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THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL AND BISHOP DUPANLOUP'S PAMPHLET.

THE appearance of an English version of the Bishop of Orleans's recent pamphlet against Freemasonry affords the *Freeman's Journal* another opportunity for attacking our Order. We cannot congratulate our contemporary on the achievement of a very brilliant success. There was nothing new to say, but occasionally it is convenient to traverse the same ground. The "damnable iteration" of the same folly at length assumes, in the eyes of some people, an appearance of wisdom. There are folk who are weak-minded enough to believe that a lie repeated many times becomes a truth. Therefore it is we do not severely blame the *Freeman's Journal* that, in carrying out its policy of denunciation against us, it should keep on pegging away, for an occasional convert to its views may be the result. But some will ask, Why, then, notice these attacks? Well, we have faith in an offensive defence rather than in one that is purely defensive. Having reviewed the tactics of our enemy, we have come to the conclusion that the mine it is so anxious to explode against us is best met by a counter mine. Our generalship may not commend itself to all, but the line we have adopted appears to us the fittest under all the circumstances. Thus it is we meet the enemy, boldly instead of spurning him quietly. Whether this policy is superior to all other policies, or, rather, till it is shown that some other policy is more desirable, it is the one we shall follow in all such cases.

We have said the *Freeman's Journal* advances no new arguments in support of its attack on the Craft; there were none to advance. Wisely, then, has it contented itself with repeating the stock arguments as to Freemasons being a body of men without religion, and animated by the most profound hatred for all legally constituted governments. Rather be it said, this organ of Popery says "ditto" to these statements of the Rev. Bishop of Orleans. It endorses, also, another argument, which is decidedly unoriginal on the part of Monsignor Dupanloup, that the kings and princes, and, generally speaking, the men in high places, who join our Order are studiously kept in ignorance of the real secrets of Masonry. Their presence in our ranks lends an *éclat* to the Craft which it could not hope to obtain by any other means. We enrol them accordingly, and initiate them into a few of the more harmless mysteries, but the secrets of the Order, its true aims and purposes, these are sacredly guarded from their knowledge, for this reason: were they known to the royal and princely Masons, they would fly from us in the greatest horror. All these statements sound well. They have a certain air of plausibility about them, and it is very probable they may seduce thoughtless and weak-minded people into believing them. It occurs to us, however, to ask, in the first instance, is a man who has most grossly perjured himself exactly the kind of man whose *ipse dixit* we accept unreservedly. Masonry is not obligatory upon anybody. They only enter who seek entrance of their own free will and accord. Some of those who bind themselves to guard certain secrets, in due time, and to serve their own foul ends, divulge them to others. Is it in accordance with reason or common sense that such men should be accepted as truthful exponents of the secrets of Masonry. Had they bound themselves to secrecy under some overwhelming sense of fear, or as the only means of escape from some dreadful calamity, the world would to a certain extent absolve them from the crime of perjury. But

they voluntarily bound themselves to accept a certain obligation, and in the most shameless manner they break faith. Would the evidence of such a person carry weight with it in any court of law? It is possible, of course, that a liar may for once in his life speak the truth, but the worst of being a liar is that one's word is never accepted. The testimony of a man who has deliberately forsworn himself is worthless, even were his evidence true. It is the reverse of creditable to the Bishop of Orleans's common sense and his knowledge of the world that he should attach the slightest value to the statements of men who have lied in the open day. But there may be concurrent testimony. Where? Why, in the rituals. But a published ritual that contained all or any of the secrets of Masonry is as direct and flagrant a violation of Masonic law as an oral statement of our secrets. Only a dishonourable man would dream of putting pen to paper and describing what he has bound himself not to reveal. Thus the rituals which the Bishop has become possessed of, even if they contained the secrets of Masonry, are as worthless as the oral testimony of the perjurer. Again, certain of our customs are described as being silly. Admitting, for the sake of argument, the accuracy of the description, we bear in mind what a certain poet of old has said:—*Dulce est desipere in loco*. Horace, heathen as he was, had evidently studied human kind to greater advantage than our French ultramontane prelate of the nineteenth century. Allowing that a table napkin is called a banner, a knife a sword, a glass a cannon, and that toasts are drunk as described by the Bishop, what after all is there but a little harmless folly, as far removed from atheism and political plottings and conspiracies as is the North from the South Pole. We fancy if the Bishop were at a Scottish banquet and saw the toast of the evening drunk with the full honours, he would smile a smile of pity, if not of contempt, that grown men should comport themselves so strangely. Yet a true Scot thinks it no sin to show his enthusiasm in the manner prescribed of custom in his country. The cynic may urge that a "Kentish fire," is an act of lunacy, that to drink a toast with musical honours is directly opposed to the dictates of common sense. We recal what Horace said, "It is pleasant occasionally to make a fool of oneself," and contentedly abandon the cynic to his cynicism. Then as to the various ceremonies of initiation as described by the Bishop. There are one or two passages in his account which justify us in believing that his reverence must have been studying the pages of Verdant Green, and has taken for solemn fact what the author of that exceedingly funny book intended only as a good joke. The next time the Bishop contemplates writing a pamphlet against Freemasonry, let him invest in a French version of the late Captain Marryatt's *Percival Keene*. He will find in it a most interesting and, as a matter of course, a most authentic account of how is given the sign by which Freemasons make themselves known to each other by day, at all events, if not by night. We need not dwell, however, on what the Bishop regards as the ludicrous aspect of Masonry. We have our customs, and some of them may strike the non-Mason as being extremely silly, but every nation under the sun has certain customs, and each looks upon the other's customs as more or less ridiculous. What is sacred with one people is unholy in the sight of other people, nor has the Bishop any greater right to laugh at Masonic ceremonials, supposing him to have formed a right conception of their nature, than a Mahomedan or Hindu has to ridicule the rites and ceremonies of the Christian Church. However, the climax of absurdity is reached when the Bishop proceeds to show

that the society of Masons is always engaged in an unholy war against religion and order. We have frequently pointed out that Freemasonry, while enjoining on its children the most perfect respect for all religions, forbids the discussion of religious questions. It does not say, the moment you enter the precincts of a Masonic Lodge, you cast aside all religious belief and become an atheist. It lays it down absolutely there shall be no religious disputations. The reason is obvious. In Masonry, which respects all creeds equally, as in society, the friendly intercourse of men professing different faiths would be impossible if such discussions were not prohibited. Similarly with subjects political—these are strictly forbidden, and on the same ground. What sort of harmony would prevail at a meeting composed of monarchists, republicans, imperialists, if it were permitted to discuss the merits of the several forms of government which each professed to admire most. There have been Masons who were also political agitators, but these kept their politics outside the portals of the Lodge. What they did had no Masonic sanction. It may be that in some foreign countries the Bible has been banished from some Masonic Lodges, the reason for such banishment being that the members of such Lodges are what are known as free-thinkers. This, however, we regard as a deliberate violation of the first principles of Masonry, and as we should not consider the merits of Christianity properly exemplified in a perjured Christian, so we ask others not to judge of Masonry by what some Lodges or Brethren may do in open violation of its principles. But the completest evidence, to our mind, of the utter worthlessness of the Bishop's denunciation of the Craft, is his promulgation of the theory that there are virtually two systems of Masonry, into the least important of which only is it that princely and noble brethren are admitted; the other system, which contains whatever is dangerous to religion and order, being strictly concealed from them. No one who was truly acquainted with our secrets would knowingly advance so monstrous a proposition. True, there are different phases of the Masonic system, but the scope is the same in each. There are Craft and Arch Masonry, Mark Masonry, Templarism, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Rites of Misraim and Memphis, &c., &c. But there is no obstacle to a worthy Brother being elected and initiated into all these various systems if he have time and leisure to pursue his Masonic or quasi-Masonic studies. It is not a brother's rank which keeps him outside the pale of certain systems. It is simply a matter of inclination. If Bishop Dupanloup wishes to know what true Masonry is, let him be initiated. We dare swear he will find that the worst that can be urged against it is not one ten-millionth part of the tithe of what has been urged against Jesuitism. We shall not then, perhaps, find the *Freeman's Journal* justifying "the continual and uncompromising warfare prosecuted by the Catholic Church against a secret brotherhood which is shown to be a veritable mystery of iniquity, and the hidden ulcer of modern society." We are not quite sure we thoroughly understand this description of the brotherhood. We imagine it means something disagreeable, and are content to leave it without further inquiry.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

WITHIN the last few days there have been held the elections, to fill sundry vacancies in these institutions, and the results will be found elsewhere in our columns. As regards the Girls' School, which we naturally place first in the order of precedence, it is to be noted that six were elected to a corresponding number of vacancies, there being thirty candidates, while for the Boys' School there were fifty-eight candidates, of whom the ten highest, as regards votes, were chosen. It is further noteworthy that in the case of the former institution all, and in the case of the latter, eight out of the ten successful candidates were provincials. Whence come the elect is a matter of comparative indifference, but it is a grand testimony to the will as well as to the perfect organisation of the committees which work for the provincial candidates, that in the one case all, and in the other, four-fifths of the chosen few should have been successful. The metropolis is the head-quarters of Masonry, and there naturally we expect

to find the greatest amount of energy in connection with everything that is Masonic. But our provincial brethren apparently beat us hollow in the matter of zeal and organisation on behalf of those whose cause they advocate. *Verbum sap.* We trust this excellent example will have a due effect on the London brethren, and that when a London candidate is started for either of our institutions they will do their *devoirs* Masonically as well as manfully. It is immaterial, of course, as we have said before, whence come the successful ones, but any case that is worthy of being entertained is worthy of the most active and zealous support.

But to pass to other matters. As announced in our advertisement columns of the 2nd instant, at a Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, held last Saturday, three propositions, all having the same object in view, were submitted for the consideration of the governing body. The first of them emanated from Bro. Nunn, and had for object the appropriation, out of the funds of the Institution, of a sum of twenty-five thousand pounds to the purchase of land, and the erection of suitable premises, large enough to accommodate 200 children, instead of the 150 now accommodated. This, though an admirable proposition of its kind, was not adopted. The second proposal was Bro. Rucker's, to the effect that the idea of extending the benefits of the Institution, so as to receive an addition of from thirty to fifty pupils, should be referred to a Select Committee, and that, if necessary, a special general court should be assembled for the purpose of entertaining any proposal the Select Committee might think fit to recommend. Bro. Stewart was the author of the third proposal, that the Infirmary should be utilised for any further increase, room for the invalid girls being obtained in some convenient house. The court appears to have acted with great wisdom in adopting the second of these three ideas, to wit, that the question should be referred to a Select Committee. The idea that naturally suggests itself at the outset is that reference to a Select Committee means shelving the question *sine die*. Not so, however, in the case before us. Each of the three proposals had for object the enlargement of the School. The only question to be determined was, how best could such enlargement be managed. We cordially endorse the view adopted by the court, not because it was adopted, but because we believe it essential before all things that a matter of this kind should be thoroughly ventilated. We think it unwise that all the invested funds should be utilised for any purpose, be it never so imperative. It is impossible to fix the expenditure at the outset of this or any other similar project. There may be other plans better or worse than that of Bro. Nunn's, but daily experience teaches us that to fix an absolute hard and fast line in the matter of expenditure is well nigh impossible. Bro. Stewart's proposal could only have served the exigencies of the moment. Thus, as far as our poor opinion goes, there was no alternative but to adopt the suggestion of Bro. Rucker—that a Committee of Inquiry should be constituted to determine as to the most desirable plan to be adopted for the extension of the Institution.

As regards the Boys' School a somewhat similar proposition was made—to the effect, namely, that the benefits of the Institution should be extended. As to the desirability of this proposal there can be no second opinion. The Craft plumes itself—and with great reason—on the aid it renders to distressed brethren, and the children of deceased or indigent brethren, and the more that can be done in this direction the more it redounds to our credit. The subscription lists of the current year have been beyond all precedent. The numerical strength of the Craft is daily increasing, and we do not doubt the subscriptions to our Charities will keep pace with our increase in numbers. Yet it behoves us to be discreet in our forward movements. We must be just to the Craft before we are generous in the fulfilment of our Masonic impulses. We must see our way first to securing a regular and stable progress before we think of embarking in a heavy expenditure. Hence it is that, while we feel that a great extension of the benefits of our Masonic Charities is quite possible, and assuredly desirable, we are equally certain that every progressive movement should be cautiously directed. Apathy is a vice that is not unknown, and it may not always be in our power to record such magnificent contributions to our various Masonic Charities as we have recorded this year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

WE learn, from *le Monde Maçonnique* for September and October, that this body held its meeting on the 13th—18th ult., both days inclusive. The first session took place at 9 a.m. on Monday, the 13th, Bro. de Saint Jean, President of the Council of the Order, in the Chair, there being present some two hundred Venerables and Delegates. After the usual preliminary formalities, the President referred, with considerable emotion, to the death of Bro. Massol, lately a Vice-President of the Council, a reference which the Assembly received with the customary salute. The Assembly then distributed itself into its several committees for the purpose of electing a President and Secretary for each. The second session was held at 2.30 p.m., in the afternoon, when Bro. de Saint Jean, by 142 out of 185 votes, was chosen President of the Assembly for the meeting of 1875. On Tuesday the names of those appointed by the Council to assist the President in the labours of the session having been announced, the Assembly proceeded to business. The first two propositions were unavoidably adjourned; consequently the third order of the day, having for object the discontinuance of the half-yearly meetings of the Council, was at once proceeded with. Eight of the nine bureaux having pronounced themselves in favour of the proposal, and only one for the maintenance of the existing law, the motion was forthwith carried. An amendment to article 122, proposed by a Lodge in Guadeloupe, *les Elus d'Occident*, was then discussed. By the article in question metropolitan Lodges cannot initiate a profane till they have first submitted his name to the Grand Orient, which keeps a register of all profanes who have been refused admission, and which, consequently, can oftentimes furnish valuable information respecting candidates proposed for initiation, but Lodges beyond sea are subject to no such rule. The amendment proposed was to the effect that Lodges beyond sea, and in other countries, should furnish to neighbouring Lodges the names of rejected candidates, and, if necessary, the motives for rejection. Six bureaux reported in favour of the proposition, two were ready to accept it in an altered form, while one only was opposed. It was therefore adopted. The next motion was that the election of delegates to the Assembly should be governed by the same prescriptions as the election of Venerables. After a long discussion the Assembly adopted, by a considerable majority, a motion to the effect that delegates should always be chosen from active members of the Lodge of at least two years' standing as Master, and of one year's active membership of the Lodge. On Wednesday the names of those who retired from the Council, but who were eligible for re-election, were announced. These were thirteen in number, including Bro. Massol deceased. After further business a modification of Article 28 of the Constitutions to the effect that Presidents of Lodges provisionally suspended should be tried by the Council of the Order, and so also the Orator who may have been suspended for neglect in causing the Constitutions to be respected. This proposition was rejected, and one adopted to the effect that every President or Orator, so suspended, should have the right to be tried by the Chamber of Appeal as organised under Article 2 of the Judicial Regulations, such appeal to be made within eight days, or the suspension to be sustained. In consequence of the adoption of this latter proposal, Bro. de Saint Jean quitted the chair, and tendered his resignation; but at the pressing instance of all present, the resignation was withdrawn, and Bro. de Saint Jean resumed his presidency.

On Thursday, a proposal to establish courses of English, Spanish, Italian, Geography, &c., &c., as well as German was referred to the Council. Other business of importance having been decided, the session closed, and on Friday the election of thirteen members of Council was proceeded with, several of the retiring members being re-elected. On Saturday, after the accounts for 1874 had been approved, and various financial propositions accepted, Bro. Penchinat delivered a most eloquent address, and the session was brought to a close. The Council then met and elected its officers for the year, the following being the members on whom the choice fell. Bro. de Saint Jean, President; Bros. Cousin and Armand, Vice-Presidents; and Bros. Caubet and Poulle, Secretaries. At the banquet, which closed the proceedings, and was served at 7 p.m., about two-hundred and fifty brethren sat

down. In the course of the evening, the patriotic conduct of the Lodges of Alsace and Lorraine, which, when summoned to break off their relations with the Grand Orient of France, preferred to break up their Temples, was referred to by the President, and loud applause followed his remarks.

FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION.

WE have, on more than one occasion, remarked upon the relations existing between Freemasonry and Religion. We have represented the Mason as a devout man, as a sincere man, as a man who thinks liberally, and loves to bestow with a generous hand. Truth and charity are his watchwords, whilst his highest honour and worship are rendered to the Great Supreme, the Divine Architect of the Universe. As in the present, so has he ever been in the past. The earliest traces of Freemasonry extant are invariably associated in some way with religion, and generally with a religion of a higher and nobler type than that prevailing at the time. Whether we seek the source of Masonic fellowship amongst the builders of Solomon's temple, or with the initiated in the ancient Cabirian mysteries, we find that religion lay at the very root of the system, and that, in fact, the very bond itself partook of a sacred and mystic character. The Dionysiacs, again, held principles of religion which show a considerable advance upon the crude and imperfect notions current in their day. They acknowledged a One Supreme Being, from whom all power proceeded, and to whom all honour should be rendered; and many of the doctrines and mysteries which they are asserted to have taught, bear a striking resemblance to the doctrines of Christianity. Coming down to comparatively recent times, we find the Masons taking the lead in, and indeed monopolising for a time the study of, religious Architecture. Then arose those vast and stupendous Cathedrals, which seem to have been wrought by Titans, imbued with a sense of art and religious grandeur above the ken of man. In almost every capital of Europe these monuments of Masonic devotion may be found, but, alas, too often only the beautiful remnants of their pristine glory and magnificence. Occasionally these artists were engaged on secular work, and the Palace of Louvain and other kindred buildings are still extant to demonstrate the greatness of their success. But as a rule they appear to have reserved the best of their work for ecclesiastical structures. The first fruits of their toil they laid at the feet of their Creator. In the Dome at Cologne, in the little church of St. Ouen at Rouen, in the Convents, Abbeys, and Episcopal palaces which the diligent traveller so frequently discovers throughout Saxon and Celtic Europe, in these and such like works we find the choicest specimens of Gothic art scattered with a lavish hand.

We have said that in the past Masonry has very often been associated with religion of a purer and higher type than that generally obtaining at the time. And the reason of this is obvious. The Freemasons as a body have always enjoyed a certain degree of distinction. During the practical period of the Craft in the age of Cathedrals and Churches they were much sought after by the nobility and clergy for their knowledge and skill in architecture, and they were consequently great travellers. They thus, from contact with men of various shades of belief, and different degrees of rank, acquired a breadth and liberality of thought unusual in that age. There is, moreover, ample evidence to be found in their works that they were men of refined culture, and excellent and even sublime conception.

Like other sects, a little in advance of their age, too, the Freemasons have frequently been the object of religious intolerance and persecution. The Romish Church, even at the present day, looks upon Masonry as a confederation of wicked men for evil ends. But its animosity, as will be gathered from another article in to-day's issue, is now confined within the limits of vituperation and misrepresentation. In former times, when the Church had more power, it evinced its hatred in a more unmistakable fashion. We hope on an early occasion to give a sketch in these columns of the persecutions to which the Craft has from time to time been subjected. The fact itself reflects credit on the Order. What Socrates suffered, what the early Christians suffered, what the Lollards, the Lutherans, the Scotch Covenanters suffered, it is surely no disgrace, but rather

the reverse, that the Freemasons also have endured with constancy and fortitude.

That Freemasonry should, in the present day, be ever associated with particular religious sects we think a misfortune. The Craft should be broad and comprehensive, recognising only grand and general principles, and disregarding the minute diversities of creed and ceremonial. It has been well said that God made religion, but the Devil invented theology; and it is certain that the Craft has nothing to gain and much to lose in respectability from mixing itself in the strife of contending sects.

OUR CHARITIES.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's-hill, Battersea-rise, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, Bro. Major Creaton P.G.D. V.P. in the chair, supported by a numerous attendance of Life Governors and subscribers. After the general business, an election took place for six children from a list of thirty approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on List.	No. of Votes.
19. Lucy Maria Taylor	1431
13. Edwina Russel Jones	1395
5. Mary Lonisa Bowler	1376
30. Minnie Eliza Cowley	1348
12. Fanny A. W. Saunders	1293
5. Alice Elizabeth Kelley	1128

Amongst those present we noticed:—R. J. Spiers, Joshua Nunn, Benjamin Head, F. Tyerman, Robert Kenyon, H. Browse, J. A. Rucker, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, Thomas Hill, Henry Smith, J. L. Hine, Raynham W. Stewart, John Sutcliffe, R. Else, John Symonds, T. J. Sabine, J. Terry, Griffith Smith, H. A. Dubois, T. W. White, Edward Cox, R. B. Webster, R. Spencer, John Bodenham, Henry Dubosc.

At the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School, held on Monday, and referred to elsewhere, on the recommendation of the General Committee, the Court accepted a motion proposed by Bro. J. Turner and seconded by Bro. Major Creaton, to the following effect, namely—"That the right to the presentation of a properly qualified boy, in perpetuity, for admission to this Institution, be secured to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire on payment to the funds of the Institution of £1,050." It was further resolved to admit one boy by purchase on 1st January next. The following is a list of the successful candidates:

No. on List.	No. of Votes.
46. Ernest Lavers Price	2157
28. Alfred James Green	2081
47. Herbert Henry Sutton	2008
50. John Lewellyn Jones	1992
18. James Archibald Barclay	1925
25. Elwood Blake Tibbits	1893
1. Henry Morrison Shipway	1858
20. Percy James	1839
2. Robert Duff	1802
4. William Reginald Hunter	1675

The regular monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Bro. Major Creaton V.P. in the chair. Bro. Jas. Terry read the minutes of the former meeting, and the report of the finance committee, which gave great satisfaction. Bro. Dennison submitted an estimate for a fence for the exterior of the building, £50; which was accepted. Four male and two female candidates were placed on the lists of annuitants. Permission was given to one of the male annuitants to get married. It was announced that the Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Skelmersdale had consented to preside at the next anniversary festival. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, H. Browse, H. J. Warren, B. Head, Tattershall, J. Smith, J. Stevens, W. Stephens, T. W. White, Robert Wentworth Little, Stewart Wordsworth, H. M. Levy and C. Hogard.

CLUB HOUSE PLAYING CARDS.—Mogul Quality, picked 1s 3d per pack, 14s per dozen packs. Do. seconds 1s per pack, 11s per dozen packs. If by post 1½d per pack extra. Cards for Piquet, Bézique, Écarté, &c., Mogul Quality 10d per pack, 9s per dozen packs.—London: W. W. Morgan, 67 Barbican, E.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

BY command of Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Bective, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, on Friday, 1st inst., for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the Province. The meeting was held under the banner of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339, Penrith, of which Sir R. C. Musgrave is W.M. It was first fixed for Kirkby Lonsdale, and the brethren would have been entertained in a similar way to that of 1867, when the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, was M.W. of the Underley Lodge, which position his lordship holds this year; but the death of his daughter, a fortnight ago, necessitated fresh arrangements, and the place of meeting was changed to Penrith.

There was a numerous attendance of brethren from Penrith, Kendal, Keswick, Kirkby Lonsdale, Appleby, Carlisle, Whitehaven, Workington, Cockermouth, Maryport, Wigton, &c., every one of the eighteen Lodges in the Province being represented. Sir R. C. Musgrave W.M. of Lodge Unanimity was unavoidably absent.

The following Provincial Officers were present:—Bro. John Whitwell R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Jas. Porter S.G.W., Bro. John Talbot J.G.W., Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Wm. Beeby, M.A., Assistant P.G. Chaplain, Bro. John Lemon P.G. Treasurer, Bro. W. B. Gibson P.G. Secretary, Bro. Joseph Bintley P.G. Superintendent of Works, Bro. William Gill P.M. 872, P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. William Armstrong Assistant P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Peter T. Freeman P.G. Organist, Bro. Edward Atter P.G. Pursuivant, Bro. James R. Bain P.G. Steward, Bro. James Postlethwaite P.G. Steward.

The following Past Provincial Officers were present:—Bro. Joseph Nicholson P.P.S.G.W. 371 Maryport, Bro. Thomas B. Arnison P.P.G.S.B. 339, Penrith, Bro. Jas. Kirkbride P.P.G.P. 339, Penrith, Bro. Jas. Wickham P.P.S.G.W. 339 Penrith, Bro. George Brooker P.P.G.P. P.M. 962 Workington, Bro. John Holme P.P.G.W., Bro. Edward Busher P.P.G.S.W. and P.P.G.S. &c. and J.G.S.B. of England, Bro. John Bowes P.P.G. Reg. 129, Bro. Thomas Robinson P.P.G.S.W. 338, Bro. W. Tattersall P.P.S.W. 129, Bro. Wm. Kirkbride P.P.G. Sec. P.M. 339, Bro. J. Pearson P.P.S.D. 1002, Bro. W. James P.P.G.S.D. 1074, Bro. Alexander Taylor P.P.G.D.C. 310, Bro. W. R. Gregg 1074, Bro. Wm. Lamouby P.G.T. 1073, Bro. H. Rauthwell P.P.G.D.C. P.M. 129, Bro. David Page P.G.S.B. P.M. 1074, Bro. C. W. Braithwaite Wilson G.S. 259, Prince of Wales 1299 and 1074, Bro. Joshua Tyson P.P.G.S. and C. of Bective Lodge, Carlisle, Bro. Robert Rutherford P.P.A.P.G.D.C. and P.M. Greta Lodge 1073 Keswick, Bro. John Gate P.P.G.R. 327, Bro. H. W. Hayward P.P.S.G.W., Bro. T. R. Holme P.P.G.C. 812 P.M. 872, Bro. Chas. J. Smith P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M. 339.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the billiard-room, at the new Crown Hotel, which proved of far too limited dimensions, and caused much confusion amongst the large number present. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England, presided, in the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P. After the minutes had been read, the Grand Treasurer's accounts were approved and adopted, as also the Charity Committee's report, in which it was recommended that the support of all Lodges and individual subscribers in the province be accorded to the son of a deceased brother of Solway Lodge, Silloth, in order to insure his admission to the Freemasons' Boys' School in London.

A notice of motion, signed by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, of Millom, was then taken into consideration, to the effect that it was desirable to form an institution in the Province for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. A committee was thereupon formed, to report to next meeting, amongst the members being Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Lord Muncaster, M.P., Sir R. C. Musgrave, Bart., Rev. Dr. Simpson (Kirkby Stephen), Rev. E. Cockett (Upperby), &c.

Bro. John Lemon P.M. St. John's Lodge, Wigton, P.P.G.S.W. was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gardiner P.M. 371, Maryport, was elected Provincial Grand Tyler for the ensuing year.

The officers for the year were invested by the R. W. Acting Grand Master as follow:—

Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, Brother John Whitwell, Esq., M.P., Right W. Past Grand Warden of England P.M. and P.Z. 129, Kendal.

Senior Warden, Brother James Porter P.M. 327, Wigton.

Junior Warden, Brother William Todd P.M. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Chaplain, Brother Rev. William Beeby W.M. 371, Maryport.

Assistant Chaplain, Brother Rev. C. H. Gem, 327, Wigton.

Treasurer, Brother John Lemon P.M. and P.Z. 327, Wigton, P.P.G.S.W.

Registrar, Brother Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart., W.M. 339, Penrith.

Secretary, Brother W. B. Gibson P.M. and P.Z. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.S.G.W.

Senior Deacon, Brother C. J. Smith P.M. 339, Penrith.

Junior Deacon, Brother John Barr P.M. and P.Z. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.S.B.

Superintendent of Works, Brother J. R. Bain W.M. 1400, Harrington.

Director of Ceremonies, Brother T. B. Arnison P.M. 339, Penrith, P.P.G.S.B.

Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Brother W. Armstrong P.M. 371, Maryport.

Sword Bearer, Brother W. Pratchott P.M. 310, Carlisle.

Organist, Brother P. T. Freeman, 1073, Keswick.

Pursuivant, Brother James Cook W.M. 1532, Carlisle.

Tyler, Brother James Gardiner P.M. 371, Maryport.

Provincial Grand Stewards.

Brother W. M'Mechan W.M. 327, Wigton.

Brother Dr. Dinwoodie W.M. 812, Appleby.

Brother James J. Beattie P.M. 962, Workington.

Brother A. Hodgetts P.M. 872, Whitehaven.
 Brother W. F. Lamony W.M. 1002, Cocker-mouth.
 Brother J. W. Young, 1400, Harrington.

After the officers were invested, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, addressing the brethren, said they would all remember that at the recent installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, two brethren were appointed from this Province to attend as stewards. They were brethren highly esteemed amongst them, one from the south and the other from the west, and they had discharged their duties on that occasion—no doubt at considerable expense of time and money—in a highly satisfactory manner, and he would suggest that in commemoration of that great event and as a mark of their appreciation of the services of the two brethren, that the stewards' jewel which they were entitled to wear should be presented to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge. A motion embodying the suggestion having been proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with some highly complimentary remarks, referring to the long and valued services of Brother Lemon, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and to the energy and zeal Brother H. Rauthmell, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, had displayed in Freemasonry, presented to each of them the jewel specially designed by Sir A. W. Woods, Garter, G.D.C. England, which was approved by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and is to be worn suspended by a ribbon of the Swedish national colours by the stewards who officiated at the installation of his Royal Highness, 28th April 1875. Bro. Lemon thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and said that the jewel they had just presented to him would be highly prized and valued as a token of their regard so long as he lived, and that it would be handed down as an heirloom to generations that would come after him. Bro. Rauthmell said, in thanking the Prov. Grand Lodge, that it did not need this additional proof to convince him of their kindly feelings towards him. He assured them that he felt it was a very great honour to have been appointed to represent as steward so important a province as that of Cumberland and Westmorland on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of their Order. Whenever he looked upon the jewel which they had just presented to him it would be with two-fold gratification and pleasure; it would recall to his memory that brilliant scene he witnessed in the Albert Hall, in which he had the honour of taking a part, and secondly, but not less, he should value it for the kindly sentiments that had accompanied its presentation from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A hearty vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on his recent severe bereavement. A vote of thanks was also given to the brethren of Unanimity Lodge for their kind entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge at so short a notice.

After the Lodge was closed, the Brethren were marshalled in order of procession, and marched to the Parish Church, Bective Lodge heading the procession, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Wicks, St. Nicholas's, Whitehaven, Provincial Grand Chaplain, from the following text:—Ephesians, c. ii., v. 21—"In whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord." Bro. Freeman, Provincial Grand Organist, presided at the organ. Returning to the New Crown Hotel, a banquet was served, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., presiding.

The arrangements of the meeting were admirably carried out under the experienced and energetic management of Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. and P.Z. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.S.G.W. and Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. William Gill P.M. 872 P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. Kirkbride P.M. Secretary of the Lodge of Unanimity.

The town was quite busy at the time of the procession, and the bells of the church rang out peals during the day, and a flag floated from the old tower.

According to the *Monde Maçonnique*, fourteen Freemason, of Porto Rico have been condemned to imprisonment for the sole crime of being members of the Craft. The sentence upon three of these unfortunates is imprisonment for four, and upon the other eleven for two years.

The *Hebrew Leader* of the 1st instant contains a very gracefully worded apology for having, some weeks since, utilised, without acknowledgment, an article that had previously appeared in these columns. We were convinced at the time that the omission of the usual credit was the result of an oversight, and we gladly record that such conviction of ours has been borne out by the facts.

The *Keystone* records, with deep feelings of regret, the death of Bro. Rev. Thomas Chambers, Grand Chaplain of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The Rev. brother was admitted a member of Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, 22nd May 1851, exalted in Oriental Chapter, No. 183, on 17th April 1856, created a Knight at Templar in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, and one of the Charter members of Kadosh Commandery, No. 29. Bro. Chambers died at the ripe age of 78, beloved and respected by all his Brethren and Companions. He was buried with Masonic honours on the 27th ult., Past Grand Masters Bro. John Thompson, Hon. Richard Vanx, Samuel C. Perkins, and Grand Master Bro. Alfred R. Potter acting as pall-bearers.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION AND LODGE QUARTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Lodges of Instruction have been the chief theatre of my labours for the last six and thirty years. I have given them a large amount of attention, and have often wondered why they were not more immediately under the supervision of Grand Lodge. Considering the importance of proper Masonic instruction, I am fully persuaded that it is far too generally left to look after itself. When asked by members, gentlemen of standing and education, how they were to acquire a perfect knowledge of our ritual, I have invariably recommended them to visit some Lodge of instruction presided over by an able preceptor. But, as with the parent Lodge, so with the Lodge of Instruction, they are too frequently held in taverns, and gentlemen do not care to push their way through a crowded bar as is too often the case. I quite agree with you that a better status should be given to Lodges of Instruction. This would be done if a warrant were issued, while if an extra shilling per member throughout the London Lodges were required to be paid annually by each, a sum would be raised that would be sufficient to establish several such Lodges in suitable places, where there would be none of the discomforts which are so often and, in my opinion, with so much reason objected to now.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A WELL WISHER OF THE CRAFT.

THE LATE DUKE OF WELLINGTON A MASON

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to inform your correspondent "Q." that he will find an article in the January number of the *Masonic Magazine* for this year, "Was the Duke of Wellington a Freemason?" the particulars of which were furnished by a member of 494, and from which I extract the following:—

"The Hon. A. Wesley, who came of age in May 1790, was then a lieutenant in the 12th Light Dragoons, stationed at Dublin, and was returned a member of the Irish Parliament for the Borough of Trim in August of that year; the family name of Wesley was subsequently altered to that of Wellesley. The exact date of the Duke's being made cannot be ascertained, as the minute book has been lost, and it is not recorded in the G.L. records; but by another minute-book it appears that the Lodge met in Trim on the 16th February 1795, the Rev. Wm. Elliott in the chair. Bro. Reynolds, the treasurer, announced that the following were the seven subscribers to the Lodge special subscriptions:—Rev. W. Elliott, the Hon. A. Wesley, John Mockler, Wm. Carshore, James Allen, George Askin and Henry Reynolds;" and in another paragraph it is stated that "During the period of our Bro. Edward Carleton's being secretary, he proposed to the Lodge that they should obtain the sanction of his Grace the Duke of Wellington to call the Lodge 'The Wellington Lodge.' Bro. Carleton having communicated this resolution to his Grace, received a reply from him, declining to allow the Lodge to be called after him, inasmuch as he never was inside any Lodge since the day he was made."

From the above it proves that the Duke was a Freemason, but from his own statement it proves that he could not have held the office of Warden in any Lodge held at Kensington.

Yours fraternally,

Emsworth.

T. F.

AN ARAB TRADITION.—The Arabs have a strange tradition amongst them about the origin of the cat. Whether the dwellers of the desert really believe it or not cannot easily be settled; certainly it is written in their books, and told gravely in their tents. At the time of the Deluge, they say, Noah was greatly tormented at the rapid increase of the mice, for of course he had taken in some mice with him along with all the other animals; but here they were overrunning the ark, destroying clothes and nibbling provisions—damaging everything in all directions. So the patriarch prayed that the ravages of his little enemies might be stopped. And lo! one of the lions, seized with a violent fit of sneezing, sneezed forth a cat. Away it scampered instantly to exterminate all the superfluous mice to the great delight of Noah and his family. Thus, say the Arabs, the first cat came into the world.—From "*Little Folks*" for October.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Help under Suffering.—No diseases which affect the human body are more irksome to bear, or more difficult to cure, than skin diseases, whether superficial sores or deep ulcerations. Holloway's Ointment has proved itself a remedy for these maladies; it clears off scurfy incrustations, heals up cracks and fissures, reduces unnatural heat, mitigates irritation and inflammation and it at once assuages pain, cures wounds, and works out a sound and lasting cure more certainly and more rapidly than any other application. In those affections which are probably constitutional or chronic, debilitated habits and constitutional weakness, Holloway's Pills should be taken to increase the salutary effects of his ungen.

REVIEWS.

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The Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia of History, Rites, Symbolism, and Biography. Edited by KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX. ("Cryptonymus.") London: Bro. John Hogg, 15A Paternoster Row, E.C.

WE have received Part I. of what promises to be a most valuable contribution to Masonic Literature—a work, indeed, which, if carried out as it has been begun, will form not only a complete, but, as far as a somewhat hasty perusal has enabled us to judge, a thoroughly trustworthy compendium of Masonic history in all countries. The utmost care has evidently been taken to make the work as clear and concise, yet at the same time as complete in all its details as possible. This indeed forms the basis of an apology for the delay that has occurred in bringing out this first instalment. We do not think any apology was needed. At all events, the reason for the delay—that the utmost pains have been taken, and that this involved a greater amount of labour, and a longer extension of time than had been originally anticipated—is a just one, nor will any sensible brother object to such delay, if he ultimately becomes possessed of a work whose value will be the greater the greater the labour bestowed upon its compilation. The task of the editor has been admirably performed, and the appearance of the Part does ample credit to the publisher, Bro. Hogg.

About Buying a Horse, &c., &c. By F. C. BURNAND, Author of "Happy Thoughts," "More Happy Thoughts," "My Health," "The New Sandford and Merton," "Out of Town," &c., &c. "Occasional Happy Thoughts." London: Bradbury, Agnew and Co., 9 Bouverie-street. 1875.

THE "Happy Thoughts" of Mr. Burnand have for some time past been one of the most amusing features in that most amusing contemporary of ours, *Punch*. Ordinarily, an idea carried out again and again becomes somewhat wearisome. Not so is the case with Mr. Burnand's humorous papers. The idea is repeated, but not the humour. Unlike Paganini, Mr. Burnand is not continually playing on a single string. Or at least, when he does so, with a view to show his marvellous skill, he produces an infinite variety of humorous ditties, and the result is always something new. The whole of the volume before us is most amusing. The main feature is "About buying a horse," and we heartily confess that if buying a horse in company with Mr. Burnand were accompanied with such agreeable fun as is recorded in these pages we should be careful to indulge in the outlay very frequently. The happy thoughts that occur to the writer are too numerous to record and too amusing to reproduce, save, at least exceptionally, or we should anticipate the pleasure of the reader, yet are there some few excerpts we cannot forbear to make. Here, for example, is a pleasant piece of writing, and true to nature, at p. 11:—

"Happy Thought.—By the way, to assume every one to be something merely for the purposes of conversation, must lead to discussion.

"For example, assume a man to be a soldier; talk to him of the latest invention in breechloaders (if you can—I can't), manoeuvres, campaigns, the exemplary conduct of the Light Cavalry in Abyssinia (if you know anything about it—I don't), and so forth. He will join you satisfactorily for some time, then you can put such a test question to him as would tend to elicit his opinion with regard to 'the probable expense of a messman's kit,' or any such professionally military-sounding inquiry. Should he really happen to be in the army, then he will probably stick his glass in his eye, seem puzzled, and ask you 'What the deuce you mean?' in which case you can retire behind your trenches (I haven't the faintest notion what effect this would have on an enemy, but I have often met the phrase in print, and like it), and pleasantly beg to be pardoned if your "phraseology" (use the word) is incorrect; or say, 'technically incorrect,' which does look as if you had some acquaintance with the subject—and add that you yourself are not a military man.

"Should he, however, have to excuse himself on the same score, you can take high ground (all part of metaphorical operations with trenches and 'high ground'), and observe that you had asked for information, under the impression that he was in the army. This will flatter him as a rule, and he may afterwards confide to you, with a smile, that he travels in the wool trade."

In further illustration of the same happy thought, we read—

"Assume a banker to be a distinguished artist, and he'll be delighted. Assume an artist to be a Queen's Counsel, and he'll be immensely pleased. Assume a gentleman at large to be the secretary attached to some foreign legation, with a secret mission, and he'll be highly gratified. Assume that a literary man would have made a first-rate preacher, and that a philosophical writer would have made his fortune if he had only stuck to the violoncello, and you will increase the number of your friends everywhere.

"On the strength of these assumptions, they will everywhere speak of you as a 'deuced sharp chap,' a man who 'sees below the surface,' one who can read you up, and so forth. And why? Because you've struck the key note of that general dissatisfaction which every one feels, and which is the strongest reason for every one so working in his 'station of life,' as to make the best of it."

There is an amusing hit at the facility with which testimonials are obtained. A "Bun cure" is suggested, and the following is one of the numerous testimonials supposed to be received in testimony of the wonderful efficacy of the new cure, from a Bishop:—

"Sir,—I have now taken one of your Buns, per diem, for three months, and have not had a return of the Thingummies, (whatever it may be), to which I had previously been a martyr. I can now preach for three hours at a stretch, without the slightest inconvenience.

"Yours,

"BATH AND QUITE WELLS."

The visit to Boulogne, and the imaginary incident at Folkstone, after returning, are capitably told, as indeed are the various experiences connected with this purchase of a horse. Cases in point, are "the station master," who "won't be a party to any duplicity about this horse," and the post master, "a long young man, loosely put together, as if he'd been made up gradually, and added to at different times whenever there might have been some large bones to spare," and whose face, "which is broad and round, and with a very uneven surface, is expressive of chronic astonishment at everything and everybody."

In Chapter XXII. the subject of "Freemasonry in Relation to Horse Dealing" is discussed, the result being two or three pages of very laughable matter. The imaginary conversation is carried on as between the writer and one Cazell. We extract the following as to the utility of Masonry in travelling:—

"'I've heard,' I say, in order to show I am not bigoted, 'that Masonry is very useful in travelling.'

'It is,' answers Cazell, decidedly.

'How?'

'How?' he returns. 'Oh, lots of ways.' He considers awhile, then he resumes: 'Well, it is a passport to society in some places. It's of great use if you get into a difficulty. You pick up companions; and, in fact,—Oh, there are heaps of instances where Freemasonry has been of the greatest possible service. I recollect a man saying how he was had up before a magistrate in Naples, and the case was just going against him, when he made a sign to the bench, and the magistrate returned it. I forget whether he got off or not, but I know that it benefited him somehow. Why,' he continues, hurrying on, as if to avoid being too closely questioned about this last interesting incident, 'when I was on the Continent, I was all alone somewhere, and I didn't know what on earth to do with myself; and I found the landlord where I was stopping was a Mason, and so was another fellow staying there, and we got quite chummy, and we had a rubber with dummy in the evening.'"

One result of bargaining for a horse is that the writer catches a severe cold, and adopts his aunt's remedy, the old-fashioned one, of "feet in hot water at night, hot rum before going to bed, and 'jump into bed directly you've drunk it, and keep yourself well covered up," with the following result: "Not being accustomed to spirits, least of all rum, and finding it uncommonly nice, I took three doses of it, one after the other. On this occasion I certainly kept myself well covered up at night, for I found myself in bed with my boots on in the morning. *My cold had gone, however.*" This suggests the following: "*Happy Thought (for receipt).* Go to bed with your boots on. Also don't wind up your watch at night. I didn't. And what's more, I don't exactly know how or when I got into bed. I mention these details because they must form part of a cure for a cold—as most certainly I was cured."

We need say little further. Besides the occasional Happy Thought "about Buying a Horse," we have others, such as, "The story of my Legal Examination," "My Aunt's great Police Case," and "Our Representative Men," in the Isle of Wight, Brittany, and elsewhere. In the course of these last experiences we take leave to cite the case of the "Well-Informed Friend," who is great on architecture in particular, and on every variety of subject as well, and who is always making mental resolves "to look up the whole subject the instant he should get home among his books." Our readers who may wish to enjoy a hearty laugh—and who does not?—will find frequent occasion for satisfying such wishes in running through the pages of these "Occasional Happy Thoughts." We hope to read many more such Thoughts from the same delightful pen.

We have much pleasure in stating that Bro. Robert Wentworth Little was so far recovered as to be able to be present at the committee meeting of the Royal Benevolent Institution on Wednesday last.

Bro. S. C. Hadley, P.A.G.D. Grand Lodge of England, was elected Alderman of the Ward of Castle Baynard, by a majority of one.

A crowded audience was present on Thursday evening, at the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, at a complimentary benefit to Bro. J. S. Sweasey, on the occasion of his tenth year of proprietorship. A host of talent was present.

Bro. Herr Schubert, No. 186, has returned from the Continent, after a successful tour, and the concerts of the Schubert Society will commence in December, where rising artists will have an opportunity of appearing before select and fashionable audiences.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

See also page 251.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—This Lodge held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. J. Hogg P.G.D., W.M., Harrison S.W., Southwood J.W., Geo. King jun. P.M. Secretary, Hollingworth S.D., Ward J.D., Goodacre I.G., Speight Tyler; Past Masters Bro. George King, &c. together with Bros. R. Grey G.D., D.M. of Prince of Wales's Lodge, 259, Cubitt P.G.P. and P.M. 157, J. G. Defries S.D. 45 and 1278, Baron Tettenborn 150, Ballard 571, Nuthall, Atkins I.P.M. 27, J. Green S.W. 27, H. Thompson P.M. 177, 1158, and 1428, W. W. Morgan 1385, Dr. Rosenthal P.G.C. Staffordshire, and others as visitors. The Lodge, having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the second and third degrees, and Bro. Hall was raised, the W.M. performing the ceremonial most impressively, and with his usual ability. Bro. Foot was subsequently passed, and Messrs. G. T. Salmon and A. L. Rosenthal having been unanimously elected, were severally initiated. This done, the W.M. rose, and in the course of his remarks spoke in the most eulogistic terms of the eminent services which Bro. Hervey had rendered to the Craft, and especially to the tact and judgment he displayed in the fulfilment of his arduous official duties. He also expressed, on behalf of the Lodge generally, how fully the gift of Bro. Southwood, the J.W., was appreciated. The portrait was then formally unveiled, and the opinion was unanimously expressed that the artist had been most successful in his delineation of Bro. Hervey. The inscription on the picture is as follows:—"The V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, &c., of the Grand Lodge of England, presented to the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, October 13th, 1875, by Bro. J. H. Southwood, Junior Warden." It should be stated the portrait was painted by Bro. Baron Tettenborn, after only a single sitting from Bro. Hervey, an excellent photograph having been the artist's principal guide. The Lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to Simpson's Hotel, Strand, where an excellent dinner was served. The usual loyal toasts were given, that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers being very happily acknowledged by Bro. Grey G.D. The health of the initiates was next proposed, and in doing so the W.M. gave a sketch of the antiquity and influence of the Order. Bro. Grey proposed the toast of the W.M. This was most enthusiastically received, and cordially responded to. Bro. Cubitt P.G.D. acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Thompson and Morgan that of "The Press," while Bro. Baron Tettenborn gracefully replied to the toast of his own health as painter of the portrait of Bro. Hervey which had been unveiled that afternoon. Other toasts followed, and at length a most agreeable evening was brought to a termination. We should add that two beautifully embroidered cushions for the third degree were presented to the Lodge by Bro. Harrison S.W., a gift for which the Lodge passed a very cordial vote of thanks. The brethren appeared in mourning, owing to the lamented death of Bro. Kingcombe I.G., for whose untimely decease the deepest regrets were expressed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795.—The Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bros. C. W. Moule jun. W.M., J. H. Sadler S.W., J. H. Turner J.D., J. C. Gammon P.M. Treas., H. H. Hodges P.M. Sec.; P.M.'s R. Turner, G. Bubb P.M. 180, and J. R. Foulger P.M. 177. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. Bell, J. A. Bargan, and W. Sherman were raised to the 3rd degree. Bro. J. W. Bennett, No. 181, was elected a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. J. H. Sadler was presented to the Lodge. Bro. G. Bubb P.M. performed the ceremony of installation perfectly and impressively. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers:—Bro. H. Turner S.W., A. Pinto Leite J.W., C. Gammon P.M. Treasurer, H. H. Hodges Secretary, J. R. Foulger P.M. S.D., W. H. C. Sharpe J.D., Slater I.G., Boll W.S., and C. Nowell Tyler. A special and cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. Bubb P.M. for the able manner in which he had given the various ceremonies. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Deacon. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. H. Hodges P.M. and Prov. P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, returned thanks for the toast of R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The W.M. proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. C. W. Moule jun., and presented him with a very elegant Past Master's Jewel, as a mark of respect from the Lodge. Bro. Moule, in brief, but appropriate terms, returned thanks for the testimonial. Bro. C. Gammon P.M., in his usual happy and genial manner, responded to the toast of the Past Master, and Bro. H. Turner for the officers. The Tyler's toast having been given the brethren returned to town in a saloon carriage specially provided by Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch.

Victoria Chapter, No. 1055.—The installation meeting of this highly prosperous Chapter took place on the 14th inst., at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., Comp. Eenhaus in the chair, assisted by the two other Principals, G. Newman, and J. C. Taylor, as also by the usual staff of officers. Comp. Noehmer, the J. elect, being a first Principal in another Chapter, was duly inducted into the third chair, Comp. E. Gotthiel P.Z. then installed Comp. J. D. Taylor into the second chair, after which Comp. Geo. Newman, the Z. elect, was duly installed into the first chair by Comp. Pendlebury P.Z. A banquet followed, served in Comp. Gosden's best style, to which it is needless to observe every one present did ample justice. The usual toasts were then proposed and responded to with commendable brevity. In the course of the evening, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Eenhaus, facetiously denominated the "Royal Dane," he being a native of Denmark, and, indeed, at present a resident in that country, from

which place he contrives, by judicious arrangement, to attend regularly to his duties in the Chapter. Comp. Newman complimented the I.P.Z. upon his success in securing the love and esteem of all who knew him, and assured him that when far away in his native land he is ever borne in remembrance by the Companions of the Victoria Chapter. Comp. Eenhaus replied in a very feeling manner, and said the Companions may rest satisfied that when in his far away home he will look upon this memento with pride, and it will always give him the most heartfelt satisfaction to have been in the proud position of First Principal of so important a Chapter. The evening was enlivened by songs from Comps. Gompertz, Musto, and Forsyth, and magnificent whistling of Comp. Moore. The visitors were Comps. R. Lecker 1293, T. Copesteak 192, H. Wagstaff 141, Alf. Moore 862, Chas. Payne P.Z. 177. It should be stated that the new staff of officers, besides the Principals, were Comps. J. Brett P.Z. Treas., Pendlebury P.Z. S.E., Hooper S.N., Musto P.S., Forge 1st Ass., Green 2nd Ass., and Grant Janitor.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Bridge-house Hotel, Southwark. Bro. C. Deakin W.M., assisted by his officers, initiated three gentlemen into the Order. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dr. Dixon installed Bro. J. A. Smith J.W. into the chair. The appointment of officers resulted as follow:—Bros. Batchelor S.W., W. T. Lover J.W., F. H. Ebsworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.M., P. Prov. G.P., Middlesex, Secretary, F. Garbett S.D., J. Stock J.D., J. Wootton I.G., J. Porter D.C., P. J. Grace P.M. W.S., and W. J. Laing P.M. Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Dr. Dixon for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed, and a very good banquet followed. During the evening an elaborate jewel was presented to Bro. C. Deakin I.P.M. There were about fourteen visitors present.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst. at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Bros. J. W. Baldwin W.M., E. H. Thiellay S.W. P.G.A.P. (Middlesex), J. Baxter Langley J.W., T. J. Sabine P.M. P.P.G.S.B. (Middlesex) Treasurer, F. Walters P.M. P.P.G.P. (Middlesex) Secretary, E. W. Devereux S.D., S. Wolf J.D., A. F. Loos I.G., R. Wright D.C., W. A. Simmons, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Dr. Gillispie (late 78th Highlanders) was initiated, and Bros. Henreux, Harvey and Rumbelow were passed to the second degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony very correctly. Three brethren were appointed as Stewards for the forthcoming festivals for Masonic Charities in 1876; several propositions for joining and initiations were given, also a notice of motion to alter some of the bye-laws, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Leary P.M. 45, R. W. Williams 1326, &c.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, Canterbury.—On Monday last the ceremony of installation took place, being the second since its formation. The Lodge was opened at 1.30 by Bro. Wade P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Bro. Greenwood. Sergeant-Major Cairns R.H.A. having been duly balloted for was initiated into the ancient mysteries. The ceremony of installing Bro. Moorehouse, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, which ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Wade P.M., No. 1449, assisted by Bro. Knight P.M., No. 31, S.W., Bro. John Hall P.M., No. 31, J.W., Bro. Smeeth P.M., No. 1208, and Bro. Pilcher P.M., No. 972. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Shurby in his usual liberal spirit. After the cloth was cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren dispersed, after having passed a most enjoyable evening.

Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement.—The first meeting of the session was held on Tuesday, 5th October, at the Jamaica Coffee-house, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present—Comp. John Boyd Treasurer, who took the chair of M.E.Z., and appointed Comps. Gottheil H., John Wyer J., Thomas William White S.E., John Ramsey S.E., A. H. Lilley S.N., E. Gilbert P.S. There were also present Comps. G. Lemann, R. Wyatt, W. H. Kempster, J. Alsopp, William Stephen, and R. W. Goddard. The ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed. The audit committee elected Comp. Edward S. Norris, who was unavoidably absent, as assistant S.E. The officers for the ensuing fortnight were elected, and the Chapter was closed.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.—At a meeting of this Lodge held on the 9th instant, Bro. Turquand W.M. presiding, Mr. Wheeler, of Addiscombe, and Mr. Lowrie, of South Penge Park, were duly initiated into the Order, and Bros. L. Turquand, Carpenter, A. Lambert, S. W. Lambert and F. W. May were passed to the second degree. The Bye-Laws were passed and ordered to be printed. The ancient charge in the first degree, and E.A. song to be bound up with them. A substantial repast was provided for the brethren, who spent a very enjoyable evening in peace and harmony. Bro. Bishop S.W. of Lodge No. 66, and Jahn, of the Lodge at Stuttgart, honoured the brethren with their presence, the former giving a most effective speech in reply to the toast of the Visitors; in which, after eulogising the W.M., he recommended very strongly the members of the Lodge (and more particularly the officers) to attend the best Lodge of Instruction they could find in a district that would suit them, so as to ensure a regular attendance, in order to secure smooth working in the Lodge. The brethren are very much encouraged by the success which has thus far attended the Lodge.

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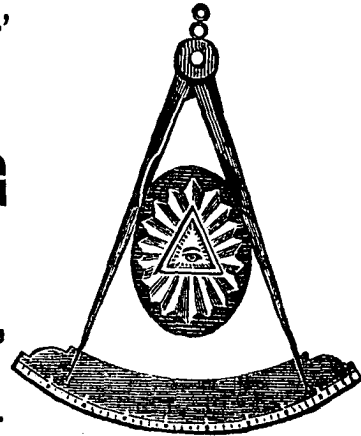
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No. on List.		No. on List.	
19. Taylor, Lucy Maria 1,431	30. Cowley, Minnie Eliza	... 1,348
23. Jones, Edwina Russell 1,395	12. Saunders, Fanny A. W.	... 1,293
5. Bowler, Mary Louisa 1,376	18. Kelley, Alice Elizabeth	... 1,128

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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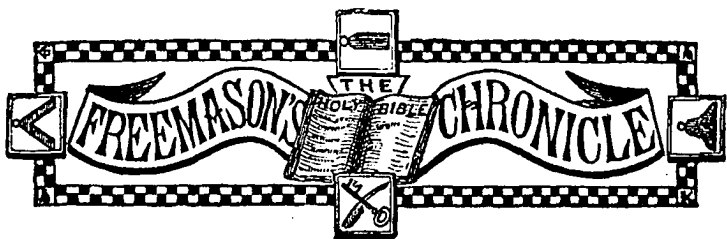
1. Price, Ernest Lavers 2,157	6. Tibbits, Elwood Blake	... 1,893
2. Green, Alfred James 2,081	7. Slipway, Henry Morrison	... 1,853
3. Sutton, Herbert Henry 2,008	8. James, Percy 1,839
4. Jones, John Llewellyn 1,992	9. Duff, Robert 1,802
5. Barclay, James Archibald 1,925	10. Hunter, William Reginald	... 1,675

Lists of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the office.

11th October 1875.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

** The Seventy-eighth Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 28th June 1876, on which occasion the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, has kindly consented to preside. The names of brethren willing to represent Provinces, or Lodges, as Stewards, will be gratefully received.



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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE departure of the Prince of Wales for India is now an accomplished fact. On Saturday he received a deputation from the Corporation of the City of London, composed of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other civil dignitaries, the object being to offer His Royal Highness an address congratulating him on his approaching journey, and wishing him Godspeed and a happy return to old England next spring. The Prince briefly but graciously acknowledged the good wishes of the Corporation. On Monday evening the actual journey commenced. Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess, drove in an open carriage to the Charing Cross Station of the South Eastern, where already were assembled crowds of people to witness the departure, and where a guard of honour of the Scotch Fusilier Guards, with colours, band and bagpipes, were drawn up on the platform set apart for the Royal train. Among those who came to bid farewell, the first to arrive were the Duke and Duchess of Teck. Then came, in rapid succession, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne; and among other persons of distinction, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Earl

and Countess Spencer, the Earl of Derby, Mr. Ward Hunt, &c. On the arrival of the Prince and Princess, the latter, assisted by the Duke of Cambridge, passed at once to the train, but the Prince experienced some difficulty in making his way thither, so hearty and continuous was the hand-shaking, and so overflowing the enthusiasm of all present. At length having reached the carriage, his brothers and sisters took leave of him, and the train, in charge of Mr. Shaw, moved slowly from the station amid the most vehement cheers, and to the strains of "God bless the Prince of Wales." At Dover, where the train was due a few minutes before 10, the gathering, owing to the lateness of the hour, was comparatively small. Detachments from the 78th Highlanders, 24th, and the 104th Regiments were drawn up as a guard of honour and the Earl Granville as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, with the countess, Mr. Freshfield, one of the members for Dover, the Mayor and sundry members of the Corporation and Major General Parker, commanding the South Eastern district, were in waiting. An address from the borough functionaries having been presented, the Prince and his wife passed on board the *Castalia*, and when the luggage was aboard, the ship cast off her moorings, the troops presenting arms, the band playing a few bars of the National Anthem and then changing to God Bless the Prince of Wales. On reaching Calais, which was accomplished in a little over the hour, the Prince took farewell of his wife, and left with his suite for Paris, the Princess of Wales, who slept on board the *Castalia*, returning to town the next day. Paris was reached on Tuesday, Lord Lyons, our Ambassador in the French capital, being at the station to receive him. Here, too, he was met by Marshal MacMahon, who was off for a day's shooting at Compiègne. The Prince then drove to the Hôtel Bristol. On Wednesday, the Marshal called upon him, and had a brief but cordial interview *d'adieu*. After dinner the Prince drove to the railway-station, accompanied by Lord Lyons and his suite, and left for Turin by the 8.40 p.m. train. A part of his suite preceded him, and reached Bologna on Wednesday evening. The Prince is expected to reach Brindisi to-day, where he will immediately embark, stopping, *en route*, at Athens, which will be reached on Monday next. On Wednesday the Princess of Wales left Marlborough House for Sandringham, her children having preceded her.

The Duke of Cambridge, having accompanied his Royal cousin to Dover, held a review of the Shorncliffe and Dover brigades on Wednesday, the scene of operations being a few miles from Folkestone. A series of movements took place, and at the end of the operations the Duke addressed a few words to the commanding officers, commenting on the operations of which he had been an eye-witness. The troops that took part in the proceedings were, on the one hand, the 41st, 93rd, and 104th regiments, F battery Royal Artillery, a company of Engineers, and two squadrons 12th Lancers; on the other, the 24th, 78th, a company of Royal Engineers, two squadrons 12th Lancers, six foot batteries, and a field battery.

The Rev. Mr. O'Keeffe's name has been for some time past before the public in connection with some clerical differences. Matters ran so high that the rev. gentleman's house and chapel had to be protected by a strong force of police. All but two of them were withdrawn a few days since, and the result is that the house and chapel have been sacked by a mob of roughs. This is the most recent illustration of Christian charity.

It only needed a bright sunshine to make the visit of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London to Epping Forest a complete success, and, unfortunately, this element was, as the saying is, conspicuous by its absence. A steady downpour was the feature of the day; but, nothing daunted by this inclemency of the weather, a party, some 600 strong, and including many of the leading civic functionaries, the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Councillors, together with a fair sprinkling of M.P.'s made their way, at the appointed time, to the new and splendid terminus, in Liverpool-street, of the Great Eastern, where a special train was in attendance. A short journey of some minutes sufficed to convey the party to Snaresbrook, where a sufficient number of carriages were in waiting. Having been duly marshalled, and headed by a body of mounted police, the procession set off, and circumambulated the forest, or at least so much of it as, thanks to the exertions of the City of London, yet remains for the purposes of public recreation. As the rain was continuous, the beauties of scenery, which are

both numerous and admirable, offered no very effective picture. They were there, however, though not enjoyable for the moment. Having completed the circuit, the party found itself in the vicinity of "Fairmead Lodge," where a marquee, large enough to accommodate the numerous visitors, had been erected. Here, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, was held a *déjeuner*, which in great measure helped to dissipate the discomforts of the weather. A series of toasts were given, when the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, and a photographic album was presented to the Lord Mayor, by Mr. Young, as representative of the Epping Forest Preservation Fund, as a souvenir of that occasion. This graceful compliment was as gracefully acknowledged by his Lordship, who announced that it would be placed in the Corporation Library, as an interesting memento of a most auspicious event. The company broke up shortly afterwards, returning to town by rail or otherwise, as was most convenient. We need hardly say that the preservation of 5,000 acres of Forest is an event worthy of celebration, and that to no public body save the City Corporation could the celebration have been entrusted with so much propriety. It is due entirely to its gallant struggles for the preservation of the rights of the Commoners, that Londoners have any forest left to enjoy themselves in, and we could have wished the clerk of the weather had been more considerate.

By the way, it is well for our reputation that we did not indulge in any cheerful forebodings as to a continuous improvement in the weather, for the said clerk already referred to has been seriously misbehaving himself since. There have been a series of floods in many parts of the country, and especially in the Midlands, and, unhappily, there have been severe losses both of life and property. At Rugby three men were drowned, at Banbury one, and at Husband's Bosworth, in Leicestershire, another was washed away, while three other lives are reported to have been lost in the same county. A severe gale likewise caused considerable damage to the shipping at Yarmouth, Plymouth, and elsewhere, and several lives are reported to have been sacrificed. Such visitations as these are to be expected at this season of the year, yet it seems to us that we have suffered far more severely than usual.

Lord Derby's public addresses are invariably distinguished by their good sound practical sense. He appeals so directly and so successfully to the minds of his hearers. His address on distributing the prizes of the Society for the Promotion of Scientific Industry at the Exhibition, Cheetham-hill, Manchester, is a case in point. He explained in a few telling sentences the advantages of such a society, and urged upon his audience to do their utmost to increase its numbers and extend its influence throughout the district, to the ultimate benefit of the many and important industries which had raised Manchester to its present flourishing condition. After this his lordship distributed the prizes, which consisted of gold, silver, and bronze metals, together with a number of honorary certificates. A vote of thanks to the noble Earl brought the proceedings to a close.

The Social Science Congress at Brighton has brought its present session to a close. Everything was done to contribute to the pleasure of members, and the Railway Company organised a number of cheap excursions to various places, such as Hastings, Lewes, &c., within convenient reach of London-Super-Mare. Visits of inspection were likewise paid to the various places of interest in the town itself, such as the public Free Library and Museum, the Children's and County Hospitals. During the session many important and highly interesting papers were read in the various sections of the Congress, and we can only hope that some practical good will be the result. There have been other meetings of a similar character, among them a Trades' Union Congress, but we do not know that we need do more than refer to them thus briefly.

Of extra Parliamentary Speeches we would draw attention especially to one by Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who, on Wednesday evening, presided at a meeting of the Public Library Committee, Watford, held for the purpose of receiving the annual report, and to distribute the prizes. This being so, it is not surprising that education should have formed the principal if not the sole topic on which Mr. Smith expressed himself. This speech, for which we must refer our readers to the daily papers of yesterday, is well worth reading, and contains, as might well be expected from so eminently practical a man as the member for Westminster has always shown himself to be, good sound advice. Mr. S. Cave,

M.P., has also spoken publicly, at an agricultural meeting in East Devon, in response to the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers. Upon this address however, we need offer no sort of comment.

The crowner's quest into what is now known as the Whitechapel tragedy, has resulted in a verdict of "wilful murder" against Henry Wainwright. The accused had previously been committed to take his trial by Mr. Benson.

The Alexandra Palace directors are zealous as ever in catering for the amusement of the public. On Monday, was held a swimming fête, Miss Beckwith displaying her skill and powers, and Captain Webb afterwards distributing the prizes. On Tuesday was performed an opera by the Carl Rosa Company, while in the evening there was a second harvest display of fireworks. To-day will be performed, Flotow's opera of Martha, and for the last time this season there will be an illumination of the lake. Next Tuesday and two following days are fixed for a Great International Poultry and Pigeon Show, and as the entries are said to be tolerably numerous, a great display may be expected, and will doubtless be properly appreciated by the fancy, and those who affect poultry *en amateurs*. At the Crystal Palace the chief attractions are the Winter Promenade Concerts, the third of which will be held this day. On Wednesday next will take place the Great Harvest Celebration and Musical Festival.

On Sunday last a fatal accident occurred at the Hornsey Station on the Great Northern line, by which a gentleman lost his life when attempting to get into a carriage when the train was in motion. The usual inquiry was adjourned, as the jury were anxious to ascertain whether the regulations of the company had been carefully observed.

We know very little, and have no desire to know, about what are known as Magna Charta associations, but we notice that wherever they are held there usually occur disturbances, more or less serious. If it be true, as reported, that Dr. Kenealy has incited his followers to attack his opponents, the sooner these meetings die out the better. Perhaps this dire catastrophe is not very remote, for happily Dr. Kenealy seems to be less cordially received than formerly.

From Paris we learn that M. Gounod, the celebrated composer, has sustained a severe fracture of one arm, owing to his foot slipping as he was descending a staircase. The Permanent Committee of the National Assembly has held several sittings lately, and M. Buffet has notified that the Electoral Bill will be brought forward as the soon as the Assembly meets. Owing to indisposition, and the advice of his physicians, it appears that Prince Bismarck will not accompany the Emperor William on his journey to Italy. For this event great preparations are being made. There will be a State entry into Milan on the 18th, and among the other "fixtures"—to use a sporting term—are a grand banquet and a review. The Emperor will set out on his return on the 22nd instant. The Herzegovina insurrection and the Carlist war in Spain still drag their weary length along. There is a war in Liberia, a negro republic on the West Coast of Africa, and our difficulty with China is not yet settled. It is even reported that our minister, Mr. Wade, has left Peking for Shanghai. If so, and our legitimate demands are not conceded, we are clearly in for another Chinese war. There is a new and Conservative Ministry in Servia, so that we shall probably hear nothing further of Servian sympathy with the insurgents against Turkish rule. The interest in America centres for the most part about the recent elections, in which the republican party appear to have scored one or more important victories.

The Consecration of the University Conclave of Knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine will take place at 29½ Green-street, Cambridge, on Wednesday, 27th October, at 4 o'clock precisely.

Bro. Alderman Paterson, whose death occurred on the 8th instant, was in the 58th year of his age, and was only elected to an Aldermanic gown in 1873 in succession to the late Sir David Salomons, Bart. Bro. Sir John Bennett, who was then beaten by the late Alderman, is again a candidate for Aldermanic honours.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Jones has been elected Master, Bro. Sir E. Perkins, M.P., Upper Warden, and Bro. Sir John Bennett Under Warden of the Loriners' Company.

THE DRAMA.

Fleur de Thé at the Criterion.—The Prince of Wales's.

WE had hoped that the palmy days of Opera-Bouffe, as presented on the English stage were over, and that a style of piece which has given just offence to even the most charitably-minded censors of the stage would in future be conspicuous by its absence. It has been reserved, however, perhaps appropriately, for the theatre under the roof of our largest public refreshment house to produce the piece which was, in the original, probably the most suggestive of indecency of all that noble array of sinners let loose upon us by the success of "La Grande Duchesse." Lecoq is a worthy pupil in that school of which Offenbach is still the chief: we get from him the same kind of catching melodies and of charming serenades, the same light sparkling music wedded to librettos of which the morality is noticeable for its absence. And inasmuch as in any opera the composer of the music benefits most by its success, it is only fair that he, too, should bear the chief blame of its faults. *Fleur de Thé* is a Chinese princess, living at Peking, the disposal of whose hand in matrimony is left somewhat to chance, as the first man who sees her face is to be compelled to marry her. This fate is reserved for Pinsonnet, the cook of a French corvette, anchored in the harbour, who, with his wife, Césarine, has landed to see the sights. Césarine exacts from Pinsonnet a promise that, although obliged to marry *Fleur de Thé*, he will not treat her as a wife, but only as a friend, and in order to test his fidelity, contrives, by a stratagem, to take *Fleur de Thé's* place in the nuptial chamber. The success of this ruse may be guessed from the fact that Césarine's accompaniment to her husband's account of the innocent nature of his proceedings, runs, "How he lies! Oh, how he lies!" The piece has been toned down with some amount of success, but that the flavour of the old Adam is still too strong was evident on Saturday night in the strong disapproval expressed by a portion of the audience. The music of *Fleur de Thé* is not so catching and will never be so popular as that of *Madame Angot*, and the acting is hardly up to an effective standard. Mr. W. H. Fisher, who played Pinsonnet, was suffering from hoarseness, which marred the effect of his music, but his acting retains all its bright and pleasant qualities. A lady new to London, Miss Bessie Sudlow, was the Césarine: she possesses a clear and pleasing voice, and will prove, with practice, an acquisition to the stage. Miss Burville filled the part of *Fleur de Thé* fairly well. The opera is creditably put on the stage, and, as the CRITERION is not a large theatre, may have a fairly long run.

A new farce, adapted from the French, by Mr. E. Manuel, was produced at the STRAND, on Saturday last, under the title of *The Doctor's Brougham*. A doctor without patients has secured a brougham on trust, and drives round to visit his friends, calling on an old school-fellow, now a barrister, without clients, but rejoicing in a pretty wife. The latter is an object of attraction to a Prussian Count, who has seen her in the street, and followed her home, and who is only too glad to feign serious illness in order to remain in her company. Out of this some amusing complications arise, the humour of which is made the most of by M. Marius as the Prussian Count, and Mr. H. Cox as the doctor.

There is good news from the PRINCE OF WALES'S. "Masks and Faces," specially revised by its authors, will shortly be produced with Mrs. Bancroft as Peg Woffington, and a hint is given of new pieces from the well-known pens of Mr. Wilkie Collins and Mr. Byron.

IRISH JIGS.—These may be described as of several kinds, of which the principal are—the common or "double jig," the "single jig," the "hop jig," the "reel," the "hornpipe," and various country dances and "set figures." The common or "double jig" is in six-eight time, usually consisting of two parts of eight measures each, each of these measures usually presenting two quaver triplets throughout the tune, and each part being always played twice. In these general features this most common variety of the Irish dance tune only differs from the great majority of the old clan marches in the somewhat greater rapidity of the time in which they are performed; in is almost certain that very many of these common jigs were originally marches, and were anciently used for both purposes. The "single jig," like the common jig, is a tune in six-eight time, and of the same number of bars or measures. But it differs from the former in this, that the bars do not present, as in the "double," a succession of triplets, but rather of alternative long and short or crotchet and quaver notes. Thus, in dancing, the floor is struck only four times to the bar instead of six times, as in the "double." The "hop jig," popular in Munster from remote times, is in nine-eight time, a structure peculiarly Irish. It seems probable that many of the dance tunes in this time current in England and Wales were originally Irish, and passing into those countries became naturalised. The "reel" is identical in feature with that of the same name in the sister country. In both it is common time, consisting of two parts of eight bars each, and generally presents a uniform succession of eight quavers (or semiquavers, if written in two-four time) in each bar throughout the tune. There is, however, this difference between the reel-tunes of Scotland and of Ireland, that while the former are, perhaps, more marked by a sun-line of mirthfulness, the latter have usually more melody and expression of sentiment. Further, it may be worthy of remark that the reel, though now, and for a long time, regarded as the national dance of Scotland proper, was anciently known only to the Irish and Hiberno-Scoti, or Highland people, and that it does not appear to have ever been common to, or adopted by the Anglo-Saxon people of England or the Cimbric people of Wales.—Dr. Rimbault in the "*Leisure Hour*."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ENQUIRER.—Twelve Grand Masters were first appointed in 1728.

VINDA.—H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence (William IV.) was initiated into Freemasonry in 1787, and the Beys' School was instituted in 1798.

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, 16th OCTOBER.

- 149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
444—Union, Courtenay Arms Inn, Star Cross, Devon.

MONDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity (Emergency), City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
872—Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven.
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1073—Greta, Court Buildings, Keswick.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.

TUESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1228—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone. (Instruction.)
57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
418—St. James', Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
660—Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, New Malton, Yorks.
696—St. Bartholomew, Dartmouth Arms Hotel, Wednesbury.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day Scorrer, Cornwall.
1046—St. Andrew, Bush Hotel, Farnham, Surrey.
1089—Du Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Blue Town, Sheerness.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Lancashire.
1384—Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, Lancashire.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A. 452—Frederick, of Unity, Station Hotel, Sutton.
M. M. 801—Carnarvon, Town Hall, Havant, Hants.

WEDNESDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Consecration of the Roslyn Lodge, 1543, Town Hall, Great Dunmow, at 2.
20—Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Sun Tavern, Chatham.
137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
243—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Guernsey.
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
261—Unanimity and Sincerity, Clarke's Hotel, Taunton.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford. (Instruction.)
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.
324—Moirs, Wellington Inn, Stalybridge. (Instruction.)
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drovers' Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
610—Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms, Glossop.
679—St. Davids, Black Lion Hotel, Aberdare.
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boy's School, Croylands-street, Kirkdale.
1206—Cinqe Ports, Bell Hotel, Strand-street, Sandwich.
1212—Blms, Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, Devonport.
1291—St. Alban's, Royal Hotel, Great Grimsby.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
M. M. 175—St. Michael, Masonic Rooms, Helston, Cornwall.

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1260—Hercy, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
110—Loyal Cambrian, Bush Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil.
203—Ancient Union, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
280—Worcester, Bell Hotel, Worcester.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool. (Instruction.)
661—White-hire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
940—Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.

FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
569—Palmer, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
861—Pin-bury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coatts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill.

IRELAND.

- MONDAY—491—Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.
" 795—Ashfield, Private Room, Coochill, Co. Cavan.
" R. A. 935—True Blue, Anne-street, Wexford.
WEDNESDAY—9—Muscs, Masonic Hall, George-street, Dungannon, Tyrone.
" 161—Excelsior, Bishop-street, Tuam, Galway.
" 359—Cappagh, Masonic Hall, Omagh.
THURSDAY—93—Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.
" 129—Industry, Bundoran, Donegal.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62 Nicholson Street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" 226—Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—332—Union, 170 Buchanan-street.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street.
" K.T.—St Mungo Encampment, Annual Meeting, St. Mark Hall, Buchanan-street.
TUESDAY—34—St. John, St. John's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-street.
" 87—Thistle, 30 Hope-street.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—117 Partick St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
" 334—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street.
R. A. 150—Shelleston, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 465—St. Andrews, Garnad-road.
FRIDAY—R. A.—79 Commercial, 30 Hope-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS,

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 14th October, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Hollands W.M., Webb S.W., Ellis J.W., Burr S.D., Parker J.D., Maidwell I.G., C. A. Grammer Hon. Sec., and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Salmonese acting as candidate. The first three sections of the First Lecture, and the first three sections of the Second Lecture, were worked by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge on Thursday, 28th October, at 7 p.m.

United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury.—The first regular meeting of the Winter Session of the Lodge, the oldest but one in the province of Kent, was held on Thursday, 7th inst., at the Guildhall Concert-room, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Green Hall as W.M. for the ensuing year, when a numerous assemblage of the brethren was present, the beautifully solemn ceremony of installation being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Higham P.M. At its conclusion the following brethren were appointed and invested with the respective collars and jewels of their office:—Bros. B. Browning S.W., Wiltshier J.W., Higham P.M. Treasurer, John R. Hall P.M., P.P. Assistant G. Secretary, Hon. Secretary, Plant S.D., Dean J.D., Tice I.G., Longhurst Organist, Pringuer Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren sat down to the customary annual banquet, at the Rose Hotel, provided by Bro. Coppin, in his usual very excellent style.

Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41.—This Lodge held its first meeting on Thursday, the 7th October, at 7.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, Bath. Present—Bros. James Clark W.M., F. J. Brown S.W., F. Wilkinson as J.W., George Faulkner Secretary, T. P. Ashley P.M. Treasurer, C. Wilkinson S.D., P. Braham J.D., S. G. Mitchell as D.C., F. S. Gummer as I.G., J. Broom Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Major Preston, Capt. Peel Floyd, Dr. Henry Hopkins, J. Rubie. Business—This being the first evening of the season, the attendance was small, and the business (limited to merely formal matters) was soon over.

Strong Man Instruction Lodge, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 11th of October, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. Killick W.M., Percy S.W., Stock J.W., Killick Secretary, Read S.D., Ockenden J.D., Emery Walker I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Master Bro. Davies P.M. 228. Business—Lodge opened in usual manner in first and second degrees, and Bro. Good passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Tolmie worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th sections of second lecture, assisted by Bro. Saul. Lodge closed in second degree. Bro. Davies P.M. 228 unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Percy unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed punctually and in perfect harmony.

Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No. 87.—This Chapter held its first monthly meeting with the new office-bearers on Wednesday, the 6th, at 12 Trongate, Glasgow, J. McNairn Z., J. Singleton H.J. They were favoured with a visit from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire. F. A. Barrow, Grand Superintendent, being accompanied by Comp. Fraser G.S.N., F. Hallett G.P.T., G. Thallon P.G.C., and J. Dunthie Z. of 67. The P.G.Z. expressed himself pleased with the state of the Chapter.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 89.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 11th of October, at the Astley Arms Hotel, Dukinfield, Cheshire. Present—Bros. John Hartley W.M., John Clayton S.W., Thomas Arthur Field J.W., William Thomas Goddard Secretary, Isaac Bates Treasurer, George Partington S.D., James Halliwell I.G., Abraham Jeffreys P.M. Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. Ainos Ogden, Michael Coffey. Visitors, Bros. James P. Willis 1322 Waverly, W. F. Fowle P.M. 815 Blair, J. P. Sower M.M. 815 Blair, James Oxon M.M. 830 Endeavour. Business—Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting. Initiation of Mr. Frank Colwell. Raising of Bro. David Burns. After the business of the Lodge the brethren partook of an excellent supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, &c.

Constantine Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 145.—A

meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, 13th inst., for the purpose of the installation of Bro. Thomas Rix as W.M. The ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.M. Past Grand Chaplain of Ipswich, and the W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follow:—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn S.W., Rev. E. H. Crate J.W., W. P. Lewis I.P.M., T. Eustace M.O., T. Williams, S.O., W. H. Bateman J.O., Fred. A. Cole Treas., T. J. Ralling Sec., Alfred Welch Reg. of M., J. Hanly S.D., E. Hennemeyer J.D., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., T. W. Naylor I.G., and C. Gunner Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, when the usual toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 11th October, at their own Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. James Mitchell R.W.M., Capt. J. R. Greig Deputy Master, J. McColl Substitute Master, M'Cann S.W., G. W. Wheeler as J.W., J. Smith Secretary, J. W. Patterson Treasurer, J. Nicholls, S.D., J. B. Hardie Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. T. Holkel, J. Barmfother. Visitors—Bros. A. Youl R.W.M. 275, D. Butler R.W.M. 27, E. Arthur, J. R. Smith Mother Kilwinning, J. Leslie 84, Buraker Murie P.M., and several others. Business—Initiation of Messrs. Crawford, Campbell, and McIver. Bro. Butler requested the Lodge to allow a candidate of his, who was leaving the country, to take the 2nd and 3rd degrees also with these candidates, which was at once acceded to, and after honorary affiliation had been given to Bros. Butler and Stewart, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the Master passed two brothers as F.C. The Lodge was then raised to the 3rd degree, and Bro. T. Holkel raised one brother for St. Marks, and one for St. Mungo in his usual careful manner.

Domestic Lodge No. 177.—The first regular meeting since the vacation was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. G. Everett, Treadwell S.W., G. Willing jun. J.W., J. Smith P.M. P.G.P. Treasurer, Williams Sec., Palmer S.D., Buscall J.D., G. Clarke I.G., and Past Masters F. Kent I.P.M., Jas. Brett P.G.P., Taylor, Tims, T. Adams P.G.P., Walford, W. F. Smith, Haydon, and Bros. Plummer, Harris, Spink, Crane, Plenderleith, Richards, Jones, Jennings, Kent, Ralph, Goodfellow, McLean, Anley, Orchard, Herbage, &c.; nearly 100 brethren were present. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several brethren who had been initiated and passed their 2nd degrees in the Lodge, had taken their third degrees in other Lodges; as Master Masons, they would then have had an opportunity of being present at the Installation of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. Bros. C. L. Everett, Gilbert, and Osborne were passed to the 2nd degree Messrs. W. Jennings, R. Pierpoint, R. Pinbey, and W. J. Sherlock were initiated into the Order. Bro. T. G. Ell, St. John's Lodge, No. 1306, and J. Kent were unanimously elected joining members. Several propositions for ballot at the next meeting were handed in, after which the Lodge was closed. A very excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Clemow, superintended by Bro. Smith, the W.M. presiding with his accustomed ability. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very agreeable evening was passed. The visitors were Bros. Butt S.W. 700, Hudson 315, R. Turner P.M. 795, Beckett P.M. 865, Sterne 1305, Lucas 192, Goldring 1216, Simner P.D.G.W. (Burmah), Bathard 1287, Kingston 862, Walton P.M. 382, Walls 141, A Swanborough 1319, Stone 1298, and Hawkes S.D. 315.

Scotia Lodge, No. 178.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th of October, at 170 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. Joseph Singleton R.W.M., P. Hepburn J.W., S. Scott Secretary, R. Gardiner S.D. Past Master, Bro. J. Mathison. Business—The case of a widow of one of the members was considered, and a sum to relieve her immediate necessities voted from the funds, her case to be also laid before the Provincial Benevolent Fund as well as the Grand Lodge Fund by the Master. The Picnic Committee made their final report on their visit to Campne, which was approved of. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when the Master passed two brethren to the Fellow Craft degree in his usual style.

Tyrawley Lodge, No. 217.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 11th October, at Dillon-terrace, Ballina. Present—Bros. P. L. Petrie W.M., Matthew Scott S.W., Charles Boyd J.W., J. R. Dudgeon Secretary, P. Atkinson Treasurer, James Beatty S.D., P. McDonnell J.D., George Beatty I.G., R. Massey Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Reid and Gilbert. Visitor—Bro. Anderson, 14, Galway. Business—Bro. Thos. Boyd was admitted to Fellow Craft degree. Mr. Geo. Thompson was initiated into E.A. degree. The following were nominated officers for 1876:—Bro. P. M. Scott W.M., C. Boyd S.W., J. R. Dudgeon J.W., Taylor S.D., J. Beatty J.D., and P. McDonnell I.G. A ballot for Mr. Thos. Gilbert was successful.

Star Lodge, No. 219.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 11th October, at 12 Trongate, Glasgow. Present—Bros. J. Morgan R.W.M., J. Goldie S.W., J. Herron J.W., J. Crawford Secretary, Anderson Treasurer, G. Lawrence S.D., G. Annin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler. P.M. Bro. Willson Annon. Business—This was the quarterly night set apart for harmony, and the Lodge was honoured by deputations from most of the sister Lodges in the Province, who were received with that cordiality and courtesy that characterise the brethren of the sister Craft, and it was a truly harmonious meeting.

New Forest Lodge, No. 319.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 12th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Lymington. Present—Bros. H. Sims W.M., T. J. D. Rawlins S.W., J. R. Colston J.W., H. T. Bath P.M. Sec., H. Doman P.M. Treas., J. Hadden S.D., B. Watson J.D., J. W. Whitworth D.C., W. S. Mursell Steward, H. Masters I.G., J. Rogers Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. S. S.

Pearce and S. Dore. Visitor, Bro. J. Blazey, No. 1193. Business—The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Horton, Maltby, Gringer and Shields, who were unanimously elected by the brethren. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. asked the test questions preparatory to raising Bros. Taylor and Dawe, which being answered satisfactorily, they were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bros. Taylor and Dawe having been re-admitted were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degree, when Bros. Lambie, Fellows, Laker and Sawyer were questioned before being passed, and having proved themselves worthy, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when they were introduced and passed. The Lodge was then closed in the second degree, when Messrs. Horton, Maltby and Shields were initiated. A very pleasing incident was the presentation, by Bro. Reginald M. Mackinnon, of a fine photograph of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, wearing the insignia of his office as M.W.G.M., photographed from life, and elaborately coloured by hand, which was set in a splendid frame. The gift is to commemorate the royal installation on the 28th of April 1875. A vote of thanks to Bro. Mackinnon having been unanimously accorded, the labours were brought to an end, and the Lodge closed at 6.30 p.m. A cold collation was provided by the D.C., Bro. J. W. Whitworth, which gave great satisfaction to the brethren. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

St. George's Lodge, No. 333.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th of October, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. Alex. Thompson R.W.M., James Findlay Substitute Master J. McFarlane Deputy Master, James Forsyth S.W., Robert Anderson J.W., Archibald McIntyre Secretary, T. H. Thompson Treasurer. Visitors—Bros. J. T. Scott R.W.M. 419, J. Bannerman Deputy M. 73, R. Grange 3½ and W. B. Fisher 125. Business—After the minutes of last meeting had been confirmed, applications from the widows of two members were presented; a sum of money was voted in one case, and a deputation appointed to make enquiries into the other, as this Lodge is always liberal where the applicants are found worthy. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the Substitute Master, Bro. Findlay passed a brother to the F.C. degree. The Master then said as the Grand Lodge Laws provide for the the working of the Mark degree, and the Grand Chapter has fully admitted its right to do so, and the Lodge had decided to act on that decision, he now begged then to accept a pair of Mark stones he had prepared for them. Bro. McFarlane Deputy Master, in the name of the Lodge, received the stones, and thanked the R.W.M., for his valuable present. The Lodge was then closed, and Bro. Findlay opened it in the Mark degree, and confirmed that degree on the office bearers to enable them to work it at the next regular meeting.

Socrates Lodge, No. 373.—This Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 12th October, at the George's Hotel, Huntingdon. Present—Bros. George Thackray W.M., W. H. Smith S.W., R. R. Heeling J.W., J. Marson Secretary, John Parlett Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Westhook Chaplain, H. Foskey S.D., W. Jackson J.D., S. Mills Steward, J. H. Brown I.G., R. Hearn Tyler and P.M.'s Bros. B. Allen, I. Ingram, J. Smith and W. Cluff. Visitor—Bro. Henry Smart W.M. of Soudes 996, East Dereham. Business—To raise Bros. J. Chapman and J. Carpenter. Ballot for as honorary member Bro. Edward Cox P.P.G.S.W., Northamptonshire and Hunts, P.M. 360 and 657 and P.Z. 12, Patron Boys' School, V. Pres. Girls' School and V. Pres. Royal Benevolent Institution. Bro. Ingram P.M. and Bro. B. Allen P.M., in proposing and seconding Bro. Cox, spoke in high terms of his courteous and valuable assistance to this Lodge at the Albert Hall Installation, and his valuable assistance to this province at the Masonic Elections, &c. Bro. E. Cox, was unanimously elected honorary member. The Secretary thanked the Lodge on behalf of Bro. Cox for electing him an honorary member, and stated that Bro. Cox was utilising and adding to our voting power for future elections. Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the Provincial Lodge be petitioned to grant one hundred guineas to the Girls' Institution, and one hundred guineas to the Boys' Institution, in May next. Mr. Arthur George Dille, aged 21, auctioneer, was proposed and seconded to be balloted for at the next Lodge, and if elected, to be initiated.

The Athol Lodge, No. 413.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 12th of October, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present—Bros. Jas. Wallace R.W.M., Colin McKenzie S.W., Burns J.W., J. Lentitt Secretary, P. Agnew Treasurer, J. Hern, S.D., G. W. Patterson J.D., J. Gardner Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Duthie 219, Lerplth St., J. Scott 86. Business—The initiation of Mr. J. McCalman, which was ably performed by Bro. Wallace and his officers. There being no further business, the Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

St. Vincent Lodge, 553.—This Lodge met on Thursday, 7th Oct., at 162 Kent-road, Glasgow, Bro. R. McDougall R.W.M. in the chair, assisted by Bros. R. Paxton as S.W., A. McLean as J.W., and J. McLellan, P. Steven S.D., J. Comston J.D. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. McLean presented the Lodge with a very handsome jewel box in three compartments. Bro. Paxton as S.W. then presented a ballot box of a new construction, made of cedar-wood. The Master, in very graceful terms, on behalf of the Lodge, accepted these presents, remarking they should take care of their jewels, and prize as jewels those who evinced such care for their well-being. While the cedar-wood box should remind them of those cedars of Lebanon that Solomon employed in the building of the temple, and as the cedar-wood was said to keep off moths from the clothing, so he hoped his box would keep out those figurative moths that might desire to enter the Lodge, as one or two moths might damage the Masonic

clothing that should adorn all true Masons. Both gifts, he could assure the donors, would be highly prized by the Lodge. A Fellow Craft Lodge was then opened, and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler passed Bros. Watson, Marshall, Smith, McColl and McLean to the second degree, and the Lodge was thereafter closed in harmony.

Windsor Castle Lodge No. 771.—This Lodge held its first regular meeting of the season on Tuesday the 12th of October, at the Masonic Hall, St. Albans-street, Windsor. Present—Bros. Greville Horsley Palmer W.M., Cutler S.W., Scott J.W., J. S. Tolley P.M. Secretary, Fleck S.D., Brown J.D., Cantrell I.G., Nowell, Tyler; Rev. Arthur Robins Chaplain; Past Masters Devereux, Wigginton, Grisbrook, Bingham, &c. The business of the evening, which was of a most interesting character, commenced at six o'clock, when there was a most numerous attendance, not only of the brethren, but of visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Wm. Stephens, Wm. Huckvale, H. Whitfield, J. H. Reid, G. Kelly King, J. Ashley, W. Grist, W. Young, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened, after solemn prayer, by Bro. G. H. Palmer W.M. The minutes were read by Bro. J. S. Tolley, and duly confirmed. Bro. George Johnson was examined as to his proficiency in the first degree, and having answered the usual questions was entrusted. Bros. Joseph Johnson and Joseph Mitchell were then introduced, as candidates for the third degree, and after giving satisfactory replies to the usual questions, were entrusted, and retired. The brethren then repaired to the inner chamber of their beautiful Lodge, when Bros. Johnson and Mitchell were raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bro. Joseph Devereux, the senior P.M. of the Lodge. The candidates, as well as all the brethren present, were deeply impressed with the manner in which Bro. Devereux, who possesses elocutionary powers of a high order, conducted the ceremony. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Ernest Cecil Devereux, Mr. Robert E. Hannis, and Mr. Frank Willett were severally initiated into the Order. The next part of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address, on vellum, to Bro. Joseph Devereux, of which the following is the text:—

"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Warden, Officers and Brethren of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in Lodge assembled, offer you fraternal greetings and heartfelt expressions of respect and esteem. It is our desire to place upon record our deep sense of the invaluable services you have rendered to the Windsor Castle Lodge, of which you were a founder, in A.D. 1859, and to thank you most sincerely for the Masonic zeal and assiduity you have always evinced, not only to the Windsor Castle Lodge, but also to the Craft in general. We congratulate you upon the rise and progress of our Lodge during the many years you have watched over its interests, and it is with pleasure and approval that we record the fact that you have on two occasions been unanimously elected to the office of Master, in the performance of which duty you commanded the admiration of the brethren by the unique and perfect rendering of our Masonic rites and ceremonies. It is to your indefatigable energy that the Freemasons of Windsor owe their beautiful Temple, consecrated and dedicated to Masonic purposes alone, together with its embellishments and adornments which so effectually contribute to the solemnity and dignity of the ceremonies. That the G.A.O.T.U. will give you health and strength to enjoy the fruits of your Masonic labours for many years to come, is the sincere wish of,

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Bro. Devereux sen. suitably acknowledged this address, which was enclosed in a very elegant box. The very heavy business of the meeting having made great inroads on the time that was available, and several of those present being obliged to leave by an early train, the proceedings were brought to a close, but we here subjoin the following prayer, which was offered by the Chaplain during Lodge, and also the verse of the National Anthem, with a stanza bearing special reference to the visit of the Grand Master to India:—

Almighty God and Merciful Father, Supreme Architect of all our destinies, we beseech Thee to hearken to our prayers and supplication on behalf of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, now journeying from our shores to a distant land. Into Thy loving care we commit and commend him. King of kings, Lord of lords, the only ruler of princes defend him from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the arrow that flyeth in the noon-day. Help him ever to be mindful of Thy commandments, and to set forth the honour and praise of his God and Saviour in all things. Grant that the beams of Thy divine love may ever lighten his path, inspire him with heavenly wisdom, replenish his soul with ghostly council, bring him safely home, and bless his going out and his coming in, now and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save our Queen.

Our Lord, thou King of Kings,
Shield with thy mighty wings,
Our Prince from harm.
O'er him thine arms extend,
For Britain's sake defend
Our Brother, Prince, and Friend,
God save the Prince.

Those of our readers who are familiar with *Preston's Illustrations* will

recognise the concluding lines of the stanza, as having been, it is said, composed impromptu by the great Sheridan on the occasion when the late George III. was fired at in the Royal Box, at Drury-lane Theatre, by one Hatfield. We may add that Bro. Tolley's performances on the organ were of a most effective character. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a slight repast, at the White Hart Hotel. The remainder of the evening passed in a most agreeable manner, the usual Masonic toasts being greeted with the customary enthusiasm.

Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Herts.—An emergency meeting was held last Saturday, at the new quarters, for which the Lodge are indebted to the fraternal kindness of the Rev. Bro. Mayo. Present—Bros. A. C. Wylie P.P.G.S.B. Herts, W.M., J. E. Grocott S.W., W. H. Etherington J.W., Rev. Bro. Mayo Chaplain, F. D. R. Copestick P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. G. Gompertz P.P.G.P. Secretary Dr. E. G. Pottle S.D., T. C. Chapman J.D., Thos. Stevens I.G., and W. G. Gompertz jun., J. Dickie, C. B. Cheese, J. C. Wylie, J. H. Brown; Young and Cuthbertson, visitors. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m., the chair being shortly after vacated by the W.M. in favour of Bro. Gompertz P.M., who was desirous of initiating the new members and who in the performance of that ceremonial, displayed his wonted ability. The initiates were Mr. William Layton, proposed by Bro. Forsyth seconded by Bro. Copestick P.M., and Mr. J. R. Rignall, proposed by Rev. Bro. Mayo and seconded by Bro. Wylie W.M. Bro. G. F. W. Mngliston M.D. I.P.M. 1421 and S.W. 1228 was elected a joining member. This ended, a vote of thanks was moved by Bro. Wylie to the Rev. Bro. Mayo, for his great kindness in placing the banqueting-hall of Cheshunt Great House at their disposal for holding their meetings. The motion was carried with acclamation and appropriately acknowledged. A vote of thanks was also proposed and agreed to, conveying thanks to Bro. Hunt, the worthy host of the Four Swans, Waltham; Cross, for his past kindness and attention to the Lodge during the fourteen years of its existence. Bro. Hunt in acknowledging the vote, hoped yet to see the day when a Masonic Hall should be built in the province of Herts, and expressed the great pleasure he experienced on finding the labours of the Lodge carried out in some other locality than a tavern, a sentiment worthy of a brother who is himself a landlord, and which we most cordially endorse. The Lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the "Green Dragon," Church-gate, where an excellent repast was provided, while the wines were of a character far superior to those usually supplied to brethren at their banquets. We may attribute this to the district being a secluded one as well as the fact that the wine cellar of the "Green Dragon" is not an institution of yesterday. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given with marked brevity and responded to loyally, that of the W.M.G.M. the Prince of Wales in particular being acknowledged with more than ordinary enthusiasm. As a matter of course His Royal Highness's visit to India was referred to by the W.M. The latter, in acknowledging the toast of his own health, stated that he had just returned from Russia, a country in which Freemasons' lodges are forbidden to be held. Bro. Wylie expressed his regret, especially as English Masons were there denied the opportunity of meeting together. However, as the two countries were on the most friendly terms, and had recently become, by the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh with the only daughter of the Czar, still more directly united, he hoped the day might not be far distant when the Craft would enjoy the same privileges in Russia as in other countries. The toast of the visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Young P.M. 1327 and Cuthbertson, 27. The other toasts were regularly disposed of, every one of the speakers expressing himself highly pleased with the success of the day's proceedings, Bro. Gompertz being particularly happy in his remarks on the improved status of the Lodge.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1509.—An Emergency meeting took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, for the purpose of lightening the labours of the next regular meeting, that being the occasion of the installation of the W.M. The two large rooms had been thrown into one, and the lighting and ventilation was appreciated by the numerous brethren present. Bros. Jas. Willing jun. W.M., Michael S.W. and W.M. elect, Williams J.W., Tims P.M. 177 Secretary, Child S.D., Kingham J.D., Scales W.S. as I.G. in the absence of Bro. John Douglass of the Standard theatre, owing to a severe accident, and Bros. Stiles, Side, Levy, Little, Hatton, Stainsbury, Clarke, Jones, Rogers, Simond, &c. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Beale, of the Domestic Lodge 177, was raised to the 3rd degree, by the courtesy of the W.M., and Bros. Simond, Little, Rogers, and Levy were passed to the 2nd degree. Messrs. L. Solomon and H. Stiles were balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. gave the various ceremonies in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Ormeston, St. John's Lodge, 262, and Walters, of the Felix Lodge, 355, Scotland, were elected joining members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The W.M., in responding to his health, remarked it was the last time he should have the pleasure to preside over them at the banquet table. He took the opportunity to thank the officers of the Lodge for the efficient manner in which they had assisted him during his year of office; he also thanked the brethren for the attention they had paid during the ceremonies; he was sure those brethren who had been initiated in the Lodge were genuine supporters of the great principles on which our Order is founded. The toast of the officers was given, and some capital harmony emanated from the brethren. The Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge meets every Friday evening at the Club, where the brethren can receive the benefit of good Masonic instruction under the preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., to whose able tuition the efficiency of the officers of this Lodge is mainly due.

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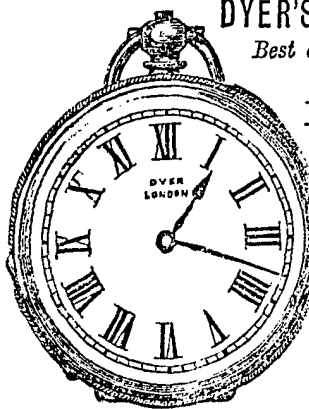
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