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### PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS.

IT is seldom an issue of our paper contains more conclusive and varied evidence of the growth of Provincial Charity Funds than is the case this week, when we record work in this direction in the Provinces of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, West Lancashire, Devon, and Durham—and even this, probably, by no means exhausts all that has been done or arranged for during the last few days, by those who are officially appointed by Provincial bodies to manage local funds of Masonic benevolence.

In view of all that is done in this direction it must be a surprise to many that the great Charities of the Order are able to hold their own as they have so far done, and even extend their spheres of usefulness; but what is said elsewhere in regard to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution—that the desire has always been to prevent the operations of the Provincial Institutions hindering the regular flow of contributions to the great Central Charities of the Craft—holds good throughout the country, and may be said to be the key note on which the many Provincial funds now existing were established, and are maintained.

We remember some fifteen or twenty years back communicating with the officials of the different Provinces, with the view of discovering what local means then existed for the organisation and dispensing of Masonic Charity. The returns we were then able to compile were very different to what would be the case now; indeed we might almost say that the stupendous work that is being carried on at the present time in almost every part of the country is virtually the growth of the last quarter of a century. It would be exceedingly interesting to summarise what is really being done in this direction, and later on we may ask our readers and those who are most interested in the work of the Craft in the Provinces to assist us in compiling a statement which would not only show the extent of the good work, but would, we are convinced, redound to the credit of our Provincial Charity Funds.

### OUR GRAND MASTER.

IT is most gratifying to know that the Prince of Wales had so far recovered from his accident as to be able to leave the Isle of Wight on Wednesday, for Scotland. His Royal Highness, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Wales, and attended by Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, crossed to Portsmouth Dockyard, where a special train had been provided for his conveyance to the north. The Royal party was received at the South Railway Jetty by Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Marshall, K.C.M.G., and Sir Charles Scotter (Directors), Mr. C. J. Owens (General Manager), and Mr. G. T. White (Traffic Superintendent) of the London and South Western Railway. His Royal Highness, who has greatly benefited by his stay at Osborne, arrived at Ballater for Balmoral on Thursday afternoon, where special

preparations were made for his reception. Not only was the platform laid with crimson cloth but the raised gangway which was used on the occasion of the arrival recently of her Majesty the Queen was erected, to enable the Prince to walk from the Royal saloon to the carriage in waiting without unnecessarily straining his injured limb. The Grand Master walked without assistance from the saloon to the end of the gangway, and stood with his hat raised during the salute of the guard of honour. He was joined in the phaeton by the Princess Victoria of Wales, and drove away amid hearty cheers from those present. Balmoral Castle was reached in about forty minutes, the avenue being lined by Gordon Highlanders.

### TORQUAY'S NEW TEMPLE.

TORQUAY'S new Masonic Temple, the home of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, was used for the first time on the 13th inst. The Temple has not yet been decorated, and in consequence the ceremonial opening by the Grand Master of Devonshire has been postponed until December.

The members of Jordan Lodge have hitherto met in the Masonic Hall, Park Street, which belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 328. The new temple occupies a more central situation, and when decorated will be one of the most beautiful in the county.

The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. Charles Hill, who congratulated the members on the success of their undertaking. Bro. J. G. Turle S.W. was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Lane Past A.G.D.C. England.

To Bro. J. Lane was presented a large portrait of himself as a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, in recognition of his many and valuable services to Freemasonry generally, and the Jordan Lodge in particular. Bro. J. Dodge the senior P.M. of the Lodge present made the presentation. The portrait will be hung in the Lodge Room. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. C. Hill, the retiring W.M., in recognition of his efforts in promoting the erection of the Temple which, with its very complete furnishing, was greatly admired by the many Visiting Brethren. All the fittings are voluntary gifts from Officers and Brethren. The very handsome oak pedestals, the work and gift of Bro. H. C. Goss, were especially admired. Portraits of Past Masters have been presented by Bro. J. C. Dinham.

On Tuesday, 13th inst., Freemasonry was brought prominently under public notice at Falmouth, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall had not previously held its annual meeting for nearly a dozen years. After such a prolonged spell of fine weather, says the "Western Mercury," it was particularly disappointing to the visitors to assemble on the first really wet morning experienced for many a day. But amid those sombre conditions there was ground for satisfaction and thankfulness, in the thought that the refreshing showers were bringing benefit to the land. So if the regalia of the members as they marched in large numbers to the Parish Church was shorn of much of its brilliancy by a clouded sky, comfort issued from the circumstance that the drought showed signs of disappearance.

### KNIGHTS OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

THE Red Cross Council met at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 2nd inst., Sir Knight C. G. Withell Illus. Sov.

Three Knights were installed, Sir Knights John B. Gover, Ledden, and Crocker. The ceremony was performed in an efficient manner by the various Officers. The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant time was spent.

## DURHAM.

ON Saturday afternoon, 10th inst., the annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Ingram Street, South Shields, when there was a numerous attendance. The Provincial Grand Superintendent Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unavoidably absent, being confined to his residence at Whitburn. A letter regretting his inability to be present was read from Sir Hedworth by the Provincial Scribe E. Comp. R. Hudson.

The Chapter was opened by Comps. J. D. Todd acting First Principal, T. Coulson as Second Principal, and J. C. Moor Third Principal.

The roll of Chapters was called and responded to by the respective Principals, after which Comp. R. Hudson and the acting First Principal briefly addressed the Chapter. The former reported an increase of sixty members in the whole of the Chapters for the past year.

A vote of sympathy was expressed by the Provincial Grand Chapter with the P.G. Superintendent, on the motion of Comp. J. D. Todd, seconded by Comp. George Harland.

The Treasurer's financial statement was read, and sums were voted to the Hudson Benevolent Fund Festival and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the motion of Comp. F. H. Bennett.

The Acting First Principal afterwards invested the following Officers for the ensuing year :—

Comp. Geo. Harland	-	-	-	H.
T. Atkinson	-	-	-	J.
Robert Hudson (re-appointed)	-	-	-	Scribe E.
W. Biggam	-	-	-	Scribe N.
John Readhead	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. J. Wilkes	-	-	-	Registrar
W. J. Jobson	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
R. Hauxwell	-	-	-	} Assistant Sojourners
A. Grundy	-	-	-	
W. Watson	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Hodgson	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
E. Lautebach	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. Madgshon	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. M. Moore	-	-	-	Organist
C. T. Johnson	-	-	-	Assist. Scribe E.
T. Grieve (re-appointed)	-	-	-	Janitor.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. John Ashley Randell P.M. of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, which took place on the 8th inst., at Devizes, at the age of 75. Bro. Randell was a P.P.G.S. of Works in the Province of Wilts, and had held the office of Director of Ceremonies in Lodge No. 663 for some years. In Arch Masonry he was Prov. G.H. in the Grand Chapter of Wilts, and a P.Z. in the Chapter of Harmony, No. 663. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In Mark Masonry he was Past Grand Senior Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wilts, and P.M. of the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 178. He was also a P.W.C.N. of the Anchor Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 178. Bro. Randell was an Alderman of the Borough, and served the office of Mayor in 1891. He was connected with the Volunteers for many years, retiring with the rank of Major in 1890, in consequence of having reached the age limit. He was a J.P. and a member of the Board of Guardians, and for many years Joint Secretary of the Cottage Hospital and the Soup Charity. Our lamented Brother was connected with many other public bodies and Institutions in the town and neighbourhood, and his loss will be severely felt, not only by his Masonic friends, but by everyone with whom he came in contact. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family in their bereavement. The funeral took place at the Devizes Cemetery, on the 12th inst., and was attended by a large number of Masons, the Mayor and Corporation, representatives of the different bodies (military and otherwise) with which the late Bro. Randell was connected, and numbers of private friends. Several handsome wreaths were sent, including one from the members of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

THE funeral of Bro. Edmund Herring, late of Sillaton, Pillaton, took place on the 8th inst. The deceased was an old Freemason, Past Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071 P. Prov. G.S.D. of Cornwall. The coffin was borne from the hearse to the church and thence to the graveside by eight of the Past Masters of Zetland Lodge: Bros. J. T. Brooking, R. Pearce, I. Pearce, T. Deeble, W. R. Doney, W. R. Rawling, W. T. Nancarrow, and J. Brooking. The W.M. Bro. J. Braund and a large number of members of the Lodge also attended.

## PROVINCIAL CHARITIES.

THE Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution will hold a Festival in Southampton, on Friday, 21st October, following the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to be held on the same date. The Festival was originally fixed for the spring of the year, but was postponed in order to avoid clashing with the Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys in London, the desire having always been to prevent the operations of the Provincial Institutions hindering the regular flow of contributions to the great Central Charities of the Craft. The Institution commenced its operations in 1889, and thirty orphan children of deceased Brethren have received, or are receiving its benefits. Every eligible candidate who has been recommended by a subscribing Lodge has been placed on the funds without a contest. There are at present seventeen children on the books, and there are now 40 Lodges, and 153 individual subscribers, who hold permanent votes in the Institution. The Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has promised to preside at the Festival.

AT a meeting of the joint Committees of the Devon Masonic Educational and Aged Widows' Annuity Funds, held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, it was announced that the Guildhall had been definitely engaged for Wednesday, 23rd November, for the next concert, to be given on behalf of the two Institutions. It was unanimously decided that Bro. Binding, who gave such a brilliantly successful concert last year, when the profits reached £112, should be again invited to undertake the musical arrangements, and the members present pledged themselves to make the forthcoming concert a financial success. It has been decided to elect another candidate on the Educational Fund, at a meeting to be held in October, and applications from intending candidates must be sent in to the Secretary Bro. Gover, not later than the end of this month.

THE Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, embracing representatives of all the Lodges in the Province, recently met, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Wylie P.G.D. D.Prov.G.M., and in the course of the proceedings the members voted substantial sums from the fund for the relief of a deserving Widow and a distressed Brother. After careful consideration, it was resolved to appropriate the votes of the Province for the purpose of securing the election of two meritorious candidates next month in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## JUBILEE OF ST. GEORGE LODGE, BOMBAY.

THE members of St. George Lodge, No. 549, the premier Masonic Lodge of the city of Bombay, celebrated its Jubilee last month at the Masonic Hall, Byculla, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of members of the Craft.

The refreshment room on the ground floor was transformed for the occasion into a fashionable reception hall, which was decorated with flags and bunting, and embellished with flowers and evergreens, which were skilfully worked in elegant Masonic symbols and designs. On the staircase leading up to the first floor was surmounted a transparency with the words "Welcome to the Jubilee of Lodge St. George" inscribed on it. Representatives of about a dozen Lodges working in Bombay under the English as well as Scotch Constitutions were invited, and they mustered in full force to do honour to the occasion. It was a cosmopolitan gathering of Europeans, Parsees, Hindoos, and Mahomedans.

The Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. for the transaction of business laid down in the summons convening the meeting, which was presided over by Bro. F. C. Allen Worshipful Master.

At the termination of the ordinary business Bro. R. S. Brown, a Past Master of the Lodge, in addressing the Brethren, said that on an occasion like the present, when the Lodge was celebrating its Jubilee—fifty years of existence—he would make a few observations previous to his moving a short resolution congratulating the Lodge and the Worshipful Master on the auspicious event. It did not fall to everyone's lot to be present, and still less to be present in his own Lodge, on the occasion of the accomplishment of

the Jubilee. The period might not appear long compared with the time immemorial during which their Fraternity had existed, nor could it be long in comparison with the history of the countries and races to which they all belonged; but at the same time it was a circumstance which did not always obtain in the case of all human institutions, and it was, therefore, a matter of great congratulation to themselves, and he hoped to the Fraternity generally, that they had been permitted during the last fifty years, and without any interruption, to carry on the work of Freemasonry in Bombay. He would not detain the Brethren by any lengthly remarks, but he might, however, observe that it must have occurred to their minds, as it had occurred to his mind, that the experience of the last fifty years transcended the experience of a majority of the Brethren present that evening, the long period carrying them back to the time when Bombay, and for the matter of that the whole of India, must have been in a very different condition than what they were in at present. The changes made in Bombay as regarded its buildings, its Government, its trade, and its general advancement, must have been immense. As regarded its connection with the Western world, it should not be forgotten that in those days it took them a period of three or four months to accomplish the voyage which had now been reduced to a few days. The prosperity of the town, though slightly eclipsed at the present moment, had advanced by leaps and bounds, and it was a matter for congratulation that side by side with the prosperity and general advancement of the town, Freemasonry had also taken a deep root in the city, and Lodge St. George had not only survived, but had increased in its number and influence. He thought that they might fairly consider that while, on the one hand, it should inspire them with gratitude that Providence had enabled them to carry on the work of the Lodge for such a long period, they should, on the other hand, look forward with confidence that if all the changes that had taken place during that time had resulted in an enormous spread of Freemasonry, they might also confidently believe that in the future the same progress might be continued. He then proposed that the Worshipful Master be asked to accept the congratulations of the Lodge over which he had the good fortune to preside at a time when it had reached the fiftieth year of its existence, and that the members of the Lodge express their gratitude for favours received, and their confidence in the usefulness of the Lodge in the future.

Bro. H. J. Parsons seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

The Lodge having been closed, dinner was served, covers being laid for about eighty members. The table was most tastefully and artistically decorated, being adorned with many of the silver trophies belonging to the W.M.

Bro. F. C. Allen W.M., who presided at the banquet, gave the toast of the Queen-Empress and the Craft, which was cordially received.

The W.M. then proposed the toasts of the H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Master Masons of Scotland and Ireland, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Straithnairn District Grand Master of Bombay and its territories, H.E. Lord Sandhurst Pro District Grand Master of Bombay, and they were all duly honoured by the Brethren.

Bro. R. S. Brown next proposed the toast of the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, observing that they were always welcome to Lodge St. George.

Bro. J. W. Smith Past Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, in replying to the toast, said that Bro. Brown had taken the wind out of his sails, inasmuch as he said all that could be said about the Jubilee of Lodge St. George in the excellent oration which he delivered in the Lodge. Speaking for Lord Sandhurst the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, he said that nothing could have given greater pleasure to his Excellency than to be present at the Jubilee of Lodge St. George, but that the exigencies and business of the State only had prevented him from visiting the Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Deputy District Grand Master and his Officers. He said that he was sure the name of Bro. Shields required no recommendation from him. He was known throughout the whole of India in the ranks of Freemasonry, for the lively interest and constant thought that he had given to the Craft, not only in the present time, but also in the past. Bro. Shields had always lent the very greatest assistance, and had enabled Freemasonry to attain the proud position that it had acquired in Bombay. His

interest in Freemasonry had been far-reaching, and he could personally testify to the fact that his advice to him and other young Freemasons was of a most valuable kind; he spared neither time nor trouble in furthering the interest of the Craft. In asking the assembly to drink to the health of Bro. Shields, he asked them to drink to the health of a Brother who was distinguished for everything good in Freemasonry. Bro. Shields was surrounded by many worthy Officers, and the able way in which they assisted him to carry out his duties was proved by the very prosperous condition in which Freemasonry in that Presidency stood at the present moment.

Bro. Shields, in reply, said he thought the Worshipful Master in proposing his toast had somewhat overdrawn the picture which he had painted. He had always endeavoured ever since he came to Bombay, and long before he ever accepted the important post he filled at the present time, to do whatever he could for Freemasonry and the various Lodges with which he had been connected. In his present position he was supported by a body of Freemasons who had long experience, who had served the Craft in various capacities, and who had proved their ability in the chairs of various Lodges, and who now supported the Grand Master in his duties with great zeal and assiduity. The District Officers recently visited with him some of the Lodges in the mofussil at a great sacrifice of time and money, which showed that they had the interest of the Craft at heart.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and in doing so referred to the long list of distinguished Brothers who had maintained the prestige and dignity of the Lodge.

Bro. H. J. Parsons, in responding to the toast on behalf of the Past Masters, remarked that the Lodge was particularly fortunate in always possessing a grand stock of Past Masters. When he entered the Lodge in the early eighties they were almost entirely Past Masters, and the Lodge was almost kept up by such. At that time Lodge St. George was, if not the most hospitable, one of the most hospitable Lodges in Bombay. At the time when he entered the Lodge the late Bro. Tyrrel Leith, whom they all knew and held in high esteem, was the Grand Master; since then they had had H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at the head of affairs, and now they had H.E. Lord Sandhurst for their chief—the latter two being members of Lodge St. George. Freemasonry in general was flourishing in Bombay, and Lodge St. George showed a record such as no other Lodge could show in regard to its charitable subscriptions, and its subscription to the new Masonic Hall building, in the completion of which they all took so much interest. He hoped that the Lodge would continue to flourish, and he had no doubt whatever that everyone present there would have the happiest recollection of that evening.

Bro. I. M. Shields proposed the toast of success to Lodge St. George of Bombay, and the Worshipful Master, and in doing so he gave a sketch of its formation and early history, complimenting the Lodge upon the uniform support it had given to the Masonic Charities, and its services to English Masonry, which it had been the means of fostering in Bombay. He concluded by saying that in the hands of its present Worshipful Master Bro. Allen, who had brought to his task of guiding the destinies of the Lodge during the current year energy, ability, and courtesy, equal to any of his predecessors in the chair, there was every reason to believe that the Lodge would continue to prosper.

The Brethren having duly honoured the toast, sang "For he is a jolly good fellow," and gave three cheers for the Lodge, and one extra for its Worshipful Master.

Bro. F. C. Allen, in reply, said:—Brethren,—It is a proud privilege for so young a Mason as myself to be placed in the position of being able to return thanks to the toast which has been so eloquently proposed by Bro. Shields, and it is a still prouder privilege for the members of Lodge St. George to welcome as their guests this evening so many prominent members of the Craft to assist in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Warrant under which our Lodge has been permitted to work for the past half century in Bombay. Questions that have doubtless been put to many of us at one time or another by the popular world who are not Masons are "What is the good of Freemasonry?" and "What do you gain by becoming a member of the Brotherhood?" Such questions are difficult to answer in a convincing manner, but I think that the present occasion is one which most of us might quote as pointing to an all powerful tie which, in spite of fifty years of vicissitude in a country which must of necessity see many changes in its European inhabitants—a tie which, I say, has enabled a

Masonic Lodge of Englishman to hold together in a foreign land for the long period of fifty years. Many of us enter the bonds of Masonry from a feeling of curiosity and a desire to know what the peculiar secrets of the Craft are, and when those mysteries have once been ascertained it is optional for any Brother to take his vows away with him and never again attend a Lodge of Freemasons, but, strange as it may appear to the outside world, the value of our art becomes greater as we know more of it, the great beauties of our faith grow, and we linger and remain, and, I venture to say, that no man who once becomes a Mason ever regrets the step he has taken. The annals of Lodge St. George include the names of many men who have helped to build up the history of this city of Bombay and to render it one of the foremost in the world. Many of the most prominent men of their time, whether it was in 1848 or the present year, have had their names enrolled amongst its list of members, and, as I said just now, the bond of Masonry must be great indeed if a small Lodge like this St. George can boast a history which includes such names as the late Bros. James Gibbs, Tyrrel Leith, and Harold King, and of the present time H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and H.E. Lord Sandhurst. "Masonry universal" is a sentiment which we Brethren in this country can fully appreciate, but it was left to our Bro. Dunn to bring home to the Masons of England the true meaning of the expression on the occasion when our English Brethren met together at the Albert Hall, in London, to celebrate the sixtieth year of the reign of her Majesty the Queen-Empress. In responding to one of the toasts he was able to say that a long residence in the East had enabled him to discover that the ties of the Craft were more powerful than any other bond, whether it was creed, caste, or lineage, and that the Light of Masonry had permitted him to meet men of all religions on the same ground of equality, and even to break down the prejudices of Shylock who, it will be remembered, said :—

"I will not eat, drink, nor pray with you,"

because he was not of the Christian faith; but the tenets of our peculiar laws render such restrictions impossible, and we Brethren of the Craft meet on common ground—the ground of natural equality and mutual dependence. Brethren, I am glad to be able to say that the history of Lodge St. George in the present year is not likely to be dimmed by any of its forerunners. We have many ardent members, and every meeting we hold speaks to the fervency of the Brethren who belong to it. It is a long cry to 1948, but when that year comes, and I hope that many of you will be present when it does, and the Lodge has completed a century of existence, I am confident that whoever has the honour to be the Master on that occasion will be able to render a good account of the Lodge in the meanwhile. Before I sit down I would beg to thank you most heartily and humbly for the kind way in which you have drunk my health, and to say that whilst the welfare of this Lodge is my welfare, it would be impossible for the Lodge to be in its present state of prosperity were it not for the able and kind support I have received during the time I have been in the chair, from my Officers and the members as a body.

Brother Shields then gave the toast of the Visitors, and while doing so observed that the Worshipful Master had invited the Visitors to the Centenary of the Lodge, and he only hoped that they would all be able to attend. In coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Darasha R. Chichgar, he said that that Brother was well-known to them all, and his excellent services to Freemasonry were probably greater than those of any other Brother in Bombay. To Bro. Chichgar they owed a deep debt of gratitude for assisting them that evening in their preparations, and to him the Craft generally owed a great debt for the exertions he had made, both in the past and present, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Joint Hall Committee, and more especially for the very great help he had given in raising the fund for the building of the new Hall, which they soon hoped to occupy. There was also another distinguished Mason present, Bro. Tait, who, he hoped, would be benefitted in health by his being transferred to Bombay from Sind. There was also Bro. Counsell, who was one of the oldest Past Masters in English Freemasonry in Bombay, and one to whom the Lodge was particularly indebted. He coupled the names of Bros. Chichgar, Tait, and Counsell with the toast of the Visitors.

Bros. Darasha Chichgar, Tait, and Counsell responded to the toast, and in doing so wished prosperity to the Lodge, which was second to none as to its charity and working.

The Tyler's toast was drunk in solemn silence, and the Brethren separated.—"Times of India."

## DUBLIN MASONIC SCHOOLS.

ON Saturday a large party of Freemasons and their friends from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down journeyed to Dublin for the purpose of visiting and inspecting the Masonic Female Orphan School at Ball's Bridge, and the Masonic Boys School at Ranelagh. These two Institutions are yearly receiving extended support from the various Provinces and Lodges throughout the country, and now they are in the very highest rank of kindred institutions in the United Kingdom. The system of Provincial visits, when was inaugurated a year or so ago, has been found to be of incalculable efficacy in bringing home to members of the Order scattered through the country the scope of the working of the Schools, and the admirable results flowing from their teaching. The visit was arranged on lines similar to that paid in 1897 by the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, and was organised by Colonel Thomas A. M'Cammon Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Dr. Francis C. Crossle Provincial Grand Secretary of Down. Brother John M'Connell, J.P., representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, also accompanied the party, some 250 ladies and gentlemen taking part in the visit and inspection.

The Female Orphan School at Ball's Bridge was first visited. Here the party was received by Brother Lord Justice Fitzgibbon Vice Patron, Brother Graves S. Eves, J.P., Hon. Sec. of the School, Brother John Holdbrook, B.A., Assistant Secretary, and other members of the Education Committee. They were shown through the dormitories, dining room, play room, kitchen, and other sections of the School, and admired to the full the excellent arrangements, and the bright, clean, and airy appearance of all the apartments. Subsequently they assembled in the drill hall, when the pupils went through a series of calisthenic exercises in splendid style. At the conclusion they sang the National Anthem.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, addressing the gathering, said his Brethren had asked him to say a few words to the deputationists. The first matter he had to mention was their and his deep regret that the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland was not able to be present to welcome them. He had been confined to bed by illness. He was the senior Vice President of that School ex-officio, and he had been for many years a member of its Educational Committee, and one of those who worked hardest for the welfare of the Institution. He might now remind them that they had up to the present been seeing only one of their two Schools, and that everything he could say or that could be said for the Girls School could equally be said for the other place. The other was a good deal younger, and therefore was a little shorter in stature. They had 80 boys, as against 104 girls. The Girls School had been growing since 1792. It had been all that time, they trusted, growing in grace, increasing in stature and in usefulness, and at no time did it occupy a better position than it occupied that day. Beginning in 1866 the Boys School up to the present ran a race—what the sailors would call a "stern chase"—with the Girls Institution, and when the two Institutions stood breast to breast, and on equal terms in regard to their utility, the Brethren would be satisfied, but not till then. They greeted very heartily and very thankfully that visit, because they had always a difficulty in reaching their country Brethren, in reaching their good feeling, and bringing to them a knowledge of the work that was being done in these places. They heard continually from distant places observations made on their Schools, and their work, and the way they did it, that it only required a single visit to show to be a mistake. They were sometimes told that they were wasting their money on luxuries for their children; and that they gave them education beyond their needs. He could tell them that both these statements were entirely a mistake. Every girl or boy who entered either of these Institutions entered it in the same way in which his or her father entered their ancient Order—on the square, and to be taught that they were equals of those about them. As regarded the instruction given too good for its purpose, let them not forget what that purpose was. The purpose was to train these children to make their own livelihood, as independent, God-fearing members of society, and to be able to hold up their heads in the world as owing nothing to anyone, except to those who had trained them in the way that they should go. On the day that a pupil entered that Institution constant observation and care were used to try and find out what the child was fitted for. Their only difficulty sometimes was that the mothers and friends of some of the children thought they were not doing enough for them in the way of giving them a superior education such as they thought was warranted by their position in life. But, their principle being firstly to ascertain what the child was capable of, the next thing they looked to was to give them the very best teaching in the way in which his or her capacity ran, and the results continued to be eminently satisfactory. From the Girls School in the present year in the literary field 29 of their children had passed the Intermediate Examinations in a year when the examinations were exceptionally



severe. Their girls had taken exhibitions and prizes, and their boys the same, to an extent for which full credit would not be given, except by those who knew that in schools such as theirs, where they did not touch the higher accomplishments or the very advanced subjects, it was not possible to figure in the prize list in the same proportion as in the pass lists, owing to the system by which the awards were made. But they would observe that in all the fields that were most useful in the commercial and practical subjects, the boys of their School scored high marks and distinctions of every kind. And it was the same in the Girls School. Of the two tallest girls remaining in the school now one had got an exhibition and the other a high prize. Now, as regarded the alleged "wastefulness" in these two Institutions, he was very glad they had had an opportunity of examining and prying into the housekeeping of the Institution; for they maintained that no Institution did better practical work for the money than they did, and when they got a hard-headed audience to talk to they liked to give figures. They had a capital account and a maintenance account. For the capital account they were thankful to those that gave it to them—the house and all its belongings and 12 acres of land, which was the free gift to the Masons of to-day from the Masons of yesterday and the day before. Some £28,000 or £29,000 had been spent in its erection, and for it now they had no charge to bear and no rent to pay. But in return for the self-sacrifice of those who went before them and gave them the house, they were bound to use it to the full by maintaining it as those donors would wish to see it maintained. Of those who deserved their profound gratitude for what they had done in many years there was none that stood higher than the County Down Past Provincial Grand Master Colonel Forde, one of their most generous helpers, and one who in his own little Lodge in the country had seen that his Brethren should join in helping it. They wanted his example made known, and were grateful to him for setting that example. He was not content with getting life votes in that Institution, for he gave them a generous annual subscription besides. Again, among their most active workers throughout the country was their present Provincial Grand Master, who also, he believed, was the organiser of the present meeting. Their Deputy Grand Master also should get credit for the exertions he made. As to the figures of their maintenance account, for housing, clothing, feeding, and teaching, giving in every department the very best that money could provide, combined with economy, the expenditure upon each of the children was less than £24 in the twelve months. He thought these figures would satisfy the most particular and economical of even Ulster housekeepers. They had seen the house and the way in which everything was kept. The work was done by the girls themselves, for one of the most useful lessons they sought to teach the girls was to be practical, good housekeepers themselves in the time to come. Many and many of them had had to fight their way through life to the end, with the aid of the education they received by the aid of the Masonic Order. Many and many others were themselves happy wives and happy mothers who had to exert in life in keeping happy households around them the domestic lessons they learned in that place. And, if there was one lesson that they sought to teach from start to finish in all their dealings with the children, it was that the School was their family home, that they were in charge of those who were bound to them by a tie almost as dear as the tie of blood, and that, as members of their own family, they were looked to to do credit to those who had done their best to bring them up well. The boys had also won for themselves through the world good positions. Hard-working, well-behaved, and well-taught young men they believed them to be. Now that so many callings were thrown open to girls, they in that School taught them everything likely to be useful in a commercial life: shorthand, type-writing, Civil Service work; and the pupils of their School were foremost in winning good places. He desired to impress upon them that this School was for the whole of Ireland, and that so far from its being a merely Dublin Institution, those pupils from the country parts far exceeded those from Dublin. They had actually in the school twelve orphans of Brethren who were members of Down Lodges in their lifetime. In conclusion, he expressed his sincere and hearty thanks to them for visiting and inspecting the School, and a hope that when they returned to the country they would give a favourable account of the work which was done there for the good of the whole country and the Order to which they belonged.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Down also spoke, and expressed his regret at the absence, through illness, of the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, whose genial presence and cheery words were always so welcome in any gathering of Irish Freemasons. He had to thank his Brother Lord Justice Fitzgibbon for the admirable address he had just delivered, and there need be no apprehension that the Masons who came to see their magnificent Schools that day would not take it to heart and double their exertions to maintain those noble Institutions of which the Order in Ireland was so proud.

This terminated the proceedings at the Girls School, and cheers were given for the visitors by the children.

A start was then made in brakes for the Boys School, which is picturesquely situated at Richview, Clonskeagh. The pupils were drawn up on the lawn in front of the School building, their appearance being indicative of health and strength. They were in charge of Brother J. Moore, M.A., Head Master, Brother M. Hamilton, and the other assistant masters. The visitors were received by Brothers Oliver Fry Hon. Secretary, Thomas W. Kinahan, M.A., J.P., Joseph H. Woodworth, Arthur S. M'Cormack, and other members of the Committee, and were entertained at luncheon. Subsequently several photographic groups were taken of the visitors, and the party then proceeded to inspect the various sections of the building, class rooms, dormitories, play room, &c. General admiration was expressed for the completeness of the School equipment.

The visitors returned to County Down in the evening.—"Irish Times."

The weekly meetings of the Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 2698, were resumed on Wednesday evening, at the Earl Derby, 155 High Road, Kilburn, N.W., and will be continued there each Wednesday during the winter, at 8 o'clock. The Masonic Charities Association formed in connection with the Lodge meets on the last Wednesday in the month, after the usual business of the Lodge has been disposed of. Bro. Harry Willsmer 1567 is the Secretary, and he will be pleased to give any further information that may be desired. The Lodge is under the Preceptorship of Bro. A. F. Hardyment S.W. 2698 J.W. 1500 S.D. 1489, with Bro. R. J. Campbell P.M. P.Z. 1489 W.M. 2698 as Assistant Preceptor and Treasurer, and Bro. A. E. Horstead 1897 as Organist. This latter office is somewhat of a novelty in a Lodge of Instruction, but all who have experienced the difference there is in the rehearsal of the ceremonies with a little music introduced will agree with us that this appointment alone is recommendation for any Instruction Lodge.

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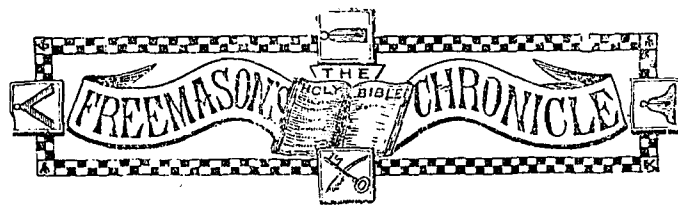
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SATURDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 1898.

The installation meeting of the Shurmur Chapter, No. 2374, will be held on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, the proceedings commencing at 5 o'clock. After the formalities of opening the Principals will be installed, and the Officers invested, the chief ceremony being performed by Comp. W. Shurmur P.G. Standard Bearer of England, while other business on the agenda includes the acceptance and exaltation of three candidates, and the admission of a joining member. The banquet will be served at 7 o'clock. We anticipate a very pleasant gathering, and hope to record the proceedings in a subsequent issue. Comp. Ben Johnson is the present M.E.Z., while the Principals-elect are Comps. W. Gower, S. C. Kaufman and C. H. Bestow, Z., H., and J. respectively.

An historical lecture on Freemasonry will be delivered by Bro. Henry Sadler P.M. P.Z. Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, on Monday evening, 10th October, at the Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction, the Masonic Hall, Watford, commencing at 7 o'clock. Brethren of neighbouring Lodges, and Master Masons generally, are cordially invited to attend, an early notification from those likely to be present being desired by Bro. J. P. Taylor (95 High Street, Watford), Preceptor of the Lodge.

### HOLIDAY MASONS AT PLYMOUTH.

A NUMBER of Brethren in the Three Towns, with their wives and other friends, arranged a trip to Paris a few weeks ago, under the guidance of Bro. J. Jacobs, who was ably assisted by Bro. H. J. Barter, and so satisfactory were the whole arrangements that the tourists commemorated the occasion by a dinner and dance at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 8th inst. Bro. J. Jacobs presided, with Bros. Barter and Capt. W. Powell, R.M.L.I., in the vice-chairs. The company, including ladies, numbered between fifty and sixty.

During the evening Bro. Barter referred in eulogistic terms to the admirable manner in which the chairman had acted as "guide, philosopher, and friend" throughout the trip to Paris, and said the whole party were so gratified with the success of the trip, mainly owing to Brother Jacobs's untiring efforts, that they desired to give practical expression of their appreciation of his services. They, therefore, asked his acceptance of a silver spirit flash and silver cigar case, both bearing appropriate inscriptions. Freemasonry was synonymous with friendship and good feeling, and he was quite sure this had been largely promoted by the enjoyable excursion from which they had recently returned.

Bro. Captain Powell also acknowledged the kindly and successful services of the chairman during the tour.

Bro. Jacobs, in acknowledging the gifts, said while he had done his best to make the trip a success he was largely indebted to Brother Barter, without whose valuable aid they could not possibly have had so much pleasure and enjoyment. He asked Bro. Barter to accept a silver matchbox and coin holder combined, as a personal gift from himself, as a token of Masonic friendship, and as a thank offering for his generous assistance.

Bro. Barter briefly thanked the chairman.

The toast of the Ladies was proposed by Bro. John R. Lord P.P.G.T. P.G.D.C., and replied to on behalf of the Ladies by Brother P. G. Pearce P.P.G.S.D.; and one or two toasts having been honoured, songs, recitations, and a dance followed.

We understand it was on the suggestion of Bro. Jacobs, two years ago, that an innovation, in form of a Masonic trip to Paris, was arranged, and he received two very handsome presents as some recognition of his services on that occasion. Last year he arranged a trip to Brussels, Antwerp, and Ostend.

This year the Brethren decided to take the ladies with them, and again decided on a trip to Paris. The South Eastern Railway route via Folkestone and Boulogne was selected, and the whole trip was most heartily enjoyed. The party dined together on the 5th ult. at Gatti's, while passing through London, and at the Holborn Restaurant on the return from Paris on the 13th, staying at the Hotel Central while in the French capital. A visit was paid to Versailles, on a day when it fortunately happened the great fountains were playing. A visit was also paid to the Palace at Fontainebleau, and a drive enjoyed through the Forest.

The gathering referred to above was arranged as a re-union, and for the purpose of closing the accounts, the trip having been worked on co-operative principles.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE regular meeting was held on Friday, 9th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. Chas. Robinson W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. J. Coombs I.P.M., Justin Allen S.W., H. J. Gomm J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. Sec., Edyman P.M. Treas., B. E. Blasby P.M., W. Gomm P.M., Johnson S.D., Worth J.D., Halstead I.G., Edyman Steward, John Gilbert Tyler; Bros. Roper, Everitt, Taylor, Purkiss, T. Dorey, Nash, Cornwell, J. H. Willey, W. H. Day, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. Billett, Pescud, Bird, Hall, Wood, Phillips, Barton, Jones, Morris, Evans, and F. F. Noake.

The business of the meeting included the raising of Bro. F. J. Haines and the passing of Bro. H. E. Bridger, and at the conclusion of the proceedings the company sat down to refreshment, under the presidency of their chief. The menu provided for the occasion was an excellent one, and the way in which the repast was served reflected great credit on the well known establishment of which Bro. Purkiss is the proprietor. Notwithstanding the tropical heat the pleasures of the day were fully appreciated, the splendid surroundings of the Hotel contributing in no small measure to the successful result.

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## UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE installation meeting of this excellent Lodge took place with much success at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on the 8th instant. In spite of the sultry weather there was a large attendance, but the W.M.-elect was held in such high estimation among his Brethren and fellows that his friends would brave more than the tropical heat of the afternoon.

Bro. Henry Hyde presided for the last time during his year of office, assisted by his Officers and the following Brethren: Bros. E. M. Jeffery P.M., Charles Schmidt P.M., C. J. Free P.M., C. Gieseke P.M., Edwin Hill P.M., John Stroud P.M., Samuel Toyé P.M., G. A. Peters I.P.M.; also J. Cooper, W. Hartwell, E. W. Delevanti, R. Burridge, R. F. Thomson, Alfred B. Noble, William H. Barker, Robt. Everett, T. W. Holmes, W. T. Hustwayte, G. W. Flatman, J. Isaacs, G. Norris, S. Schaerer, C. W. Cooper, W. Prior, F. White.

Visitors:—Geo. F. Miles W.M.-elect 1351, Frederick Toyé W.M. 1278,

Fred R. Greening S.D. 204, James Smith P.M. 933, G. H. Clark W.M. 1766, A. J. Pallent 711, J. Anley J.W. 177, A. H. Wrigglesworth 1257.

The Lodge was opened at the early hour of three o'clock, as the agenda paper embraced the three degrees in addition to the installation. Fortunately for the perspiring Brethren the two candidates for initiation were unable to be present, so that ceremony was postponed.

Bros. Wm. Henry Baker and Edward W. Delevanti were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Wm. Hartwell, who answered his questions with remarkable accuracy, was raised to the sublime degree, was invested as a Master Mason, and took his seat in the Lodge. Both the ceremonies were admirably performed by Bro. Hyde.

The principal business of the meeting was then proceeded with. Brother Hyde declared all offices vacant, and appointed Bros. Stroud and Peters to assist him as Wardens.

Bro. William Athol Bray W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Toyé, who acted as Director of Ceremonies, and signified his adherence to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren then retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Bray was placed in the chair in accordance with ancient custom by Bro. Toyé, who performed this portion of the ceremony.

Upon the return of the Brethren the new Master was saluted and proclaimed, after which he invested the following Officers for the year: Bros. Augustus A. Butcher S.W., Henry James Rowberry J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treas., Charles John Free P.M. Sec. (who was greeted with great applause as he walked up to the pedestal to receive his collar and the eulogium of the W.M., sufficiently proving his popularity), Walter James Carroll S.D., Robert Fulton Thomson J.D., Alfred Barnard Noble I.G., E. M. Jeffery P.M. D.C., George Wm. Flatman A.D.C., Ernest C. Holmes Organist, Frederick William Ward, Jas. W. Isaacs and W. T. Hustwayte Stewards, and Thomas Bowler P.M. Tyler.

The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Hyde with excellent effect, and he was rewarded with the applause of the assembly. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and, that concluding the business of the evening, the visiting Brethren tendered their hearty good wishes to the W.M., the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

The installation banquet was timed for half past seven, and punctually at that hour the W.M. said grace, and the Brethren partook of an excellent dinner, superintended by Bro. Baecker. At its termination the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, Bro. Bray making special reference to the accident of the Grand Master, and expressing the sympathy of the Brethren with his affliction.

Bro. Hyde in kindly terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that as Bro. Bray had entered upon his year of office he might be sure that all the Brethren would assist him, to the best of their ability, in carrying out the duties of the Lodge, so as to make it a happy and successful one.

Bro. Bray, in reply, said he felt very deeply the honour that had been conferred upon him, and returned his sincere thanks for his election. It was only eight years ago that he had sat at the right of the W.M. in his capacity of an initiate, so that his rise had been rapid. He thought he had obtained the height of his ambition when he was made a Master Mason, but through the kindness of the Brethren he had filled all the Offices, and the experience

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he had gained would be most beneficial to him in his present proud position. He afterwards proceeded to propose the health of his predecessor, who had so ably conducted the Lodge during the past year. His genial and workmanlike manner had endeared him to every member of the Lodge, and he had thoroughly deserved the recognition of his services that had been voted by the Brethren in the shape of the Lodge jewel, and the collar and jewel of a P.M., which he now had the pleasure to hand to him.

A very handsome diamond ring was presented for Mrs. Hyde, as compensation for the time that she had been deprived of her husband's society, and a further gift was offered by Bro. Burridge, on behalf of the Initiates of the year, in the shape of a signet ring containing the Lodge crest in enamel, manufactured by Bro. Carroll.

Bros. Stroud and Peters were also presented with Past Master's collars and jewels which had been overlooked at the time they vacated the chair.

Bros. Hyde, Stroud, and Peters returned thanks for their respective gifts, with which, it is needless to say, they were much gratified.

Bros. Fred Toyé, James Smith (Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction), Clarke, Pallent and Anley responded to the toast of the Visitors, and bore testimony to the efficient manner of the working, and the profuse hospitality of the Lodge.

The Treasurer, Secretary, Past Masters, and Officers were also complimented and suitably responded, until at length "the witching hour of night" approached, so Bro. Bowler entered and gave the Tyler's toast, which brought these pleasant proceedings to a happy termination.

During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. Clarke, Jeffery, Burridge, Ward, Rowberry, White, and Delavanti, who were accompanied on the piano by Bro. E. O. Holmes.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Harry Watts Worshipful Master, who was supported by members and visitors.

Mr. Robert Frank Sharp was initiated by Past Master Frederic Kearney, and afterwards Bro. Henry George Park Worshipful Master-elect was installed by Past Master Henry C. Lonsdale.

The new W.M., in his various investitures, exhibited a perfect knowledge of the ritual. After Bro. Lonsdale P.M. had delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to a banquet.

The customary toasts were subsequently proposed, and vocal and instrumental music was provided by Miss Ruby Lyons, Mr. J. E. Lyons, Mr. George Browne, Mr. A. A. Moncrieff, and Mr. W. Graves, Bro. W. Stevens accompanying on the piano.

The Immediate Past Master, in giving the toast of the W.M., declared that Bro. Park deserved everything that could be said in his praise by the most accomplished speaker. He had known him for many years, and had always found him to be a true and honest friend. They entered the Lodge side by side, and were initiated together by Bro. L. Leins, and it was very gratifying to Bro. Park and himself to know that their father in Masonry was now present. Bro. Park had worked well, and would prove, he was sure, a thoroughly good Master from every point of view.

The W.M., in the course of a fitting reply, assured the Brethren that without fear or favour he would try to do his duty in the position of honour to which he was elected.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master, and presenting that Officer with a handsome Past Master's Jewel, bore testimony to the zeal, faithfulness, and impartiality with which Bro. Watts had discharged his duty.

Bro. Watts I.P.M., in reply, thanked the Brethren one and all for the assistance they had given to him, and promised that he would do whatever he could in the future to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

#### INSTRUCTION.

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#### WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bros. W. G. Handover W.M., G. Weaver S.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., G. Knight S.D., C. Halston J.D., G. Crow I.G., T. W. Mogford P.M., Busby, Shaw, Meek, Tucker, De Maid, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Past Master T. Mogford kindly acting as candidate. The W.M. afterwards rehearsed the ceremony of

passing, Bro. Tucker being the candidate. Both these ceremonies were rehearsed in a perfect manner.

Bro. De Maid was elected a member, and Bro. Weaver W.M. for next meeting.

#### ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

THE meetings of this Lodge were resumed on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Queen Victoria, Exmouth Street, E., when the chair was occupied by Bro. Harper W.M. 1306, and he rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a most creditable manner, Bro. J. Holland being the candidate.

#### HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, at Bro. E. Stevens's, the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Bros. G. E. Harris W.M., J. Bartlett S.W., A. Collman J.W., W. J. Ferguson P.M. Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. Sec., W. H. Handover S.D., J. R. Beardon J.D., J. Chubb I.G., W. Smith, J. Wynman, A. Butters P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Handover acting as candidate. The W.M. next rehearsed the second degree, Bro. Butters P.M. 2163 representing the candidate. This and the former ceremony were rehearsed to the satisfaction of every Brother.

Bro. J. Bartlett P.M. 1637 was elected to preside on Monday next.

#### ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE THE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. B. Cohen W.M., A. B. Collins S.W., T. Holland J.W., C. Wetton acting Preceptor, J. Wynman S.D., W. Newstead I.G., and others.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, resumed to the first, when Bro. Wynman was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Newstead acting as candidate.

Bro. Holland, with his usual ability finished the ceremony by giving the ancient charge. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree and closed down to the first.

Bro. Collins was elected W.M. for next meeting.

#### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Bro. Coxen's, the Earl of Derby, High Road, Kilburn, the Brethren re-assembled in strong force after the vacation, under the presidency of Bro. James Gawthrop as W.M., with Bros. M. Spiegel S.W., A. H. Oldrey J.W., A. F. Hardymont Preceptor, H. Willsmer Sec., J. H. Clemens S.D., Batchelor J.D., Liddall I.G., Thomas P.M., J. W. Smith P.M., Greaves, Wyatt, Cutts, Medland, Knowles, Fraser, Sheen, Goldstein, Unwin, Simons, Wynman, and several others, in all about thirty being present.

The W.M. rehearsed the second degree, with Bro. Wyatt acting as the candidate, after which the W.M. rehearsed the investiture of Officers.

The following Brethren were elected members: Bros. H. Trask P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts, J. Codling P.G.Org. Herts, Unwin, J. Thomas P.M., and Cheesman, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

Bro. M. Spiegel P.M. P.Z. P.P.G. Std. Bearer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The excellent working of that Brother being so well known we expect to see a very good attendance.

#### PROVINCIAL.

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#### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT a meeting held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 12th inst., reference was made to the death of Bro. Isaac Latimer, and a vote of condolence with the members of his family was unanimously passed. Bro. Latimer was a very old member, and a Past Master of the Lodge. The late Rev. J. Huyshe, while filling the position of Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, appointed him Prov.G.J.W.

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TATE S. MANSFORD, SECRETARY.

### LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, when Bro. Wm. Hawker I.P.M. presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Charles Matthews W.M. He was assisted by Bros. J. N. Willis S.W., A. J. Walklin J.W., R. J. Beamish P.P.A.G.D.C. acting as I.P.M., Henry Forss P.M., W. J. Hayward, Arthur Ronaldson P.P.A.G.S. Secretary, W. Spencer Bowen S.D., H. Doughty P.M., T. H. Lygo P.M., E. Ingman J.D., J. Gillett I.G., G. R. Ceiley Organist, J. Axcell, C. P. Bowen, F. A. Mummery, F. T. Webber, W. H. Upton, T. Smith, H. L. Thurnell, J. R. Liley, G. H. Sculton, T. Kemp, A. Holland, J. Hewison, F. Pettingale, J. C. Walker, G. A. Grant.

The Lodge being regularly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Owing to the non-attendance of several candidates the only business before the Lodge was the passing of Bro. John Thomas Foster. He was therefore presented, and proved his proficiency as an Apprentice, after which he was duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bro. Hawker.

This being election night according to the Bye-laws, the Brethren next proceeded to ballot for the Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year, with the result that Bros. A. J. Walklin, T. T. Hogg, and George Martin were elected to those respective offices. Bros. Lockhart, Hewison, and Grant were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. All these Brethren expressed their thanks for their election.

Bro. Forss proposed that to mark the valuable services of Bro. Hawker as acting Master for the year, a piece of jewellery be presented to him. This was supported by Bros. Walklin, Beamish, and Ronaldson, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Hawker modestly returned thanks, saying that he was always willing to be of any assistance when called upon, but he had no idea of receiving any reward for his services; he would, however, esteem it a mark of high honour and goodwill from the Brethren.

Four candidates were proposed for initiation at some future date, one of whom is the son of the W.M.-elect, and this concluding the business the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to supper, held for the first time in Bro. Cook's new Banqueting Hall at the Clarendon.

A pleasant evening was subsequently spent, the customary complimentary speeches being interspersed by songs and recitations by Bros. Holland, Walklin, Lockhart, Ingman, Robinson (visitor), Axcell, and Webb, while Bros. Ceiley and Matthews made excellent accompanists.

### ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

ON Saturday afternoon, 10th inst., there was a large gathering of Brethren at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Harris Hall S.W. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. England. The ceremony over, the annual banquet was held.

### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE installation was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on Monday, 5th inst., when Bro. A. J. Bennett S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. E. E. Eve P.G.Stwd. I.P.M.

Subsequently the Brethren and Visitors, to the number of forty, sat down to an excellent banquet served by the hostess, Mrs. E. S. Hickford. The newly appointed W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

### DOROTHY VERNON LODGE, No. 2129.

THE annual festival was held at the Town Hall, Bakewell, on Tuesday afternoon, 6th inst., when Bro. Rev. J. E. Jagger, vicar of Stanton and Birchover, was installed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. W. S. Frost W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. W. S. Frost was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

### IXION LODGE, No. 2501.

IT was a very pleasant journey down to Essex, on the 8th inst., when the green trees, the sunny meadows and the cool breeze afforded a strong contrast to the broiling town, and hence it was not surprising to find the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, was very fully attended.

The W.M. Bro. W. J. Barnes presided, and opened the Lodge with praiseworthy punctuality, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There was no regular business before the Lodge, with the exception of the election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. T. H. Lloyd S.W. having declined to go forward, the choice of the Brethren fell upon Bro. J. R. Carter J.W., who was unanimously elected. Bros. R. Sandall and David Legg were re-appointed to their respective offices as Treasurer and Tyler. Bros. S. H. May, J. Smith and S. J. Legg were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee.

Bro. Bromhead proposed, and Bro. Carter seconded, that the usual Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Barnes as a small token of appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master during the past year, which was carried unanimously.

Among those present besides those above mentioned were Bros. B. Jones, H. Miller, G. T. Peall P.M. Secretary, G. E. Grattan, V. Taylor, H. Pollock, Leo Taylor, S. H. May, B. Stewart, H. Heather, C. Vignes, A. Appleton, J. Saunders, J. Whitelaw, and many others.

### LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

**Monday,**  
720 Panmure, Balham  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.  
2060 La France, Café Royal  
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton  
77 Freedom, Gravesend

148 Lights, Warrington  
236 York, York  
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton  
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster  
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, Gateshead  
455 Perseverance, Katering  
466 Merit, Stamford Baron  
840 Scientific, Wolverton  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
986 Hesketh, Croston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham  
1146 De Moulham, Swanage  
1199 Agriculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
2069 Prudence, Leeds  
2074 St. Clare, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool  
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport  
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields  
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield  
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester  
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

### Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.  
704 Camden, Anderton's  
857 St. Mark, Camberwell  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley  
2045 Wharton, Willesden  
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion  
213 Perseverance, Norwich  
223 Charity, Plymouth  
384 St. David, Bangor  
418 Menturia, Hanley  
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon  
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen  
551 Yarborough, Ventnor  
560 Vernon, Stourport  
667 Alliance, L.A. pool  
681 Scarsdale, Cuxsternfield  
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield  
958 St. Aubin, Jersey  
1006 Tregullov, St. Day  
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness  
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness  
1276 Warren, Seacombe  
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton  
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1551 Charity, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Buckingham  
1893 Lumley, Skegness  
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.  
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley  
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton  
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows  
2316 Princes, Liverpool  
2360 Victoria, Southport  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud  
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

### Wednesday.

Board of Benevolence, at 5.  
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern  
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town  
1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho  
2266 Cator, Beckenham  
20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance  
137 Amity, Poole  
178 Antiquity, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Denton  
221 St. John, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
537 Zetland, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester

610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich  
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
823 Everton, Liverpool  
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow  
934 Merit, Whitefield  
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham  
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood  
962 Sun and Sector, Workington  
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury  
1040 Sykes, Driffeld  
1086 Walton, Liverpool  
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale  
1136 Carew, Torpoint  
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester  
1179 Rutland, Ilkerton  
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel  
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks  
1301 Brighthouse, Brighouse  
1334 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey  
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom  
1638 Brownrigg, K'gston-on-Thames  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint  
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth  
2135 Constance, Consett  
2153 Hope, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'  
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse  
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
2475 Border, Blackwater

### Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, 4-30.  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark  
766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.  
1421 Langthorne, Ilford  
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal  
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C'rt Ho  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
410 Grove, Ewell  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
781 Beaureper, Belper  
935 Harmony, Salford  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham  
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

### Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School, 2-30.  
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby  
445 Fidelity, Towcester  
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket  
566 St. Germain, Selby  
712 Lindsey, Louth  
1224 Stour valley, Sudbury  
1232 Hereward, Bourn  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne

### Saturday.

1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow  
308 Prince George, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Marple  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone  
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst  
1579 St. James, Enfield  
1851 Ewell, Kingston  
1965 Eastes, Bromley  
1982 Greenwood, Sutton  
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.  
2087 Electric, Hampton Court  
2309 Christopher, Eton  
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet  
2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court  
2421 Carrington, Amersham  
2460 Ascot, Ascot

## THE ANCIENT LODGE OF SCOON AND PERTH.

**F**REEMASONRY in Scotland has not been without its historians. The Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, the Lodges of Edinburgh and the Canongate, and Freemasonry as it existed and still survives in Roxburgh, Peebles, Selkirk, Dumfries, and Inverness, have all had their records explored, and their growth and development chronicled. It was, therefore, not unreasonable that "The Ancient Masonic Lodge of Scoon and Perth, No. 3," which claims to be one of the oldest in existence, should have its story related; and the Brethren of the Mystic Tie in Perth and the vicinity are to be congratulated upon having that task so efficiently accomplished by D. Crawford Smith, F.S.A. Scot. His position as Secretary of the Lodge has afforded special facilities for this purpose; and the goodly volume on the subject which he has written will be prized not only in the district to which it specially belongs, but by Freemasons everywhere. The preparation of this work, he states, has occupied his leisure for more than eight years, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that his labours will be highly appreciated, and that he is not unworthy of the compliment which Bro. W. J. Hughan (himself a Past Master in Masonry and Masonic literature) pays to him as being "in the front rank as a Scottish Masonic Historian." The oldest document in possession of the Lodge is dated 1658, but as a passage in this so-called charter refers to the Lodge as having been in existence "four hundred threescore and five years or thereby," this seems to fix the date of the foundation of the Lodge Scoon and Perth at somewhere near 1193.

Taking this as a marginal date, Mr. Crawford Smith reasonably concludes that the Lodge would be instituted probably at the time when the Abbey of Scone was founded in 1115 by Alexander I., or at least during the reign of his successor David I., of pious memory, who is credited with the rebuilding of the Church of St. John, in Perth. Mr. Smith acutely reasons that the Lodge must have been named at the time when Scone was a Royal residence, before Perth became the capital of Scotland; for it is not likely that the title of "Scoon and Perth" would be given when the former place had decreased in dignity. Like all the ancient Lodges in Scotland and England, this Lodge has no very early records; indeed, it is doubtful if regular records were kept in the period before the fifteenth century. During the reign of David I. Freemasonry must have flourished in Scotland, for that "soir Sanct for the Crown" was an inveterate builder of Churches and Monasteries, and these testify in silent but unmistakable language to the prevalence of the Mason Craft. Of written documents relating to this time there are few extant that bear upon the history of Masonry.

It is not until the close of the fifteenth century is reached that any definite information as to the Lodge Scoon and Perth is obtainable. The earliest name mentioned in connection with the Lodge is that of John Mylne, Master Mason to James III., who seems to have been Master of the Lodge in 1481, and who was the progenitor of a family famous in the annals of Scottish Masonry and Architecture. Mr. Crawford Smith has devoted a lengthy chapter to the history of the Mylnes, founded upon the volume entitled "The Master Masons to the Crown of Scotland," recently published by the Rev. Robert Scott Mylne, who is lineally descended from John Mylne, Master of the Lodge Scoon and Perth. This John Mylne died about 1513. His eldest son was Alexander Mylne, Abbot of Cambuskenneth, first President of the Court of Session, and Master Mason to James V.; while his second son, Robert, was Provost of Dundee in 1544-47. Thomas Mylne, youngest son of the Provost, was Master Mason to Queen Mary; John, son of Thomas, held the same office under James VI., and was Master of the Lodge Scoon; and the office of Royal Master Mason was administered by his son and grandson at the Courts of Charles I. and Charles II. There was thus a regular succession of Mylnes in the highest position in architectural science, from 1481 till 1710.

The documentary history of the Lodge Scoon begins with the charter of 1658 already referred to; and Mr. Smith has published a very fine fac-simile of this interesting paper, giving a transliteration in type. The regular Minute books of the Lodge date from 1725 to the present day; and from these Mr. Smith has made copious extracts which give the annals of the Lodge in chronological order. Many of the entries are quaintly expressed, and give curious glimpses of the economical customs that prevailed last century. The following quotation, taking at random, is a fair example of the careful administration of affairs under John Higginson, of Dundee, then Master of the Lodge Scoon:—

1st January 1745.—The Lodge, taking it to consideration that their officer is a poor man, and attends the Lodge frequently with torn Cloaths, for remedying whereof they have unanimously agreed and impowered their Thesaurer to buy him, the Officer, Cloath for making him a new Coat, both outside and inside, and to cause a Taylor to make the same for him, and to advance the whole expence of the Coat, which they agree shall be allowed him in his accounts, and recommend it to him to be as frugal of their stock as possible in procuring this new Coat and furniture thereof.

In tracing the history of the Lodge from the Minute books

Mr. Crawford Smith supplies many interesting biographical notices of memorable Masters of the Lodge Scoon. The frontispiece consists of a lithograph portrait of John Mylne (1621-57), who was the third Master of the Lodge bearing that name; and there are fine process portraits of Alexander D. Clyne the present Master, and of D. Crawford Smith Secretary, the author of this very interesting volume. So far as typography and binding are concerned the book is worthy of its subject. (Perth: Cowan and Co., Ltd. 10s 6d.)—"Dundee Advertiser."

## NAMING NEW LODGES.

**T**HE veteran Brother Edwin A. Sherman, of California, criticising the choosing of a name for a new Masonic Lodge, has the following, which we clip from the "Freemason," of Los Angeles:

Some of our Lodges has very queer names; for instance, the last I shall have to write about is 'Covina' (under dispensation), a most ridiculous combination of Spanish and English, neither due to one nor the other, but a mongrel of both.

Why should not a new Lodge take the name of an eminent deceased Past Grand Master, Past Master or some Brother Mason, who though dead may have rendered eminent services to his country?

You have another town in Los Angeles county with a name which is worse than Covina, but to give it to a Masonic Lodge was un-Masonic and entirely out of place—Azusa, which is the Spanish for the setting on of dogs to bite people or animals. If the Lodge had been called 'Lazarus,' where the dogs were kind and came and licked his sores, it might have been better, for it would have reminded the Brethren of the fact, and they could have held it up as an example and a lesson of character even to be learned from dogs. The name of this Lodge should be changed.

While I have been a Spanish scholar for over fifty-two years, and can read and write that language nearly as good as I can English, yet I can see nothing in the language or people that should cause a Spanish name to be adopted for a Masonic Lodge by an English-speaking people.

There are not twenty-five Masons of Spanish blood on the entire roll of the Grand Lodge of California. The names of no saints excepting the Saints John have any business in being given to any Masonic Lodge. Take the name of Santa Barbara, for instance, the patron saint of arsenals and powder magazines. Sainte Barbe is the powder-room in a French ship-of-war and was so called from St. Barbary, the patron saint of artillery. Her father delivered her up to Martian, Governor of Nicomedia, for being a Christian. After she had been subjected to cruel tortures her unnatural father was about to strike off her head when a lightning stroke laid him dead at her feet; such is the legend. Hence those who invoke saints select St. Barbary or Santa Barbaro in thunder storms.

Spanish names are given by Americans to Masonic Lodges without reflection or knowledge as to their origin or meaning, and to go to the papal calendar for saints to name their Lodges by, when if those same saints were alive and had the power, they would exterminate every Mason on earth, is a melancholy exhibit of ignorance, lack of sense, and lack of Masonic propriety.

## SENTIMENT.

**T**HE Rev. Dr. Lorimer 33°, Boston, in an address before the Knights of Malta, voiced the following timely truths:

The question is often asked: Why do men gather themselves together in Orders of this kind? For my part, I am convinced that that which lies back of all these Orders is a pronounced religious sentiment; for men and women, equally, have a certain religious sentimentality which seeks some outward expression. Examples of the supremacy of religious sentiment meet us on every side. We find it dominating the various fraternal organisations; it controls them; they meet and are reverent. Were you to remove this religious sentiment from them, I am convinced that they would gradually disintegrate and disappear.

There is, however, a peril that we must guard against: It is that we may allow the sentiment to take the place of the religion itself. This peril confronts every church, every organisation, every person. We may exhaust ourselves in praising the right, and so have no strength for its performance. Without really intending insincerity, men and parties may protest so frequently against wrong as to imagine themselves incorruptible and blameless. Like those volatile substances which exposure destroys and dissipates, they may air their virtues so excessively as to imperil them.

We all know that there are many persons who express ennobling thoughts who perform ignoble deeds. They seem to

take their eloquent defence of right to be the same thing as doing right. Indeed, there is an uneasy suspicion in society that upright and blameless conduct is generally doubtful where its praises are excessive. The more talk, the less action, is apparently the rule; the more eloquence, the less energy for performance. This is our peril. As a nation we are in danger of losing sight of the distinction between religious sentiment and conduct, and we may degenerate into Pharisaical hollowiness, and thus prepare the way for a decline. The danger is manifest, both in the domains of religion and politics.—“American Tyler.”

## THE BIBLE.

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**UNIVERSALITY** of the Word “Sack.”—“One Emanuel, a Jewish poet, especially remarkable for pleasantry, who lived at Rome about the end of the eleventh century, gives an interesting account in one of his sonnets how the word ‘sack’ came to remain in all languages, as it certainly does, and in the same sense. ‘They,’ says he, ‘who were employed at the Tower of Babel, had, like our modern workmen, each a sack to put their little matters in; but being strangely frightened on the Lord’s confounding their language, every one was for making off, calling out for his sack; and nothing was heard of everywhere but sack! sack! Thus the word continued to be made use of in all the languages which began to be formed at this juncture.’” —“Oxford Magazine,” August 1770.

Dr. Brewer, in “Phrase and Fable,” gives the following, as illustrating the above tradition, viz., “Saxon, sac; German, sack; Welsh, sach; Irish sac; French, sac; Latin, saccus; Italian, sacco; Spanish, sacco; Greek, sakkos; Hebrew, sak; Swedish, säck;” &c., &c.

**Division into Chapters and Verses.**—With regard to the division of the holy Scriptures into chapters and verses, some have ascribed the present form to the schoolmen; others say it was the invention of Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1220; and Heidegger assigns it to one Arlott, an Hetruscan general of the order of Minims, who flourished about 1290. But others, and those of the ablest and most judicious critics, ascribe the invention to Hugo de Sancto Caro, a Dominican monk, better known by the name of Cardinal Hugo, who wrote about the year 1240, and died in 1262. This celebrated monk was the first who made a concordance of the vulgar Latin Bible.

Dr. Brewer says the division into verse was begun by Rabbi Nathan, about 1445, and finished by Athias, a Jew, in 1662.

**Novel Calculation.**—The following novel calculation is said to have occupied three years of a man’s life, and is generally considered to be an accurate account of the English version of the Bible.

In the Old Testament.	In the New Testament.	Total.
Number of Books 39	Number of Books 27	66.
“ Chapters 929	“ Chapters 260	1,189.
“ Letters 2,728,100	“ Letters 838,380	3,566,480.
“ Verses 23,214	“ Verses 7,959	31,173.
“ Words 592,493	“ Words 181,253	773,746.

The Apocrypha contains

Chapters 183.  
Verses 6,081.  
Words 125,185.

In the Old Testament

The middle book is Proverbs.

“ “ chapter is Job xxxix.

“ “ verse would be II. Chronicles xx 17, if there were a verse more, and verse 16 if there were a verse less.

The shortest verse is I. Chronicles i 1.

“ longest verse is the 9th of the 8th Chapter of Esther.

The 19th chapter of II. Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike.

The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains every letter of the English alphabet, and is the only one thus distinguished: “And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily.”

The word “and” occurs 35,535 times.

“ “ “Jehovah” occurs 6,855 times.

In the New Testament

The middle book is II. Thessalonians.

“ “ chapter would be Romans xiii if there were a chapter less, and xiv if there were a chapter more.

The middle verse is the 17th of the 17th chapter of the Acts.

“ shortest verse is John xi 35.

“ word “and” occurs 10,684 times.

**The Mormon Bible.**—“The Book of Mormon,” or Golden Bible, written on golden plates, was really a novel, the work of the Rev. Solomon Spalding, but claimed by Joseph Smith, the pretended Hebrew prophet, and founder of the Mormon system, as a revelation from heaven to himself. Spalding died in 1816; but “Joe” Smith, while a prisoner at Carthage, in 1844, was assassinated by a gang of ruffians who broke into the prison and shot him. His successor was the notorious Brigham Young, a carpenter by trade. Dr. Brewer says of the Mormon creed:—“Abraham is their model man, and Sarai their model woman, and English the one language which all the saints must speak.”

**The Birth of Christ.**—According to Col. H. W. J. Senior, in his pamphlet “The Great Pyramid,” “Astronomically the date of the building of the Pyramid has been ascertained to be 2170 B.C., a date which has been confirmed by the fact that there are perpendicular lines chiselled on the sides of the entrance passage on blocks of stone. The shape of both these blocks differs from those of the remaining blocks used in the construction of the passage, evidently with the intention of attracting attention to these apparently insignificant marks, which are exactly 2,170 inches from the entrance to the Grand Gallery; thereby, as we understand it, marking off the date of the building of the Pyramid, and, at the same time, fortelling exactly the date of the birth of Christ in years as represented by inches. This startling fact having been established, it was observed that all the passages represented a historical chart, foretelling the various dispensations of Scripture.

**The Language spoken by the Jews.**—The language spoken by the Jews in the time of Jesus Christ was the Aramean Syriac or Pushto of Western Syria—a dialect of the Chaldean (or Hebrew in which the Synagogue Pentateuch is written), and very similar to the Tamul.

**The Sentence passed upon Our Saviour.**—The following is a copy of the most memorable judicial sentence ever pronounced in the annals of the world, namely, that of death against the Saviour. It is copied from the plate of brass on which the sentence was engraved in the Hebrew language:—Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pilate, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the Cross. In the seventeenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius and on the 25th of the month of March in the most holy city of Jerusalem, during the Pontificate of ANNAS and CAIAPHAS PONTIUS PILATE, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, sitting in judgment in the presidential seat of the Prætors, sentences Jesus Christ of Nazareth to death on a cross between two robbers, as the numerous and notorious testimonials of the people prove: 1. Jesus is a misleader. 2. He has excited the people to sedition. 3. He is an enemy to the laws. 4. He calls himself the SON of GOD. 5. He calls himself falsely the KING of ISRAEL. 6. He went into the Temple followed by a multitude carrying palms into their hands. Orders:—The first Centurion, Quintus Cornelius to bring him to the place of execution, forbids all persons, rich or poor, to prevent the execution of Jesus. The witnesses who have signed the execution against Jesus are:—1. Daniel Robani, Pharisee; 2. John Zorobabel; 3. Raphael Robani; 4. Capet. Jesus to be taken out of Jerusalem through the gate of Tourneau. On the sides of the plate are the following words.—“A similar plate has been sent to each tribe.” It was discovered in the year 1820, in the city of Aquila, in the Kingdom of Naples, by a search made for the discovery of Roman antiquities, and remained there until it was found by the Commissaries of Art and the French Army of Italy. Up to the time of the campaign in Southern Italy it was preserved in the Sacristy of the Carthusians near Naples, where it was kept in a box of ebony. Since then the relic has been kept in the Chapel of Caserta. The Carthusians obtained permission for the plate to be kept by them, as an acknowledgment of the sacrifices which they made for the French Army. The French translation was made literally by members of the Commission of Arts.

**The Originals of Humanity.**—We learn from the Scriptures that of the earliest created beings, the first man was duped; the first woman deceived her husband; and the first child turned out a murderer, which were certainly bad beginnings, but in spite of these facts, the Bible, revised at various times with most reverential care, has still a hold upon the affections of the masses, attracted to peruse it by reason of the pure Saxon which dominates the whole of the work; it is useful to the theological student as a guide to ancient history, ancient customs, and ancient laws, and it is popular with the essentially religious man,\* on account of its moral and spiritual truths: he looks to it for comfort in affliction, and considers it to be the medium by which he may obtain a great and glorious immortality.

“The Book of Rarities,” by Edward Roberts, P.M.

\* I use the word “man” in a generic sense.

Garrick.—The first matinée of “Teresa,” with Miss Violet Vanbrugh Mr. Arthur Bouchier, and full cast, will take place at this Theatre to-day (Saturday), at 3 o’clock.

## The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—7-30, The Great Ruby. Matinée, Saturday, 1-30.

Lyceum.—8, Macbeth.

Her Majesty’s.—8-15, The Termagant. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-15.

Haymarket.—8-30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Adelphi.—8, The Gipsy Earl.

Vaudeville.—8-20, Her Royal Highness. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Daly’s.—8-15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Savoy.—8-20, The Gondoliers. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30. (Last day.

Prince of Wales’s.—8, The Royal Star.

Gaiety.—8-15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Strand.—8-15, No credit. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wed-

nesday and Saturday, 3.

St. James’s.—On Thursday, at 8-30, The Elder Miss Blossom.

Globe.—8, Hogmanay. 8-45, Tommy Dodd. Matinée, Wednesday and

Saturday, 3.

Avenue.—8, Constancy. 8-30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Garrick.—8-15, The Secret of the Keep. 9, Teresa. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Terry’s.—8, Meadow Sweet. 8-45, Our Boys. Matinée, Wednesday and

Saturday, 3.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Lyric.—8-15, Little Miss Nobody.

Duke of York’s.—8-15, The Dandy Fifth. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Comedy.—On Wednesday, The Topsy Turvy Hotel.

Royalty.—On Saturday, at 8, The Land of Nod.

Grand.—Next week, Sporting Life.

Parkhurst.—Next week, Valentine Smith’s Opera Company.

Queen’s Opera House, Crouch End.—Next Week, Under the Red Robe.

Alexandra.—Next week, Two Little Vagabonds.

Dalston.—Next week, East Lynne.

Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, &c.

Empire.—7-50, Variety Entertainment. “The Press” Ballet, &c.

Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Tivoli.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2-15 also.

Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30 also.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne’s entertainment.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Thursdays, Fireworks.

Alexandra Palace.—Open Daily. Constant Amusements. Balloon Ascents.

Fireworks, &c., &c.

Royal Aquarium.—Open 10 a.m., close 11-30 p.m. Constant Amusement.

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