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## AN OLD SONG RE-SET.

OUR attention has been drawn to sundry remarks in a recent issue of the *Universe*, which appears to be a thorough-paced exponent of the extremest ultramontaniam. We say "appears," for we know absolutely nothing of the journal, or the influence it exerts on public opinion. We imagine, however, it finds readers among that narrow-minded section of Roman Catholics who are nothing if not bigoted; who, professing Christianity, daily and even hourly violate all the fundamental principles of the Christian faith; to whom the love, truth, and honour which the Divine founder of that Holy religion sought ever to inculcate in the minds of its followers, are as unknown as is Christianity itself to the aborigines of central and unexplored Africa; who, proposing to throw light on holy things, are themselves in the profoundest depths of ignorance as to the true meaning of holiness. This being so, it will not unnaturally be urged, Why trouble yourselves to resent an attack from a journal so worthless? Masonry is strong, and all the canting jesuitical venom of the political priest and his minions can do it no injury. Be it so, but the attack in this case has not been levelled directly at our Order, but in the first instance, at a most respectable organ of Christian Roman Catholicism, an organ which has exhibited what is now-a-days described as "the courage of its opinions." No long time since, this journal—which bears the very honourable title of *Catholic Opinion*, and is doubtless far more universal in its influence on the Catholic mind than its pretentious contemporary, the *Universe*—*Catholic Opinion*, we say, not long since, took the *Universe* to task for disloyally suggesting that in future the health of the Prince of Wales, "should be omitted from the list of toasts at Catholic dinners." It argued, "as loyal subjects of the Queen, we drink the health of the Prince of Wales as the heir apparent to the throne of England, not in his capacity as Grand Master of the Freemasons." And it followed up this distinction by pertinently asking, "Is our contemporary (the *Universe*) anxious that Mr. Gladstone should have some grounds for his accusation of the disloyalty of Catholics?" These reasons must carry weight, and, indeed, naturally suggest themselves to every high minded English gentleman, be he Roman Catholic or Protestant. But what is natural in the sight of men of honour, is contemptible, nay, even beneath contempt, in the eyes of the *Universe*. It rejoins—"Our answer is that 'we deeply regret' that a contemporary, long supposed to be friendly to the Pope, should thus show a mixed allegiance. The Prince of Wales is not a sovereign, he is only a subject; he does not in any way represent our Queen; he may never reign, and we owe to him, as yet, no allegiance whatever." From this we are justified in drawing these two conclusions. 1st. The loyalty, if any, which the *Universe* feels towards its sovereign is a mere lip loyalty, 2nd. It would be loyal enough to the Prince of Wales—according to its feeble idea of what loyal means—if, while yet remaining patron of a "society which encourages murder"—so the *Universe* describes Masonry—he became our sovereign to-morrow. Our first deduction is reasonable. How can any man, or body of men, be loyal to their sovereign who honour not her family, and, foremost amongst them, her eldest son and heir? Literally true is it, perhaps, that neither Catholics nor Protestants owe any allegiance to the Prince of Wales, "who is only a subject," and "who may never reign." But this is only a quibble, which none but a Jesuit or an Ultramontane would have disgraced himself

by indulging in. It is clear *Catholic Opinion* makes no secret of its dislike for Freemasonry, or it would hardly have drawn a distinction between the Prince of Wales as "heir apparent to the throne," and the Prince of Wales as "Grand Master of the Freemasons." Nevertheless, it feels and declares it is incumbent on all loyal subjects of the Crown to respect the Queen's son and heir, and English subjects will cordially endorse this view so creditable to *Catholic Opinion*.

But, says the *Universe*, "there is no use in *Catholic Opinion* pointing out how to try and serve God and Mammon." This means, if anything, that an English Catholic who serves an Ultramontane Pope serves God, while he who honours the Queen's son serves Mammon. This monstrous doctrine may have found support in some countries in what are known as the dark ages, and even then the practical common sense of the unlettered English revolted against such absurdity. We can more easily imagine than describe the wrath of some grim old Anglo-Norman or Plantagenet Sovereign on hearing this laid down. Still more easy is it to conceive of the disingenuous *ruses* by which the *Universe* would have sought to evade the consequences of its treason. But, fatuous indeed must this journal be if it imagines that a nineteenth century Englishman, who is not an idiot, will "swallow"—to use a vulgar, but expressive word—such nonsense. But this is not all. "The Prince of Wales," we read, "(as the Pope's journals in Rome say) has disgraced himself by heading a society which encourages murder. The Pope says that Freemasonry, in a certain country (meaning England), under its own name, 'does guilty battle with the Church;' and his Holiness emphatically adds, that the 'nefarious character of the sect being known, there is no honest man who does not turn from it with horror.'" A careful analysis of these two sentences seems desirable. What must first strike the impartial reader is, the knavish cowardice of the *Universe*, who dares not venture to say directly that the Prince of Wales has disgraced himself by joining the Freemasons, but throws the *onus* of the statement on "the Pope's journals in Rome." But reading between the lines, and having regard to the hope expressed in a subsequent paragraph, that the editor of *Catholic Opinion* "will 'read, mark, and inwardly digest' the letter of the Pope to the Bishop of Orleans," from which the above assertions of his Holiness are extracted, there is but one inference for us to draw. The *Universe* fully accepts, as gospel, what "the Pope's journals in Rome say," and as fully endorses what the Pope affirms. Now we need not be very squeamish in dealing with such statements as these. We will not disgrace ourselves by taking shelter under the wing of a contemporary, or of any journals in England or elsewhere. We lay it down as indisputable, that to say that the Freemasons are "a society which encourages murder," is a *lie* told deliberately, and with malice prepense. "The Pope's journals in Rome" know it for a *lie*, and the *Universe* which approves this statement is aware it is approving a *lie*. There have been Freemasons who were criminals. There have been Christians who were criminals. As reasonably may we argue that Christianity "encourages murder," because there have been Christian murderers as that our Order is "a society which encourages murder" because there have been Masonic murderers. But it were worse than useless to argue with bigots or the exponents of bigotry. We have, perhaps, done the *Universe* too much honour in noticing its malicious attempts at aspersing the character of Freemasonry. But ours being a mysterious brotherhood, to which the bulk of society is a stranger—though

any reputable person is admissible to its ranks—it cannot so well stand by and meet every accusation that is hurled against it with a *Virtute meū me involvo*. As in the dark ages, already referred to, those who knew more than their neighbours were looked upon as magicians, necromancers, witches, so now among the vulgar, Masons may be pointed at as murderers, revolutionists, atheists, as guilty, in fact, of all the crimes denounced in the written and unwritten laws of God and man. But such accusations as these, if they are to have any weight, must come from those who are acquainted with our secrets, or, in other words, from renegade brothers, whose treachery alone must deprive them of all credence. Who we are, may be easily learned—in Britain, at all events—for the names of all members are registered in accordance with the law. What rules of conduct, moral and religious, are enjoined on Masons, may be gathered from our published Constitutions, which any one may purchase for eighteen pence. And, we repeat, any reputable person may learn our harmless secrets by seeking admission into our ranks. No one need fear a refusal whose character will bear investigation. These are elements in the case of Freemasonry which are entirely overlooked by our accusers, and remove us entirely from the category of those secret societies and organisations, such as the *Vehmgericht* of the middle ages, of which we read in Sir Walter Scott's *Anne of Geierstein*, the Inquisition, and others, whose sole purpose has been the destruction of all law and order, or, perhaps we should say rather, the substitution of an odious civil and religious tyranny for civil and religious freedom. Let the *Universe* "read, mark and inwardly digest" these remarks of ours, and if there is a grain of sense in its composition it cannot but retract its base insinuations, and still baser calumnies.

### PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

MOST of our readers in the course of their experience, have doubtless met with enthusiastic brethren who take it for granted that a Mason can do no wrong. These enthusiasts are thoroughly convinced that the vast majority of those who join the Order are the most benevolent, the most moral, and the very noblest members of society. The theory in their minds, like some religious theories of "conversion," is that the instant a man has been received into the mystic circle he becomes a new being. The ignoble become noble minded, the hard hearted become sensitive, and the man of lax morals becomes a pattern of all the virtues. An enthusiastic over-estimate of the Order such as this, although it embodies a great deal of truth, is certain to do harm. We have never undervalued enthusiasm, and indeed we regard it as a great moral force, but when a brother, bent, at all hazards, upon blowing the trumpet of fame for the Order, ventures to describe the whole of his confraternity in terms which would be flattering if applied to the saints, we cannot but think that such commendation is sure to excite antagonism. The enemies of Masonry, on the watch for holes in our garments, will assuredly take up such a challenge as this. They will tell us that there are mean and ignoble Masons, mercenary Masons, they may add indeed, by way of capping the sweeping assertions of the enthusiast, that Masons generally are no better than other people, and are not to be distinguished from their neighbours for any of the special graces of character. Possibly a calm and clear thinker might be disposed to admit the general truth of some of these charges, but he would join issue with reference to the latter, and, on fairly reasonable grounds; he might urge, that Masons are a carefully selected community, that whereas society is necessarily composed of persons of all classes and dispositions, the ranks of the Order are filled only with men whose characters will bear a close inspection. Granted that men of the middle classes, for example, are generally speaking good citizens, the Mason, as such, gives an additional guarantee to society for his good behaviour, in the fact that he has become a member of a fraternity which rigidly punishes any infringement of a code which for high and pure morality will bear comparison with any system of ethics which has yet attracted the attention of men.

In saying thus much for the Order we should not unfairly beg the real point in dispute. In fact, we are willing enough to admit that there are indifferent Masons in the

Order. A community of saints is quite unknown in this sublunary sphere. Wherever men are banded together for any noble object, there will be people who will seek admission to their ranks for purely selfish purposes. We are not, indeed, ignorant of the fact that the self seekers who employ Masonry for purposes of their own are to be found in every social grade. We should be the last to assert that the Order is more frequently degraded for purposes of trade than for objects which appear less sordid, but which in reality are not one whit more reputable. The rich man, who desires to get into a circle which may be entered by the agency of Grand Lodge, is unfortunately to be found occasionally in our midst. Some men make Masonry an engine for obtaining power and distinction, and while in pursuit of this object they are often willing to simulate a benevolence they do not feel. Thackeray has remarked, over and over again in his wonderful fictions, that rich people will do far more unkind things than persons of low degree. A poor man would blush to be seen squabbling over the expenditure of a few shillings. He would be ashamed to depart from his word, or to permit any one to think that he had done so. Some of our brethren who are by no means rich are the most active in all works of benevolence. They seek no reward for their labours, and would be astonished if they received any. But it has sometimes happened that a rich man has made his Masonic professions chime in with his personal interest. He does not indeed display the emblems of the Order over his door, or on his carriage, but there are other ways of trading on Masonry, and not a few candidates for social position have first qualified themselves by joining a Lodge. Some of our brethren have painful personal recollections of men of this class, who are all things to all men in the Lodgeroom, but who greet a brother when they meet him in the street with the cut direct. The great man, who is seeking to make his way into society, forgets the humbler member of the fraternity when it is convenient to do so, and only wakes up to a general and cordial recognition of his Masonic associates when his personal interests are directly at stake. We do not hesitate to characterise men of this stamp as unworthy members of the Craft. They may be eloquent advocates of the claims of the charities, but they have no heart in the cause, and merely display a fictitious activity to suit their own convenience.

An insincere professor is, indeed, a very unpleasant person, and it is gratifying to know that, although they are not uncommon, they are yet few and far between. A man whose zeal for Masonry keeps time with his personal interests, who is constantly making his voice heard while he has private objects of his own in view, but who is silent the moment he has accomplished his purpose, deserves to be received, when he appears among his brethren, with withering contempt. We have known Masons who were always ready with honied phrases, but who invariably forgot the homely adage that "fair words butter no parsnips." They were willing to patronise everything; our Schools, our Benevolent Institutions, anything, in fact, which might be converted into a Masonic ladder to lift them above the crowd. But when this height was gained they could afford to ignore the Charities, could turn their back upon their toiling brethren, and were utterly oblivious of the fact that they were indebted to the Order for all their poor social distinctions.

The cynic who decries Masonry is sure to point to men of this stamp when he is seeking to drive his adverse arguments home. He reminds us of the persons who have pushed themselves to the front by means of the fraternity, and concludes by asking us whether our professions of purity are not a mere sham; whether our Order is not, after all, a gigantic organisation, based on selfish interests, and trading upon sacred principles which deserve a better fate than to be thus perverted. Our answer to these unfair innuendoes is clear enough. We frankly admit that there are men in our midst who are grossly selfish, in spite of their professions of benevolence and charity, but we urge that they are rare exceptions. We challenge denial when we assert that the Order, as a whole, is perfectly pure, that its devotion to charity and general benevolence is no mere sham, and that Masons as a body are true men, who have done, and are still doing, their best to make toleration, peace and goodwill universally current in the world.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### 77th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

**T**HE Third Great Festival of the Year, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, took place at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday last, and may, without hesitation, be pronounced one of the greatest successes of this important Masonic year. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, and Provincial G.M. of Somerset, presided, and was supported by Lord Burleigh, the Earl of Shrewsbury, R. B. Webster (Hon. Treasurer), Sir Henry Edwards, J. Rucker (Vice-President), J. M. P. Montague Worrell, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., J. Boyd P.G.P., Cottebrune P.G.P., E. P. Albert A.G.P., T. Cnibitt P.G.P., Roebuck, Cooper Smith P.G.J.W. Oxon., Read P.G.P. Oxon., Rev. Dr. Brett, Bros. Webster, J. A. Spencer, S. Smith, Stonor, J. Wright, McRae, C. Horsley, T. J. Sabine, G. Verry, A. C. Burrell, S. Rosenthal, W. Parsons, C. Pegler, C. Moutrie, Hopekirk, Bubb, Larkin, Pulsford, Davies, W. Paas, Wilkins, Farthing, Levy, Hodges, S. Jones, Watts, Morton, Leggot, Dr. Ramsay, Abrahams, Foxall, Richards, Condor, Hon. C. Burke, Rutherford; F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; R. W. Little, Secretary Girls' School; Jas. Terry, Secretary Royal Benevolent Institution, and about 240 Stewards from the several Provincial and Metropolitan Lodges.

The banquet, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, took place in the large dining-room of the Palace, and vast as the space is that was set apart, not a vacant chair was to be found. This is the first time, in the history of Masonic gatherings of this description, that arrangements have been made for the ladies to be present at the dinner; on previous occasions the rule having been that the ladies should dine by themselves, and not join the gentlemen until the business proceedings of the day had been disposed of. However, if we may judge by the result of this day's Festival, the claim thus established will not be readily surrendered by our fair friends.

After grace had been sung, the Chairman rose and said: It was the first time in his Masonic career that he had presided at a Masonic gathering of this novel character. He welcomed the ladies very cordially, and proposed that which had been the first toast from time immemorial. The Queen commanded their respect in every possible manner, in every possible place, and by every possible title; but now it was doubled, for Her Majesty was both their Patron and their Queen.

The National Anthem was then sung.

The Chairman then said:—Brethren, the next toast on my list is the "Health of M.W.G.M. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G." Not only was he entitled to their respect as Prince of Wales, but as the Grand Master of English Freemasons. All those brethren who were present at the Albert Hall saw one of the greatest sights that Masons in any part of the world ever witnessed. All came to present their homage, and to welcome his Royal Highness to the chair. He was sure the wish of every brother then present was that his Royal Highness might long live to rule over the Craft, and conduct its affairs in happiness, in peace, and with success. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, R.W. Pro G.M. of Staffordshire, rose and said: He hoped the brethren would fill a bumper to the health of his old friend and schoolfellow, his old college companion, his brother in politics and his brother in Freemasonry, the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. (Great cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon, in responding, said it was extremely pleasant to be praised by one who was himself praised. In this instance it was by an old college friend. He thanked this great meeting for the kindly way, nay, even friendly manner, in which they had drunk his health. Masonry was a compact body, composed of different orders and different degrees, but two great principles prevailed, the principle of election and the principle of appointment by the free vote of the craft. Both Master and Pro. Grand Master had great powers invested in them. The officers who represent them were the Grand Officers, who had all the light and pulse of the Craft. He would couple with the toast he was about to propose—viz., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale R.W.D.G.M., the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers—the name of one who had but lately attained the purple of office, his friend Sir Henry Edwards.

Sir Henry Edwards briefly responded.

Miss Josephine Sherrington then sang the Shadow Song from Dinorah in a manner that completely electrified the audience, who most enthusiastically demanded an encore, which was graciously conceded by the accomplished artiste.

The noble Chairman rose again. He said there was an old saying that after the nightingales came the crows. (Laughter.) After the air they had been listening to his voice would sound very much like

a crow's. He was about to propose the toast of the evening—that which had brought them there that day—"Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." (Loud Cheers.) In this as in every institution we naturally look back to the past, and if we compare the past with the present how very wide will that difference be. I must ask you to go back with me as far as the year 1739, and you need not be afraid that I shall give you a record of every fact that has occurred between then and now; but I ask you to remember what the year 1739 was in England. Politically it was very different from the present. We were on the eve of a civil war, and of an internal disturbance. In matters of education, though there were great writers and great thinkers, whom we still delight to read and to honour, there was little education in the class at least for whom this school is provided, and, Masonically, it was an important year, because just at that time the Pope had thought it worth while in England to fulminate the bull against Freemasonry; and English Freemasonry itself did not number, I suppose, within the four seas, one-half of those whom I see collected in this room. In that year, 1739, I find that a resolution was proposed during the Grand Mastership of one who, strange to say, bore my own name, the Lord Carnarvon of the day, from which grew out, some years afterwards, first the Girls' School, and secondly the Boys' School. That resolution is now matter of Masonic history. It was subsequently acted upon as I have said, and this institution was established. In those days it was but a small affair; there were but six scholars, and they were to be clothed, and brought up, and nurtured, and educated; but in the inevitable default of the necessary accommodation, it was provided that they should be brought up in any neighbouring school that would offer a good education. Since then, however, great is the difference! Buildings have been erected which we all know, and the present school, for the sake of which we are assembled together to-day, numbers within its walls no less, I am told, than 177 boys. Those boys are brought up, and clothed, and educated, entirely free of expense to their friends; they receive what may be termed a thoroughly good commercial education, they go forth subsequently into life, and I believe, from all that I have heard, they do honour to themselves generally, and to the institution which has sent them forth. Year by year this school has passed under examination—first of all under the Syndicate of Cambridge, and periodically by the University Local Examinations—and it may be a matter of satisfaction to all those who take an interest in this Institution to know that since the day when these buildings were erected, now some 16 years since, so satisfactory has been the health of those boys, that I am informed that during the whole of that period there have been but three deaths. In this time the school and the Craft have gone on steadily advancing together, and this is an illustration in fact of the way in which the Craft itself is worked in this country. It has undertaken useful works; by those useful works it stands; and through those useful works it has spread far and wide its great reputation for usefulness and for charity. I have to say one word on the subject of that which, after all, affects all these questions more closely than anything else, and which though it may sound dull, is yet of vital consequence—I mean the question of finance. I have not myself had the opportunity of looking into or of examining closely the financial condition of this institution. All that I can say is to be derived from those who are more conversant with it; and whilst on the one hand there is much that is satisfactory, I am bound also to point out to you that, like all human things, it even yet admits of amendment. You have, no doubt, done much; large sums are subscribed on every gathering such as this. You have erected magnificent buildings; you have even, as I am informed, paid off the debt upon these buildings; and you gave an education to these boys at what seems to me comparatively a very low figure, viz., £45 a year, and I am told further that even that £45 a year has been gradually reduced, as expenses have been brought down during the last few years. All this you have done, all this is matter for honest pride and satisfaction, but I have also to remind you that this Institution has no endowment, and that the money which is subscribed on these occasions has hitherto, as I understand, been only just sufficient to pay the way of this great Institution. And, more than that, I may repeat what was said by one who formerly spoke in this place, and spoke, I think, on that point with considerable truth when he stated that the subscriptions proceed too frequently from a certain given fixed number of individuals, and are not so largely taken up and supported as they should be by the whole body of the craft. In this, as in other matters of charity, I desire that the pyramid should have as broad a base as possible—should rest on that base, and should not rest on a tiny bottom. Nothing but a large amount of subscriptions from a great number of individuals can make the base of your pyramid broad, and nothing but breadth of base is a security for such an institution as this. And now I have said enough, and perhaps I should not have said so much had I not myself absolutely felt bound on such an occasion to do so. I have said quite enough for so festive an occasion as this. I can only commend the charity to you, and to your sympathies, by commending it to all

those who have in former times supported it so nobly and liberally. I commend it further to those brethren who as individuals have sympathised with it, but have not yet given any visible and tangible evidence of that sympathy; and lastly, and certainly most potentially, I commend it to those who can do more for it than any brother here present, the ladies, who have sat down with us to-day.

After this toast, which it is needless to say was received with enthusiasm, was disposed of, Brother Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, announced that the recipients of the prizes—viz., Francis Dalrymple Lane (for good conduct) and Richard Newton Carter (elected by his schoolfellows)—were not present to receive their rewards. Bro. Binckes explained that the Festival had been postponed a week; it was now the holidays, and the boys could not attend. He hoped, however, that this public acknowledgment would make amends for the disappointment. He then commenced, amidst the greatest excitement, to read out the Lists of Donations, which amounted in the aggregate to the munificent sum of £12,700, with thirty-nine lists yet to be received, and triumphantly asked the brethren whether the result was not an answer to those who had prognosticated that the introduction of ladies to our banquets must end in failure?

After several other toasts, the ladies and brethren adjourned to the Concert-room, where the various songs were most artistically rendered; indeed, the musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, gave the most unqualified satisfaction.

We append the List of Patrons and Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed by them which have been received up to the time of our going to press:—

## PRESIDENT.

Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh P.G.S.W.

## ACTING PRESIDENT.

Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D. and P.G.Std., P.M. 66, V.P.

## ACTING VICE-PRESIDENT.

Bro. J. M. P. Montague, D.P.G.M. Dorset,  
Friends in Council Lodge, 1383.

## VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution;  
Present and Past Grand Officers; Present and Past  
Grand Stewards; Present and Past Provincial Grand  
Officers.

## HON. TREASURER.

W. Bro. R. B. Webster, No. 1320, and P.M. 140.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	Amount.
Grand Stewards'		Binckes, F. (P.G. Std.)	131 5 0
Grand Masters'	1	Smith, Thomas Taylor, S.D.	15 15 0
Antiquity	2	Pearce, Stephen, S.D., G. Steward	58 8 0
Fidelity	3	Burland, Thomas, W.M.	33 1 6
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	Veley, Arthur Curtis, J.W., P.Pr. G.W., Essex	52 10 0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	James, Henry	54 12 0
Friendship	6	Eaton, Capt. H. F.	10 10 0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Adlard, Fredk., P.M. and Treas. P. Pr. G.A.D.C. Essex	35 14 0
British	8	Morgan, C. J., S.W., G.S.	23 2 0
Albion	9	Marsh, W. R., W.M., P.M. 933	65 0 0
Westminster and Key-stone	10	Burton, J. J., P.Pr.G.D.C., Cambridge	30 19 6
Enoch	11	Garratt, Lewis B.	32 1 6
Fortitude and Old Cumberland	12	Clever, Joseph, W.M., and W.M. 171	70 7 0
Tuscan	14	Bothamley, H. H., W.M., G.Std.	
Old Dundee	18	Huggins, Herbert George, W.M.	49 7 0
Emulation	21	Meggy, T., P.M., P.G.Std., and Vice-Pres. of the Institution	121 16 0
Neptune	22	Gray, C. W., P.M.	43 1 0
Old King's Arms	28	Lane, William, W.M.	38 17 0
Britannic	33	Bayley, John Clowes	29 19 0
Gihon	49	Williams, Alfred, W.M.	101 1 6
Constitutional	55	Biugemann, John, W.M., Compton, John, P.M., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	246 15 0
Royal Naval	59	Healey, John, P.M.	63 0 0
Peace and Harmony	60	Whitfield, H., S.W., G.Std.	30 9 0
Jubilee	72	Brighten, W. G., P.M.	40 8 6
Mount Lebanon	73	Wilkins, I. J. Hooper, W.M.	144 18 0
St. John's	90	Griffin, Josiah, P.M.	44 8 6
Regularity	91	Surr, Watson, J.D.	49 7 0
Burlington	96	Wilson, William, W.M.	37 16 0
London	108	Smith, W. H.	50 8 0
Prudent Brethren	145	Leggott, John Henry, I.G.	253 5 6

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	Amount.
Honor and Generosity	165	Smith, William F.	47 5 0
St. John's	167	Hollis, Henry, P.M.	39 18 0
Phoenix	173	Vine, Francis Robert, W.M.	78 4 6
Caveac	176	Lemann, Geo. Keene, P.M.	50 18 6
Manchester	179	Tyrrell, Richard, W.M.	29 18 6
St. James' Union	180	Parsons, William C., W.M.	120 14 0
Universal	181	Norfolk, W. J., W.M.	30 9 0
Unity	183	Shaboe, Rev. D., P.M., P.Pr.G.C., Middlesex	
Industry	186	Seex, J., P.M., J.W., 1426	72 9 0
Joppa	188	Abrahams, Israel, P.M.	
Lion and Lamb	192	Jones, Edward, S.D.	142 5 6
Jerusalem	197	Cusins, William Geo., J.W.	34 12 0
St. Andrew's in the East	222	Starkey, William J., P.M.	50 8 0
Nine Muses	235	Emanuel, Emanuel, P.M.	21 0 6
Unions	256	Davis, R. Robert, W.M.	39 18 0
Prince of Wales'	259	Sutton, E. Cover Vain	36 15 0
Bank of England	263	Peters, Colonel	
Salisbury	435	Rosenthal, S., Vice-Pres. of Inst., P.M., P.Pr.G.W. Middlesex	52 10 0
Zetland	511	Barfield, A., P.M. & Treas.	44 2 0
Fitzroy	569	Adams, Herbert J., P.M. V.P.	69 16 0
Canonbury	657	Johnasson, J., J.W., V.P.	140 14 0
Crystal Palace	742	Bertram, John, P.M., V.P.	
Belgrave	749	Painter, John, W.M.	28 8 6
William Preston	766	Braun, Augustus, W.M.	36 15 0
Royal Alfred	780	Stewart, Hamilton	27 6 0
New Concord	813	Cusworth, Thomas J., J.W.	53 17 0
Victoria Rifles	822	Trower, Alfred	52 10 0
Ranelagh	834	Barker, Charles, W.M.	17 17 0
Royal Albert	907	Farnfield, William H., P.M. Miller, F. Hastings	34 13 0
Victoria	1056	Wrenn, William, P.M.	100 0 0
University	1118	Brodie, G. B., M.D., Sec.	47 5 0
Excelsior	1155	Hose, Samuel J., S.W.	35 14 0
Southern Star	1158	Wright, Joseph, W.M.	133 17 6
Perfect Ashlar	1178	Harmsworth, J. H., P.M.	31 10 0
Eclectic			64 1 0
Upton	1227	Levick, George, M.D., W.M., P.M. 127	64 1 0
Grosvenor	1257	Cox, John C., W.M.	80 11 6
Star	1275	Woodman, W. B.	
Burdett Coutts	1278	Verry, George Ward, Sec. and P.M. 554	70 7 0
Royal Standard	1298	Moxon, H. J., S.D.	
St. Marylebone	1305	Smith, Thomas, W.M.	63 0 0
Blackheath			116 11 0
Sphinx	1329	Vockins, James H., W.M.	31 10 0
Stockwell	1339	Klench, John M., W.M.	31 10 0
St. Clement Danes'	1351	Betts, Daniel, W.M.	69 16 6
Clapton	1365	Lutwyche, William, W.M.	26 5 0
Friends in Council	1383		367 10 0
Hyde Park	1425	Tatham, H. H.	
Prince Leopold	1445	Green, Frank, W.M.	35 8 6
Mount Edgecumbe	1446	Burrell, A. E., W.M.	227 6 0
Islington	1471	Bowyer, Edgar, W.M.	
Marquess of Ripon	1489	Stephens, W.M., P.M., 1365	135 0 0
Chiselhurst	1531	Kipps, William, J.W.	28 16 0
Caveac R.A. Chap.	176	Stride, Walter J., P.Soj.	
Joppa R.A. Chap.	188	Levy, H. M., M.E.Z.	

## BERKS AND BUCKS.

Union	414	Strickland, W. H., W.M.	29 18 6
Hope	574	Bance, John, P.M., P.Pr.G.Pur.	36 15 0
Buckingham	591	Winkfield, John T. C., P.Pr.G.J.W., P.M.	31 10 0
Grey Friars	1101	Greenfield, Jas., W.M.	73 10 0
Wycombe	1501	Palmer, John, S.W., V.P.	115 10 0

## BRISTOL.

St. Vincent	1401	Norris, John Freeman, S.D., Pr.G.Std.	114 9 0
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## CHESHIRE.

Cestrian	425	Lloyd, Horatio, Pr.S.G.W. Dutton, Chas., P.Pro G.S.W. Williams, J. Eyton, P.M.	63 0 0
Zetland	537	Marwood, Thomas, P.M.	10 10 0
Independence	721	Matthews, William, J.W., Prov.G.Std.	10 10 0

## DERBYSHIRE.

Tyrian	253	Marsden, W. H., W.M., Pr.G.Sec., P.Pr.G.O.	73 15 0
Royal Sussex	353	Diamond, Hugh E., W.M.	57 15 0
Repose	802	Low, Charles, J.W.	10 18 0
Okeover	1324	Wright, Fitzherbert, V.P.	123 18 0

## DEVONSHIRE.

St. John's	70	Dubosc, Henry sen., P.M.	63 1 0
St. George's	112	Jones, Samuel, P.Pr. Gd.Deacon	137 11 0
Sincerity	189	Curteis, J. Edward, W.M.	89 5 0



DORSET.			
Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	
St. Cuthberga . . .	622	Burt, Henry Chas., P.Pr.G.A.D.C., P.M. . .	633 3 0
DURHAM.			
Fenwick . . . . .	1389	Maddison, Frederick, S.W.	372 19 6
ESSEX.			
Chigwell . . . . .	453	Motion, R. W., P.M., P.Pr.G.J.W. . . . .	68 5 0
Bagshawe . . . . .	1457	Tanner, Joseph, P.M., P.Pr.G.S.D. 101, 453 .	
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
Prince of Wales . . .	951	Reade, Joseph, W.M., Pr.G. Purs. . . . .	42 0 0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
Economy . . . . .	76	Levander, H. C., P.Pr.G.D.	
New Forest . . . . .	319	Whitbread, Col. J. W. C., P.M., P.Pr.G.S.B. . .	
Phoenix . . . . .	257	Lillywhite, Jno., W.M.	102 1 0
Peace and Harmony . .	359	Coles, Harry, P.M., Pr.G.D. Cers. . . . .	96 12 0
Panmure . . . . .	723	Hacker, H., Pr.G.J.D.P.M.	151 14 0
		Duke of Connaught . .	21 0 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
Hertford . . . . .	403	Carter, Thos. S., Pr.G.S.D., W.M. . . . .	12 12 0
Watford . . . . .	404	Foord, E. T., P.Pro.G.S.B.	51 9 0
Gladsmuir . . . . .	1385	Venables, Frederick, J.D.	55 10 0
		Cutbush, William, P.M. .	
Halsey . . . . .	1479	Parrott, John, S.D. . .	10 10 0
KENT.			
Freedom . . . . .	77	Hicks, Wm., Pr. G.S.B., P.M. 77, 430 . . . .	23 2 0
Sydney . . . . .	829	Smith, Thomas, P.M. 913 .	157 10 0
Erasmus Wilson. . . .	1464	Wilson, Erasmus, P.M., P.G. Std., S.W. 2 . . . .	26 5 0
LANCASHIRE—EAST.			
Anchor and Hope . . .	37	Brockbank, G. Parker, P. Pr. G.D., P.M. . . .	42 0 0
		Walker, James, W.M. . .	
		Ashworth, Edmund, jun. .	
Hope . . . . .	54	Barker, A., S.W. . . .	
Social . . . . .	62	McClure, J. W., P.Pro.J.W.	10 10 0
Harmony . . . . .	298	Beswicke, William, Sec. .	10 10 0
		Butterworth, Robert, P.M., P.R. G. Purs. . . . .	
		Briggs, William . . . .	
		Holroyd, James, V.P. of the Institution . . .	
		Mills, Charles. . . . .	
		Oakden, Thomas, W.M. .	
		Prince, W.H. P.Pr.G.D. .	
		Roberts, William . . . .	
		Taylor, James . . . . .	
Humphrey Cheetham . .	645	Matier, C. F., P. G. W. Greece, W.M. . . . .	115 10 0
LANCASHIRE—WEST.			
Lights . . . . .	148	Sharp, William, P.M. . .	12 12 0
Merchants' . . . . .	241	Broadbridge, Geo., P.Pr. G.D. Cers., 1380 . . .	126 0 0
Fortitude . . . . .	281	Moore, J. D., M.D., P.G.S.B. 1051 . . . . .	11 11 0
Hartington . . . . .	1021	Bagot, Henry, Pr. G. Std. P.M., Hon. Sec. . . .	47 5 0
Hindpool . . . . .	1225	Cornfield, George, P.M. .	47 5 0
Lindsay . . . . .	1395	Leader, William, P.M. .	
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLANDSHIRE.			
Commercial . . . . .	1391	Waite, Robert, P.M. 279 & 1331, P.Pr.G.J.W. . .	181 13 0
LINCOLNSHIRE.			
Pelham Pillar . . . . .	792	Marshall, William, W.M. .	63 0 0
		Roberts, William Horatio, Pr.G.D. of Cers. . . .	
		Hadfield, John, P.M. . .	
		MacSheen, Richard, S.D.	
		Jewitt, Capt. Thom. . .	
St. Alban's . . . . .	1298	Sutcliffe, John, P.P. G.W. Vice-Pat., 600, 792, P.M. 764 and 1294. . .	10 10 0
Isle of Asholme . . . .	1482	Ace, Daniel, D.D., P.Pr.G. Chaplain. . . . .	
MIDDLESEX.			
Royal Union . . . . .	382	Woodward, Edwin C., W.M.	22 1 0
Carnarvon . . . . .	708	Edlmann, Herbert, P.M.	19 19 0
Bard of Avon . . . . .	778	Ramsey, William, F., M.D., S.W. . . . .	23 2 0
Enfield . . . . .	1237	Thompson, J. H., W.M.	94 10 0
Burdett . . . . .	1293	Keily, Frederick, W.M. .	

MIDDLESEX—Continued.			
Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.	
Acacia . . . . .	1309	Walters, Frederick, V.P., Pr. G. Purs. . . . .	63 0 0
Lebanon . . . . .	1326	Shackleton, John B., S.D. Meyer, Bernard . . . .	
		Prattersta, William . . .	
Era . . . . .	1423	Wolff, S., J.D. . . . .	15 15 0
Campbell . . . . .	1415	Cole, Wentworth, J.D. . .	
Thames Valley . . . .	1465	Brette, Rev. Dr. E., W.M., Pro. Grand Chap. . . .	94 10 0
Felix . . . . .	1494	Knyvett, F. S., W.M. . .	12 12 0
Francis Burdett . . . .	1503	Wiggington, Col. Wm., P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Worcester, W.M.	16 16 0
Royal Middlesex R. . .	1194	Solomon, Alfred . . . .	37 16 0
Arch. Chap. . . . .			
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE.			
St. Peter's . . . . .	442	Griffin, Robert H., W.M., P.Pr.A.G.D.C. . . . .	113 8 0
NORTHUMBERLAND.			
Tyne . . . . .	991	Potter, Col. Addison, Prov. G.J.W., P.M. . . . .	110 5 0
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			
Salopian of Charity . .	117	Bagnall, Jno. Briscoe W.M.	21 0 0
Salopian . . . . .	262	Peele, Edmd. Creswell, Pr. G.D., W.M. . . . .	
St. Oswald . . . . .	1124	Wood, Ephraim, P.M. Pr. G.D.C. . . . .	10 10 0
Square and Compasses .	1336	Bury, John Oswald, P.M. .	52 10 0
Sir Watkin . . . . .	1477	Beresford, Samuel, Sec. .	5 5 0
		Corbett, John, J.W. . .	
OXFORDSHIRE.			
Alfred . . . . .	340	Long James . . . . .	10 10 0
Apollo University . . .	357	Williamson, R. Isherwood, Pr.G.Purst., Dep.S.W. .	112 13 0
		Bird, Reginald, P.Pr.G.S.W., P.M. 3, W.M. 152 . . .	
		Prince Leopold . . . . .	10 10 0
		Buë Jules, P.Pro.G.Sup. Wks., S.W. . . . .	20 15 0
Churchill . . . . .	478	Smith, H. R. Cooper, W.M., Pr.G.J.W. . . . .	
Cherwell . . . . .	599	Potts, John, P.Pr. G.Sup. Wks., S.W. . . . .	15 15 0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
		Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon	52 10 0
Royal Sussex . . . . .	53	Doherty, General, H. E., C.B., P.P. S.G.W., P.P. G.S.D. Wilts, W.M. 906, P.M. 53 . . . . .	213 10 0
		Payne, E. T., Pro. G. Treas., P.P.G.S.W., &c., 335, 973. . . . .	72 16 0
Perpetual Friendship .	135	Else, R. C., P.M. Pr G.Sec., P.Pro.G.S.W. . . . .	171 7 6
Royal Somerset . . . .	973	Inskip, E. T., P.Pr.G.W., W.M., P.M. 626 . . .	
Mark Provincial Grand		Richards, W. . . . .	30 9 0
SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION.			
Afan . . . . .	833	Tennant, Marmaduke, P.M., P.Pr.G.W. . . . .	236 5 0
SOUTH WALES—WESTERN DIVISION.			
Prince of Wales' . . .	671	Phillips, J. Bevan, P.M., Pr.G.J.W. . . . .	130 4 0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
Menturia . . . . .	418	Taylor, Thomas, P.Pr.G.W. Crappier, J. S. . . . .	221 0 0
SUFFOLK.			
Royal St. Edmund's . .	1008	Lucia, W. H., Pro. G. Sec.	64 1 0
Stour Valley . . . . .	1224	Martyn, Rev. C. J., P. Pro. G. Chap., Vice-Patron of Institution . . . . .	38 17 0
White Rose R.A. Chap. .	1008	York, J. Neal, P.M., P.Z., P.Pr.G.S.W. . . . .	
SURREY.			
Frederick of Unity . .	452	Dickinson, Arthur J. (F.G.S.), W.M. . . . .	22 11 6
St. Andrew's . . . . .	1046	Moody, Charles, P.M. . .	5 5 0
SUSSEX.			
Derwent . . . . .	40	Duke, Charles W., P. Pro. G.D., P.M. . . . .	68 5 0
Yarborough . . . . .	811	Horsley, Charles, P. Prov. G. Reg., Middlesex, P.M. . . . .	44 2 0

## WARWICKSHIRE.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.			
Athol . . . . .	74	Fenn, Joseph, P.M.	80	17	0
		Smith, T. H., M.D.	15	15	0
Grosvenor . . . . .	938	Zair, John, Jun., P.G. Dir.	283	10	0
		Cers., P.M.			
		Howkins, Thomas, P.G.A.			
		Dir. of Cers. P.M. 468			
		and 938 . . . . .			
		Handley, Edward . . . .			

## WILTSHIRE.

Royal Sussex of Emu- lation . . . . .	355	Chandler, John, P. Pro. G.W. 663, 1295 . . . .	91	7	0
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## YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST.

Minerva . . . . .	250	Thompson, John, P.Pro. G.S.B., P.M. . . . .	36	15	0
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## YORKSHIRE—WEST.

Probity . . . . .	61	Edwards, Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry, Bart., R.W.Pr. G.M., V.P. . . . .			
		Scarborough, George . .			
		Tasker, William, P.M. . .			
Britannia . . . . .	139	Hayes, Simeon, W.M. Short, W., P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Morris, T. S. . . . .			
		Tysack, W. A. . . . .			
Unanimity . . . . .	154	Simpson, Edward, S.D., Vice-Pat. of the Inst.			
Harmony . . . . .	275	Shaw, Bentley, W.P. Dep. Prov. G.M., Vice-Pres.			
Huddersfield . . . .	290	Harrop, W., W.M. . . .			
Brunswick . . . . .	296	Chaindry, J. F. . . . .			
Hope . . . . .	302	Farrar, Hanson, Treasurer Broughton, B., P.M., V.P.			
Alfred . . . . .	306	Seanor, Saml. Exley, W.M.			
Integrity . . . . .	380	Wordsworth, John, V.P., P.Pro.G.W. . . . .			
St. James . . . . .	448	Rhodes, C. T., J.W. . . .			
St. John's . . . . .	827	Tattersfield, Joseph . . .			
Phoenix . . . . .	904	Fawcett, John, S.W. Perrot, Clement, Hamil, P.M. . . . .			
St. Oswald . . . . .	910	Tew, Thos. William, P.M., Dep. Pro. G.M. . . . .			
		Simpson, John, P.M. . . .			
Shakespeare . . . .	1018	Longley, William . . . .			
Sincerity . . . . .	1019	Newton, George . . . . .			
Excelsior . . . . .	1042	Beedle, Joseph, P.M. . . .			
Savile . . . . .	1231	Crossley, Frederick, P.M., Pro. G.S.B. . . . .			
		Crossley, John Edward, P.M. . . . .			
Friendly . . . . .	1513	Watson, J.H. . . . .			
Marquis of Ripon, R.A.Ch. . . . .	337	Pegler, Chas. . . . .			
Prov. G. Mark Lodge		Cooke, William, Prov. G. Mark Secretary . . . .			
Total Collected in the Province . . . .			815	1	0

## INDIA.

Presidency of Bombay]	Leith, E. Tyrrell, P.Dist. G.W. . . . .	21	0	0
	Hay Andrew . . . . .	10	10	0

## MARK DEGREE.

Royal Sussex . . . .	75	Sabine, T. J., P.M. and P.M. 22, P.G.A.D.C. . . . .	514	0	0
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## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Palestine Chapter of R.C .	Venn, Henry . . . . .	21	0	0
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Grand Total . . . . £12,704 7 6

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary of the Institution,  
Hon. Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Hertford, of which the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey M.P. is the Grand Master, will be held at the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at half-past one o'clock precisely. A banquet will take place in the Town Hall at four p.m.

## Obituary.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Donovan, of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278. Bro. Donovan was Editor of the *East London Observer*, and was justly esteemed as an energetic and conscientious Mason.

## FREEMASONRY IN ECUADOR.

WE are indebted to a writer in *Le Monde Maçonnique*, who signs himself "Un Equatorien," for the following interesting details of the rise, progress, and position of our Order in this country.

It was during the war of independence that Freemasonry penetrated into Ecuador. I am able to affirm that, in 1821, just one year before the battle of Pichincha, which sealed the independence of this Republic, there was, at Quito, a well organised Lodge, known as the *Ley Natural*. When the Grand Orient of Peru was constituted, this Lodge placed itself under the jurisdiction of that power, and its name figured in the list of Lodges of that Orient down to a very recent period. Nevertheless, during my sojourn at Quito, I could glean no knowledge whatever of this Lodge. It is probable it had ceased to exist for a long time previously, owing to causes of which we shall speak presently. At Guayaquil, there had been both a Lodge and a Chapter. These bodies disappeared for a period of some ten years, when, in 1856, the Lodge *Philanthropie des Guayas* was organised. At that time there reigned at Guayaquil a remarkable ardour for Freemasonry, and every day the Lodge saw its numbers increasing, but this ardour was unable to revive the zeal of the people of Quito. In those days Ecuador was chiefly influenced by liberal views. The Lodge of Guayaquil was a democratic one. On the other hand, the Masons of Quito showed a decided tendency to maintain the aristocratic character of the ancient, or, to speak properly, false Masonry, and to turn it to political purposes. Unable to plant this system in a liberal country, they preferred not to extend the influence of their temple. The Lodge of Guayaquil had, in its own ranks, to contend against analogous tendencies, promoted chiefly by those who possessed the high grades, but the democratic or Masonic element proved victorious in the struggle. In 1860, when, at the close of the civil war, the conservative party triumphed, its chief, M. Garcia Moreno, sought initiation in the Lodge of Guayaquil. The latter had serious reasons for distrusting this gentleman. The violent and haughty character of the man was certainly not in keeping with the ordinances and prescriptions of Masonry. Moreover, M. Garcia Moreno had proscribed many members of the Lodge of Guayaquil; he claimed to enter the Lodge as a Master, but where all are brothers, there unquestionably was no place for him. By way of reply to the conditions demanded by the Lodge, he authorised the Jesuits to return to the country. And when, in 1869, by the aid of the Ultramontanes, he had managed to get complete possession of the chief power in the state, then M. Garcia proscribed very many Ecuadorians, and framed a decree directing that every person denounced as a Mason should be tried by court martial. Hence, at this present time, there are no longer any Lodges in Ecuador.

## MASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ACCORDING to the *Graaf Reinet Herald*, a movement is on foot towards the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for South Africa. The initiative has been taken by the Jaffa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, which has submitted the question to all the Lodges in the Colony, and we presume that, in course of time, some decision will be arrived at. Meantime, the *Graaf Reinet Herald* wisely cautions the craft against any precipitate action, and urges the various Lodges to consider well and seriously before they commit themselves by supporting a movement which must sever all connection between them and the Grand Lodges of England and Holland. It pertinently asks, "Are the Lodges in South Africa prepared to withdraw the allegiance they now owe to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and H.R.H. Prince William Frederick Karl W.M., Grand Master National of the Netherlands?" If so, to whom will they offer it.

Among other Masonic items of news, to which the *Graaf Reinet Herald* has recently opened its columns, we learn that Bro. G. G. F. Hurford P.M. has been elected W.M. of the lodge "Midland," No. 882, Graaf Reinet, Cape Town, for the ensuing year, and that Bro. G. G. Munnick P.W. has been elected W.M. of the Lodge "Vereeniging."

## SPENCER'S GREAT LIBRARY.

## THIRD NOTICE.

LOT 478 begins a rich series of Masonic poems and song-books. From lot 484 we learn that a pantomime called *Harlequin Freemason* was produced at Covent Garden Theatre in 1781, and can imagine our ancestors having been mightily diverted over broad hints and farcical ceremonies. We wonder, by the way, what references to our mysteries are contained in *The Generous Freemason or the Constant Lady* (lot 3), and whether we were the butts of Squire "Noodle" and his man "Doodle." *Les Francs-Maçons, Comédie* (lot 76), would seem to be of the same genus, and *The Mason of Buda* (lot 489). *Freemason's Companions, Choiresters, Assistants, Healths, Museums, Friends, Melodies, Budgets, Glees, Anthems, Minstrels, &c.*, abound in bewildering variety. Our gay and festive predecessors seem to have been eminently vocal, though we fear *quality* was not so conspicuous as *quantity* in their effusions. On the scarce Lodge lists and Calendars which follow, we offer no remark, they are so scarce as to be worth their weight in gold to a Masonic library. Curious particulars relative to the doings of the followers of Schrepffer and Cagliostro, also to the sectaries of Von Knigge, Zinnendorf, Schwedenborg and the Illuminati may be gleaned from lots 520 to 523. Lot 527, *Anthologia Hibernica*, Vol II., should contain Clinch's valuable essays on Masonry and the Doctrines of Pythagoras.

The scrapbooks and albums, with their interesting data and autographs, speak for themselves, as do also the MSS. portraits and symbolic engravings.

Whilst upon this topic we would say a word upon the fine library collected by Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, U.S.A. Though not to be compared with Bro. Spencer's, in point of Calendars, Constitutions, sectarian, poetical, Rosicrucian, and mystic works, or of portraits and engravings, it yet contains more of the extremely scarce revelations of the early part of the last century, and excels it in other matters of less importance. Bro. Carson is publishing, in parts, for private circulation, at his own expense, a valuable "catalogue raisonné" of the whole, his critical analyses of contents and learned remarks upon the Masonic value of the various books, render his catalogue a standard of reference, which will be quoted through all time. We abridge from his remarks which relate to certain lots in Bro. Spencer's catalogue.

(Lot 528) "A most valuable periodical, interesting generally as to continental Masonry. History of Freemasonry in the Netherlands, with 225 historical documents from French, Italian, English and Dutch. Editors Melton and de Wargny. Complete sets exceedingly scarce."

(Lot 212, *Light on Masonry*, original edition). "This book is extremely scarce, and commands a high price."

As to the Bucks (see Lot 30), Bro. Carson informs us, "they were a convivial Order, with signs, tokens, ceremonies, &c. In 1770 there were 13 Lodges of the Society in London and elsewhere." Of the pompous discourse which heads this lot, Bro. Carson echoes the immortal Captain Cuttle's eulogy, "there's wisdom for you!"

(Lot 196, *Chemin-Dupontés*), "learned and exceedingly interesting, quite scarce, the *Memoire sur l'Ecosisme* pagged to form 12th and 13th cahier of the *Encyclopédie*. A scathing review of the grades of the Ancient and Accepted Rite."

(Lot 513, *Almanach Pittoresque*), "1844-48, all that was published, difficult to obtain."

(Lot 80, *Considerations Philosophiques*), "A very excellent and interesting work, in which the whole subject of Freemasonry, historical, doctrinal and moral, is fully discussed, *pro* and *con*, by way of dialogue. The bulls of Clement XII. and Benedict XIV., also a sketch of the Kts. Templars, are introduced. Also catalogue of books on Freemasonry. The latter is satirical, thus the first book in it, is *Dispute between a Freemason and a Theologian*, 81 vols. folio. Price, 222 livres. Very scarce."

(Lot 243, *Cole's Constitutions*, 1729). One of the rarest of Masonic books. Mr. Hughan, of Truro, possesses a copy, which he supposed unique, until he heard of this" (Bro. Carson's.)

Whilst amongst these, we notice one gem in the possession of Bro. Carson, which we believe is unknown in this country, the reprint of Anderson's *Constitutions* of 1723, by Benjamin Franklin at Philadelphia, in 1734.

(Lot 245). "Scarcer than the first edition."

(Lot 65, *Corps complet*). "Complete body of Masonry, adopted by the G.L. of France (1770). Very scarce."

(Lot 409, *Cross Templars' Chart*). "Original edition, very scarce."

(Lot 80, *Essai sur les N. N.*) "Displays much erudition, it is exceedingly scarce."

(Lot 203 and 234, *Des E'tangs*). "His rituals are entirely original, different from the regular ones practised, they were used in the Lodge des Trinosophes and many others."

(Lot 16, *Le F. M. dans la Republique*). "Called forth by the decree of the Council of Berne, 1745, forbidding Masons in that Canton."

Relative to (lot 379) Proceedings of the G.O. of France, Bro. Carson gives a most instructive sketch, too long for us to reproduce. The metamorphoses of the great seal, from the lilies to the eagle, and back again to the lilies, with spots and blanks intervening, thence to a globe, are dwelt upon.

(Lot 194, *Hardie's Monitor*). "Compilation of Historic matter and imperfect list of Lodges in the U.S. It is scarce."

(Lot 29, *Les plus Secrets Mystères*). "Original edition, curious and interesting; the author's theory is that Masonry was instituted by Godfrey de Bouillon in Palestine in 1320."

(Lot 396 *Gürtler's Templars*) first edition. "Was made the text for an excellent article in the *Retrospective Review*."

(Lot 397, Dupuy.) "A vast amount of curious documentary evidence."

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(Lot 405, Nicolai *Accusations, and in other lots*). "Has become exceedingly scarce."

(Lot 20, *Le Maçon Demasqué*). "Solomon in all his glory is an English translation of this. It is rare and curious, quite different from other ritualistic productions of the period."

We could go on gleaning interesting matter from Bro. Carson's List, but our space compels us to close, with the regret that we have not been able to do full justice to the subject, a task which Dr. Kloss of Frankfort or Dr. Morison of Paris would have competently dealt with, but which probably, of all living men, Bro. William James Hughan, of Truro, could alone perform satisfactorily.

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## REPORTS OF LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to M.M.M., in No. 26 of the *Chronicle*, allow me to remind him that he has misquoted the words of the Book of Constitutions as to printing reports in the Masonic journals. They are: "without the consent of the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master;" and that, as the Masonic journals are under the patronage of the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Masters, no other sanction or consent is necessary, the editors of the journals being responsible that nothing unmasonic shall appear in print in connection with Lodges.

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. and P.Z.

Lower Sydenham, Kent, S.E.

## THE COMING MASONIC YEAR.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—As we have fairly entered on our Midsummer holidays and as no serious Masonic business will be transacted much before the month of September, a question naturally suggests itself, what shall we do in the meantime to further the ends of Masonry. There are various ways in which we may subserve the interests of the Craft. We have become so popular of late, our Order has extended its ramifications in so many new directions, that we may certainly look forward to a still more considerable accession of strength. We shall increase and multiply even more rapidly than in recent years, for once the ball is set rolling there is no saying to what magnitude it may attain ultimately. There is thus ample time for reflection between now and the resumption of Masonic meetings as to those who may honour us with their candidature. It must not be overlooked that more numbers are not the principal elements of strength.

We should exercise the strictest supervision as to those who seek admission into our ranks, just as did the *Essenes*, who were scrupulously careful about whom they received as brethren. Then again, the time is approaching when we must begin to think about the election of new officers. And here may we devote our leisure to studying the merits of likely candidates. The character of a Lodge is fashioned by that of its rulers. If there are men possessing sound common sense and breadth of view, we may look for a good Lodge. But if the officers are feeble, or possess but little influence, we may anticipate that the Lodge will be correspondingly weak. These are points to which a few thoughts during our holidays may be fairly devoted.

Yours "Q."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WEEKLY CITIZEN, OTTAWA.—Thanks for exchange. Lately we have received two copies of each number, we presume through a mistake.

APEX.—We witnessed the contretemps, and are sorry that it occurred. However, we do not think your long letter will mend matters. Your friend might have been less imperious.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**STRAND.**—At 7.30, AN EARNEST APPEAL. At 8.0, WEAK WOMAN and NEMESIS.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, MONEY.

**GAIETY.**—At 8.0, FRENCH OPERA.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.30, VERY SUSPICIOUS. At 8.15, THE LADY OF LYONS and THE DAY AFTER THE WEDDING.

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**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.15, MARGATE SANDS and CHILPERIC.

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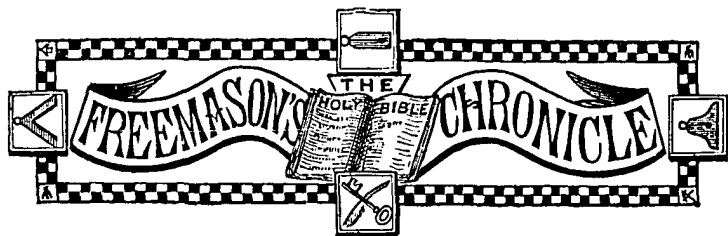
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Friday, in the House of Lords, the Earl of Camperdown brought the subject of Promotion and Retirement in the Royal Navy under their Lordships' notice, the Earl of Malmesbury stating, on behalf of the Government, that it was being carefully considered, with a view to reducing all grievances to a minimum. The Ecclesiastical Fees Redistribution Bill passed through Committee, and other measures were advanced a stage. On Monday, Lord Carlingford put a question relative to National Education in Ireland, to which the Duke of Richmond replied. On the report of amendments on the Sale of Food and Drugs' Bill, a discussion arose on certain of the clauses, but, in the end, the report was agreed to. On Tuesday, the House went into Committee on the Public Health Bill, which passed this stage after a brief debate. On Thursday, Earl Beauchamp moved the second reading of the Friendly Societies Bill, which was agreed to after a brief discussion, Lord Aberdare and the Earl of Morley being the principal speakers. The Marquis of Salisbury having replied to a question of Viscount Midleton respecting the Uncovenanted Civil Servants in India, and other business having been disposed of, the House adjourned.

The House of Commons, on Friday, devoted the first part of the sitting to a motion by Mr. Edwardes, that before establishing the proposed Naval College at Dart-



month the claims of other places should be considered. Mr. Edwardes urged the claims of Weymouth, Mr. Ashley those of Poole, and Mr. Baillie Cochrane those of the Isle of Wight. Mr. Childers raised the question whether there should be any college on shore. Mr. G. Ward Hunt urged the Government proposal. Mr. Goschen supported the motion, which, however, was defeated by 147 to 135. The narrowness of the majority caused much cheering. Discussions then ensued on the Civil Bill Courts in Ireland, on the Declaration of Paris, on Civil Service Co-operative Trading, and Overseers of Metropolitan Parishes, after which the House went into Committee of Supply, and passed a large number of votes for the Public Service. On Monday, the greater part of the evening was devoted to the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (1873) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, after a preliminary discussion, raised by Sir H. James, Attorney-General of the late Government. On reaching clause 17 the chairman was ordered to report progress, and the House resumed. There was a morning sitting on Tuesday, the greater part of which was passed in Committee of Supply, the remaining Civil Service Estimates being agreed to. In the evening Mr. B. Cochrane made a motion relative to the progress of Russia in Central Asia, after which the appearance of Mr. Whalley, who rose to move for returns about the Jesuits in England, so terrified the House that a count out occurred. On Wednesday, Mr. G. O. Trevelyan's Bill for equalising the suffrage in counties and boroughs was defeated, on the second reading, by a very large majority, the numbers being for the Bill 166, against it 268. On Thursday, on the motion for going into Committee of Supply, Mr. Disraeli announced that, at an early date, he should propose a vote of certain moneys to defray the expenses of the Prince of Wales's approaching visit to India. The cost of conveying His Royal Highness and suite thither and back again is estimated at £52,000, the cost of entertaining him in India is set down at £30,000, and will be defrayed by the Indian government, while the personal allowance to the Prince is estimated at £60,000. The Marquis of Hartington, as leader of the Opposition, promised the assistance of his side of the House in furthering the views of the Government, but sundry radicals, among whom were Mr. Macdonald and the irrepressible Mr. Taylor, of Leicester, who specially claimed to speak the mind of the working classes, objected to the proposal *in toto*. We do not imagine the House, or the country, look with any favour on the carping criticisms of these representatives of the people. Every man would wish that His Royal Highness should traverse India in right regal fashion, as becomes the heir apparent to the British crown, and this cannot be done without cost. Mr. Hanbury then made a motion relative to the East African Slave trade, but after a speech from Mr. Bourke, who represented the Government, it was negatived without a division. Mr. T. Brassey then brought forward the highly important subject of armoured vessels, pointing out that England ought to be well furnished with vessels of the best and most powerful character, and that the country would certainly not grudge the needful expense. Mr. Reed, as a late chief naval constructor, Mr. Goschen, ex-first lord, and Mr. Ward Hunt, the present first lord of the Admiralty, offered their views severally, all admitting in general terms the justice of Mr. Brassey's proposition. Shortly afterwards the House went into Committee of Supply on the Navy estimates, but after a brief discussion progress was reported, and the House having resumed, the remaining orders of the day were disposed of.

The Garden Party of the Prince and Princess of Wales, at Chiswick, which was to have been held on Thursday of last week, came off on Monday. The Queen was present, with several other members of the Royal family and the *élite* of the fashionable world. The Sultan of Zanzibar was among the invited, but his Highness having left London for a tour in the provinces was prevented from being present. Among the places which the Sultan has thus far honoured with a visit are Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, in which towns he was received with great enthusiasm. His Highness is evidently anxious to cultivate a strong feeling of friendship with England, to whom he looks for assistance in developing the resources of his country. We doubt not his wishes will meet with the success they deserve.

The latest attractions at the Alexandra Palace have proved a success, so far as regards the number of visitors. As regards weather, however, the directors have been

singularly unfortunate. The Dramatic Fête was held on Saturday, and drew largely, both as to numbers and from the pockets of those who attended it. All the eminent *artistes* of the day were present, and the entertainment provided was in keeping with the general character of the fête. Fun and frolic reigned supreme. All that was needed to complete the success was just a slight consideration on the part of Phoebus Apollo. On Tuesday, the temperance people mustered in their thousands, and amused themselves, as is their custom, with kiss in the ring and other debaucheries. The price of ginger beer and other effervescing drinks, we imagine, is "riz" considerably in the neighbourhood, owing to the vast consumption of these inebriating liquors. We must note that, on this occasion, the weather was all that could be desired. On Thursday, the last of the series of Italian Opera Concerts was held, the principal *artistes* including Madame Adelina Patti and the most eminent members of the Royal Italian Opera. The weather was most unfavourable, and the effect of the fireworks, which were undoubtedly on a grand scale, was not as imposing as usual. On Wednesday, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its annual Festival here, our respected Brother the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. presiding. The meeting was a great success, for the details, we must refer our readers to another portion of our columns. To-day will be held the sixth of the series of Popular Concerts, while the principal event set down for next week will be the Hound Show, to be held on the 14th and 18th, under very distinguished patronage.

At the Crystal Palace has been held during the past week the National Music meetings, the last meeting being fixed for to-day, when the distribution of prizes, by Madame Lind-Goldschmidt, will take place. Monday is the grand fete of the Catholic Total Abstinence League, under the patronage of Cardinal Manning. On Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p.m., Mr. Irving will give his only reading this season. The programme will include a scene from Othello, "The Dream of Eugene Aram," "The Feast of Belshazzar," and a scene from Hamlet. On Wednesday the Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, will hold an evening fête and special exhibition, the gates being thrown open at 8 p.m. The last concert of the Welsh Choral Union is fixed for Monday, at St. James's Hall. An admirable programme is announced. On Wednesday evening Madame Christine Nilsson will give her grand annual concert at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. Among the artists who will take part in it are Mdlle. Titiens, Mdlle. Anna de Belocca, Madame Trebelli-Bettini, Mr. Sims Reeves, Signor Campanini, Signor Foli and Herr Behrens. Next week will see the last, for the present season, of Signor Salvini, whose benefit was arranged for yesterday evening. On Monday there will be a morning performance at 3 p.m., in which, at the request of a number of his patrons, Signor Salvini will appear as Il Gladiatore. On Wednesday evening he will play Othello, and on Friday Hamlet. Next week, also, will see the close of the season at both opera houses. At the Royal Italian the benefits of Mdlle. Zaré Thalberg, Madame Adeline Patti, and Mdlle. Albani, are fixed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday respectively. Six special performances will be given at Her Majesty's, when the regular season is ended. Particulars will be announced in due course. Several of the theatres are already closed, the companies having betaken themselves to the provinces for their autumnal holiday.

The great event in the Cricketing world has been the match at Lord's between the Gentlemen and Players. The previous match at the Oval was eminently unsatisfactory, for the game was left drawn, owing to the weather being so unsettled. The "Profs" were winning hand over hand, when the rain put an end to all further progress. But at Lord's nothing interfered to mar the play. The Gentlemen went first to the wickets, and were disposed of for 152, Mr. Longman heading the score with a brilliantly made 70, while Mr. Ridley carried his bat out for 45. In this first innings the Players made 169; Jupp 25, Greenwood 51, Daft 28, Oseroft 28, and Pooley not out 11, being the principal contributors. In their second innings, however, the Gentlemen scored fast and furiously, over a total of 200 having been recorded before a single wicket fell. Mr. W. G. Grace played in his very best form, and those who have had the pleasure of seeing him at the wicket know well enough what that means. He ran up 152 in somewhat over three hours, and then carelessly ran himself out. Messrs. Webbe 65, Longman 41, Hornby

58, G. F. Grace 12, Lord Harriss, not out, 39; Messrs. Green 25 and Francis 18 helped to swell the total to 444, thus leaving the Players 428 to win. Of these, however, they only contrived to put together 165, so that the Gentlemen were victorious by 262 runs. Jupp with 18, Lockwood 67, Greenwood 16, Oscroft 27, and M. McIntyre not out 26, played in fine form, but their efforts were unable to avert defeat. It should be noted that A. Shaw, whose bowling is usually so effective, was hurt, and consequently disabled from playing in the second innings. Yesterday was the opening day, at Lord's, of the annual Eton v. Harrow match, which, next to the 'Varsity contest, is the most attractive of all the matches played at the St. John's Wood Ground. We shall give particulars next week.

Quite an alarming panic occurred at a meeting held in the Camberwell Hall, by Messrs. Sankey and Moody, the American revivalists, whose return to America will shortly take place. A tremendous rush was made to get in, and the noise caused much shrieking and fainting. Mr. Moody did his best to calm his audience, and after a long time peace was restored, and the service concluded.

On Wednesday evening, the Earl of Dufferin, who is Governor-General of the Dominion, and on leave from his post in this country, was entertained at a banquet at the Albion, by the Canada Club. His Lordship, in replying to the toast of his health, and prosperity to the Dominion, spoke very hopefully of the growing importance of this vast British dependency. The prevalent feelings in Canada were enthusiastic loyalty towards the British Crown, and a firm belief in a grand future for "this Canada of ours," as the Canadians proudly love to describe their country. The resources of the country are immense, and those Englishmen who find their struggles to get on at home unsuccessful, or less successful than they could wish, will find a hearty welcome from the people. Idle loafers, however, will do well to stay away. Men ready to fight lustily the stern battle of life, and possessing enough to keep them going at the first outset, these are the fellows that are needed, and we should counsel all such to select Canada in preference to the United States, for in the former case no transfer of allegiance is rendered necessary.

It is not often we have to chronicle so grand a feat as that of Captain Webb, who on Saturday swam all the way from Blackwall Pier to Gravesend, accomplishing the distance in something under four and three-quarter hours. The steamer "Falcon" was chartered to accompany the brave fellow, and the well-known Professor Beckwith, from the bows of a small wherry, gave the swimmer the benefit of his experienced counsel. As Captain Webb passed the various important spots on his course he was loudly cheered, especially by the boys of the Marine Society's ship "War-sprite," and those on board the training ships "Chichester" and "Goliath." Great enthusiasm manifested itself when he reached the pier, and the feat he had undertaken was accomplished. Captain Webb is a young man, 27 years of age, and possessing a grand frame. He is not a quick swimmer, but his *forte* is endurance, and after all it is far better that a man, especially a sailor, should be able to hold on for hours than that he should be able to swim a short distance at a high speed.

We are glad to see the subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the recent terrible inundations in the South of France are pouring in in such splendid fashion. It is only a few days since the lists were opened, and already considerably over £8,000 are announced on the Mansion House list alone. This includes £200 from her Majesty, £525 from the Corporation, and other large sums from such well-known firms as Coutts and Co., Rothschilds, &c. Nor are the efforts at relief confined only to the metropolis, as in most of our large manufacturing and commercial centres contributions are being made to the fund.

From Spain we hear of several severe engagements between the Carlists and Alphonsists. It is difficult to make out which of the two is getting the upper hand. According to the Madrid telegrams the Alphonsists are carrying all before them, while the London Committee of the Carlists tell a very different tale. In France, the truth of the adage, "it never rains but it pours," is being very disastrously illustrated. Scarcely have we recorded our grief at the calamitous inundations with which Toulouse and the whole valley of the Garonne have been visited, when there is announced a tremendous storm in the north-west of Normandy. This happened on Wednesday, and among the most serious consequences of which

we have heard thus far is the almost complete inundation of Lisieux and its environs. Several houses have been destroyed, and seven lives are reported to have been lost. So heavy, indeed, has been the rainfall in this part of France, that great fears are being entertained of floods in the valleys of the Seine, Marne, and Saone. There has been a landslip on the Northern Railway, near Chantilly, the consequence being a serious interruption in the regular traffic. Nor is France the only country that has suffered in this respect. There have been inundations in Hungary, round about Pesth, the result being a heavy loss to the vine-growing community. Among the public characters who have played an important part in the world's history and have passed hence, must be mentioned the ex-Emperor Ferdinand, who died a few days since, at a very advanced age. It was he who, in 1848, abdicated in favour of his nephew, Francis Joseph, the present Emperor. Ex-Queen Isabella has had a narrow escape; returning to Paris from a suburban visit, the horses of her carriage, when it was passing Neuilly, took fright at the roaring of a lion. The coachman did his best to stop them, but his efforts were in vain, and very speedily the carriage was upset. The only person injured was La Duchesse de Valence. The Queen was very cool and self-possessed, and was the first to go to the assistance of the injured lady. Another imperial personage has had a narrow escape. The train carrying His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany from Vienna, had a slight collision with a goods train, near the St. Valentin Station. The Prince's valet was injured, and a workman, belonging to the station, was killed.

From the *Navy*, we gather that Bro. J. L. Toole, the deservedly popular comedian, laden with bright laurels of triumph freshly gathered in America and Canada, will shortly reappear among his multitude of friends of the United Kingdom. Since he left our shores, some small passing clouds, naturally enough, have met his view; but his first successes have proved the prelude to ever expanding triumphs in each succeeding performance. Bro. Toole possesses so many happy qualities, that he won the well-merited title of the "English gentleman actor" among our American cousins, while Canada now heartily endorses the sentiment. Our comedian has everywhere been received as well with tokens of genuine esteem as with hearty laudation. Both President Grant and the highest officials in Canada have extended to him the hand of friendly welcome, with expressions of personal regard. A Canadian contemporary recently addressed to its readers the following passage, which we reproduce with pleasure for the perusal of Bro. Toole's admirers and friends in this country:—

"Mr. Toole, who has won such fame on both sides of the Atlantic by his performances, has been the delight of thousands of the best classes of our citizens. Accomplished artists, such as Mr. Toole, are not, like blackberries, found in every hedge; and with this conviction only too forcibly impressed upon us, we cannot but lament the early departure of this brilliant and accomplished comedian, who will, on his arrival, be greeted not only by his Bro. artistes, but a numerous circle of private friends."

The *Illustrated and Dramatic Sporting News* has given a life-like portrait of Bro. Schubert, of the Industry Lodge, No. 186. This talented Bro. is a nephew of Charles Schubert, famous as a composer and violoncellist, and his mantle has fallen worthily on his talented nephew, who possesses the faculty of artistic instrumentation on the violoncello. Herr Schubert is the founder of the Schubert Society, of which Sir Julius Benedict is the president, which has been established for the purpose of preparing rising young artists, both vocal and instrumental, so that they may have a chance of appearing with credit at high class concerts.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—Observations on terrestrial magnetism are, of course, classed amongst the most valuable and important that can be made, and a very valuable "Memorandum on Determination of Elements and use of Magnetical Instruments," has been drawn up by Professor J. C. Adams and Captain Evans, the hydrographer. The elements to be determined are declination, inclination, and intensity; and, as is well observed, the determination of any of the elements anywhere within the Arctic regions will be valuable: if made within the limits of former voyages, by affording the means of determining the approximate amount of the secular changes by comparison with earlier observations; if made beyond the limits of former explorations by materially adding to our knowledge of the distribution of magnetic force over the earth's surface, and thereby contributing towards the perfection of the theory of terrestrial magnetism.—*Naval Science for July.*

## MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

## SECOND NOTICE.

One of the chief merits in the *New Quarterly* is that its fiction is not serial. It follows that we are not troubled ever and anon to refresh our memories about the latest incidents before plunging further into the story. Mrs. Cashel Hoey's novel, "Dark Cybel," is made up of very slight materials, but it is well written. There is an air of reality about the personages and events which ensure our attention throughout. There is nothing in the shape of nonsense or sensationalism introduced. We feel that what happens might have happened, and, indeed, has happened many times over, and we are grateful, accordingly, that this fiction so closely resembles truth. Hardly less, if at all, less worthy of praise, is Mrs. Lynn Linton's "By the Law." The frequent antagonism between law and equity is well set forth in this tale. The law is with Lambert Dynevor, or Lambert Moss, as he really is, while equity is on the side of Dion Dynevor. But the burden of proof that Lambert is not his mother's son, but somebody else's, rests with Dion, no evidence that can be substantiated being forthcoming. Lambert succeeds to his mother's property, and Dion lives to vegetate on a few hundreds. Those interested in great historical characters, will find two articles to their taste, namely, "Affonso Henriquez and the Rise of Portugal," by the Rev. F. Arnold. Both these papers are carefully written, and, as regards the latter, there is no trace of partisanship evidenced by the writer. In "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," the merits of town and country life are prettily evenly balanced, almost too evenly indeed. That careful weighing of every *pro* and *con* is very wearisome when judgment on the merits is withheld. With many of Mr. Buchanan's strictures on "The Modern Stage" we feel disposed to agree, but Mr. Buchanan lays down the law—or rather his views—somewhat too authoritatively, much as though he said—these views, being my *dowry*, are orthodox; all other people's views, being others' *dowries*, are heterodox. Nor is the case against the stage strengthened by the silly rant in which he indulges at the expense of that much-abused, yet very harmless official, the Lord Chamberlain. This indulgence makes one believe that Mr. Buchanan courts the applause of "the Gods." Be it so, but the applause of "the Gods" is not worth much. As to the critics, they will doubtless protect themselves from Mr. Buchanan's attacks. Doubtless these gentlemen will do what they are so well able to do—take care of themselves.

Of *Baily*, with the exception of the short biographical sketch of Mr. J. H. Houldsworth, accompanying his portrait, a sensible criticism on "the Noble Animal at the Royal Academy," and a further chapter of "Frank Raleigh of Watercombe," the contents are made up of summaries of recent doings in Cricket, Yachting, Rowing, Polo, &c., &c. To those who have not leisure to watch the progress, month by month, of their favourite in the cricket field, on the river, or elsewhere, these summaries are very useful. They are admirably compiled, and give a far better general idea of a man's performances than can be gleaned from a hasty glance at the various contests he has engaged in. "Our Van," which contains an *omnium gatherum* of sport, wit, and humour, is livelier even than usual. One or two of the anecdotes with which it is garnished will bear quotation. Such are the following: "A firm wrote from Germany to their agents in London, inquiring as to the credit of Coutts and Co. and (we will call the other gentlemen) A. B. and Co.; the answer was concise but true, viz., that both the firms in question were *good*, Coutts and Co. good for *anything*, A. B. and Co. good for *nothing*." Again, "a young lady at last year's Eton and Harrow Match at Lord's, asked, respecting a young Eton friend of hers, 'Why do they not play Mr. S. in the Eleven?' 'Oh!' was the reply, 'S. has not been playing with a *straight bat* lately!' 'Then why in the world does he not *buy* one?' was the innocent reply. Again, "At one of the Bishop of Rochester's visitations, a Kentish parson gave a little proof of his wit, when a neighbouring divine told him that he could not well pay attention to the address, from the annoyance of a certain small animal that was biting him. 'Simply a verification of the text,' rejoined our friend, 'The wicked *flea*, and no man pursueth.'" One more as to a subscriber to *Baily* itself, of five years' standing, but who had never paid a subscription. When applied to, "his answer," we are told, "was not destitute of point: 'I paid your account,' he said, 'in August 186—.' If you doubt my word, ask Mr. Commissioner —.'" A reference to the public prints of the day named, showed us that it was on this very date that our friend had taken the benefit of the Act."

In *Cornhill*, besides the opening chapters of the new serial, "The Hand of Ethelberta," by Mr. Thomas Hardy, a well written sketch of the late Mr. Frederick Walker, A.R.A., an excellent article on "British Birds and Bird Lovers," "Venetian Popular Legends," "Art and Morality," and "The Sceptic, a Tale of Married Life," will be most attractive reading. "Penelope and other women of Homer," and "Horace's Two Philosophies," are scholarly performances.

No doubt it is within the recollection of our readers that the career and correspondence of the notorious Count Cagliostro, have been the subject of comment in these columns. Those interested in the history of this personage will find a well told narrative of his life in *All the Year Round*. Nor is this the only "Remarkable Adventurer" of whom we read in this periodical, for what is known of the "Count Saint Germain" is also recorded in a manner equally effective. A short tale, "The Hostess of the Raven," is very forcibly sketched and there is an admirable description of "A very low Restaurant in Paris."

Among the contents of the *Leisure Hour* and *Sunday at Home* should be mentioned papers on "Ventilation," "The Divers in South America," "Some Natural History Anecdotes," and "Recollections and Adventures of an Aeronaut" in the former, and in the latter,

"A day at Norfolk Island," "Jewish Life in the time of our Lord," and "The Jews in Russia and Poland." We have, by the way, received the complete volumes for 1874 of these excellent periodicals. The nature of their contents is so generally known and appreciated that it is needless for us to mention any particular articles, or class of articles, as specially worthy of commendation. Let it suffice, if we suggest that we know of few, if any, periodicals which are better suited for presentation to the young of either sex. Every variety of subject is discussed in the pages of the *Leisure Hour*, while *Sunday at Home*, as its title betokens, is confined to one class of literature only. But each contains matter that cannot fail to entertain and instruct the youthful reader. Nor, for the matter of that, need adults hesitate about consulting their pages. We repeat, these volumes are among the most sensible gift books we know of.

The most interesting contribution to *Le Monde Maçonique*, are sundry excerpts from an address by Bro. A. Arnal, to a newly initiated member of the Lodge of Besançon. We hope, if space permits it, to give a rough translation of this admirable address in some future number.

## THE "KNOWING" MASON.

HOW strange, and yet how true, is the saying that the "world does not know itself," there is no mind capable of comprehending the vastness of this great machine. Every branch of business, no matter how great or how small, is but little known outside of its own world or sphere; every sect or denomination is more or less the same. The labourer or mechanic is not known by the great world of commerce, the merchant by the railroad men; the abilities of an underwriter are only known to the insurance world, so with every branch represented. The farmer, banker and railroad kings, all jog along in their own spheres and know comparatively nothing of each other. Yet one could not well get along without the other. We all mingle together and make a busy world, all working to advance science, and get the "almighty dollar." Yet we find once in a while a man who knows it all; he will tell you all about every sect and denomination, about every branch of business represented on the globe; how ships are built and navigated; how millionaires made their fortunes; how railroad kings became rich. He will also tell you how he suggested to Franklin to fly his kite and control the elements of Heaven; how he suggested to Fulton to build a steam-boat; he was the saviour of the country by being Lincoln's adviser; that he is the gem of the starry heavens, and salt of the earth; and finally he will tell you all about Masonry, when it begun and when it will end. He has invested 25 cents. (most likely his all) in an "Exposure," and can tell you how the whole thing is done from the first to the thirty-third degree. He knows how Morgan was murdered, and who did it; will tell the atrocities of the Order, the heinous and blood-thirsty crimes that are committed by all Masons, and so freely he will tell you the folly and wickedness of any secret Order, where anybody can't know everybody's business. He proclaims (perhaps) that he has been a Mason and renounced it, but this he fails to get his own congregation to swallow. Trace this great apostle back, and perhaps in some little Lodge you will find he has been balloted for and rejected! But let him study and learn all that is going on in this world that is public and open, and he will then be old enough and perhaps wise enough to be a Mason. But I fear he is too much like a good old lady we once knew, who was very curious to know what was in a box, but couldn't get it open; she said she "knew well enough what was in the darned thing, but wouldn't open it for fear it would smell bad!"—*Masonic Tidings*.

## RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

The following statement shows the receipts for traffic on the undermentioned railways for the past week, as compared with the corresponding week in 1874:—

Railway.	Miles open. 1875	Receipts.	
		1875 £	1874 £
Caledonian . . . . .	739	—	—
Glasgow and South Western . . . . .	315½	19,101	17,857
Great Eastern . . . . .	763	49,082	48,977
Great Northern . . . . .	523	54,311	54,155
Great Western . . . . .	1,525	106,979	101,187
Lancashire and Yorkshire . . . . .	430	67,266	65,196
London and Brighton . . . . .	376½	35,668	32,818
London, Chatham and Dover . . . . .	153½	21,449	21,317
London and North Western . . . . .	1,586½	181,668	180,057
London and South Western . . . . .	626½	41,561	41,733
London, Tilbury and Southend . . . . .	45	2,933	2,301
Manchester and Sheffield . . . . .	259½	31,355	30,916
Midland . . . . .	970½	110,227	108,757
Metropolitan . . . . .	8	9,537	8,471
" " District . . . . .	8	5,274	4,505
" " St. John's Wood . . . . .	1½	591	521
North British . . . . .	839	47,006	42,071
North Eastern . . . . .	1,400½	134,752	125,383
North London . . . . .	12	6,898	6,856
North Staffordshire Railway . . . . .	190	10,097	10,085
" " Canal . . . . .	118	1,540	1,588
South Eastern . . . . .	350	41,340	39,917

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall.

## MONDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
45—Strong Man, Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8. (Instruction.)  
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, High Street, Hastings.  
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.  
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
89—Unanimity, Astley Arms Hotel, Dukinfield.  
105—Fortitude, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.  
314—Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Mumps, Oldham.  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Stockport.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
884—Derwent, George and Commercial Hotel, Wirksworth, Derby.  
893—Meridian, National School room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
941—De Tabley, Royal George Hotel, Knutsford.  
949—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.  
1286—Bayons, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen.  
1373—St. Hubert, Freemasons' Hall, Bridge-street, Andover.  
1396—Morning Star, Queen's Hotel, Newton Abbot.

## TUESDAY, 13th JULY.

167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Truro.  
160—True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Temple, Liverpool.  
371—Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Maryport.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Instruction.)  
484—Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-in-the-Willows.  
496—Peace and Harmony, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, Cornwall.  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.  
626—Lancdowne Lodge of Unity, New Hall, Chippenham.  
723—Panmure, Wellington Hotel, Aldershot.  
772—Pilgrims, George Hotel, Glastonbury.  
814—Parrett and Axe, George Hotel, Crewkerne.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbot.  
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, Surrey.  
1402—Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay.  
R. A. 1055—Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester.  
K. T.—Almeric de St. Maur, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

## WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
193—Confidence, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.  
84—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, Masonic Hall, Guernsey.  
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.  
187—Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury.  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham.  
323—Concord, Golden Ball Inn, Stockport.  
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
329—Lotherly Love, Chough's Inn, Yeovil.  
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley, Yorks.  
661—Fawcett, New Masonic Hall, Sealham Harbour.  
666—Benevolence, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.  
731—Arboretum, Arboretum Hotel, Derby.  
857—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford.  
906—Royal Albert Edward, Crown and Anchor Inn, Weston, near Bath.  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford.  
1052—Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley.  
1416—Falcon, Kirkgate, Thirsk.  
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

## THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.  
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury.  
56—Howard, Town Hall, Arundel.  
71—Unity, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft.  
93—St. Martin's, Board Room, Town Hall, Burslem.  
195—Itengist, Belle Vue House, Bournemouth.  
203—Ancient Union, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
283—Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden.  
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye, Sussex.  
344—Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.  
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.  
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton le Dale.  
361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
369—Limestone Rock, Swan Hotel, Clitheroe.  
426—Shakespeare, Town Hall, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.  
450—Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.  
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter.  
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.  
531—St. Helena, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool, Durham. (Instruction.)  
630—St. Cuthbert's, Parson Lane, Howden.  
636—Lodge de Ogle, Black Bull Hotel, Morpeth.  
659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth, Northumberland.  
787—Beaurepen, Lion Hotel, Bridge-street, Belper.  
816—Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.  
940—Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.  
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford.  
1032—Townley Parker, Howard's Arms Hotel, Whittle-Springs.  
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
R. A.—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

## FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
318—True and Faithful, Masonic Rooms, Helston, Cornwall.  
445—Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester.  
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.  
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.

## SATURDAY, 17th JULY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham, Yorkshire.  
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, near Todmorton.  
416—Surrey, Public Hall, Reigate.  
444—Union, Courtenay Arms Inn, Star Cross, Devon.  
453—Chigwell, Castle Hotel, Woodford.

## IRELAND.

SATURDAY—13—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Glentworth-street, Limerick.  
MONDAY—154—Prince of Wales' Own Lodge, Masonic Hall, Belfast.  
" 270—St. George's, Enniscorthy, Wexford.  
" 297—Abercorn, Masonic Hall, Waterford.  
" 321—Tullamore, Court House, Tullamore, King's County.  
" 431—Prince Frederick William of Prussia, Masonic Hall, Ballymena.  
TUESDAY—8—St. Patrick, Masonic Hall, Cork.  
" 22—Truth, Masonic Hall, Arthur Place, Belfast.  
WEDNESDAY—217—Tyrawley, 4 Dillon Terrace, Ballina.  
THURSDAY—12—Meridian, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.  
" 93—Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.  
" 129—Industry, Bundoran, Donegal.  
" 352—Castleblaney, Castleblaney, Monaghan.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John-street.  
" R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 226—Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath Street.  
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution Street.  
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday the 5th of July, at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green. Present:—Bros. Isaac W.M., Percy S.W., Stock J.W., Killick Secretary, Read S.D., Lake J.D., Killick I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Masters:—Bros. Beckett, Preceptor, and Frost, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. Business:—Lodge opened in the usual manner, the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Emery Walker initiated. Bro. E. Sailman passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Beckett worked the 1st Section of 2nd Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. E. Walker and E. Saulman were unanimously elected members. The W.M. gave great satisfaction by the able manner in which he fulfilled his duties, this being the first time he had acted in this Lodge. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed punctually at 10 o'clock, and adjourned until next Monday evening.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 178.**—At the annual meeting held on the 24th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Lisburn, there were present, Bros. Richard Niven W.M., Robert McCartney S.W., John McBride P.M. as J.W., John Higginson P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. J. Gilliland S.D., Robert McComb P.M. J.D., John Vernon I.G., James Stewart Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. William Johnston I.P.M., William Wilson, Mercer Rice, Robt. M. Silly, Alexander Boyd, Matthew McKnight, Robert Addy, Arthur Croker, and William J. Knox sen. Members present—James Pryde, Samuel J. Nelson, John Flynn, James Simpson, Adam McClelland, William J. Knox jun., Robert McCall, Dr. Jefferson, and Robert McKee. Visitor—Bro. Bernard Good, "Friendly Brothers," 609 Belfast. Business transacted:—The Lodge having been opened in due form in the 1st degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. P. Rhodes, 140, Crumlin, was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. Some routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The members then adjourned to the refreshment room, where a sumptuous supper was served in excellent style. The chair was occupied by Bro. Niven W.M., and the vice chair by Bro. McBride P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and after spending a really enjoyable evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on 7th July, at White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane. Present:—Bros. Turquand W.M., Chapman S.W., Walker J.W., Blackhall S.D., Horsley J.D., Crask I.G., Gottheil P.M., John Ross, Holland, Blinkhorn, Folliss, Barnett, Botibol, Colmer, and several other brethren. Visitors—Bros. Cramp, Tyrian Lodge, No. 618, N. V. Hegerty No. 1364, Crosbie No. 1364. Business:—The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Colmer as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of lecture worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. The brethren separated after having pleasantly spent the two hours appropriated to the business of the Lodge.

**Mariners' Lodge, No. 249.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge, one of the strongest in the West Lancashire Province, was held in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 1st inst. There was a large assembly of the brethren, notwithstanding the early hour at which they were summoned. Bro. J. Hayes, the retiring W.M., presided at the commencement of the business proceedings, and after the transaction of some formal business he installed his successor, Bro. H. P. Price as W.M., the whole



of the ceremony being performed in an exceedingly impressive and masterly style. The following were the officers who were subsequently appointed, elected, and invested:—Bros. J. Hayes I.P.M., J. Lloyd S.W., the Rev. Philip Hains J.W., Dr. J. K. Smith P.M. Treasurer, M. Davis Secretary, W. Hamilton S.D., W. Forster J.D., W. Garlick I.G., J. J. Rose P.M. D.C., W. G. Veale Organist, F. Barnett S., and W. H. Ball Tyler. Before the close of the business, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. Hayes I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the brethren after his valuable services in the chair during the year. The more serious business of the day being over, the brethren and the ladies proceeded to Woodside Ferry, where bns and rail conveyed them to Hovlake, and a pleasant cross-country walk brought them to West Kirby, one of the most pleasant rural retreats in that neighbourhood, the place selected for the annual picnic. The party comprised about 200 ladies and gentlemen, and at the start it seemed as if bright and pleasant weather were to attend the annual "out" of the "Mariners." Several sharp showers during the afternoon, however, interfered with the comfort and pleasure of the day, although these slight interruptions were quickly forgotten in the ample round of amusements which formed the principal portions of the programme. Races, games, dancing, &c., were on the cards, and every one seemed to enjoy the whole of the items. The only part of the arrangements which were unsatisfactory was the catering at the West Kirby Hotel, in which there was ample room for improvement. The large party started for Liverpool shortly after nine o'clock, and arrived safely, about half-past ten o'clock.

**Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401.**—The anniversary meeting was held on 24th June, at Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn. Present—Bros. Thos. G. Parker (P.G.W. West York) W.M., C. H. Rowlandson S.W., Edward Parker J.W., Joseph W. Sladen S.D., H. Harrison J.D., John Higson I.G., J. Livsey Tyler, John Slater Secretary. Past Masters—Bro. G. Lofthouse A.D.C. for East Lancashire. Visitors—Bros. Wm. Ainsworth P.M. 269, Wm. Roberts S.W. 369, W. Whewell P.M. P.P.G.S.B. 369, Thomas Clough 269, P.P.G.R. of East Lancashire, Edward Diggle 126 and 1504 S.D., Chas. Sutcliffe P.M. 126 and 1064. Business transacted:—The initiation of Mr. James Seed; the installation of Bro. T. G. Parker as W.M. for the ensuing year; the installing officer being Bro. Clough. The appointment by Bro. T. G. Parker W.M. of his officers for the ensuing year as above given, and his investing them with the jewels of their rank.

**Drogheda Lodge, No. 411.**—St. John's Day meeting, held on 24th of June, at Masonic Hall, Drogheda. Present—Bros. Jeffers W.M., Whitty S.W., Flinn J.W., Glenney S.D., Griffin J.D., Hannan (Clerk) Chaplain, Preston *pro tem* I.G., Browne Tyler, Clarke P.M. H.K.T. Secretary and Treasurer; P.M.'s Bros. Daly, Harbinson, Dyas. Visitors, Bros. Ratcliffe P.M. 244, Horan 77 (who kindly presided at the harmonium). Business transacted:—Letters of apology read from several members for non-attendance. Mr. Alfred Hamilton Ormsby was initiated, and subsequently Bro. Charles William Ormsby was passed to Fellow Craft degree. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. The usual half-yearly banquet being served shortly after 7 o'clock, grace was said, both before and after refreshment, by the Rev. Bro. Hannan Chaplain. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and alternated with appropriate music. Instrumental accompaniments were effectively rendered by Bro. Horan, Grand Organist to Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, while Bros. Daly P.M., Preston, Daly jun., Ratcliffe P.M., and Knaggs, each assisted Bro. Horan by their vocal attainments in producing a musical "régalade" of no mean order. The entire company joined in the choruses. Several excellent Masonic speeches were delivered, and having spent a most enjoyable evening the company broke up shortly before 12 o'clock, the brethren departing in peace, love and harmony.

**Carnarvon Lodge, 804, Havant, Hants.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 5th inst. There was a good muster of the members, all the officers being at their posts. There were also several visitors present, it being the installation of Bro. J. Lintott S.W. the W.M. elect; the ceremony being performed by Bro. Hamson, the retiring Master. There being a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., with honour to himself, and with the greatest satisfaction to the brethren. The banquet was held at Bro. Purnell's, the Dolphin Hotel, to which about thirty attended and spent a very pleasant evening. The following brethren were appointed officers:—H. F. Cox S.W., G. E. Purnell J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treasurer, J. N. Hillman P.M. Secretary, H. R. Trigg P.M. M.C., T. P. Hall S.D., G. Carter J.D., Lemman I.G., Southwood and Liddell Stewards, W. Blackmore Tyler.

**Clones Lodge, No. 881, Ireland.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday 6th July, at 7.0 p.m. Present—Bros. Edward L. Elliott W.M., John H. Montgomery S.W., John Robinson J.W., E. G. Fitzgerald P.M. Secretary, John Elliott P.M. Treasurer, James Martin P.M. S.D., J. W. Preslie J.D., Rev. Thos. R. Conway Chaplain, W. M. Fitzgerald I.G., William Heaney Tyler. Past Masters Bros. E. G. Fitzgerald, James Martin and John Elliott. Visitors—Bros. Alex. Dixon P.M. 11, and member of 141 Dublin; Thos. Higgins P.M. 473 Enniskillen. Business—Bro. F. C. Fitzgerald M.D. was passed to the 2nd degree. The Lodge was then lowered to the 1st degree, when business of a routine nature was transacted. Bro. J. Houston proposed, and Bro. J. Elliott seconded, that the name of Mr. James Armstrong, the Diamond, Clones, be placed on the books the usual time for ballot. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

**Lodge Meridian, No. 893, Millbrook.**—The brethren of this Lodge met in their new room, at Millbrook, on Monday 28th June, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master-elect, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe P.G. Master of Cornwall. V.W. Bro. Wm. Veale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. introduced his lordship, and V.W. Bro. E. J. Worth P.M. P.P.G.J.W. impressively conferred the obligation. His lordship invested his officers for the year as follow:—Bros. J. H. Filmer I.P.M., E. J. Worth P.P.G.J.W. S.W., Captain H. O'Neil P.M. P.P.G.S.B. J.W., Wm. Veale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, the Rev. T. W. Wintle Chaplain, J. Honwood Secretary, W. H. Bickford P.M. P.P.G.S.D. S.D., W. Harris P.M. J.D., W. H. Clarke, P.M. I.G., W. Coath P.M. D.C., W. Cawse and S. Hutchings Stewards, and A. Fisher Tyler. His lordship then presented Bro. Filmer I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren for his zeal and ability in conducting the business of the Lodge during his year of office; and in doing so his lordship expressed the very great pleasure he felt in being able to give so good an account of his immediate predecessor in the chair. Bro. Filmer, very feelingly returning thanks, said:—Right Worshipful Sir, allow me to express my gratitude to your lordship for the very kind expression you have used towards me in conveying the feelings of the brethren, as well as of your lordship, in presenting me with this costly Past Master's jewel, which I accept as a token of brotherly love and esteem, and which shall be treasured by me as one of the best and most valuable gifts I possess. Kindly excuse my emotion, for your handsome present has taken me by surprise, and I am at a loss to adequately convey my feelings on this occasion; suffice it to say that I look on this occasion as one of the proudest moments of my life, feeling deeply, as I do, the honour you have done me. During the time I had the pleasure of being Worshipful Master, it was very gratifying to see our numbers greatly increase, and my heartiest wish is, may the prosperity of the Craft still more increase and flourish under the auspices of our illustrious brother, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, so that my words may be verified that Lodge Meridian will be the largest in the Province. Allow me to embrace this opportunity of tendering "one and all" my sincere and hearty thanks for the kindness and courtesy I have received at all times, as well as for the great assistance I have been rendered from Past Masters, which I shall always remember with pleasure.

**Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1012, Bury.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Derby Hotel. Present—Bros. Henry Heys I.P.M. (Ramsbottom), W. P. Woodcock S.W., Joseph T. Newbold J.W., John Halliwell P.M. Chaplain, George Spurgeon J.D., John B. Jackson P.M. D.C., James Barrett Steward, T. H. Sherborne I.G., James Thorman Tyler, Henry Maiden P.M. 191 P.P.G.S.B. E.L. Secretary, Joseph Handley P.P.G.T. E.L. Treasurer; P.M. Bro. William Handley. Visitors, Bros. G. A. O'Neil W.M. 191, Robert Whittaker P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire 678 (Farnworth), H. Percival P.M. 274 (Newchurch), Walker W.M. 37 (Bolton), Edmund Milnes 1253 (Manchester), Ireland 1129 (Rochdale), Horridge 344 (Radcliffe), T. W. Probert S.D. 191, T. Barker J.D. 42, and a good muster of other brethren. Mr. George Ashworth, solicitor, Waterfoot, Rossendale, Mr. George McCann, spirit merchant, Bury, Mr. W. H. Hoyle, manufacturer, Mossfield, Bury, and Mr. James T. Milnes, manufacturer, Oaklands, near Bury, were unanimously balloted, and subsequently admitted to Masonic light. The initiations were performed respectively by Bros. Henry Maiden, J. B. Jackson, John Halliwell, and Joseph Handley, in a very excellent manner, and Bro. J. T. Newbold very appropriately explained the E. A. working tools. After a call to refreshment had been observed, and various toasts honoured, the Lodge was resumed in the third degree, when Bro. Harry Woodcock was duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. G. A. O'Neil (brother to the late W.M. of Lodge 1012, whose place, along with that of the late Bro. Battersby S.D., is still vacant), in an exceedingly impressive manner. On the Lodge being closed down to the first degree, a presentation was made to the Lodge by Bro. Henry Heys, of a chaste set of working tools, in silver, and, on the motion of Bro. J. Halliwell, seconded by Bro. J. T. Newbold, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Heys, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for this handsome token of his esteem for the Lodge.

**St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, Tiverton.**—At the last regular stated Lodge, the *locale* chosen for the summer banquet was Dulverton, situate about 12 miles from Tiverton, just within the boundaries of the adjoining province of Somerset, and the day named was the 1st July. Accordingly, on Thursday morning last, a party of the brethren started by brake, and other conveyances, for a charming drive along the banks of the Exe and Barle for their destination. The richly-wooded scenery of the narrow and winding vale through which they passed wore its most picturesque and luxuriant aspect, and was the theme of constant admiration, although familiar to many present. The course then diverged from Dulverton-road to Pixton-park, permission to visit which had been kindly accorded by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G. Master, and the Dowager Countess, who is at present residing there. Here the brethren alighted from their vehicles, very pleasantly passed an hour or two in exploring the beauties of the park and gardens, under the courteous guidance of the steward and head gardener, and watching the graceful movements of the deer, Bro. Gill giving additional interest to the short tour by observations on the flora and topography of the district. An adjournment took place to the Lion Hotel, Dulverton, where a very excellent and well-appointed dinner was provided by Bro. King. The company comprised Bro. Parkhouse W.M., Bro. Mills P.M. P.G.O. Secretary, Bro. Davey P.M., Gill as S.W., Crabb as J.W., Partridge, Sharland, Payne, H. Melhuish, J. Melhuish, Martin, Coleby, Wood, Bartlett, Snell, Sheppard, Vaughan, King, Arbery, Capron and others. The post prandial speeches were of the shortest description, and the brethren returned to Tiverton in the evening highly delighted with their day's outing.

**Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 5th July, at the Moire Rooms, Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Edward Frewin W.M., C. S. Jekyll S.W., W. A. Tinney J.W., E. Stanton Jones P.M. Secretary, H. Tinney I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. C. Coote, J. Weaver, J. M. Chamberlin, J. Read, and many other brethren. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Stabell, Bergen, Norway, W. J. Hill St. James 177 (Scotch), F. de Leslie No. 84, J. Blyth 174, G. T. Turner and L. R. Royers 902. Business:—Lodge opened at half past 2 o'clock, minutes read and confirmed. This being the election meeting, the unanimous choice of the brethren fell on Bro. C. S. Jekyll S.W. The Lodge jewel of the highest value was voted to the retiring W.M., in approbation of the efficient manner in which he has carried out the duties of the Master's chair.

**Beaminstor Manor Lodge, No. 1367.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the White Hart Hotel, Beaminstor. Present:—Bros. R. Leigh W.M., E. G. Legg S.W., T. Wotton J.W., E. Holland Secretary, J. Andrews Treasurer, S. Cox S.D., E. Toleman J.D., W. H. W. Toby D.C., F. W. Good and J. S. Webb Stewards, J. Hine I.G., F. Long Tyler; Past Masters:—Bros. J. Hine, J. S. Webb, W. H. W. Toby and James Andrews I.P.M. Bro. R. Leigh was duly installed. The annual banquet was held the same evening under the presidency of the W.M.

**Truth Lodge, No. 1458.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday the 3rd of July, at Royal Archer Hotel, Dale Street, Manchester. Present:—Bros. Henry Smith W.M., Charles Pearson S.W., Charles Joel Kent J.W., J. Kinder P.M. Secretary, Thomas Tyers P.M. Treasurer, James Batchelder S.D., James Branton J.D., Robert Caldwell P.M. D.C., R. Fallows I.G. Past Masters, Bros. Jno. W. Turner, Caldwell, Tyers, and Kinder. Business:—Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Henry James Oldham, initiated by Bro. J. Kinder P.M. in a very able manner, the W.M. Bro. Smith giving the charge. Bro. P.M. Turner withdrew two of his motions, he was also unsuccessful in carrying one for increase of subscription; on a division respecting the raising of initiation fee to seven guineas, Bro. Pearson carried his amendment for six guineas. The Lodge was closed at 6.45.

**Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.**—A warrant having been granted by M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the consecration of this Lodge took place on Friday, the 2nd instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The usual ceremonies were most impressively rendered by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who had been selected for the purpose by the M.W.G.M., with the assistance of Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. as Chaplain, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little P.M. P.G.S. Middlesex, and Secretary Girls' School, as D.C. The installation of the W.M. and the appointment of Officers followed:—Bros. T. J. Sabine P.M. 73, Treasurer 1423 and P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M., J. C. Mason S.W., E. S. Stidolph J.W., W. Hudson P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex Secretary, Kemp S.D., E. Hudson J.D., H. Faiga I.G., Hawks D.C., Rev. A. Hatch Chaplain, A. P. Steadman W.S. Votes of thanks and honorary membership were accorded to Bros. J. Hervey, R. Wentworth Little and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, for their admirable rendering of the ceremonies, and the Lodge having been closed, an adjournment to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Spencer, took place. The new Lodge has every reason to congratulate itself on its successful inauguration, and may confidently look forward to a long and honourable career. The numerous visitors were highly pleased with everything, and especially with the very impressive manner in which the ceremonies had been carried out.

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## THE DRAMA.

### The Dramatic College Fête at the Alexandra Palace— The Lady of Lyons at the Globe Theatre.

**THE** Dramatic College Fête, on Saturday last, was in some respects a great disappointment. From a pecuniary point of view the result was, no doubt, a success; but we were sorry to see that so few leading members of the profession were present, and that some most objectionable features of the old fêtes were still prominent. Mrs. Stirling, always prominent in any enterprise for the good of her fellow artists, once more lurked in her charming robber's cave, over which was inscribed: "Abandon *cash* all ye who enter here," an injunction which she tried hard to be carried out to the letter. Signor Salvini recited passages from Alfieri's tragedy of *Saul* with all his well-known force and fervour; Mr. H. Paulton officiated as showman to a wonderful aquarium, which included, amongst its attractions, that renowned sea-serpent of which so much has been heard and so little seen. This aquarium far surpassed its prototype at Brighton, in the oddity, if not in the number of its occupants. Mrs. Howard Paul gave her really good imitations of Mr. Sims Reeves. Selections were played from "Our Boys," "The Ticket of Leave Man," "Patient Penelope," and "Nicholas Nickleby." Richardson's Show was there, in which was performed an extraordinary drama, involving more dagger, blood and thunder, than were ever before seen on any stage. In fact the attractions of the fête were numberless, but "the trail of the serpent" was there also. It was not necessary, in the interest of a genuine charity, that a second-rate burlesque actress should sell to gentlemen, with more money than brains, a strawberry, which she had bitten, or a flower, which she had kissed, at the rate of half-a-guinea each. The dramatic profession is more subject to imputation than any other, and it was performances of this kind which threw discredit on the fêtes at the Crystal Palace, and caused them, eventually, to become resorts for many ladies of questionable character, and for some about whose character there could not be any question at all.

Miss Lottie Wilmot, with what may be called a scratch company, is now playing *The Lady of Lyons* at the Globe. The literary merit of Lord Lytton's play will always ensure for it a certain amount of favour in spite of its forced sentiment and its clap-trap; but we do not think that any peculiar interest is added to this occasion of its production by the brilliancy of the acting. Mr. John Nelson's is hardly the first name which would occur to us in seeking for a Claude Melnotte: Mr. McIntyre is a very heavy villain as Beauseant, and Mr. T. Mead, who plays Colonel Dumas, has hardly yet recovered from his ghostly experiences at the Lyceum. Miss Wilmot is a pretty and intelligent actress, but her physical powers hardly enable her to cope with such a part as Pauline, which requires great command of force and passion.

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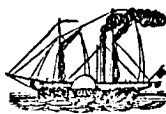
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