed by the Board of General Purposes. That having been carried, it was proposed that the other four should be appointed by Grand Lodge, which was also carried. The motion was then put as a whole, and carried.

Bro. Havers next proposed that the matter to be referred should next be fixed; and that the Committee is to obtain evidence. This having been seconded by Bro. Baker, the Chairman explained that such Committee was to be instructed to obtain and submit to Grand Lodge evidence and estimates for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall, and to deposit them in Grand Secretary's office, or in some other place, for the inspection of the Craft in general.

Several brethren were then nominated, and a show of hands taken; the acting Grand Master declaring the result to be in favour of Bros. Gibson, R. Stewart, Burt and Lewis-Thomas.

The appeal from a decision of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand was heard and dismissed; and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

The R.W. Sir Francis Burdett has fixed Saturday, the 30th inst., for the next meeting of his Provincial G. Lodge. The members of the Province will assemble at Hampton Court, at the New Rooms of the Mitre Hotel, at half-past two o'clock.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THERE was a meeting of the General Committee at Great Queen-street, on Saturday last, when Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, V.P., was elected Chairman. The following brethren were also present:—John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, C. H. Webb, Dr. Morris, E. M. Money, A. F. Edson, Charles Belton, Thomas Cubitt, Frederick Adlard, W. Maple, Dr. Ramsay, George Cooper, George P. Gillard, W. Paas, W. Mann, Raynham W. Stewart, E. C. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, W. W. Morgan, and F. Binckes Secretary.

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and verified, and those of the House Committee were read for information. Arising out of the circumstance that the death of Bro. Wordsworth was recorded on the minutes of the House Committee, Bro. Binckes said that the matter would come before the next meeting of the General Court, when he should no doubt be instructed to address a letter of condolence to Bro. Wordsworth's widow, in addition to which he had written at the instance of the House Committee.

The Chairman announced that one of the brethren nominated for election to serve on the House Committee for the coming year had withdrawn his name, and that the number of nominations for the two Committees and the number to be elected being equal, he had only to declare that the following brethren had been duly elected.—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Edgar Bowyer V. Pat.
Henry Wallis Hunt V.P.
J. L. Mather V.P.
James Moon V.P.
A. F. Godson V.P.,
J. Joyce Murray V. Pat.
William Paas V.P.
F. W. Ramsay, M.D.
W. Roebuck V. Pat.
Dudley Rolls V.P.
Charles Sanders, M.D.
R. W. Stewart V.P.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Thomas Cubitt V.P.
H. S. Goodall.
C. F. Hogard.
W. Maple.
C. F. Matier.
W. Mann V. Pat.
Charles E. Soppet.
Henry Venn.

Four petitions were received. Three of the names were at once placed on the list, the other being accepted conditionally.

An application for an outfit vote was read from George Meacock, a former pupil, and a sum of £5 was voted to him.

Bro. Binckes reported that, acting on the qualified sanction he received on the 30th May, a further £1,000 had been invested on behalf of the building fund, which now amounted to £6,000.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, under the presidency of the R.W. Companion General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent, will be held this day (Saturday), at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon precisely. Amongst other items of business before the Provincial Grand Chapter will be the consecration of the Ewell Chapter, No. 1851. Comp. Arthur Edwin Taylor P.M. 1201, 1851, P.Z. 1201, is the M.E.Z. designate, while Comps. W. Howard Paddle P.M. 1851, and George William Saul P.M. 1201, will respectively be installed into the second and third Principal's chairs.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

ROYAL ARCH.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 360.

THERE was a large attendance of Companions at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 31st ult, many no doubt attending specially to take part in the presentation of a testimonial to Comp. M. Boémé P.Z., &c. Comp. H. J. Atkins M.E.Z. presided. Amongst other business Bro. H. Manfield 1764 was duly exalted, the M.E.Z. ably performing the ceremony, and being efficiently supported by Comps. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders H., John Bingley J., George Ellard Principal Sojourner. Amongst the P.Z.'s present were M. A. Boémé, Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., John Kellett N. pro tem, George Robinson E., J. U. Stanton Treasurer, J. T. Green, Geo. Cotton, &c. At the conclusion of the Chapter proceedings, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, which was thrown open to all Craft Masons. A most excellent repast was served by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel. There was an unusually large muster of the brethren from the local Lodges, and other Lodges in the Province were also represented. The Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins presided. Bros. J. Kellett P.Z. and P.M. and George Cotton P.M. and P.Z. occupied the vice chairs. Bro. George Ellard P.M. Prov. G.D.O. officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The Queen and Craft, the Prince of Wales and the other Officers of Grand Lodge having been duly honoured, Bro. T. Wetherell, in an appropriate speech, gave the Prov. G.M. the Duke of Manchester, the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, to which Bro. J. U. Stanton Prov. Grand Treasurer suitably responded, remarking that the brethren would be pleased to hear that the Duke of Manchester had arranged to be present at the Prov. Grand Lodge at Peterborough on Thursday next. The Dep. Prov. G.M. then proceeded to the special business of the evening, the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Boémé. In graceful and felicitous terms, he referred to the valuable work Bro. Boémé had done for Masonry in Northampton for many years; there were few men who had separated from the scene of their labours after so many years of toil who had left behind them so many friends or fewer enemies than the distinguished friend and brother whom they had that night met to honour. The precepts of Masonry had been practised by him in his life, and had won for him not only the affectionate goodwill of all with whom he had been brought in contact, but the honour and respect of those who had worked with him in Masonry, and although in the last few years he had not taken the active part he had formerly done, his example had great influence in the working and harmony of the Lodge, being rather felt than seen. The testimonial took a twofold form—duplicate portraits in oils. The one was to remind their brother of very many happy meetings in Norths and Hunts; also to remind him and his family of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren in Masonry. The other, suspended in their own hall, would remind them that, though he was absent in the body, his example was before them to inspire them in the cause of Masonry, and to influence them in years to come in all their work. On behalf of the brethren, he asked Brother Boémé to accept the portrait with the fervent prayer that he might enjoy many years of health and happiness in his retirement from business life. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. The portrait, which had been painted in duplicate, is an excellent likeness. Bro. Everest, of Worthing, is the artist. Each picture has a rich massive gold frame, supplied by Bro. Atkins, of Abington-street, Northampton, and has suitable inscriptions. Bro. Boémé, in responding, said it was a moment of great gratification to him. He did not know that he deserved their kindness. It was twenty-four years last December that he received from his brethren a presentation of plate in acknowledgment of the services they were good enough to consider he had rendered Masonry. That presentation was made by the late Brother William Roberts, then Mayor of the town. He should greatly appreciate the portrait they had so kindly presented to him, and he thanked them on behalf of his family as well as for himself. Having given a brief retrospect of the past history of Masonry in Northampton, he expressed his pride and pleasure that the local Lodges had arrived at a position inferior to none in the kingdom. Bro. J. T. Green, in a practical speech, gave the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, to which Bro. Kingston eloquently responded, giving a most interesting account of his visit to and experience of the various Masonic Institutions, and strongly urging the brethren present to assist those Institutions as far as they were able. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, with his usual humour, proposed the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Stringer 1418 replied. The concluding toast was humorously given by Bro. J. Haviland, the M.E.Z. and the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the various Lodges, and Comp. H. J. Atkins 360, Bros. F. J. Ains 360, and Rev. S. W. Wigg 1911, severally acknowledged the toast. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by harmony contributed by Bros. Hart, Atkins, Gough, Timson, Butcher, Emery, N. T. Hewens; Bros. Brook, Sampson, and R. Croft accompanying. In addition to those already mentioned there were also present—Bros. P.M.'s G. Robinson, John Bingley, John Watkin, N. T. Hewens, H. Brown; Bros. R. J. Johnston, F. T. Ains W.M. 360, H. Hill W.M. 1764, Rev. S. W. Wigg W.M. 1911, E. Roberts, F. J. Dufty, J. Clayson, H. W. Todd, A. Jones, W. Goldney, T. Emery, J. Jeffery, E. C. Ashford, S. S. Campion, J. Currall, T. P. Dorman, A. Cockerill, T. Franks, W. J. Howe, H. Spoor, E. James, Eli Morris, R. Taylor, G. W. Butcher, G. H. Percival, H. Manfield, and E. B. Fletcher. The room was beautifully decorated, under the superintendence of Bros. H. J. Atkins and T. Emery.

The Fifteenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund is appointed to take place on Wednesday, 25th July, when the R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart. Provincial Grand Mark Master of S. Wales, has kindly consented to preside.

LODGE DUES.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

PROBABLY there is no question involved in what may be termed the domestic or internal economy of Lodges which is more perplexing, and in its tendencies exercises a greater influence for prosperity on the one hand, and for apathy, dissatisfaction, non-affiliation or its more advanced condition, suspension, on the other, than non-payment or non-collection of dues. I use the two terms in this connection because the fact or existence of the first is largely due to the un-business-like performance of the latter. Laxity on the part of the Secretary in attending to the collection of Lodge dues, as he would do in any private business affairs, begets a corresponding looseness and carelessness on the part of the membership, who, in this respect, fail to perform their duties with the same constant regularity with which other obligations, less important, are performed.

A majority of Secretaries unfortunately conceive that they are fulfilling their duties in posting up their ledgers at the end of the year, and having their books in readiness for settlement when the brethren present themselves for payment. It is one of the peculiarities in human nature that a portion of the human family require to be reminded of pecuniary obligations before they will make any effort to discharge them, and it is also true that a large number of this class will respond when properly called upon.

With this class, therefore, the failure may be properly charged, not as non-payment of dues, but the debit should appear in the Secretary's account, as non-collection of dues, if reasonable diligence and energy is not exercised in the effort to collect them. Secretaries, as a rule, are like other men and Masons, solicitous to avoid wounding the feelings of delinquent brethren by plainly asking them to pay their dues; and, as they are held responsible only for what they receive, and, though they may realise the desirability or even necessity of securing payment, they still feel a delicacy, and in many cases a repugnance, to presenting a statement of account to delinquents. It is safe to assume that a majority of those who, under this system, settle up at intervals of two, three or more years, are brethren who are best able to meet their dues, who could pay them at any time, but who allow the debt to accumulate simply because their attention is not called to it. After a time it amounts to a sum which is not so easily paid, and, finally, the debtor will reach a mental conclusion something like this: "I justly owe the Lodge this sum of money, but just at this time I need it in my business, and can't well afford to pay it. If the Secretary had only called my attention to it annually, I could have paid it without feeling it, but just now I'll wait until I am a little easier in money matters." So it keeps accumulating, until, finally, under an order of the Lodge, for there are but few Masters who will assume the responsibility, citations or summonses are issued requiring perhaps a dozen members to appear at some fixed time, and show cause why they should not be disciplined for non-payment of dues. Minds are differently affected by this procedure. Those who have merely been careless, and have failed to pay because they have not been requested to do so, resent it as un-business-like, and unfraternal, and feel wounded that such extreme measures have been resorted to. As a rule, this class hasten to settle their dues before the time set, but, probably, they would have done so just as promptly and with far better grace had they been presented with a statement of account and fraternal request for payment within a month after the close of the Masonic year. There are some, too, who affect an indignance and wounded pride, who really deceive themselves into the belief that the procedure is extreme, and a breach of fraternal courtesy, and so justify a failure either to pay dues or to appear and show cause; permit themselves to be suspended, and then regard themselves as good Masons at heart, but the victims of unfraternal action on the part of the Lodge. These men all have personal friends in the Lodge, who greatly regret the necessity of the action which is taken, and in some instances disapprove of and condemn it; thus superadding another element of weakness or discord to the weight already existing. I might refer to many more conditions and phases of this question, and to its disastrous effects on Lodges, but every brother must have noticed them, for they exist in many Lodges; and, these premises admitted, the question naturally reverts to the remedy. I think it is easy to define; it is prophylactic, not curative. It is the "ounce of prevention, not the pound of cure."

Let the Secretary understand that it is his duty not only to receive all monies from the hands of the brethren, but to collect all monies due the Lodge, or to make a reasonable business effort to do so. But how and in what manner is this duty to be enjoined upon him, and how can he do so without being deemed over-zealous if not discourteous, and thus become the object of personal dislike or resentment, especially if his predecessor in office has been one of the easy-going kind?

Again, I would prescribe the ounce of preventive. Amend if necessary your bye-laws. Make it the duty of the Secretary, first to show in his annual balance sheet the amount due the Lodge, as dues, without mentioning names of debtors. If they attend the Lodge, it may serve to jog their memories. Second, let it be his duty within thirty days after the expiration of the Masonic year, to send a statement of account to every brother who is one year or more in arrears. If this be unheeded for thirty days, another statement should be sent, and in a large majority of cases the second statement will be found unnecessary. Then, thirty days after the second statement, it should be his duty to send a citation to all who are two years or more in arrears, to appear at a stated time, and show cause why charges should not be preferred for non-payment of dues; or such action had thereon as may be prescribed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge in such case.

If this be done there will be no heavy delinquent accounts, as only two years' dues will be permitted to accumulate, and the proba-

bilities of collection will be correspondingly enhanced. There is a natural feeling of repugnance to pleading actual inability or poverty in bar of payment, but the feeling is, though natural, un-Masonic, because no brother should hesitate to avow the fact when called upon, and the Lodge generally will be able to judge intelligently as to the correctness thereof, and will take pleasure in relieving the mind of the brother by remitting his dues, and placing him in good standing in his feelings as well as in the Lodge. After an experience of over a quarter of a century, I can assert that I have never known a brother to be suspended or disciplined for non-payment of dues when it was shown that he was unable to pay.

But why incorporate these provisions in the by-laws? I might answer by asking, *why not?* But as my object is what might be termed *ex parte* argument, and not controversy, I will endeavour briefly to answer it. First, because in addition to the usual requirements, that every brother shall pay a certain amount annually, as dues, it does not leave the matter entirely at the discretion or pleasure of the member, but defines the time *when* it shall be paid, the means to be employed in collecting it, and the officer on whom the duty devolves. Second, the duty of the Secretary is not only clearly defined, but the members know what to expect, and will govern themselves accordingly. Third, it relieves the Secretary from any feeling of delicacy or embarrassment, and protects him against any dissatisfaction on the part of delinquents, who realise that he is simply obeying the bye-laws, and faithfully performing the duties of the office to which they have elected him. Thus he has no discretionary power, is above the reproach of overzeal or favoritism, and the financial machinery of the Lodge works along smoothly and satisfactorily. The different regulations of different Grand Lodges might necessitate some slight modifications of the system indicated, but the essential features can easily be incorporated into the by-laws and practice of every Lodge, and a vast amount of delinquency, with all its demoralising adjuncts, obviated or prevented. I have seen it tested in Lodges where, at its introduction, the books and finances were in a very unsatisfactory condition, and under its operation, fraternally executed, two years' experience proved the value of the system, cleared the books of delinquent accounts, and placed the finances of the Lodge in a healthy condition.

True, it may become necessary to suspend some delinquent, who may be what the world thinks a good fellow, but if such things *must* be, the sooner it is done the better for Masonry, for the example will prove a two-edged sword, removing bad examples from those who might either imitate them or plead them in bar for their own delinquencies, and, on the other edge, indicating that such things will not be tolerated, but will be regulated, when necessary. Nor will Masonry suffer from the loss of such members. Better a healthy tree, whose branches, though few, are sound, and whose fruit is vigorous, than one more lofty and wide spreading, whose half-decaying boughs draw and exhaust the sap contributed by the healthier roots, and thus rob the fruit of nourishment, and dwarf its fruition.

I might also add, that suspension in such cases is not to be regarded abstractly as a punishment for non-fulfilment of duties, because the recipient invites it and aids in accomplishing it; and can at his pleasure relieve himself from its operation and restore himself to good standing. Hence it is not punitive, but disciplinary, and, in nearly all cases, is of his own freewill and accord, by providing the means which must produce this result.

This article has been penned at the suggestion of a Worshipful Master, whose Lodge has been loaded with an incubus of unpaid dues, with all the attendant evils which that condition engenders; and, having strong faith in this preventive treatment, I offer the prescription gratuitously to the *Voice of Masonry*, for the consideration of the Craft.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE Great Western Railway Literary Society has just issued its thirty-first Annual Report, which describes the Society as having attained a very satisfactory position. This Society was instituted for the benefit of the officers and clerks of the Great Western Railway Company and its immediate connections, and possesses a well-selected library of upwards of ten thousand volumes, and the tables of the reading-room are furnished with the leading morning, evening, and weekly papers, and the principal reviews, magazines, &c. The number of members now on the Society's register is 603. During the past year 517 volumes have been added to the library for circulation, exclusive of 107 works necessarily renewed, and 74 withdrawn from circulation, making a total of 10,106 in the possession of the Society. The average monthly circulation continues at about 3,200 volumes. Extra copies of the most popular works have been purchased, and nearly 500 volumes have been rebound. A Chess Club in connection with the Society was established in 1856, and this has, to no inconsiderable extent, assisted in keeping alive among the members a deep and continued interest in the game.

The members of the City of London Orchestral Union announce a Grand Evening Concert in celebration of the Sixteenth Anniversary of their establishment, which will take place at the Albion Hall, London Wall, on Wednesday evening next, the 13th inst. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, P.M. 177, the conductor of this popular Orchestra, will doubtless display his usual care in the selection of a programme for the occasion, and we anticipate a repetition of the many successful meetings we already have had to chronicle in respect of this prosperous society.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, held on Thursday, 7th inst., was shorn of some of the pleasures which usually attend the installation gatherings of this Lodge from the fact that the weather had changed from the bright sunshine we have been accustomed to of late, to a cold and damp atmosphere, reminding one of the return of winter. Held in one of the finest—if not the finest—of our public places of amusement, a bright sunshine adds considerably to the attractions of a Crystal Palace Lodge meeting, but as sunshine is only one of many attractions relied upon by the members, a visit to the Lodge—even in the most inclement weather—is always attended with gratification. Such was the case on Thursday, all present seemed to enjoy themselves, and the meeting may certainly be described as one of the most successful ever held. Lodge was summoned for 3 p.m., and was presided over by Bro. G. Cole, the W.M. for the past year, who was supported by the following Officers:—Edward Ayres S.W. (W.M. elect), F. A. Pullen J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treasurer, William Land P.M. Secretary, J. Kay J.D., W. H. Toten I.G., B. Fulwood M.C., and J. W. Lassam Steward; P.M.'s J. Blundell, Dick Radcliffe, C. Hume, H. T. Thompson, W. W. Baxter, S. P. Acton, George Weeks, Robert Roberts. Among the Visitors who attended the Lodge were Bros. W. Land 213, T. Slatter 610, W. Burgess 511, T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, John Saffery P.M. 1089, C. Donaldson 1963, W. Bidgood 700, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, F. Parkiss 720, W. C. Smith J.D. 1563, R. Blum 511, A. Symes M.C. 554, A. J. Manning P.M. 1637 P.P.G.D. Essex, H. A. Tobias P.P.G. Supt. of Works West Lancashire P.M. 1502, &c., Henry Glum 19, J. Coppen 1719, J. S. Lewis 493, C. C. Gibby 1658, Michael Levenston 27 (S.C.), C. W. Cunningham 1612, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Charles Wolff, No. 8, New York, R. Whitley P.M. 944 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, E. West P.M. 1327 Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Herts, A. Simner J.D. 177, George Lewis Junior Warden Mizpah 1671. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the business of the day was proceeded with; this comprised, among other items, the raising of Bro. Adolphus Levy, the installation of W.M., the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the initiation of two gentlemen into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Foxall, and right well did he perform the duty, eliciting the thanks of the new W.M., and the approval of the brethren generally. In due course the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers, and in presenting the various collars addressed a few appropriate words to each of the brethren concerned:—Bro. Pullen S.W., Kay J.W., Toten S.D., F. Abraham J.D., F. Wright I.G., B. Fullwood P.M. M.C., Lassam Steward, J. T. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the new W.M. proceeded to confer the first degree on Messrs. Charles J. Grove and Oliver Barnett, working the ceremony in really first-rate form. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the W.M. presided over a very pleasant assembly. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. The first on the list was that of the Queen and the Craft. So much had been said in Masonic Lodges, and indeed in every kind of assembly among Englishmen, in praise of her Majesty, that it was difficult to say anything fresh. He felt sure all who were present would unite in drinking to the health of the Queen, and with it couple Success to the Craft. The National Anthem followed the toast, and then the W.M. gave that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. In this case also it was impossible to say anything new, even if it were needed, in introducing the toast. It was really out of the question to show the M.W.G.M. in brighter colours than those in which he already shone. No words, the W.M. felt, could add to the lustre which was attached to the Grand Master. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, regretted the absence of Grand Officers from their meeting, but felt sure the brethren would drink to their health none the less heartily on that account. As Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge, he should be pleased to see any of the members of Grand Lodge who might honour his Lodge with a visit. Bro. W. Morrow here gave a cornet solo, which was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates. The toast was one which he offered with a very great deal of pleasure, and with the hope that those initiated that night might become true Freemasons, and eventually rise to the proud position he then occupied. He had determined that those he might introduce to the Lodge should be good men and true, and he felt that the two just received, whom he had known for years, fully answered those requirements. Brother Grove was the first to reply. It was impossible for him to find words to express the pleasure he felt at being admitted a member of the Masonic Order. He hoped he might live long to prove himself a good Mason, and justify the confidence the brethren had placed in him that evening. Bro. Barnett endorsed the remarks of his brother initiate. He should try and deserve the eulogiums passed on him by the W.M., and become a worthy member of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He desired also to thank the brethren for the kindly reception accorded to him and his fellow initiate. The W.M. considered the next toast hardly of secondary importance to that just disposed of. It was indeed quite equal to it, even if it were not worthy of precedence. It was one particularly appreciated by the members of the Crystal Palace Lodge—it was the Visitors. The W.M. was pleased to see such a numerous array of guests around him, numerous not only in quantity, but also in merit. With the toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. West, Manning, Tobias, Coppen, and Whitley. Bro. West had great pleasure in being present, as he felt sure all the other visitors had. He had known the W.M. for many years, and congratulated the Crystal Palace Lodge on having secured him as Master. He was sure they had installed a Master who would reflect credit both on the Lodge itself, and Freemasonry

generally. Brother Manning was also a personal friend of the W.M. He had had the pleasure of being present at the initiation of Bro. Ayres, and had frequently attended the Lodge meetings since then. The W.M. had ever striven to attain the position he had just been appointed to, and would without doubt prove an acquisition to the Lodge. Bro. Coppen felt it very difficult to follow such brethren as had just spoken. He had been a visitor to the Crystal Palace Lodge on two or three previous occasions, and so much had he enjoyed himself, that he was desirous of offering himself as a joining member of the Lodge. He trusted the members would honour him by electing him, and thus give him an opportunity of enjoying more frequently the pleasures of the regular meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Tobias desired to raise his voice in a different style to that in which those who had preceded him had done. He was thankful, however, that an opportunity had been afforded him of saying a few words, although, like their brother initiate, he should have liked to have known beforehand what was expected of him. He was present that night as a total stranger, that was to say, he had been a stranger to all but two when he entered the Lodge, but now he felt he might really say he knew every brother present, so hearty had been the reception accorded him. It was very frequently remarked in West Lancashire that the work of Freemasonry was slurred over in the London Lodges, and that the Provincial brethren would have no pleasure in attending a London meeting. He had found the contrary to be the case. He did not believe in indiscriminate praise, but he conscientiously said that he had never seen work better done than that he had witnessed in the Crystal Palace Lodge that day. He felt very strongly on the point, as he considered that slander did much to injure Freemasonry. He did not know which was the worst, slander from inside or the slander of strangers. In the case in point he had proved the incorrectness of the opinion formed of London working, and should make it his duty to try and convince his brethren, as he felt all who had proved the fallacy of injurious statements should do. He had made these lengthy remarks more particularly for the benefit of the younger members of the Order, whom he warned not to heed too much what they heard, either in Freemasonry or the ordinary walks of life. It was always better to wait before forming an adverse opinion, and, if possible find out for oneself the correctness, or otherwise, of what was told them. Bro. Whitley followed. He hoped the present would not be his last attendance at the Crystal Palace Lodge; he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit that day. He desired particularly to compliment the Worshipful Master for the way in which he had invested and addressed his Officers, and the Treasurer for the way in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. Bro. Cole next assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. So much had been said in praise of Bro. Ayres that he felt it only necessary to formally introduce the toast to ensure for it a most fraternal welcome. The Worshipful Master felt that when any one had to speak for himself, or to say something to ensure a proper acknowledgment of some honour conferred, a very difficult task presented itself. He did not know how to express the pleasure he felt in being placed in the honourable position of W.M. of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren most heartily, and would endeavour to show that he deserved the compliment they had paid him. It had been his desire ever since he was initiated into Freemasonry to reach the position he now filled; having attained his desire, he should endeavour to carry out the duties attached to the office in a creditable manner. He thanked the brethren for their kind assistance in the past, and hoped to enjoy their company on many future occasions. In proposing the next toast—the Immediate Past Master—the W.M. had a duty to perform, a duty which had been fulfilled in years gone by with the greatest of pleasure, and it was with such feelings that he now undertook it. It was the presentation to their Immediate Past Master of a jewel, and in placing it on the breast of Bro. Cole he hoped that brother would live to be among them on many future occasions; at all times enjoying the same hearty good will of his brother Masons as they then felt towards him. Bro. Cole tendered his thanks for the reception at all times accorded him; for the support he had received during his year of office, and for the handsome jewel presented to him. The toast of the Past Masters was next on the list. With this the W.M. coupled that of the Treasurer and Secretary, as the time at his disposal was not sufficient to do honour to them alone. The qualities possessed by the Past Masters of the Crystal Palace Lodge were such as any Lodge might be proud of. They were brethren who shone out as really true Masons, ever ready to lend themselves for the advancement of the Lodge. He was particularly grateful to Bro. Foxall, who had performed the installation ceremony on his behalf in such a manner as to make a great impression on him, and with that brother's name he desired to couple the toast. Bro. Foxall thanked those assembled on behalf of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He thanked the Worshipful Master most sincerely for the way in which the toast had been given, and for the kindly expressions which had fallen from the chair. He also considered that the Past Masters of the Crystal Palace Lodge shone far in advance of those of many other Lodges. Personally, he thanked the Master for his reference to himself as Installing Officer. As Treasurer, he considered he had two duties to perform—first his duty to the Lodge, and secondly his duties to the Charities of the Order. He thought the Crystal Palace Lodge shone out for its support of the Charities during the past ten or twelve years in a manner that must be most gratifying to all concerned. Bro. Land, the Secretary, followed. He had taken some little pains to analyse the finances of the Lodge in the past. He found that in the first ten years of its existence something like £2,500 had been received, and of this amount about £31 had been given to the Charities. The Lodge had also left off at the end of that period some £24 odd in debt. During the last ten years—the time that he and Bro. Foxall had held the offices they had again been honoured with that night—the receipts were something like £1,000 less. They had, however, given some £200 to the Charities, and could boast of a credit balance of something like £60. He considered that a Lodge which devoted a

part of its funds to benevolence must prosper, as Masonic Charity and prosperity went hand in hand. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and to the honour thus paid them the S.W., J.W., S.D., and Steward severally responded. The Tyler's toast followed, and then the proceedings terminated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Fox W.M., Larchin S.W., Cohen J.W., Lorkin S.D., Powell J.D., Gribbell I.G., Gush Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Lone, Bleakley, Fenner, Goodall, Linfield, Fitzpatrick, Ball, Venning, Killick jun., Manger, Ferrer, Wolf, Brock, Gaskin, Bullock, Appleton, Long, Killick sen., Liebman, Gellan, Payne, Morris, Ball, Brown, Moss, Wright, Hirst, Smith, Weeden, Richardson, Snook, Calmady-Richardson, Hall, Bevan, and Chipperfield. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third, and resumed to the first degree. The W.M. at once proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, by calling upon Bro. Gush to assist him and work the first, Bro. Fitzpatrick the second, Bro. Ball the third, Bro. Fenner the fourth, Bro. Lorkin the fifth, Bro. Larchin the sixth, and Bro. Powell the seventh. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Cohen to assist to work the first section of that lecture, Bro. Gush the second, Bro. Morris the third, Bro. Fox the fourth, and Bro. Brown the fifth. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Appleton to assist him to work the first section of the lecture, Bro. Gribbell the second, and Bro. Moss the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Smith, of the Doric Lodge, No. 938, and Bro. Calmady-Richardson, of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, were unanimously elected members. A cordial vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections, and that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred upon Bro. Fox, was proposed by Bro. Lorkin, seconded by Bro. Killick jun., and carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 9th June, at 8 o'clock.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Barrett-Kidder W.M., C. J. Scales S.W., Blake J.W., J. C. Smith Sec. (*pro tem*), Railey S.D., J. B. Smith J.D., Knight I.G., Stiles P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, with Bro. Fraser as candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the second and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. Two new members were elected, and Bro. Scales was appointed W.M. for Monday evening next. Notwithstanding the summer weather, which offers many inducements for outdoor recreation, the attendances at this popular Lodge of Instruction are well sustained. The members offer a cordial greeting to Craftsmen who may pay them a visit.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 4th inst. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Phillips S.W., Oxley J.W., Clements S.D., M. Isaacs I.G., West J.D.; Bro. Stewart acting as Preceptor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. West as candidate. Bro. West worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Phillips was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Stewart proposed, and Bro. Oxley seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which Bro. Glass had rehearsed the ceremony, for the first time, in this Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's road, N. Bros. Crosbie W.M., Galer S.W., Brock J.W., Killick jun. Treasurer, Collingridge Sec., Western S.D., Jones J.D., Thompson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. Wolf, Dixie, Goddard, Humphreys, Killick sen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wolf acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in third degree, and resumed to the first degree. It was proposed by Bro. Western S.D., and seconded by Bro. Dixie, that the Secretary send notice to members for a special meeting on the 25th of June (which will be Preceptor's night), to arrange for the formation of a ballot in connection with this Lodge for the various Masonic Institutions. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, or of this Lodge in particular, it was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 12th June, at 8.30 p.m., upon which occasion Bro. Galer will occupy the chair.

The installation meeting of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, this day (Friday), when Bro. Charles Hawksley the W.M. will instal his successor, Bro. John Frankland Hepburn. We hope to be able to supply a full report next week.

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ELECTION MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In referring to the late meeting in your issue of Saturday last you make the remark: "The arrangements for the proper distribution of the voting papers were utterly inadequate for the occasion, although the Committee sat in the Zetland, and the papers were distributed in the ante-room."

This little escapade, if I may so term it, brings up once more the vexed question of personal voting. When there is very little opposition, the time allowed for the business to be transacted is doubtless sufficient; but when, as on the day in question, a sharp fight is made to secure the suffrages of the brethren, an hour—the time allowed—is not ample to allow of the papers being properly distributed, filled in, and deposited in the ballot box. By comparison with previous meetings, the arrangements made to compete with the demand on the 26th ult., I am assured, were of a most ample character, yet, undoubtedly, the result was far from satisfactory. Why cannot it be arranged that the voting papers should be distributed earlier, and a change made that proxy voting should be accepted? This plan of procedure has been found to work beneficially in other Institutions, and I believe I am correct in stating was adopted at the last election of Secretary for this very Institution, when Bro. Hedges was elected. Perhaps some of your correspondents may be induced to write a few words on this question, and thus be a means of bringing about a change that may be advantageous to all.

Yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

THE RE-BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much pleased that our zealous Bro. Henry Smith has touched upon the questions of providing accommodation for those brethren who may have to attend the several Elections during the year. For my part, I have always received the greatest courtesy from each of the Secretaries, but I can assure you I have frequently felt that my trespassing on their time during an exceptionally heavy period of their labours was more than I could possibly expect to be allowed to do without some decided protest. Moreover, I am fully alive to the fact that up to within but a very short period of time, each of the Secretaries had but little available space for transacting their own business, much less to be able to provide accommodation for those who might have business engagements at their respective offices. Now that this question has been brought forward, I trust it will receive consideration at the hands of the powers that be, and that in future ample accommodation may be provided.

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

"A BEGGING MASON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 12th May, you published a letter from Bro. Francis, of Havant, warning almoners and others against one James Donovan, representing himself to be a member of St. Patrick's Lodge, Johnstown, New York State. Donovan applied to our Lodge for assistance on 3rd May, and produced a letter purporting to come from Bro. B. E. White, Secretary of St. Patrick's Lodge. I have since communicated with Bro. White, who has replied, denouncing the letter as a forgery. Donovan appears to have obtained possession of a genuine letter from Bro. White, written on paper bearing the Lodge stamp and note heading; but the original letter has been obliterated and a forgery substituted. This document is now in our possession, but as it is possible that a similar fraud may be attempted, I am desirous to warn brethren against this impostor.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. H. HAWES,

Secretary No. 38.

P.S. Bro. Francis, in his letter, gave a good description of Donovan, which it would be well to repeat: "About 5 feet 10in. in height, thick brown moustache, no whiskers or beard; looks hearty and strong, and a bit sunburnt; has a very slight impediment in his speech."

Union Lodge, Chichester, 5th June.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff de Keyser, who was initiated twenty-one years ago, a member of the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, has presented to that Lodge a magnificent set of working tools in silver and ivory, as a testimony of the good feeling of the Lodge towards him, at the same time requesting that they might be used to complete the initiation of Mr. Sheriff Savory in that Lodge.

Note.—ALTERATION of DATE of FESTIVAL.

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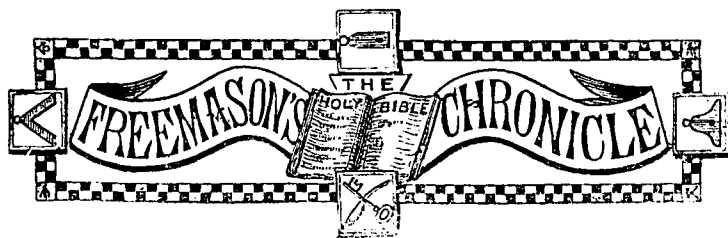
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**GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.**

THE Half-yearly Communication of the members of this rapidly-increasing Order was celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday last, when there was a very fair attendance of the representative men of the Degree. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Wor. G. Master presided, and was supported by the M.W. Bros. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., P.G.M.M.M., W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Past G.M.M.M. as D.G.M.M.M., R.W. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Prov. G.M. Bucks, R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M. Somerset, Captain Charles Hunter Prov. G.M. North Wales, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Prov. G.M. Dorset, H. Hover Locke Past Prov. G.M. Bengal, Rev. Canon Tristram Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham as G.S.W., Thomas Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex as G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. Richard Eve P.G.M.O. as G.M.O., O. H. Pearson G.S.O., Thomas Cubitt P.G.S.O. as G.J.O., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.M.O., William Roebuck P.G.M.O., Baron de Ferrieres P.G.M.O., James Stevens P.G.J.O., H. R. Cooper-Smith P.G.J.O., Rev. William Randall Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. G. Morse, Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. East Anglia P.G. Chaplain, Frederic Davison Dep. Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey Grand Treasurer, H. C. Levander Grand Registrar, Frederick Binckes G. Sec., D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Sec.; W. Bros. E. Margrett G.S.D., A. Williams P.G.S.D. as G.J.D., J. Lewis-Thomas P.G.S.D., Robert Berridge G.D. of C, T. C. Walls P.G. Sword Bearer as Grand Sword Bearer, S. J. Turquand Grand Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz Grand Organist, E. M. Lott Past Grand Organist, Charles Pulman G.I.G., George Powell, J. Manwaring, M. Mildred, C. W. Hudson, Henry George, and George L. Woodley Grand Stewards, Henry Massey Past Grand Steward, John Walker D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, A. F. Godson D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, J. S. Cumberland P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire, S. G. Kirchhoffer P.G.S.W. of Hants and Isle of Wight, E. Friend P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, J. H. Banks P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, W. Morris P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon, Charles Harding P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, G. B.

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Before the formal business was commenced, Lord Henniker informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales was about to join Mark Masonry, but that His Royal Highness wished it to be distinctly understood that his doing so was in no way to be construed as a desire on his part to see the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, or an argument in favour of such amalgamation. Lord Henniker added that at next meeting he should propose that the rank of a Past Grand Master of the Order be conferred on His Royal Highness, and that his name be placed at the head of the list of the Past Grand Masters.

After the minutes of Grand Mark Lodge, held on the 5th December 1882, and of Moveable Grand Mark Lodge, on 26th April 1883, had been read and confirmed, the Report of the General Board, which had been printed and circulated amongst the members of Grand Lodge, was taken as read. The Report stated:—

"The number of Certificates issued in the sixth months ending 31st March 1883 was 738, the total of registered Advancements being 17,471.

During the same period 11 Warrants for new Lodges had been granted, viz. :—

No. 309	Saye and Sele ...	Belvedere, Kent
310	South Melbourne ...	Emerald Hill, Victoria
311	Egypt ...	Cairo
312	Joppa ...	Delhi, Punjab
313	Lawrence ...	Chorley, Lancashire
314	Henniker ...	Montreal
315	Henniker ...	London
316	Beuevolent ...	Teignmouth, Devon
317	Youell ...	Gorleston, Suffolk
318	St. James's ...	Handsworth
319	Jordan ...	Torquay

"In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, 180 Certificates had been issued, making the total number of Elevations 1350, and two Warrants for new Lodges—Gosport attached to Gosport, No. 305, and Macdonald attached to Macdonald, No. 104.

"New Provinces have been constituted (1) at Montreal, Canada, under the Right Worshipful Bro. Hon. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master; (2) at Tasmania, with Right Worshipful Brother George Talmage as Provincial Grand Master.

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master presided at a meeting of the newly-formed Province of Warwickshire, held at Birmingham, on Wednesday, 14th March, and installed Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

"A Moveable Grand Lodge, under the Presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, was held at Nottingham on Thursday, 26th of April. A Provincial Grand Lodge of Notts was formally constituted, and Right Worshipful Bro. Watson (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft) was installed as Provincial Grand Master by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, Bro. William Newton, of Newark, receiving the appointment of Deputy. The Grand Master was accompanied from London by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, and many Grand Officers, the meeting being numerous attended by brethren from various Provincial Districts, and by members of the Newstead Lodge, T.I., Nottingham, on whom devolved the supervision of the arrangements for the day, which were carried out in a manner affording unqualified satisfaction to all."

On the recommendation of the General Board, the rank of Past Master was conferred on Bros. Raphael Borg and

Capt. Williams-Freeman, of the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311; the rules of the Educational Branch were amended, so as to authorise the presentation of silver medals to such boys and girls as in the discretion of the Board may be found deserving of reward for proficiency and good conduct; the appointment of two additional Grand Officers was sanctioned, viz. a second Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and a second Grand Standard Bearer. £52 10s was voted from the General Fund on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' "Preparatory School Building Fund;" and £25 from the same source for the relief of sufferers by the recent fire at Jamaica.

The Report also stated that the following acknowledgment of reception of the Service of Plate presented to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany on the occasion of their marriage had been received :—

"Claremont, 20th December 1882.

"Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the Mark Masters' Presentation Plate has been safely delivered here.

"The Duke and Duchess of Albany have been inspecting it to-day, and I am desired by their Royal Highnesses to tell you that they admire the pieces exceedingly, and they form a most valuable addition to their ornamental plate.

"Fraternally yours,

"(Signed) R. H. COLLINS.

"F. Binckes, Esq."

Grants from the Fund of Benevolence were recommended for, and received confirmation by, Grand Lodge, as follow :—

- £30 to a Brother of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10.
- £10 to the Widow of a Brother of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262.
- £10 to the Widow of a Brother of Union Lodge, No. 46.
- £15 to a Brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 22.
- £20 to the Widow of a Brother of Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March 1883 show the following results :—

General Fund—Balance from 30th September 1882, £4 14s 3d; Half-year's receipts £883 7s 9d, interest on investments £47 17s; making a total of £935 19s. The disbursements for the same period were—ordinary expenditure £460 13s 5d, extraordinary expenditure £71 13s 6d, leaving a balance at bankers of £403 12s 1d.

The Benevolent Fund shewed a balance from 30th September 1882 of £199 10s 6d; the half-year's receipts were £62 1s 6d, to which must be added for interest on investments £38 18s 6d, making a total of £300 10s 6d. Against this we have grants in relief £70, and expenses £1 3s 6d, leaving a balance at bankers of £229 7s.

The balance to the Education Fund brought forward from 30th September 1882 was £93 13s 2d, while interest on investments produced £17 3s 9d, giving a total of £110 16s 11d. Against this had been paid for educational fees £28 6s, shewing a balance of £82 10s 11d.

The investments now stand at :—

General Fund	-	-	-	£2,200	0	0
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	1,700	0	0
Educational Fund	-	-	-	800	0	0

The Board have directed that the following additional investments be made, viz. :—

On account of General Fund	-	-	-	£400	0	0
On account of Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	100	0	0
On account of Educational Fund	-	-	-	100	0	0

On the motion of the Rev. J. Randall, seconded by Sir Pryse Pyrse, the Report was adopted.

Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. on rising for the installation of Grand Master, said : Brethren, at the last meeting our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Henniker, was unanimously re-elected to that office, and it is my pleasing duty on the present occasion to declare him Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year, but as he has been already placed in that chair it is unnecessary for me to re-instate him. I shall merely declare that he now occupies that chair for the ensuing year. And, brethren, it is also my pleasure to congratulate you and the Order generally upon the great services he has rendered, and to say how fortunate we are in having a Grand Master who presides over the Order with such ability and zeal.

The M.W. G.M.M.M. having been saluted said: Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Brethren,—I thank you very much for the honour you have done me once more in placing me in this chair. I can assure you that I feel it a very great honour, and I think I need hardly add that

my desire is to be of service to the Order over which I have the honour to preside. You have been very kind to me during the last two years I have held office, and if the Order has been successful it has been a great deal owing to the work done before I took the position I now occupy. I also have to thank the other Officers and Past Grand Masters who have assisted me during my term of office. I assure you I feel the honour you have done me very greatly, and, brethren, if I have derived any popularity among Mark Master Masons, it is from the fact that I have come among you at a time of great prosperity, and because I had one idea before me—an idea I shall try to keep before me during my term of office, that is to do my best simply; and without more ostentation than necessary—to do my duty to the Order over which I have the honour to preside

Brother F. Davison was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the other Grand Officers were invested as follow :—

Bro. The Earl of Kintore	...	Deputy G.M.
Lord Wolseley of Chiro	...	G. Senior Warden
Hon. Arthur H. Henniker	...	G. Junior Warden
Henry R. Hatherly	...	G. Master Overseer
Col. C. E. Bignold	...	G. Senior Overseer
S. G. Kirchhoffer	...	G. Junior Overseer
Rev. E. H. Crate	...	G. Chaplains
Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny	...	
Frederic Davison	...	G. Treasurer
H. C. Levander	...	G. Registrar
Frederick Binckes	...	G. Secretary
Donald M. Dewar	...	G. Asst. Secretary
G. B. Brodie, M.D.	...	G. Senior Deacons
George Cooper	...	
Thomas J. Ralling	...	G. Junior Deacons
Robert Harwood	...	
W. W. Edis	...	G. Sup. of Works
Robert Berridge	...	G. D. of C.
George Dalrymple	...	G. Assist. D. of C.
E. Friend	...	
S. G. Baker	...	G. Sword Bearer
William Watkins	...	G. Standard Bearers
J. D. Murray	...	
Rev. Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Bart.	...	G. Organist
J. H. Banks	...	G. Inner Guard
J. S. Cumberland	...	G. Stewards
R. N. Howard	...	
Thomas Taylor	...	
John Tomkins	...	
Cornelius Davies	...	
John O. Marsh	...	
George Ker	...	
Percy Wallis	...	
Henry Faija	...	
William March	...	
A. Cracknell	...	G. Tyler.
W. C. Gilles	...	
C. T. Speight	...	

The following are the Members of the General Board :—

Appointed by M.W. Grand Master : M.W. Bro. th^e Rev. Canon Portal President; Bros. C. H. Matier, Robt. Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, Alfred Williams, William Roebuck, O. H. Pearson.

Nominated by Bro. Henry Venn and elected by the brethren : Bros. E. C. Mather, James Moon, R. P. Spice, Charles H. Driver, Herbert Dicketts.

Bro. Binckes announced that he had received apologies for inability to attend from the following brethren :— Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Wm. Kelly, Lieut.-Col. F. Gough, Rev. C. R. Davy, W. A. F. Powell, W. J. Hickman, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W. J. Hugan, G. P. Brockbank, C. F. Matier, J. Brook-Smith, Magnus Ohren, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Hay, William Roebuck, Revs. F. C. W. de Crespigny, Ambrose Hall, A. A. Bagshawe, Dr. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., R. P. Bent; Alexander Spears, E. T. Inskip, Mattison, C. S. Lane, C. H. Driver, R. W. Edis, Frederick Long, G. Ward Verry, Thomas J. Pulley, Thomas Poore, George Carter, W. T. Clarke, John Barker, F. W. Ansell, Edwin Gilbert, J. A. Glendinning, J. F. Tweedale, George Toller jun., W. T. Belcher, W. Stephens, R. J. Mure, Major Dunbar, G. J. McKay, Dr. W. Watson, Thomas Howkins, W. Watkins, and Rev. W. S. Moses.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. T. T. Pyecroft, which occurred at his residence, Petworth, Sussex, on the 31st ult. Brother Pyecroft was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, on the 10th January 1831; he filled the chair in this Lodge, and was a highly esteemed member of it at the time of his death.

MAGIC AND DIVINATION.

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.

MAN is a wonder loving being. He is naturally attracted toward that which is strange and startling, and finds no small part of the zest of life in exercising his thought and imagination upon the marvels that are about him. That there is ample scope given for the use and development of the element of wonder in human nature will not be questioned. Shakespeare made Hamlet express only the truth when he said, "There are more things in Heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." It is difficult to measure or limit the wonderful. All the time revelations are being made in the various departments of natural and scientific investigation, but none the less are there hidden principles of wisdom and occult forces of nature which prompt to earnest search.

The element of wonder rightly directed leads to important results. It quickens the mental vision, and being connected with a principle of rational curiosity brings into view manifold powers, principles, and phenomena, that are of benefit to the world. It is the beginning of all philosophy and the source of all knowledge and discovery. It is the impulsion to religion itself, the thought of devotion and adoration often adapting itself to the prayer of David, "Open Thou mine eyes that I may see wonderful things out of Thy law."

Like other faculties of human nature this element of wonder may be wrongly directed, or it may be given too much influence, thus detracting from the symmetry of individual character and becoming a hindrance to the world's progress. An undue love of the marvellous, joined to a disposition to clothe common events in the garments of mystery and to ascribe them to occult agencies, is quite likely to result in that credulity which prepares the way for all sorts of foolish practices and base superstitions.

In a rudimentary state men were disposed to ascribe almost everything to supernatural forces, and to accept the most fanciful theories of nature and life. They believed that they dwelt in a world subject to no settled order of rule and procedure, but rather an enchanted earth, hence they looked for signs and omens to determine their course and gave special attention to the rites of magic. The ancients of the Orient practised many curious arts in the way of incantations, charms and divinations, and were led captive by many foolish superstitions. The sorcerers and soothsayers of Egypt constituted an important class and exercised a large control over the people of that land in the days of the Pharaohs. These Egyptian magicians are described in the book of Genesis as wise men. They were doubtless well versed in the occult arts. The Bible records show how capable they were of producing wonderful phenomena, and how profoundly they ministered to the superstitious ideas of their countrymen. It is clearly shown by documents and inscriptions recently brought to light that the magicians of Egypt were a separate class, "scribes of the sacred house," or "scribes of occult writings," and that they were held in great respect. They were associated in a council or college, where they learned the magical formulae which they practised, and where they observed the secret rites of their profession. That they knew many curious things and exercised a marvellous art is clearly evident.

In Persia, also, a like class of wise men lived and flourished. The Magi were those who had studied the mysteries of nature and life, and who had special knowledge of the secret arts. They represent a class vastly superior to the sorcerers of Egypt, for they were philosophers rather than magicians, being able by their greater knowledge to produce effects which were accounted supernatural by the common people. We are left very much to conjecture as to what was the bond of connection between the Magi and the special work to which they applied their art and learning; but this we know, that under the Medo-Persian sway the Magi formed a sacred caste or college which had great celebrity. According to Strabo the Magi were astrologers and astronomers, while they also practised different sorts of divination, assuming to have power to forecast the future and influence the present by secret rites and agencies. If in some things they ministered to superstition and imposed upon a credulous and imaginative people, it is yet certain that they did not degrade their art into a low and deceptive magic. The Magi were more than mere jugglers and charlatans.

In Hebrew and Christian civilizations magic and divination appear only in the background. It appears, however, that magical practices of many kinds prevailed among the ancient Israelites, for the prophets are especially severe in their condemnation of such arts. Thus Isaiah rebukes the people for consulting those "that have familiar spirits, and the wizards that chirp and mutter." Israel suffered in this respect by contact with idolatrous nations, and the beliefs and practices thus derived had a prevailing force for a long period. Even in the early Christian times magic and divination had hosts of followers. Simon Magus and Elymas were famous sorcerers, and according to the New Testament record they had great influence over the people. Among both Jews and Greeks there were many who were addicted to magic, though it had fallen into disrepute among the educated classes.

In the middle ages there was what seems to have been a revival of belief in magic, or things of kindred character, and many strange and absurd practices prevailed. Then magic was studied as a science, and was advocated as a grand and mysterious art by some distinguished names. It was thought possible by magical means to discover the secrets of nature and produce the most marvellous results. The transmutation of base metals into gold, the discovery of the elixir of life and the acquiring of power over the elemental forces of nature, were some of the objects to be secured by magical agency. With this end in view, societies were formed, having peculiar rites and ceremonies, and following a ritual which was a strange mixture of legendary lore and superstition. It is often charged that Freemasonry was the outgrowth of some of these mediæval organisations, or that it was in some way connected with a system of magic practised in the dark

ages. There is no ground for such an allegation. The most that can be said is, that there are resemblances between the Masonic Institution and the Hermetic Brotherhood that then existed. Some of the symbols known to Masonry were made use of in the practice of the Hermetic art, the professors of which were bound together by secret ties and solemn pledges, and divided into grades, somewhat after the plan of the Masonic system. Those who called themselves the followers of the "Thrice greatest Hermes" had fellowship in a sort of mystic union, and were given the means of ready recognition among themselves. But whatever the Hermetic Brotherhood of the early or later period may have represented in its character and purposes, it was not Masonry. Its legends and its watchwords were not those that the Craft has been instructed in from the earliest period until now, and its rites and ceremonies, together with its practical expression, were vastly different from the observances known to Masonic Lodge rooms, and the services outside to which brethren have been called.

There is little use of building upon the "Hermetic Masonry" of the Middle Ages, or of attempting to show any direct alliance between the societies of alchemists and astrologists which then sprang into existence, and that brotherhood which assumed its present organic form about the beginning of the eighteenth century. What does it matter if Masonry cannot show its descent from some fanciful system of the distant past? Something of its form and spirit was in many of the old philosophies and societies, but we may not be over-anxious to trace a too close connection between those ancient systems and the present life of our great Fraternity. Masonry practises no arts of magic or divination. It deals in no wonder workings, and attempts no control over the occult forces of nature. It but speaks the words of wisdom appealing to the understanding and the heart, and makes use of symbols and rites to impress moral lessons, and to bring men into the relations of mutual helpfulness. Its mission is to communicate a larger, freer, happier life to its followers:

IMPERIAL THEATRE.

MR. CHARLES DU VAL, who has deservedly acquired a reputation as a humourist; author of "With a Show through Southern Africa," and originator of the celebrated monologue entitled "Odds and Ends," has been engaged by Mr. Edgar Bruce to give a limited number of afternoon performances at the Imperial Theatre, Westminster. Mr. Du Val brings to bear an extended experience acquired during his late tour in the South African Colonies. In September last he started for Pretoria, visiting all the towns of Natal and the Transvaal en route. After a difficult and often dangerous journey Mr. Du Val arrived in Pretoria just in time to enjoy the privilege of sharing the fate of its inhabitants and enduring beleaguering of some five months' duration, where, however, he seems to have turned the occasion to material advantage as Editor of *The News of the Camp*, a tri-weekly little journal published under canvas in the military lines defending Pretoria. Mr. Du Val appears also to have seen some active service in the fighting around the town, and has been honourably mentioned in the official despatches of Lieut.-Col. Gildea, the Commandant of the garrison, for special services in the various actions, having his horse shot under him at the "Red House Kraal." The lecturer has a very happy way of recounting his adventures, and we can cordially recommend our readers to pay him a visit at the Imperial Theatre, where the entertainment is given every afternoon at Three o'clock p.m.

ANECDOTES OF ROBERT BURNS.

BURNS loved praise, and loved it not the less when it came from the lips of an accomplished lady.

"Madame," said he to Mrs. McMurdoe, "your praise has ballooned me up to Parnassus." "My merit is not all my own," he said to Robert Aiken of Ayr, "for you have read me into reputation."

To one who was frugal of his wine at table, and who was standing holding up a fresh bottle, saying, "Do allow me to draw this one cork more; I ask it as a favour." "Sir," said Burns, "you hold the screw over the cork like Abraham holding the knife above his son Isaac. Make the sacrifice!"

Of the farm of Ellisland, when some one said it was good ground, Burns answered, "And so it is, save what is stones. It is not land; it is the riddlings of the Creation!"

While at Moffat once with Clarke, the composer, the poet called for a bumper of brandy.

"Oh, not a bumper," said the musician; "I prefer two small glasses!"

"Two glasses!" cried Burns. "Why, you are like the lass in Kyle, who said she would rather be kissed twice bareheaded than once with her bonnet on."

Even on his last bed Burns's wit still flashed out in the face of death. When he looked up and saw Dr. Maxwell at his bedside, "Alas!" he said, "what has brought you here? I am but a poor crow, and not worth plucking." He pointed to his pistols, took them in his hand, and gave them to Maxwell, saying, they could not be in worthier keeping, and he should never more have need of them. This relieved his proud heart from a sense of obligation.

Soon afterwards he saw Gibson, one of his brother volunteers, by his bedside, with tears in his eyes. He smiled, and said, "John, do not let the awkward squad fire over me!"—*Keystone*.

Bro. Scott, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Sussex, was, on Saturday last, presented with a silver goblet and a purse of 700 guineas as a mark of appreciation for his Masonic services. The Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell presided.

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, 9th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, Sun Hotel, Kingston
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1621—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
Sinal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1920—Mozart, Harwood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 11th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
539—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—Jilly 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
1436—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
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T. 1—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 12th JUNE.

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)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Daltonic, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Isleway, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
93—Sciall, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Clockheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wadnesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
150—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 245—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Luard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1399—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1592—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
239—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tot-nham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
298—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth

732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 288—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

FRIDAY, 15th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moir, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M. 1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—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, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

IT is said of some French judge or prefect of police that when a great criminal was brought before him, or when a startling crime had been committed, that he always asked for the woman in the case. While it does not often occur that any harm comes to us through women, yet I recollect a period in the history of our Lodge when it came very near being wrecked by the indirect agency of a very interesting and bewitching "widdy." And it happened thusly: Bro. Watson had suffered long and intensely from inflammatory rheumatism, and was sick in bed from the effects of this excruciating malady. We often called on him to console and cheer him, but this was a hard and thankless job. Whether Bro. Watson got soured and cranky from long suffering, or whether it came natural to him we could never determine, only we knew that every time any one called, no matter how much the sick brother had improved, the visitor was greeted with a volume of abuse for not calling oftener, and it got so, at last, that the members absolutely refused to visit this chronic growler at all, and it was left to the Master, Secretary and other Officers to call on him as a matter of duty, and of course they were obliged to listen to his growling as part of their official duty; and, besides all this, the man was never very popular in the Lodge, even when he did visit us before he was taken down, and, withal, he was a very disagreeable person; red, stubby hair, and a freckled face, raw-boned, and very "raw" otherwise—uncultured and coarse in manner and thought.

He had sailed "before the mast" at one period of his life, and had travelled a great deal, but his travels had not improved his mind as much as might have been expected. When he settled in New York he had some money saved, and with this he opened a sailors' boarding-house, and made money rapidly for some years. But misfortune overtook him; he got sick and laid up; then his wife, his mainstay, died

from hard work and exhaustion, and soon after this he sold his boarding-house and lived privately on his money, and then began to look around for another wife, and we all marvelled at his success in this line, for his second "affinity" was an angel, especially as compared with her ugly and cranky husband, and not only was she very beautiful, but also very sweet-tempered, and never winced under the coarse and rude orders from her husband who was about twenty years her senior.

At first we had a standing committee to visit him; then a special committee was appointed; and lastly, as already stated, it devolved upon the Master and myself, with an occasional call from one of the Wardens or members.

The time of which I am now speaking was towards the latter end of poor decrepid old Watson, and we had to call oftener, as he was growing worse very fast, and sometimes had to sit up all night to afford his exhausted family the much-needed rest. Among those who most quietly served was a Brother Terwilliger, a widower, who said he did not mind Bro. Watson's growling, and often sat up with him nights.

In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden attended to Lodge affairs, and among other things often waited upon old Bro. Watson; but the end was not far off, and exhausted nature came to the relief of the sufferer, who had lain on his bed of pain and torture for many weary years. We buried him with Masonic honours, and spread the broad mantle of Charity over his foibles and shortcomings, and in the sympathy with his long suffering we forgot his cross ways and growlings. After we had laid him away to his eternal rest, a Committee was appointed to look after the widow and aid her in securing her rights, and see that she obtained what was coming to her, for a hoard of hungry relatives began now to gather around the lone woman, to secure for themselves some of the wealth they supposed was left by old Bro. Watson; but this wealth had steadily decreased, until there was very little left for the poor widow.

Among the Committee so appointed were Bro. Terwilliger and the Senior Warden, both of whom were very assiduously working for the interest and welfare of the lone widow. There were some little balances left in some of the savings banks, all of which were in due time and through due process of law withdrawn and redeposited in Mrs. Watson's own name, and whenever a report was made to the Lodge it was that things were progressing nicely and Widow Watson was getting along very smoothly.

I never interested myself very much in this case, as I knew several of the brethren were attending to this matter faithfully, and I had enough to see to with other things, but gradually rumours began to be heard that Brothers Terwilliger and the acting Master were very attentive, and that a feeling was being developed which was more than ordinary Masonic interest or brotherly love; in short it was broadly intimated that both these brethren were seeking the hand of the fair Mrs. Watson, and if she showed more attention to one, the other would become jealous, and then a bitter feeling was aroused which would show itself in the Lodge by an opposition to every measure the one or the other would advocate. Slight and silly as this may seem, each of these gallant brethren had their friends and followers among the members, and all became quite interested in the vigorous courtship which was carried on by these two smitten men. Occasionally some mischievous brother would move to appoint a special Committee to visit Mrs. Watson and ascertain her wish or desire, but this was not entertained, as both the above brethren were ready to vouch that she wanted nothing from the Lodge, and was able to take care of herself, and she knew her own mind well enough, the latter usually with an emphasis which concealed some hidden meaning.

Now, Mrs. Watson was not a candidate for office in the Lodge, but the Senior Warden and Bro. Terwilliger were, and such bitter feeling existed between these two on account of this lady, that by the time we had an election, there was a very lively strife as to who should gain the ascendancy over the other. Many of the members ranged themselves on one side or the other, and the contest became very exciting, and when election came, and the ballots were counted, it was found that both the contestants were laid on the shelf.

The Senior Warden was satisfied with his first defeat (for Master), but Bro. Terwilliger insisted upon being a candidate for nearly every office in the Lodge, and was badly beaten for each. Most of the brethren were well pleased with the result, as it ended the contest between these two brethren, at least in the Lodge, and the Senior Warden soon after took his dimit. But after that the contest between these two was confined to the trial of obtaining control of Widow Watson's hand and heart, and it seemed that the election in the Lodge was a forecast of what was going to happen to these two silly knights, for Mrs. Watson slyly shelved them both, and gradually discouraged their visits. About three years after the death of her husband she married a very worthy man—a German grocer—who was not a Mason, but had a prosperous business, which he carried on at the corner of the street where Mrs. Watson lived. Bro. Terwilliger swore that he never seriously thought of marrying "that woman," only he was provoked to see our Senior Warden making a fool of himself, and especially to bring such silly things in the Lodge, and spreading foolish gossip among the brethren, then leaving the Lodge altogether, taking two or three personal friends out with him.—N. Y. Dispatch.

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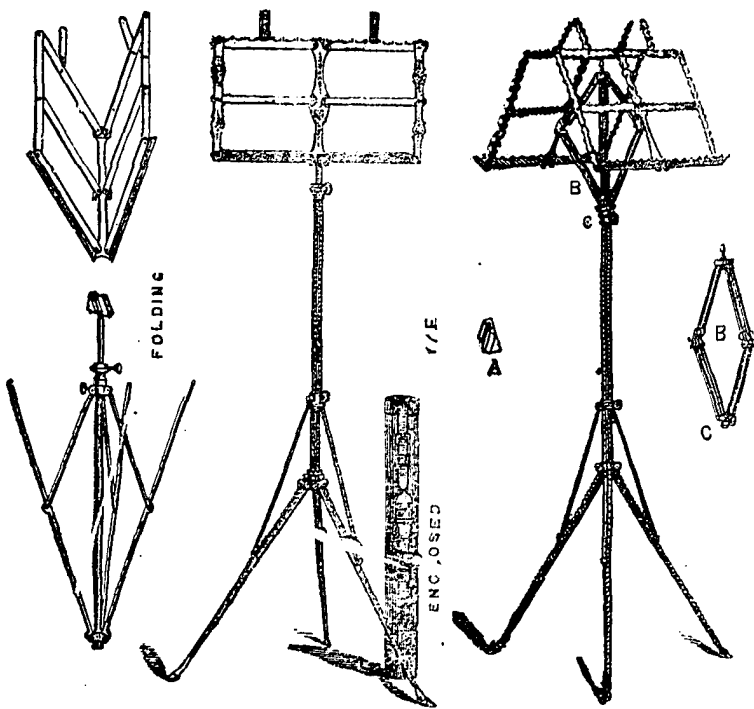
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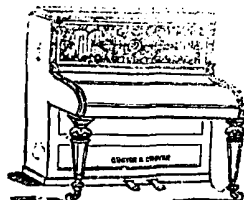
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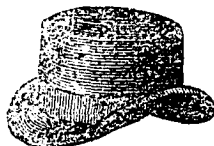
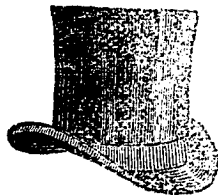
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