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Guarding the Portals.

"I swore to guard the Portals close
Of the Masonic Temple!"—MASONS' VOWS.



THE Grand Lodge of Scotland has set the Craft throughout the world a splendid example of adherence to principle irrespective of the natural sympathy which the occasion evoked and a strong desire to overlook a serious Masonic offence, in consideration of the standing of the offender, and the motives which, unfortunately, impelled him to violate his obligations. It will be difficult to improve the opportunity which has arisen for reflecting upon the loose manner in which, during recent years, our portals have been guarded, and our very landmarks infringed upon, without an apparent want of gallantry to the fair sex, which we are very far from entertaining. We must face that difficulty as best we may, merely remarking, *en passant*, that the code of Masonic law and custom is no respecter of either persons or sex when infraction of secrets, the necessity of guarding which with the strictest privacy we are almost daily and hourly taught to preserve in our minds, is the point in question.

It appears that in May last a Funeral Lodge, or, as it is called elsewhere, a "lodge of sorrow" was held by the Celtic Lodge, Edinburgh and Leith, No. 291, in the Masonic Hall, in memory of a lately-deceased brother, and that two ladies were so placed by an Acting Past Master of the Lodge that they could see and hear, through the partially-open glazed door of the organ-loft, some portion of the proceedings which were being conducted in the Third Degree. The subject was brought before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh on the 1st inst., in connection with the minutes of the Grand Committee, which set forth the full particulars of the offence; and

further reported that the Celtic Lodge itself adopted the irregular proceeding in direct opposition to the advice and protest of the Worshipful Master and a Past Master of that lodge, who referred to the constitution and laws of Grand Lodge in support of their counsel. And the report advised and recommended that the acting Past Master, who was the principal offender, should be expelled from the Order, and the Senior Warden and the Secretary of the Lodge should be respectively and specially censured. And this report, in so far as the principal offender was concerned, was adopted, and effect given to its recommendations. In respect of the other parties implicated, wilful irregularity was denied and regret expressed, and as to them no steps were taken.

It should be stated that it was sought to justify the offence of the acting Past Master by representing that the ladies introduced, as above recorded, were the daughters of the late brother in whose memory the services were being held, and naturally desired to see something of that which was being done in honour of their deceased father. To them but small blame can be attached for availing themselves of an opportunity so readily afforded them by the offending brother, for it cannot be supposed that they could have been acquainted with the serious nature, from a masonic point of view, of the action of their friend on their behalf. It was his duty to have explained to them the nature of his obligation to the Craft to hold sacred the trust which had been reposed in him, conjointly with others, and to have firmly resisted any persuasion to a violation thereof. The attempt to justify the error was most righteously discarded; and whilst we entertain a sincere regret for the individual, we rejoice that the principle of close tiling was so firmly upheld by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

And now let us come home, and see if a little of this true regard for masonic secrecy would not be advantageous to ourselves if exhibited by the Grand Lodge of England. Is it not a fact—and we can and do appeal to many of our contemporary brethren of some twenty-five or thirty years' connection with the Order to answer the enquiry—that of late years there has been a deplorable want of that caution in "guarding the portals" of our lodges which then and previously existed? The instances are so numerous that it would occupy time and space beyond that we can spare even to enumerate them without comment. We shall refer to one or two as exemplars of the rest. And, *place aux dames*, as there were ladies in the case above referred to, so there were on a late grand and important occasion when, in obedience to an authority which no loyal English Freemason would be disposed to

disobey notwithstanding his individual opinion on the score of propriety or otherwise, the custom which, as far as we know, has ever been confined within the four walls of a "tyled" lodge, was broken and "masonic fire" was exposed. With all loyalty, respect and reverence where the same are justly due and ever gladly rendered, we say that this breach of custom should not have been! It has, we fear, already been made a precedent, and may be so far and recklessly followed as to require at some future time the equally firm reprobation of the Grand Lodge of England as the offence at Edinburgh has that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Again, is it true or not—for it has been more than once asserted, and we have not seen the assertion formally denied—that a Cowan (one of the profane and uninitiated) was present at the consecration of a London lodge within the past few months, and joined in the proceedings connected with the masonic toasts and salutes?—in fact, *doing* what the ladies at the great and important gathering we have referred to *had seen done*. It may be that the whole affair, as reported, is a myth, and we are running after a jack-o'-lantern; if so, 'twould be as well the craft should know it! On the other hand, it may be a solid fact; and, if so, again, the Craft should know it; aye, and take steps to prevent the recurrence of such a wanton attack upon what, if not one of our landmarks, is, nevertheless, one of our most honoured customs.

Again, is it not time that something should be done to compel our craftsmen to hold their meetings where and when "tyling" can be effectual? It is not generally so; indeed, the exceptions are but few, and for these one must needs go principally into provincial masonic centres. Our Lodges in many instances, and our Lodges of Instruction almost universally, are held within the hearing, and, now and then, within the occasional purview of the members of the households of our "hosts" and their servants; and even the very lads who answer to the demands for refreshment can, and, in fact, often boast they do, learn our modes of gaining admission, and, in a manner easily to be understood, obtain some inkling of the inner working of the lodge.

And again,—and again;—but, *cui bono?* Why add instance upon instance to support that which is so well known and so bitterly deplored by all who have the best interests of Freemasonry at heart, when it is almost a foregone conclusion that the same careless inattention to the manner of working of our English Lodges will continue, and continue—as far as all authoritative intervention is concerned—until some day we shall be startled by a head-line such as is now going the round of the public press—not in all instances too favourably disposed towards our Order—and which, substituting one locality for another, will read, EXTRAORDINARY MASONIC SCANDAL IN LONDON.

AN EXAMPLE FROM IRELAND.

We extract the following from *The Ladies' Pictorial* of the 3rd inst. :—Irish journalism has sustained a severe shock by the death of Mr. Wm. C. Johnston, head reporter on the *Dublin Daily Express* newspaper. The event was altogether unexpected, and the melancholy nature of it is intensified by the fact that the deceased gentleman left a widow and a large young family altogether unprovided for. There is a section of persons in Dublin who are saying, "Well, why did he?" and for their enlightenment, and that the flow of real charity which has begun to circulate may not be arrested by such strictures, I would make known the fact that his efforts to insure his life were without avail, as he suffered from heart disease—and that although the principle of "If you have but

a herring a day, contrive to put by the tail," may be an excellent one in theory (which it undoubtedly is), the practice is somewhat difficult where there are eight children crying out for the nourishment to be derived from that hidden appendix. In short, Mr. Johnston had a hard enough fight for existence during his participation in it, and now that he is gone his wife and helpless little ones seem likely to have a harder battle still. To soften the asperities of the conflict a number of friends have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of receiving subscriptions towards a fund for their support. To this Sir John Arnott has contributed £100. Sir Charles Cameron, 15, Pembroke Road, is one of the treasurers of the fund, and I earnestly hope that a *great* many lovers of literature, and appreciators of what is sound and good in journalism, will be found willing to contribute (be it ever so modestly) to the praiseworthy object in hand. To us, who knew Mr. Johnston as a brother worker, and enjoyed his genial friendship, the matter resolves itself into a melancholy pleasure, as well as a duty which it is incumbent on us to fulfil; to outside friends it will present itself as a privilege; while to the charitable public the opportunity will be afforded of aiding a truly benevolent work. I hear, indeed, a rumour that Sir Charles Cameron, who is Secretary of Masonic Lodge No. 25, has already suggested to his brethren of the Craft to forego the customary November dinner, and allocate the amount usually spent on it to the benefit of the family of the deceased journalist. I hope, with all my heart, that this is true, for it would be real practical Masonry, and would for long, if not for ever, wipe off the unmeaning and decidedly false impression which seems to exist in so many minds, that Freemasons meet only to enjoy the pleasures of the table. There is a purer and higher enjoyment than these can ever afford—the pleasure of doing a good and godly work; and there have been instances in plenty where Masons have proved amply before the world that the nobleness of their Craft was not to be thus impugned. I remember a case, and not very long ago either, when the friends of a brother in deep distress made his condition known to a Dublin lodge, and gained substantial help for him by the members of that lodge consenting to forego their annual dinner, and desiring that the cost of it (upwards of £70) should be given to him who was at the time passing through a furnace of affliction, from which the help thus spontaneously afforded happily rescued him. And which, I wonder, of those men did not feel, as he sat at home and ate his quiet family dinner, the incomparable peace and pleasure of self-approval, and hear the still small voice that whispered the comforting "Well done."

MARK MASONRY.

A new Mark Master Masons Lodge, under the title of the "Chorlton Lodge" No. 394, was consecrated on the 31st ult. at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a suburb of Manchester, by the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M.M.M. Lancashire, assisted by a number of Prov. G. officers and members of the Order. On the arrival of the Earl of Lathom at the Masonic Hall a procession was formed, and on entering was received with the usual honours. Amongst those present were—Provs. J. H. Barrow, Pro. G.J.W.; Jno. C. Robinson, P.G.S.; P.R. Barrow, P.G.I.G.; Jas. T. Callow, W.M., 593; D. Jones, M.O., 3:9; Wm. Platt, P.G.O. (Southport); Jno. Chadwick, P.G.S.O. Prov. Grand Secretary; J.R. Sowter, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., 34; S. Irwin Thomson, J.W., 2,109; E. G. Harrison, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. H. Parke, Past Prov. G.J.W., P.M., 36; Richd. Newhouse, P.G.S.S., Prov. G. Sec. (Cheshire); Frank A. Huet, P.G.D.; Robt. W. Bourne, Assist. D.C.; Thos. Mellor, Prov. G.S.W.; C. F. Woodall, P.P.G., Treas.; Eli Brooks, P.G.S.; Jas. Dearden, Prov. G.S.B.; Joseph Mellor, P.D.C.; Rev. F. J. McNally, Prov. Grand Chaplain, P.M., 325; Edward Pierpoint, P.G. Steward; Walter C. Erwin, S.W., 393; Ralph Betsey, J.W., 393; Hy. L. Rocca, P.P.G., M.O., P.M., 34; Robt. Foote, P.G. Treasurer; A. Middleton, P.G. St. B.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.G.S.O.; Thos. Robt. Peel, P.P.D.C., J.W.; J. W. Hedley, P.G.S.; Jno. E. Lees, P.P.G.T., P.M., 34; J. J. Hankin, P.G. Tyler; Geo. Hunt, J.W., 34; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S.O., P.M., 42; R. R. Lisenden, late St. Andrew, 34; Alfred H. Pownall, Arthur E. Pownall, Thos. Wilson, E. Nathan, late St. Andrew, 34; Wm. Lloyd Starkey, 159; W. Wadeson, J. D. Murray, G. St. B.; J. Molloy, No. 65; Henry Marshall, W.M. designate; Jas. J. Lambert, S.W. designate; and James Garnett Batty, J.W., designate of the new lodge. The lodge, which received the Prov. G.M. and officers, was constituted as under—Bro. J. H. Barrow, Prov. G.J.W., having previously opened it in due form as acting W.M.; R. Foote, S. W.; Walter C. Erwin, J.W.; David Jones, M.O.; J. C. Robinson, S.O.; Jas. T. Callow, J.O.; Peter Barrow, S.D.; J. Molloy, J.D.; J. D. Murray, D. of C. The P.G. Chaplain opened the consecration by prayer, and it having been ascertained that the warrant of the lodge was approved, the rev. brother delivered an oration. After the usual ceremonial the P.G.M. dedicated the lodge. The ceremony having concluded, votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, as consecrating officer, and Bro. Murray, as installing officer. His lordship and Bros. Murray and Barrow were proposed as hon. members, and later on fifteen candidates were advanced. The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom.

De Antiente Fraternitie of De Rahere Almoners.

By the kind permission of Bro. Augustus Harris, a ticket benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, extending from the 26th to the 30th inst., both dates inclusive, has been arranged in aid of the above excellent charitable society, which has been founded on the truest principles of Freemasonry. It assists many deserving poor in the City of London during the winter months, and has had the patronage of many of the Chief Magistrates and Councillors. We shall be very pleased to hear from any brethren desirous of having further particulars of the society, and to help it onward in its good work.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

SHE WOULD BE A MASON.

THE funniest thing I ever heard,
The funniest thing that ever occurred,
Is the story of Mrs. Mehitable Byrde,
Who wanted to be a Mason!

Her husband, Tom Byrde, is a Mason true,
As good a Mason as any of you;
He is Tyler of Lodge Cerulean Blue,
And tyles and delivers the summons due:
And she wanted to be a Mason too.
This ridiculous Mrs. Byrde!

She followed round, this ridiculous wife,
And nabbed him and teased him half out of his life;
So to terminate this unhallowed strife,
He consented at last to admit her.

And first, to disguise her from bonnet to shoon,
This ridiculous lady agreed to put on
His breech—ah! forgive me, I meant pantaloons,
And miraculously did they fit her!

The Lodge was at work on the Master's degree;
The light was ablaze on the letter G;
High soared the pillars J and B;
The officers sat like Solomon wise;
The brimstone burned amid horrid cries;
The goat roamed willily through the room;
The candidate begged them to let him go home;
The devil himself stood up in the East,
As bold as an alderman at a feast,
When in came Mrs. Byrde!

O, horrible sounds! O, horrible sight!
Can it be that Masons take delight
In spending thus the hours of night?
Ah, could their wives and daughters know
The unutterable things they say and do,
Their feminine hearts would burst with woe!
But this is not all my story:—

Those Masons joined in a hideous ring,
The candidate howling like everything,
And thus in tones of death they sing
(The candidate's name was Morey):
"Blood to drink, and bones to crack,
Skulls to smash, and lives to take,
Hearts to crush, and souls to burn—
Give old Morey another turn,
And make him all grim and gory."

Trembling with horror stood Mrs. Byrde,
Unable to utter a single word;
She staggered and fell in the nearest chair,
On the left of the Junior Warden there;
And scarcely noticed, so loud the groans,
That the chair was made of human bones.

Of human bones! On grinning skulls
That ghastly throne of horror rolls,
Those skulls, the skulls that Morgan bore;
Those bones, the bones that Morgan wore;
His scalp across the top was flung,
His teeth around the arms were strung;
Never in all romance was known
Such uses made of human bone.

The brimstone gleamed in lurid flame
Just like —, the place I will not name;
Good angels, that inquiring came
From blissful courts, looked on with shame
And solemn melancholy.

Again they dance, but twice as bad,
They jump and sing like demons mad
(The tune was *Hunky Dorey*):
"Blood to drink, and bones to crack," &c.

There came a pause—a pair of paws
Reached through the floor, up sliding doors,
And grabbed the unhappy candidate!
How can I without tears relate
The lost and ruined Morey's fate?
She saw him sink in fiery hole,
She heard him scream, "My soul! my soul!"
While rolls of fiendish laughter rolled,
And drowned the yells of Morey.
"Blood to drink," &c.

This ridiculous woman could stand no more;
She fainted and fell on the checkered floor,
Midst all the diabolical roar;
What, then, you ask me, did befall
Mehitable Byrde? Why, nothing at all—
She DREAMED she had been in a Mason's hall!

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

[Our readers will doubtless observe the pressure upon our correspondence columns this week, which precludes continuance in this issue of our article under above heading. In reference to this matter we have an interesting letter from A. E. L., which shall appear next week.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The installation meeting of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, W. Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb, W.M., will be held at the Athenæum, Camden Road, *this day* (8th November), at 4 p.m., when W. Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., will be installed by his predecessor.

—The installation meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, W. Bro. W. I. Mason, W.M., will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 3.30 p.m., when Bro. Charles Joslin, the present S.W., will be installed by his predecessor.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on Tuesday, the 20th and 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M. 101, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W. 850, S.W.; H. Hill, P.M. 1305, J.W.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; A. J. Berry, Sec.

—The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will hold a regular meeting at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m. Ballots being clear there will be two initiations.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Londesborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 1681, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Berkeley Arms, John Street, Berkeley Square, W. Bro. George Wood, S.W. 1681, W.M.

—The Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, Comp. H. C. Jefferys, M.E.Z., will hold a convocation at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on Monday next, the 12th inst. Two exaltations.

—The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., by Bro. Cox, next Monday evening, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 7 p.m. Bros. Cleghorn, W.M.; J. C. Smith, S.W.; and J. Greenway, J.W.

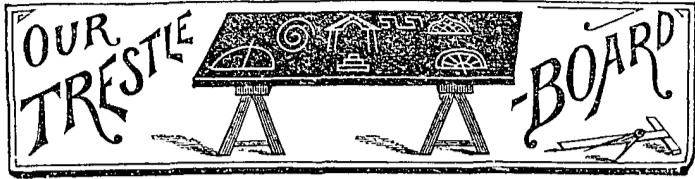
—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, on Mondays, the 19th and 26th inst., at the Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C. at 7 p.m. each evening. Bros. Case, W.M.; Jenkins, S.W.; Tilt, J.W.; and C. J. Fox, Preceptor, I.P.M.

—The Union Lodge of Instruction of Leicester holds its third meeting of the session at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, on the 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

INVESTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY FOR MIDDLESEX.—On Friday, the 26th ult., V.W. Bro. Raymond K. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, attended on behalf of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master at the Installation Meeting of the Royal Hanover Lodge, Twickenham, for the purpose of investing Bro. Howard H. Room as Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex. The D.P.G.M. stated that he wished to inform the brethren of the province of the manner in which the selection of Bro. Room had been arrived at. On hearing that Bro. Woodward was compelled to resign the position of Prov. Grand Secretary, Sir Francis Burdett being aware that if that fact became known there would be numerous suggestions on behalf of the many experienced brethren in the province, several of whom had special qualifications for the post, and that this would involve considerable correspondence and delay, took counsel with him (Bro. Thrupp), Bro. Woodward and others, and after carefully considering the merits of the brethren eligible for the post, selected twelve, and these were after further consideration reduced to three, from amongst whom it appeared to the Prov. Grand Master that Bro. Room was the most eligible. Then, and not until then, he offered the position to Bro. Room, who accepted it. The D.P.G.M. then stated that he had much pleasure in investing Bro. Room with the collar and badge of his office, at the same time expressing his gratification at being enabled to do so in the Royal Hanover Lodge, that being the lodge in which Bro. Room was initiated. The D.P.G.M. told Bro. Room that he was succeeding one of the best secretaries the province ever had, viz., Bro. Woodward, and counselled him to take Bro. Woodward as his guide in the future. Bro. Room thanked the D.P.G.M. for attending for the purpose at some personal inconvenience, and pledged himself to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the province.

STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—Held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 2nd inst.—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; J. Addington, M.E.Z. Elect 1275, J.; C. Woods, S.E.; Woods, S.N., Briant, P.S., and Eckersall, S.N. 89. The chapter was regularly opened by the principals. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

The World of yesterday thus refers to our worthy Brother, the Provincial Grand Secretary for Sussex:—Bro. V. P. Freeman has for many years been a leading spirit amongst the Freemasons of Sussex. His admirable arrangements for the installation of the Duke of Connaught led to his promotion to Grand Office, and his friends will be glad to hear that his daughter is likely to win fame as a singer. Her performance at the Mayor's banquet, and as the "Carmen" of the Brighton and Hove Operatic Society, have been attended with considerable success.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—The next issue of THE MASONIC STAR, No. 13, will complete the first quarter, for which many of our subscribers have favoured us with orders, and we take this opportunity to thank them for the support they have given us. We shall be much obliged if those who have not yet remitted the amount of their quarterly subscriptions will kindly do so during the ensuing week to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., and if those upon whom we have no monetary claim will be good enough to intimate their wish to continue their support, we shall esteem their instructions. This does not, of course, apply to our half-yearly and yearly subscribers.

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We are gratified by the foreign support accorded to us. We must, however, ask our friends to make their remittances agree with our published terms. In some instances the amount has not been sufficient to include the cost of foreign postage.

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In reference to the recent elections in connection with the Masonic Schools we stated in our last that we would refer in this issue to the remarks of W. Bro. Geo. W. Verry, the chairman of the scrutineers at the respective elections, in regard to spoilt votes, and we would direct the especial attention of all those who are interested in candidates for election, and have no desire to lose their voting power, to what he said. In the case of the Boys' School there were 52 proxy papers, representing 113 votes, "not filled in," 15 papers representing 42 votes unsigned, 10 papers issued for 100 votes filled in for 152, and therefore rejected, and three papers representing eight votes signed for subscribers who were deceased before issue.

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In the scrutiny for the Girls' School there were found 37 papers, representing 86 votes, not filled in, 50 papers representing 108 votes not signed, and 13 papers representing 28 votes filled in for 58, and consequently rejected. In connection with this return one case alone lost, on 16 proxy papers, 45 votes.

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Thus, in the two elections, 100 proxy papers were rendered useless, and 515 votes were lost to sundry candidates; and considering how closely the polling generally runs at these elections, it does seem something more than a pity there should be such evident carelessness on the part, in the first instance, of voters who do not sign their proxy papers before parting with them and, in the second, of those who conduct the respective applications for election. We are, or should be, much indebted to the scrutineers for taking account of these rejected votes, and to their Chairman for so fully reporting the effect upon the returns, which are thereby made so liable to challenge by the friends of disappointed candidates.

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Referring to the new law as to Qualification of Candidates for the Boys' School which was unanimously adopted, on the motion of W. Bro. James Stevens, at the Quarterly Court of Governors, on the 26th ult., *The Freemason* says:—"Men are sometimes admitted into our lodges who should never have been accepted as Masons, and, as was pointed out at the Boys' School Quarterly Court, on the 26th ult., there are good grounds for believing that the admission of such persons has had the effect of largely increasing the number of applicants for the benefits of our several Institutions. We trust that the rule, as it now stands, which requires that for a boy to be accepted as a candidate his father must have been seven years a member of some lodge, or must have been stricken by death or calamity incapacitating him from work within that period, will have the desired effect of keeping out of our ranks those who would join us from motives of self-interest, and, at the same time, of reducing the pressure on the resources of our charities. It is a part of our duty—which every true Mason is only too glad to discharge—to help the sorely afflicted brother or his family; but it does not come within our province to relieve the mere adventurer, who only desires to extract as much as possible out of the Society."

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In sending "copy" to the printing office lately—a lodge report as communicated by a correspondent, and occupying one sheet and part of another—the second portion was mislaid. The first terminated with the words "the labours of the evening were followed by an excellent," and then came a direction, "T.O." The second sheet could not be found, but our friend "at ease" was equal to the difficulty, and completed the report with the words "tuck out." He didn't perhaps know it, but he had only condensed some dozen or so of lines into the smallest possible compass to describe what is indifferently called by some amongst us a "banquet" or a "great feed."

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A brother writing from Croydon, asks us to inform him where he can procure selections of Lodge and Chapter Music other than that published by Lewis, of Paternoster Row. We shall be glad to afford him the information he seeks. Will brethren interested help us to do so?

In connection with the meeting of The Great City Lodge of Instruction on the 25th ult., a very pleasing incident occurred, which circumstances prevented our noticing in its proper place in our pages last week. A greatly esteemed member of the lodge, who had for some lengthened period held the lodge together by his services generally, and particularly as its treasurer,—Bro. W. Howard Paddle, a P.M. and Past Provincial Grand Officer of Surrey,—was presented, amidst every possible token of esteem and regard, with a very handsomely illuminated address in appropriate Masonic frame, together with a Past Treasurer's Jewel. Bro. J. Leach Barrett presided as W.M., and a large number of friends, who had kept the secret of the intended presentation as only Masons can keep secrets, enjoyed the absolute surprise and gratification of the honoured recipient, when, in laudatory, but certainly not fulsome terms, the presentation was made. *Palmas qui meruit ferat*; and in this instance, and in the degree of service rendered, no testimonial of regard was ever better deserved.

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We are glad to notice that so many of our preceptors are giving attention to what has been denominated "entry drill," i.e. the proper Masonic manner in which salutation should be given on entering the sacred precincts of a lodge. The careless, slouching—we had almost said disreputable—manner in which this part of every Freemason's duty is performed by a great number of our brethren is almost a scandal upon the order, and is, in any case, a great reflection on the Worshipful Masters who permit its continuance.

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In the face of so many existing abuses in the present working of Freemasonry in England, to some of which our contemporaries, as well as ourselves, have lately directed attention, we ask, and whilst we exist shall continue to ask until fully answered, for *what* is our Board of General Purposes constituted? We can also ask *how* is it constituted, so that the craft, as represented by the "wearers of the blue" can be fairly and properly heard on these burning questions without a preponderance of "authoritative" influence, which would render all their endeavours to improve matters perfectly useless?

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We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Craufurd College Company, Limited, a scheme we particularly favour as providing a much needed educational want amongst our middle class brethren. Next week we shall probably express our opinion more fully; and in connection with a former article relating to proposals for scholarships in our Boys' School.

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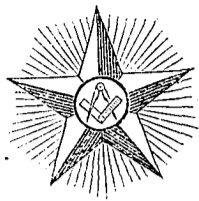
On the 4th ult., at Bombay, the D.P.G.M. of H.:D.:M.: (Royal order of Scotland), the R.W. Bro. James W. Smith advanced to the degree of H.:D.:M.:; and afterwards promoted to the Knighthood of the R.:S.:Y.:C.:S.:; Bro. Harold R. King, P.G. Deacon of Eng. and Dep. Dist. G.M. for Bombay. The Prov. G.M. of H.:D.:M.: (Sir Henry Morland) was absent, having broken his leg in a recent carriage accident, and a resolution of sympathy with him in his sufferings was passed.

A scheme for the erection of a Masonic Hall at Bombay for the joint use of English and Scottish Freemasons has been revived, and it is hoped the interest and influence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, combined with the energy and enthusiasm which he, as D.G.M., instils into the brethren of both constitutions, will cause the proposal to succeed.

MALTA.

INAUGURATION OF A DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER FOR MALTA.—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a special convocation of the Melita R.A. Chapter No. 349 E.C., was held at 27, Strada Stretta Valletta, for the purpose of installing M.E. Comp. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay (District Grand Master and Past Grand Superintendent of the Punjab) as Grand Superintendent for Malta. The chapter was opened by its principals and all companions admitted. Ex. Comp. W. Watson, ZP., &c., then assumed the first chair for the purpose of performing the installation ceremony. M. E. Comp. Colonel Ramsay, having announced his arrival, the installing officers directed two P.Z.'s to return and receive the patent, after examination of which a deputation of six P.Z.'s conducted the Grand Superintendent designate to the body of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. Watson delivered an elaborate address, and, with great solemnity, invested and inducted M. E. Comp. Colonel M. Ramsay as the first Grand Superintendent for Malta, who was then saluted according to Masonic custom, after which he invested Ex. Comps. Watson, P.Z., and Yeoman, P.Z., to the office of Second and Third District Grand Principal respectively, and with the usual formalities. Ex. Comp. G. Segood, P.Z. (D.G. Treasurer), was unanimously elected D.G. Treasurer. The following first appointments were announced, and those present duly invested: Ex. Comps. J. Montgomery, P.Z., D.G.S.; W. Pariente, P.Z., D.G.S.N.; G. Sedgood, P.Z., D.G. Treas.; G. P. Stephens, P.Z., D.G. Reg.; D. Cooper, P.Z., D.G.P.S.; J. C. Stanley, P.Z., D.G. 1st A.S.; J. W. Starkey, P.Z., D.G. 2nd A.S.; F. Gardiner, Z. 515, D.G. Sword Br.; S. Leonard, H. 515, D.G. Stand. Br.; J. May, S.E. 349, D. G. Dir. of Cer.; W. Hughes, S.E. 407, D.G. Assist. D. of Cer.; F. Seaton, 515, D.G. Org.; J. Lanning, S.E. 515, D.A. Assist. S.E.; R. N. Beck (D.G. Tyler), D.G. Janitor. M. E. Comp. the Grand Superintendent, in an eloquent and comprehensive address, duly declared the D.G. Chapter of Malta solemnly constituted, formed and opened. Bye-laws for the district were adopted, the Committee of General Purposes appointed, and D.G. Chapter solemnly closed. An excellently appointed cold collation was afterwards served, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with great enthusiasm.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am pleased to see the advent of THE MASONIC STAR, as I think there is ample room and a good future for a well-conducted and cheap masonic paper, and one that will not refuse to ventilate masonic matters simply because they may be against, or call into question, some of the actions of the powers that be. I hope no such toadyism will be a feature of your journal.

There are many questions of vital importance to Freemasonry that require ventilating and discussing, and a very important one is the election of Grand Treasurer. I see in your columns that this matter has been mooted, but I venture to think the brethren should look well into it, and elect only those who have done good work in the Craft, not so much by giving large and frequent donations to the charities, as that appears to be bidding (if not actually purchasing) a position in the Grand Lodge, which would never be conferred on some, were they to live to the age of Methuselah.

Again, I think it would be more becoming if some who thrust themselves forward for this position would wait until they were solicited by a good number of brethren to allow themselves to be nominated. In your issue of the 18th, "Scrutator" asks whether certain words said to have been uttered by a brother are intended to convey that the office of Grand Treasurer has been, or ever will be, filled by anyone not qualified for it. Well, perhaps, not at present, but it may be; and I fail to see what claims some have had to be nominated for the post in the past, or what one or two have done that we hear are now offering themselves for our suffrages. One thing I most sincerely hope will not be tolerated, and that is the very extensive "luncheon," &c., that have frequently preceded the election. It is little better than bribery, and ought to render anyone indulging in it ineligible to hold office in the Grand Lodge, as it does in other important assemblies.

It is degrading to all concerned, and, in my mind, casts a great slur upon Freemasonry in general.

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

MASONIC ADULLAMITES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am sure that every Mason must thank you for the very able articles contained in your two last issues. As a young Mason, it appears to me the remedy lies, to a very appreciable extent, with our W.M.'s. My own knowledge and experience tends to the belief that the great desire—and a very proper one under certain limitations—of each succeeding Worshipful Master, endeavouring to initiate more candidates for Freemasonry than the immediately preceding one, is a step calculated to bring about that very system of Masonic Adullamites which you do so strongly protest against. I am almost afraid in this, my first Masonic letter, to trust myself on dwelling upon the subject at any greater length, but I could (from my own feelings) discuss the matter much more freely. I prefer, however, to leave the initiative to others older in the fraternity than

I, to bring about a more desirable state of matters. Freemasonry should be a brotherhood of "just, upright, and free men," and unless we can initiate these, we are far better without others.

Yours fraternally,

Wood Green, Nov. 2nd, 1888.

A. H. THOMPSON, 1185.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I was pleased to see, by your editorial of last week, that you are taking up the subject of the masonic beggar.

I think it is high time lodges adopted some method with a view to putting a stop to the systematic sponging on the craft, which is going on to a very large extent, not only in London but in the provinces. As almoner of a provincial lodge, I have (too frequently) opportunities of judging what class of men these indigent brethren are, and the conclusion I have come to is that not one out of ten is a really deserving case. The applicants, mostly "ne'er do wells," finding how easy it is to obtain assistance under the guise of Masonry, travel from lodge to lodge claiming help, by means of which they can live comfortably without the trouble of working for their daily bread. The "old hand," as a rule, on entering a town, sets his mark on the newly-initiated brethren, who, with their vows fresh on their memories, bountifully dispense their misplaced charity to the "distressed brother" who thus appeals to them.

Recently, having had four instances of the same men, after a lapse of years, making a second appeal for relief, presumably hoping that they may have been forgotten, or that no record had been kept of their former visits, I have felt inclined to adopt the system, when giving relief, of endorsing the amount thereof on the recipient's certificate, so that my brother almoners might know the sort of men they had to deal with, and if this plan was universally adopted it would go a long way towards stopping the masonic beggar's little game.

Hoping that other brethren may be induced to express their views on this persistent prostitution of the objects of Freemasonry,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
A P.M.

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Bro. P.M. Smith-Parsons has, I have no doubt, correctly quoted the rule with reference to "votes on amounts collected," but, if my information is accurate, that refers only to sums which do not appear on a steward's list. Now, as members of these associations have generally some friend in their own lodge on whose list they are desirous of placing their subscription, it follows that there is but little left for the Secretary; hence it is that I suggest he should get complimentary votes in accordance with the total amount which he has collected during the time (generally two years) the association has been running. Bro. Parkinson states that deductions are made from the collections to cover expenses. I was not aware of it. An entrance fee of one shilling is charged, which barely suffices to cover the cost of printing, &c., but I know of no deductions from the subscriptions. With respect to the payment of the secretaries, I am afraid our worthy brother has raised a difficulty simply for the purpose of demolishing it again. I have never heard, nor, I think, has he, the slightest desire or even hint for payment on the part of a secretary of a charitable association; on the contrary, I feel sure that they give their services with pleasure. I am very much surprised to hear that these associations want a thorough overhauling, and that a better system might be adopted. It has hitherto been considered that they were established on a very good basis, but if Bro. Parkinson can improve upon it, and will formulate his ideas in a proper notice of motion, I feel sure the members of the one to which both he and I belong will give the matter every consideration.

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. BEAVIS.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As the proposer of the resolution, that fathers of candidates should have made themselves Life Governors of the Institution into which their children were seeking admission, and which, at the suggestion of many brethren, I withdrew, not because I thought that I was wrong in my wish, but that the brethren did not sufficiently understand my reasons for bringing it forward. I however hope, at some future time, to see it carried. Brother Gladwell opposed it, as being too cheap a method of obtaining the right of seeking admission; Brother Binckes because it would turn our order into a benefit society. Now, with regard to Brother Gladwell's opposition, I think I will prove that the right of admission is far cheaper as it is, or will be, under even "the seven years, subscribing membership" rule, which I trust will not only be carried but acted upon at the next quarterly courts. For my purpose, I will take the fly sheets of the proxy papers issued for the last elections, and arrange them as regards the successful candidates. Out of 24 boys who were elected, one parent was Life Governor of all, another Life Governor of the Boys, another Life Governor of the Benevolent, another had contributed to Boys and Benevolent, two more had given something to the Benevolent, and three more had occasionally subscribed to the Boys, leaving 15 with no record to their names. Of the 9 successful girls, one parent was Life Governor of all, one Life Subscriber to Benevolent, one gave occasionally to

the Benevolent, and to the remaining 6 there is no record. Of course there may be some whose names are absorbed up in the provincial lists, and are therefore unrecorded individually, yet I am of opinion that when, out of a list of 33, only 12 are recorded as doing anything, and out of that 12 only 3 have made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children have been received, some means should be devised of stimulating them, in future, to further exertions; but if it is the opinion of the brethren that my scheme, which would have added 210 guineas to one and 60 to the other, is too easy, let the standard be raised to vice-presidents within the seven years. Now, as to Brother Binckes' objection—namely, making a benefit society of our order—I beg to differ with my friend. Because those members of our order are admitted on the solemn assurance that they do not seek it for any mercenary or other unworthy motive, but that we should have institutions for the aid and assistance of those members who have had the misfortune of being reduced to poverty more or less severe, is merely the outcome of that pole of Freemasonry charity; in those other grand orders, Odd Fellows, Foresters and others, the members join with the distinct understanding that they shall receive aid and assistance in cases of accident, sickness or death, and that, I trow, is the great and essential difference (in principle, if not in practice) between us and them.

Yours fraternally,

87, Thurloe Place, S.W.

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL.

P.S.—A subscribing member does not necessarily constitute any benefit to the institutions, for there are several who never give anything.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

What is the Choughs lodge, No. 2264, lately consecrated at Cannon Street Hotel? Is it comprised of Cornishmen, that they take the name of Choughs? Fraternal yours,
Redhill, 27th Oct., 1888. J. M.

* * Will some brother interested in the above enquiry kindly answer it through our columns?

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have derived a great deal of instruction from a perusal of a little book, "Lodge Officers," which bears your name as author. It appears to me to be a very useful work for all those desiring to know the nature of official duties appertaining to the various lodge officers. The cheap form in which it is issued should ensure for it a large sale.

May I ask you, however, in connection with the portion headed "Worshipful Masters," to explain your meaning when you say: "The gavel with which he has been entrusted for purposes of order merely completes in their estimation the necessary complement of ordinary chairmanship; for they have forgotten, if indeed they have ever heard, the solitary reference to his grand prototype, which in the course of ceremonial is, or should be, enunciated?"

Thanks in advance, Fraternal yours,
ADOLPHE L. SAWER, No. 1457.

P.S.—I would address you personally on the subject, but have been asked by several friends to elicit an answer through the columns of your journal.

[* * We will reply to this letter next week.—ED. M. S.]

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

You state in your impression of the 1st inst.—"The Special Committee appointed to enquire into the discipline and administration of the R.M.I.B. will meet," &c. (see page 142). "All subscribers to the institution will be admitted and reporters may be present." Acting on this information, I arrived to-day at Freemasons' Hall, only to learn that the enquiry was a private one, none but witnesses being admitted. I should like to know why subscribers to the institution are not allowed to be present and how you yourself are going to furnish your readers with details of the enquiry so anxiously awaited by a large body of Masons, some living many miles from London? If an enquiry with closed doors satisfies London Masons, will it satisfy the provinces, notably Yorkshire?

My poor brain is also exercised as to why Bro. Godson, M.P., a member of the House Committee, was present the other day and endeavoured to cross-examine one of the late Masters, who, very properly, declined to answer him. The Secretary of the Institution appears to have made the enquiry room his abiding place—that perhaps is natural, as he is very much on his defence—but is there none present on behalf of the outside subscribers? "Light, more light!" were the words of the dying philosopher, and they may rightly be echoed by more humble mortals.

Yours fraternally,

Nov. 6th, 1888.

453 (AN OLD PUPIL OF THE SCHOOL).

Answers to Correspondents.

E.C., SEC. 1405.—We sent on your letter to the brother who offers "Gould's History," and he ought to have replied to you. It will be useless our giving up valuable space to meet the wishes of brethren if they will not themselves attend to communications.

A. K. A., LANCASTER.—Thanks for your letter; do all you can as you suggest.

H. B., PROV. G.D. STD., BR., MIDDLESEX.—Your information arrived too late for this issue. Will see what we can do with it next week.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Whymper's *Religion of Freemasonry*, review next week; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, for October; *Freemason*; *Freemason's Chronicle* and *Scotsman*.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

WARNER LODGE—No 2256.—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 23rd ulto. Present: Bros. Lennox Browne, W.M.; Courtenay Warner, S.W.; T. Scoresby-Jackson, J.W.; W. Shurmur, Treas.; H. Comins, Sec.; J. J. Briginshaw, S.D.; H. J. Horton, J.D.; J. Speller, I.G.; W. T. Tonkin, Stwd.; F. M. Mercer, W.M.; Wm. Bellingham, and N. Cash. Among the visitors were: A. W. Bilow, J.D., 619; H. Garrard, 188; A. Samuells, 1559; W. C. Wain, 858; J. H. Wildash, I.P.M., 1662; W. R. Burnett, P.M., 1901; and C. B. Cutchey, D.C., 1685. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Hugh Grosvenor Shaw, J. W. Calver, Geo. Cackett, Geo. Hurley, and W. Longmore as initiates, and also for Bro. C. G. Cutchey, W.M. 1685, as joining member, and which proved unanimous. The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M. Several propositions for initiation and joining were made, and the labour of the evening was followed by an excellent banquet, Bro. Samuells and Cackett contributing to the harmony of the evening. The principal toast was that of the five initiates, the W.M. congratulating them on joining a lodge which shows every prospect of being one of the most flourishing in the province of Essex, and pointing out their duties as Freemasons and citizens, &c.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE—No. 1765.—The installation meeting was held in the lecture room of the college, on the 1st inst. Bro. Sinclair Dunn, of the St. Luke Lodge, No. 132, Lauder, Scotland, was elected a joining member. Bro. F. W. Plant Martin was installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M. The W.M. then invested as officers:—Bros. E. Burritt Lane, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, P.M., Treasurer; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Secretary; T. E. Biddlecombe, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; G. H. W. Tear, I.G.; C. J. Ozanne, D.C.; S. Wilford, W.S.; A. Carnall, Organist; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Bernhard Carrodus gave two very fine violin selections, being accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. A. Carnall. The way in which he rendered the "Ballade et Polonaise," by Vieuxtemps, proved him a worthy son of a worthy sire—a very creditable example of the musical teaching of Trinity College. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; J. Brander, J.W. 1563; W. J. Rendell, P.M. and Sec. 1716; Benj. Crumplin, 328; and, in addition to the members named above, Bros. L. Van der Heyden, E. M. Firschel, S. J. Wilford, J. Pettitt.

A meeting of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, took place at the Masonic Room, Ripley, Derbyshire, on the 1st inst., when Bro. F. C. Corfield was installed into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested as officers:—J. Cook, S.W.; J. Jealley, J.W.; F. Allfrey, S.D.; W. Sutton, J.D.; A. Day, I.G.; J. Storer, Tyler; W. H. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; and W. C. Pegg, Organist. The customary banquet was held in the evening, the W.M. presiding.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

"THE GREAT CITY LODGE"—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 1st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bros. T. Eisenmann, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; Jno. Tattersall, J.W.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, J.D.; T. Gomme, I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; E. Lillington, J. H. Gaskin, W. Munday, W. Howard Paddle, Thos. Hodges, Benj. Price, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. F. Smith, candidate. Bro. Evan Richards Lillington, of the "Citadel" Lodge, 1897, was elected a member; and Bro. D. Hills as W.M. for the next meeting. The 15 sections will be worked on the 29th inst.—Bros. T. G. Hodges, W.M.; H. G. Gush, S.W.; H. Jenkins, J.W. A ballot of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, 2nd Benevolent Association, was then taken. Of these two were taken by Bro. D. Hills, and one by Bro. Rosenfeldt.

NEW FINSBURY PARK—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 30th ult.—Bro. Cross, W.M.—Bros. Gush, Preceptor; Snelling, S.W.; Trinder, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Thompson, S.D.; Oldis, J.D.; and many other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond being candidate. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. E. S. Lardner, assisted by the brethren. An invitation from the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, for this lodge to work the fifteen sections was accepted.

RAVENSBORNE, No. 1601.—On the 31st ult. at the George Inn, Catford—Bro. C. Thomas, W.M.—Bros. W. Smith, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; W. Reminton, S.D.; J. T. Axford, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor; Atkins, Hon. Secretary; G. Pickering, A. A. Drew, C. Anderson, James Stevens, P.M.; G. Williams, T. White, J. W. Peters, H. Visger and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pickering as candidate. This was a very creditable performance by the W.M. for the first time, and merited the compliment he subsequently received. Lodge was called "off" and "on," opened up and resumed, and after dispatch of some routine business, was closed in harmony.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—On the 6th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Bros. Chillingworth, W.M.; F. Jones, S.W.; J. Davis, jun., J.W.; Dodson, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Secretary; Agutta, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Davey, I.G.; Péye, Thorn. Friedlander, Goodinge, Gardener, Poynter, Marks, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Friedlander candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Thorn; and Bro. Jones, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. According to a resolution passed at the last meeting, it was agreed that one or more of the sections should be worked at each of the meetings.

CONSTITUTION LODGE—No. 55.—Annual Festival at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, London, on the 30th ult.

There was a large gathering of some of the best working metropolitan Freemasons, amongst whom were:—Bros. Jos. Bruton, 157, Bedford, in the chair; W. Vogt, I.G. 55, Vice-Chairman; Fox, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Baker, Hon. Sec.; Ed. Bond, W.M. 860; J. J. Shedlock, 534; Arthur Fry, 609; A. Richardson, 1507; E. G. Coleman, W.M. 11; A. Piper, W.S. 177; Frank Unitt, W.M. 55; W. C. Brasher, W.M. 1623; T. Glass, 860; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; R. Perry, J.W. 1382; A. C. Le Fuel, 1382; J. C. Mann, Treasurer 1531; W. Hollis, S.W. 1531; R. Nevill, P.M. 1531; W. Lincoln, S.D. 534; H. W. Alford, P.M. 228; W. Browne-Kidder, P.M. 12; W. A. Harvey, 1348; C. Parsons, P.M. 1637; Aldridge, 1475; C. S. Jenkins, 860; Nathan Robinson, 55; Ben Holeyman,

73; H. G. Marsden, 73; S. R. Walker, P.M. 773; T. J. Dibley, 180; S. Roebuck, 733; J. Kay, P.M. 742; F. Jackson, 2191; J. A. Collings, Org. 1950; F. H. Dipstale, 858; Dr. Kirby, W.M. elect, 2006; G. R. N. Wheeler, 2030; A. Clemo, 1987; &c., &c. An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Bond, and in the course of the proceedings a well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Fox for his services as Preceptor. Masonic toasts and some admirable singing by several of the above-named brethren, accompanied by Bro. Collings, occupied the attention of all present throughout a most enjoyable evening.

We regret that we find ourselves unable to insert in this number many reports of meetings which have been forwarded.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M. T., Masonic Temple; P. R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. It lists meetings for Thursday (Nov 8th), Tuesday (Nov 13th), Wednesday (Nov 14th), Saturday (Nov 10th), and Monday (Nov 12th). Each entry includes the lodge number, name, and location.

N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

| No. of Lodge | NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Lodge | NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. |
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| BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS. | | | HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—continued. | | |
| 43 | St. Paul's 26th Nov | M. H., New Street | 1691 | Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only | Mitre Hotel |
| 74 | Athol 5th Dec | M. H., Severn Street | 2024 | Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl | Ditto |
| 468 | Light 20th Nov | Great Western Hotel | 2087 | Electric 25th May | Ditto |
| 473 | Faithful 13th Nov | M. H., New Street | 2105 | Cama 15th Dec | Ditto |
| 587 | Howe 12th Nov | Ditto | 2183 | Royal Hamp. Court 14th Nov | Ditto |
| 739 | Temperance TO-DAY, 8th Nov | Ditto | R.A.C. | | |
| 887 | Leigh 28th Nov | Ditto | 778 | Bard of Avon My & Jy only | Mitre Hotel |
| 925 | Bedford 19th Nov | Ditto | 1194 | Royal Middlesex ... 18th May | Ditto |
| 938 | Grosvenor 21st Nov | Ditto | 1293 | Burdett 12th Jan | Ditto |
| 1016 | Elkington 27th Nov | Ditto | 1691 | Quadratic 15th Apr | Ditto |
| 1031 | Fletcher 14th Nov | Ditto | HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS. | | |
| 1163 | Emulation 22nd Nov | Ditto | 57 | Humber 15th Nov | F. M. H., Osborne Street |
| 1180 | Forward 3rd Dec | Ditto | 250 | Minerva 14th Nov | M. H., Dagga Lane |
| 1474 | Israel 12th Nov | M. H., Severn Street | 1010 | Kingston 5th Dec | M. H., Worship Street |
| 1551 | Charity 20th Nov | M. H., New Street | 1605 | De la Pole 23rd Nov | 58, Charlotte Street |
| 1644 | Alma Mater 18th Jan | Ditto | 2134 | Wilberforce 7th Dec | Ditto |
| R.A.C. | | | R.A.C. | | |
| 43 | Fortitude 11th Dec | Great Western Hotel | 57 | Humber 29th Nov | F. M. H., Osborne Street |
| 74 | Athol 26th Feb | M. H., Severn Street | 250 | Minerva 15th Nov | M. H., Dagga Lane |
| 587 | Howe 7th Feb | M. H., New Street | 1010 | Kingston 21st Dec | M. H., Worship Street |
| 938 | Grosvenor 5th Feb | Ditto | 1605 | De la Pole 28th Oct | 58, Charlotte Street |
| 1016 | Elkington 3rd Jan | Ditto | ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER. | | |
| 1031 | Fletcher 4th Dec | Ditto | 1004 | Athole 22nd Nov | M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas |
| BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS. | | | 1075 | S. Maughold 12th Nov | M. R., Ramsey |
| 37 | Anchor and Hope ... 12th Nov | F. M. H., Institute Street | 1242 | Tynwald 28th Nov | M. H., Douglas |
| 146 | Antiquity 14th Nov | Ditto | 2049 | Eilan Yanniu 3rd Dec | Ditto |
| 221 | St. John 21st Nov | Ditto | 2050 | St. Trinians 6th Dec | Ditto |
| 348 | St. John's 22nd Nov | Ditto | 2164 | St. Germans 13th Nov | Peel Castle Hotel, Peel |
| 1723 | St. George 26th Dec | Ditto | 2197 | Spencer Walpole ... 12th Nov | M. H., Douglas |
| R.A.C. | | | R.A.C. | | |
| 37 | Concord 15th Apr | Ditto | 1004 | Athole 22nd Nov | M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas |
| 221 | St. John 6th Mar | Ditto | LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS. | | |
| 348 | St. John's 11th Dec | Ditto | 289 | Fidelity 6th Dec | M. H., Carlton Hill |
| BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS. | | | 304 | Philanthropic 28th Nov | M. H., Great George Street |
| 302 | Hope 19th Nov | M. H., Darley Street | 306 | Alfred 7th Dec | M. H., Kelsall Street |
| 609 | Harmony 22nd Nov | F. M. H., Salem Street | 1042 | Excelsior 15th Nov | M. H., Great George Street |
| 974 | Pentalpha 4th Dec | M. H., Darley Street | 1211 | Goderich 3rd Dec | Ditto |
| 1018 | Shakespeare 14th Nov | M. H., Darley Street | 1221 | Defence 12th Nov | M. H., Carlton Hill |
| 1648 | Prince of Wales 7th Dec | Ditto | 1311 | Zetland 16th Nov | M. H., Great George Street |
| R.A.C. | | | 2069 | Prudence 10th Nov | Ditto |
| 302 | Charity 19th Nov | Ditto | R.A.C. | | |
| 600 | Sincerity 4th Dec | F. M. H., Salem Street | 289 | Fidelity 13th Nov | M. H., Carlton Hill |
| BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS. | | | 304 | Philanthropic 5th Dec | M. H., Great George Street |
| 271 | Royal Clarence 16th Nov | Royal Pavilion | 306 | Alfred 14th Dec | M. H., Kelsall Street |
| 315 | Royal York 4th Dec | Ditto | 1042 | Excelsior 15th Nov | M. H., Great George Street |
| 732 | Royal Brunswick ... 13th Dec | Ditto | LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS. | | |
| 811 | Yarborough 17th Nov | Ditto | 279 | St. John's 5th Dec | F. M. H., Halford Street |
| 1466 | Hova Ecclesia 1st Dec | Old Ship Hotel | 523 | John of Gaunt 15th Nov | Ditto |
| 1636 | St. Cecilia 27th Nov | Royal Pavilion | 1391 | Commercial 30th Nov | Ditto |
| 1821 | Atlingworth 15th Nov | Ditto | 1560 | Albert Edward 13th Nov | Ditto |
| 1947 | Stanford 14th Nov | Town Hall, Hove | 2081 | Golden Fleece 19th Nov | Ditto |
| 2201 | Earl of Sussex 24th Nov | Royal Pavilion | R.A.C. | | |
| R.A.C. | | | 279 | Fortitude 27th Dec | Ditto |
| 271 | Lennox 1st Feb | Ditto | 1560 | St. George's 7th Jan | Ditto |
| 315 | Royal Pavilion 18th Dec | Ditto | LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS. | | |
| 732 | Royal Sussex 22nd Nov | Ditto | 32 | St. George's 28th Nov | Adelphi Hotel |
| 811 | Yarborough 8th Feb | Ditto | 155 | Perseverance 21st Dec | M. H., Hope Street |
| 1466 | Hova Villa 30th Nov | Old Ship Hotel | 203 | Ancient Union 15th Nov | Ditto |
| BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS. | | | 216 | Harmonic TO-DAY, 8th Nov | Adelphi Hotel |
| 68 | Royal Clarence 12th Nov | F. M. H., Park Street | 241 | Merchants 13th Nov | M. H., Hope Street |
| 103 | Beaufort 4th Dec | Ditto | 249 | Mariners 6th Dec | Ditto |
| 187 | Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality } 14th Nov | Ditto | 292 | Sincerity 12th Nov | Ditto |
| 326 | Maira 15th Nov | Ditto | 594 | Downshire 22nd Nov | Ditto |
| 610 | Colston 21st Nov | Ditto | 667 | Alliance 20th Nov | Ditto |
| 686 | Jerusalem 13th Nov | Ditto | 673 | St. John 4th Dec | Ditto |
| 1388 | Canynges 1st Dec | Ditto | 680 | Sefton 7th Dec | Ditto |
| 1404 | St. Vincent 22nd Nov | Ditto | 724 | Derby 28th Nov | Ditto |
| 2257 | Powell 26th Nov | Ditto | 786 | United Service TO-DAY, 8th Nov | Ditto |
| R.A.C. | | | 823 | Everton 21st Nov | Ditto |
| 68 | Royal Clarence 17th Nov | Ditto | 1013 | Royal Victoria 5th Dec | Ditto |
| 103 | Beaufort 27th Nov | Ditto | 1094 | Temple 14th Nov | Ditto |
| 187 | Charity 6th Dec | Ditto | 1182 | Dk of Ednburgh TO-DY, 8th Nov | Ditto |
| BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS. | | | 1264 | Neptune 3rd Dec | Ditto |
| 42 | Relief 15th Nov | Grey Mare Hotel | 1299 | Pembroke 15th Nov | Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby |
| 128 | Prince Edwin 21st Nov | Bridge Inn | 1325 | Stanley 26th Nov | M. H., Hope Street |
| 191 | St. John TO-DAY, 8th Nov | Knowsley Hotel | 1350 | Fermor Hesketh 12th Nov | Ditto |
| 1012 | Prince of Wales 4th Dec | Derby Hotel | 1356 | Toxteth 14th Nov | 80, North Hill Street |
| 1392 | Egerton 22nd Nov | Stanley Arms | 1393 | Hamer 15th Nov | M. H., Hope Street |
| R.A.C. | | | 1502 | Israel 19th Nov | Ditto |
| 42 | Unanimity 22nd Nov | Derby Hotel | 1505 | Emulation 22nd Nov | Ditto |
| 128 | Prince Edwin 19th Nov | Bridge Inn | 1547 | Liverpool 14th Nov | Ditto |
| DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS. | | | 1570 | Prince Arthur 20th Nov | Ditto |
| 253 | Tyrian 27th Nov | M. H., Gower Street | 1609 | Liverpool Dramatic 27th Nov | Ditto |
| 731 | Arboretum 14th Nov | Ditto | 1620 | Marlborough 5th Dec | Derby Hall, Tuebrook |
| 802 | Repose 15th Nov | Ditto | 1675 | Ancient Briton 27th Nov | M. H., Hope Street |
| 1085 | Harrington 5th Dec | Ditto | 2042 | Apollo 5th Dec | Ditto |
| R.A.C. | | | 2114 | Lodge of Prudence 19th Nov | Ditto |
| 253 | Justice 13th Nov | Ditto | 2215 | Anfield 22nd Nov | Eaton Hall, Breck Road |
| 731 | Truth 16th Jan | Ditto | 2229 | Lathom Ja & My only | Adelphi Hotel |
| HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS. | | | R.A.C. | | |
| 708 | Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only | Mitre Hotel | 32 | Jerusalem 19th Nov | Ditto |
| 778 | Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only | Ditto | 203 | S. John of Jerusalem 4th Dec | M. H., Hope Street |
| 788 | Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only | Ditto | 216 | Sacred Delta 20th Nov | Ditto |
| 1194 | Villiers 15th Mar | Ditto | 241 | Friendship 26th Nov | Ditto |
| 1293 | Burdett 26th Jan | Ditto | 249 | Mariners 15th Nov | Ditto |
| 1415 | Campbell 13th Apr | Ditto | 292 | Liverpool 22nd Nov | Ditto |
| 1494 | Felix Ap to Jy only | Ditto | 594 | Downshire 14th Nov | Ditto |
| 1512 | Hemming 15th Nov | Greyhound Hotel | 673 | St. John's 12th Dec | Ditto |
| 1507 | Musgrave 16th Mar | Ditto | 680 | Sefton 24th Dec | Ditto |

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