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A SEARCH FOR LIGHT.

SOME people have a weakness for giving reasons in spite of the *dictum* once uttered, we believe, to a jury by an eminent judge. Others are equally ready to make admissions. We strive, as far as in us lies, to avoid either of these weaknesses, but we feel it incumbent on us, at this moment, to admit three things: (a.) the early history of Masonry is a marvellous concatenation of myths; (b.) a faithful history of our Order has yet to be written; (c.) whoever undertakes that task will meet with obstacles well nigh insuperable, for the materials for such a chronicle are difficult to get at. Much has been done of late years. We are gradually arriving at a correct appreciation of the terrible disorder in which all that relates to the career of Freemasonry is involved. We are beginning to see the necessity for drawing a line somewhere between the beauties of fiction and the realities of fact. The latest researches show that prior to the last two or three centuries, there is not even the smallest shred of a skin of parchment which can possibly throw light upon our history. There may have existed such, but there is no satisfactory evidence of its existence. There may have been antediluvian pillars, with all the secrets of Masonry inscribed thereon, but there is no authentic evidence of there having been any, nor do they now exist. Geologists, perhaps, might tell us if Masonic memorials are ever found in the earth's strata, in the shape of pre-historic asses-skins, or whatever was in use in those extremely remote ages, but no such evidence is forthcoming. Occasionally we read of wonderful stones, with Masons' marks on them, being found on desert islands; and straightway, some painstaking sciolist writes an elaborate paper for the purpose of proving that Masonry has existed always from the period of the Creation, and everywhere, even in parts which no human being ever visited till lately. It is said that given a single bone, and the learned Professor Owen will compose a skeleton that shall be complete in all its parts and correctly representative of some early member of the animal kingdom. Our Masonic historians have achieved even greater wonders. They have traced a circumstantial history of Freemasonry from the Creation till now, with not a single particle of evidence to guide them for the first five thousand six hundred years or thereabouts. Latterly, we repeat, we have begun to see the folly of all this assumption. We are rather more inclined than we were to be curious about the nature and authenticity of the evidence that is brought under our notice. We have something in us of the critic, and are careful not too readily to jump at conclusions. We no longer assume as indisputable facts what exists or has existed only in the exuberant imagination of our fellows, past or present. We analyse a little. We are still as circumstantial as ever, but the circumstances we appeal to, or rely upon, are, or have been, existent. We know the moral system which Freemasonry propounds has always endured since Communities were first formed, but we no longer clothe it in all the paraphernalia of a specious history. We are content with a comparatively brief existence as an organised society. We have no reason to doubt that similarly organised societies of men existed before ours, their object being the same as ours, namely: the teaching and tradition of pure morals. We may even venture to assert a connection, traceable through succeeding ages, and in different countries, between the ethical system of the earliest sages of Egypt and India, and that of the speculative Masons of the last two or three

centuries. But while we accept and believe thus much, we are becoming daily more and more inclined to ridicule the wonderful history which certain enthusiastic brethren have so elaborately built up for us. We are a little ashamed, in these practical days, of being "chaffed" about our Grand Master Adam, Grand Master Noah, Grand Master Solomon, and the other brilliant lights of our Order. Hence some few among us have carefully and critically examined such records as we know exist, and more than one brother—such as Bros. Findel and Lyon—has compiled a history which may compare with the histories of other societies. Others again, like Bro. Hughan, have confined their efforts within narrower limits, and have striven to collect whatever they could in the shape of authentic materials, on which to found a more complete history than any that has yet been published. His *Memorials of the Union* is one of the most important Masonic publications of the day. It is impossible to gauge the amount of his labour by the result that is apparent to the ordinary reader of his book. To mention only the long list of names and dates it contains; presented in tabular form, this does not convey to the eye the idea that any excessive amount of work was necessary in its compilation. Yet every date, every fact recorded in that list had to be most carefully verified; and considering the meagreness and untrustworthiness of much of the material he must have consulted, it is surprising this list of Lodges should have been so accurately numbered and dated. But while Bro. Hughan's Roll of Lodges records much, it leaves much likewise unrecorded. Thus, the dates of constitution are omitted in the case of all Lodges that held under the Grand Lodge "Ancients," as it was commonly known before 1813. From an announcement we publish elsewhere in our columns, it will be seen that we invite the co-operation of the Craft in supplying, as far as possible, this omission, so that Bro. Hughan's Roll may become a complete tabular sketch of the rise and spread of Masonry throughout England and its Colonies and possessions, from the Revival to the Union. What we desire to have furnished are certified copies of the original Warrants granted by the Ancient Grand Lodge. Such copies would be not only interesting, but would contain valuable information which might, and probably would, lead on to the discovery of other important matters connected with our history during the last hundred and twenty years or so. And once the inquiry started, there is no placing a limit to the information that may result. Masters, or other members of such Lodges may take a pleasure in promoting further researches; and material, from these sources, at least, and of a perfectly authentic character, may be collected, which some such industrious and learned Craftsman as Bro. Hughan may find it possible to weld together with known existing records, to the ultimate enlightenment of the whole of Masonry. We trust, therefore, our invitation to furnish these copies, and whatever else may seem to possess special interest, will meet with a cordial response from those brethren who have it in their power to accede to it. No matter how small the contribution in the way of knowledge they may be able to offer, it will prove most acceptable, not only to us who prefer the request, but to others who may have time and a desire to make straighter and less complicated the crooked and somewhat intricate paths of our history. Nor in England only will this information be received with gladness. The enthusiasm for historic research is as great among American Craftsmen as it is here. A German brother has already published one of the completest and most accurate histories of Freemasonry. To a Scotch Craftsman we are indebted for an equally valuable work,

though its scope is certainly more limited than Bro. Findel's. These and such as these will be interested in the progress of this work, and will assuredly benefit by the knowledge it may evoke. To show, indeed, how desirable it is our request should find favour with the Masonic public, we need only draw attention to the marvellous discovery made some short time since by a Masonic Journal in the United States, to wit, *the Square* of New York, if our memory serves us aright. That estimable journal appears to have found out that Albion Lodge of Quebec was the first Lodge constituted in America, having been chartered in 1721. Bro. Jacob Norton, however, in the *Keystone* for the 29th ultimo, points out that the earliest Quebec Lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge England in 1814, just after the Union had taken place, was Lodge 17, "Royal Artillery," formerly Lodge No. 9 "Ancients," that no ancient Lodge could have been chartered before 1752 or 1753, that this Lodge appears between two Lodges warranted in 1722, and he makes, what appears to us a very feasible suggestion, namely, that the compiler of the London Calendar concluded that Lodge 17 was also warranted the same year, which, if reckoned according to the *old style*, might be 1721. It is difficult to understand how the *Square* could have committed itself to such a statement, unless it is prepared to prove that a Lodge, whose existence no single Masonic writer of any standing makes mention of, was chartered in 1721, in a *French Colony*, and before ever there was a Grand Lodge in Paris, and that this Lodge and the present Lodge Albion of Quebec are one and the same. In either case a copy of the charter would be invaluable. It is not a little singular that Lodge No. 19, "R. Athelstan," formerly No. 10, of the "Ancients," is set down in Grand Lodge Calendar for this year as having been constituted in "1769," between "Old Dundee," dated 1722, and "R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity," Chatham, dated 1723. Thus, if Albion Lodge Quebec, "formerly No. 17, E.R." were constituted in 1721, it cannot have been an Ancient Lodge, and Bro. Hughan's Roll of Lodges is incorrect. On the other hand, if Bro. Hughan is right, and the Lodge "formerly No. 17 E.R." were No. 9 of the Ancients, then it cannot have been chartered in 1721 by a Grand Lodge which did not come into being till some thirty years later. The production of the Charter would at once set this difficulty at rest.

Having published copies of all the Ancient Lodge Warrants, we shall pursue the work still further, and to that end crave the assistance of other Lodges who hold under Grand Lodge "Moderns." How far we shall be able to pursue this matter, clearly rests, not with us, but with Masters of Lodges, on whose kind co-operation we must rely for any good service we may be able to render to the cause of historical research. But how little soever we may be able to achieve, we shall at least have the satisfaction of knowing that it will supply an omission in Bro. Hughan's Roll, and be of eminent use in the compilation of the History of our English Lodges which Bro. Spencer has it in contemplation to publish.

MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 29.)

A SHINING LIGHT.

"From the arched roof,
Pendant by subtle magic, many a row
Of starry lamps and blazing cressets
Yielded light as from a sky."

THE cry of the wise and thoughtful has ever been for more light; for light to lighten our mental darkness, for a wider diffusion of the rays of the lamp of truth. It was the cry of Socrates, who sought to illumine some portion of that dark and dreary road which leads from this world to the unknowable regions beyond the grave. How little nearer we are to a complete solution of the problems which he propounded the present condition of the world of thought amply testifies. "Infinite Providence," exclaims Jean Paul Richter, "Thou wilt cause the day to dawn, but as yet struggles the twelfth hour of the night; the nocturnal birds of prey are on the wing, spectres appear, the dead walk, the living dream." We are but little nearer to a complete solution of the problems of existence and of evil, than were the Greeks who discussed them with the great sage under the porticoes of Athens. The realm of positive science has been

widened, but the domain of metaphysics remains as narrow as ever. We have conquered Nature, and the great works of man are altering the physical features of the globe. Railways, steam navigation, gas-lighting, and the telegraph are rapidly changing the very aspect of civilisation, and the engineer is in these days the mighty magician whose fiat moves or levels the hills, and provides us with safe and swift vehicles of communication over the stormy ocean. His level and his measuring chain are mightier far in their influence than the wand of the greatest of the enchanters of Arabian story. He knows no difficulty which may not be conquered by Money, that omnipotent deity before whose throne the proudest bend and worship. Accustomed to deal with the rude forces of nature, and with such tools as algebra affords him, it would not be at all wonderful if the engineers of modern times should possess little of the imaginative faculty. Yet it does not always follow that the mental giants who score so deep a mark in the world are deficient in the higher powers of the intellect; one of the greatest ship builders modern society has ever seen wrote, some years since, a volume of poems, which contains some really charming lines. Each of us in his own sphere has met with men of science who were not merely conversant superficially with elegant literature, but deeply versed in all that appertains to the great domain of letters. A man of great powers of mind can rarely permit his faculties to run in one groove. The man of genius has many sides to his mental nature, and is equally at home in his own special domain, or in those where pedants might regard him as an interloper.

We have before our mental vision the face and form of a brother who has made some mark in the world of engineering. The features are characteristic of the calling of their owner. The perceptive faculties are very largely developed, determination is prominent about the mouth and chin, in spite of the disguise of a beard and moustache, and the eye, which is clear and full, denotes a mind that readily dives to the pith and marrow of any question within his province which may be submitted to his judgment. He comes of an old Swedish family, but his great grandfather settled long since in this country, and our brother is an Englishman by birth, sentiment and disposition. He was born in the county of Surrey, in the year 1820 or 21, and at the age of eighteen was articled to Geddie Pearse, Esq., Engineer in Chief to the British Gas Light Company, which, at that time, had gas works in London as well as in the provinces. Under the able tuition of his distinguished teacher, our brother mastered the difficulties of his arduous calling, and in due time was admitted to the ranks of the profession. Since the termination of the period of his noviciate he has been closely and continuously connected with gas lighting enterprise. From the year 1846 to 1850 he was engaged in the task of lighting the city of Hamburgh; in 1855 he was appointed secretary and manager of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, and now holds the former office alone. In the year 1856 he was admitted an Associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers, he is Past President of the British Association of Gas Managers, and is, like many of the members of his profession, connected with several learned societies.

His Masonic career commenced in 1861, when he was initiated in the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, most of the present members of which have been introduced to the Order through his instrumentality. He resuscitated the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, in the Province of Surrey, and restored the Chapter to its proper functions. He is a P.M. and P.Z., and now holds office as Secretary to the former, and Scribe E. to the latter. He is a P.P.G.J.W. of Surrey, a P.M.M. and Treasurer of the Bon Accord Lodge of M.M.M. and P.G.M. Overseer of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M., a member of the Permanent Council of Grand Mark Lodge, a K.T., and member of the 31°. The Frederick Lodge of Unity, now numbering forty-six subscribing members, which has for some years sent a Steward to all the Festivals of our Charities, presented him some years since with a P.M. jewel, as a slight token of the high esteem of his brethren. It was the first jewel ever given by the Lodge, and it now shines on his breast amid many brilliant decorations which he has won by steady application to Masonic duties. He has recently identified himself, as Founder, with the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, held at Catford. The Lodge was consecrated in April last, and with his aid and guidance it promises to be as flourishing as any of those upon which he has expended his energies.

He is a Life Governor of all the Charities, to whose welfare he is devoted, and considers no portion of his valuable time better employed than that which he gives to aid in their growing prosperity. In addition to his labours in the cause of Masonic benevolence, he is an active friend of the local charities of the district in which he resides, and is a prominent supporter of the Society that has been established for the benefit of the employés of the Gas Companies. In the outer world he is greatly respected, as a sincere and straightforward man; and in the Craft his word is his bond, from which he never swerves. In social life he is a cheerful companion, and dispenses a princely hospitality both at home and to the brethren. He is fond of music, possesses a fine voice, and can sing a good song in the style of an accomplished amateur. His Masonic reputation is not merely local, and his claims to consideration are of so high a character that we should not be surprised to see him, ere long, arrayed in the purple of Grand Lodge. A life of high integrity and a Masonic career of singular brilliancy would thus receive its fitting reward. Many lesser men have been admitted within the charmed circle. Few more intelligent or more energetic have adorned it.

EAST, WEST AND SOUTH.

BY A WANDERING FREEMASON.

IX.

"BY Jove! what an extraordinary beast! Why, his stern's higher than his head," said the Duke of Edinburgh, standing in the court-yard to inspect the choice of horses, which I had collected by borrowing from the principal residents, for the use of himself and suite at Wednesday's review. They were not, however, all thus peculiarly constructed, and he proceeded to mount and gallop each in turn round the inclosure, flourishing a sabre round their heads for the purpose of testing their respective tempers and aptitude.

The review was to commence at 4 p.m. On mounting the staircase at 2.30, I perceived a figure in scarlet uniform sitting with crossed legs at a table in the ante-room. On approaching, it appeared to be stuffed, and was arranged in a most natural attitude, with a cigar between the fingers of its distended glove. Champagne and cigars were on the table beside it. Glancing along the corridor, I saw that the Duke and a number of his officers were still seated in the breakfast-room, so took a glass, lighted a cigar, and sat down at a window behind the lay-figure, whence I could see into the street. Footsteps were soon heard, as more officers from the "Galatea" ascended the staircase. The foremost, who seemed somewhat short-sighted, on planting his foot in the corridor (which was in full view of the breakfast-room) raised his hat and advanced towards the lay-figure with a low bow. Suddenly there pealed out screams of laughter, as the breakfast-party headed by the Duke, came rushing tumultuously to the spot, surrounding the new comer and rallying him merrily on his having so readily fallen into the trap. There were the Hon. Elliot Yorke, Lieutenant Haig, Lord Charles Beresford, with, if I remember aright, the Hon. A. G. Curzon and Lieutenant Ramsay. The victim of the joke was, I think, Commander Adams, and all seemed, in their sailors' high spirits, to enjoy it as much as schoolboys let out to play.

The time was come for the review. Yorke and Haig both donned the scarlet (other military men were also of the suite) and the Duke appeared in the uniform of Colonel of a Volunteer Artillery Corps, his bearskin being regarded by the natives as the state head-dress of English royalty.

The procession passed through dense crowds, attracted to the scene. The troops reviewed consisted of some 3,500 infantry, cavalry and artillery, who were made to appear doubly numerous by the simple expedient of causing them, after passing the stand, to double round by a back road, joining in again behind the line, in time to be reviewed a second time. Too close a scrutiny was not made into this manœuvre, nor into the flint-locks and other old-fashioned accoutrements of some of the native troops. On our way back we were distressed to find Haig prancing amidst a crowd of admirers, he having had the misfortune to mount the "extraordinary beast," which had stuck fast half-way, and refused to see the review at all. He joined in the return, however, and was persuaded to accompany the

cortège of courtesy which escorted the Governor from the Duke's house to the palace.

In the evening, a ball was given by our countrymen, in the theatre, which had been re-decorated and converted into a fine suite of saloons, with a delightfully cool supper-room open to the river, to which the opposite shore, with its winding row of brilliantly illuminated houses, made a fairy-like background. Few prettier spectacles can be imagined. The rippling reflections cast on the broad surface of the water by long lines of architectural illumination contrasted with the sky above, upon which the stars and rising moon seemed natural continuations of the display that man's artifice had begun. The ball was graced by a most gratifying array of female beauty, and the officers of the *Galatea* had no lack of partners. The arrangements had been made regardless of expense, and the handful of British residents (under fifty) certainly distinguished themselves. I saw M. Chevalier busy with his pencil, depicting the special features of the scene. The guests numbered about 1,500, and the ladies were all dressed in the costume peculiar to the country, abounding in contrast and gorgeous variety of colour, called the *Mestiza*, or *saya* dress. When made of *Piña* (a native fabric nearly resembling "woven wind") this costume is very costly, and rivals that of the most outrageous Parisian modiste. Though not to be compared with the masses of diamonds which may be seen adorning fair wearers in some ball rooms of the West, there was, nevertheless, a good display of rich jewellery. It is still the custom in that remote dependency for the accumulators of wealth to endeavour to invest it in the most concentrated and portable form, exclusive of the facilities of shares and banks, which they hold in the utmost suspicion. But the method at once of hoarding and ostentation which finds most favour is, not the display of riches upon the person, but the establishment in their private oratories of images of the Virgin, which they load with diamonds from head to foot, and which confer a certain prestige upon the possessors.

The native goldsmiths have a narrow but fine taste in gold work, chiefly displayed in the execution of Rosaries of ornamental gold beads and coral; ear-rings, brooch and finger rings to match are "the correct thing" for Manila belles. On this occasion their attire was somewhat modified to suit European prejudices, but their usual clothing consists of: 1st—Skirts fastened tightly round the waist. 2nd—A loose chemise or boddiece of "woven wind" extending from neck to waist, loose at the base, and having no attachment to the skirt: through this the body is plainly visible as through a gauze veil, and the partner's arm in the dance can hardly fail to shift under this frail loose covering on to the skin itself. 3rd—A kerchief of light material round the neck and covering the shoulders. 4th—A pair of heelless slippers, which the little toes grasp outside, to keep them on. The sleeves of the chemise descend to the elbow, opening gradually into a wide frill; the slippers, which in the mazes of dancing are continually getting lost and hunted for (leaving the wearer's foot bare on the floor) are generally embroidered in gold. It may be imagined that this attire, even with civilised modifications, doet not set well on a European lady, whilst in the close boddiece and stays of the latter the Philippine belle would look equally awkward and ungainly.

At 11 p.m. a fine display of fireworks was given on the river, visible from the balconies. Conspicuous was an enormous device, "Alfredo," with a brilliant crown, over the flags of England and Spain in saltire. One mishap occurred through some unintentional disregard of etiquette, which resulted in the Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief marching out indignantly from the supper-room. When the banquet was over, H.R.H. thanked his countrymen, and stated that his reception had not anywhere been surpassed in cordiality.

On the morning of Thursday, the Duke gave an official "tiffin;" procession was formed to the landing place and the visitors took farewell of a city the gaiety and enthusiasm of which they certainly could not have imagined beforehand.

I spent a couple of hours on board the *Galatea* where the Duke detained me for the purpose of shewing the precision of his crew and the instantaneous hoisting on board of the steam-tenders, *Acis* and *Polypheme*; after repeated courteous handshaking and farewells, I retired, as said before, with a decided impression that the Captain of H.M.S. *Galatea* was "every inch a sailor," of whom our Navy could be justly proud.

He took away, besides some 50,000 of the best cigars which the Government factories could produce, a number of presents and purchases, in remembrance of his stay. Some deer, which are now in the Zoological Gardens, and a selection of specimens of the beautiful *Rigadera* or "Euplectella Aspergillum," or Venus' flower-basket, which are now so admired as bracket-ornaments in this country. These sponges are found principally off the island of Cebu. A large bank of them was discovered by divers about the year 1867, which has since been depleted. I believe he also took some specimens of native skill in the item of toothpicks, articles on the elaboration of which, out of soft woods, the untaught skill of the natives exhausts its fanciful fertility. They are considered by them a necessity, not a luxury of life, and at parties it is customary to hand round a tree, whose branches, sprays, buds and leaves are all found, upon being plucked, to be toothpicks with stems or handles of variedly artistic and remarkably fanciful designs. The toothpick, which is modestly kept dark in this country is, throughout Spanish and some other countries, an established institution—a patent fact; even in the United States, if I remember rightly, a stack of them forms a central feature at the hotel dinner table; and in that country, I know, they are made in untold millions out of hickory wood, for exportation.

The foregoing narrative may serve to show the reception and the kind of experience undergone by our Princes on their visits to foreign parts, in a humble way reflecting the routine of the Heir-Apparent's late ovations in British India. As to the veracity of the incidents narrated,—was not a report thereof duly forwarded by me and inserted in the *Times* Newspaper of January 1870?

WALTER SPENCER.

SCRAPS FROM ABROAD.

We are indebted to *Le Monde Maçonnique* for the following interesting items of news:—On the 16th ult., the managing body of the Masonic General Orphan Asylum in Paris delivered the report of its financial condition, and of the results which have attended its zealous labours in the cause of beneficence. The institution was founded in 1862, under the Empire, and at the outset of its career was exposed to many perils, which threatened even its existence. But in spite of these it has been enabled, by perseverance, and by the application of that principle of solidarity in which lies the real strength of Masonry, to educate eighty-six children, some of which, having completed the respective terms of their apprenticeships, are already brave workmen. This result has been achieved by means of the funds received into its coffers, and amounting, from its establishment till now, to the sum of 147,000 francs. In the year just ended the receipts, including donations, individual contributions from brethren, proceeds of *fêtes*, and collections from various sources, reached close upon 20,000 francs, while the disbursements were 17,000 francs. After the delivery of this report the President delivered several savings'-bank books to those of the pupils who had most distinguished themselves, and then followed a splendid concert, at which M. Lucien Collin and Mlle. Girard, of the Opéra-Comique, Mlle. Théol, of the Theatre Taitbout, and M. Emile Bourgeois, pianiste, gave their valuable services gratuitously, as did likewise the choral society, *Le Louvre*, and M. Guillot, a comic actor of high reputation, whose performance evoked immense laughter.

There are thirty-three Lodges in Hungary. Twenty-one—of which six are in Buda-Pesth and fifteen in the provinces—are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, while twelve—three in Buda-Pesth and nine in the provinces—acknowledge the St. John's Grand Lodge. The latter, in addition, has four Lodges in foreign parts.

In announcing with lively satisfaction that the Grand Orient of Egypt has renounced the rite of Memphis, *Le Monde Maçonnique* considers the resolution does honour to the chiefs of that Masonic body. "True," it adds, "it still retains the thirty-three degrees of the Scotch rite. It is a halt, therefore, half way, but we have every confidence this halt will be only momentary, and that in time the Grand Orient will retain only the three symbolic or Craft degrees, which are the only true Masonic degrees, and outside which

there is nought but fantasy, aristocracy, and blameworthy inducements to vanity."

The chiefs of the Egyptian Grand Orient are Bros. Zola 33° Grand Master; de Beauregard 33°, First Assistant Grand Master; and Sciarrone 33°, Second Assistant ditto. These brethren are assisted by a Grand Master's Council, consisting of thirty working members. The Supreme Council of the Scotch Rite has for its Grand Commander Bro. Zola, with Bro. Sciarrone as Lieutenant, and Bro. Oddi as Grand Secretary. Among the higher Lodges are a Consistory, an Areopagus, a Council, a Grand Chapter, and a Chapter. The National Symbolic Grand Lodge has for Grand Masters Bros. Zola, de Beauregard, and Sciarrone, with Bro. Oddi as Secretary. The symbolic Lodges are fourteen in number, and most of them are composed in great measure of Italians.

The quarrel which, ever since 1864, has intervened between the Grand Orients of Colombia and New Grenada is determined.

The first Masonic Lodge, bearing the title of *Trabajo y Honra*, was constituted a short time since in Bolivia. It is in the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Peru, and already, on 1st January last, numbered thirty-four members.

The death is announced of Bro. Roberts, President of the Republic of Liberia, and formerly Grand Master of Masons in that little State.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF HOUSE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES,
SATURDAY, 3rd JUNE 1876.

We understand that the two brethren nominated as candidates for the House Committee, Bros. Diaper and Sanders have withdrawn their candidature, consequently there will be no contested election. For the Audit Committee, there being nominated one in excess of the number required, there will be an election.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton P.G.D. in the chair. Bro. Hedges (in the absence of Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretary, through indisposition) read the minutes of the Special House Committee of the 4th April, and the Special Committee of the 25th of May, which were confirmed. After some other business the election for the House and Audit Committees took place, and the Scrutineers gave the following result: For the House Committee—Bros. John Boyd, H. Browne, H. A. Dubois, B. Head, P. De Lande, J. Nunn, Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, and T. W. White. For the Audit Committee—J. G. Chancellor, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, H. M. Levy, J. G. Marsh, J. Nunn, W. Roebuck, and R. B. Webster. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and the three Scrutineers, Bros. Major Finney, Venn and C. Moutrie. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Browne, T. Cubitt, H. Dicketts, J. Nunn, Col. Peters, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, T. Fenn, J. A. Rucker, Jardine, Young, J. Boyd, Chancellor, H. G. Buss, C. Moutrie, C. Hill, J. M. P. Montagu, J. B. Shackleton, H. Massey, R. W. Stewart, T. Fenn, J. A. Rucker, Hyde Pullen, J. Terry, B. Swallow, W. Paas, J. Baldwin, J. Last, T. Massa, W. Roebuck, J. Smith, R. Berridge, A. D. Loewenstark, J. Filer, T. White, A. H. Tattershall, Major Finney, Captain Wordsworth, T. Bacon, J. T. Moss, F. Binckes, H. M. Levy, &c.

The monthly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D. in the chair, the vice chairs being occupied by Bros. J. Rawson D.G.M. China, and J. Brett P.G.P. Grants to the amount of £653 were awarded. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, including Bros. the R.W. the Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W., W. H. Murlis, W. Stephens, B. Swallow, W. J. Howe, J. Smith, Dr. J. Hogg, Myers, Griffiths Smith, C. J. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, J. R. Webster, Fredk. Binckes, Coulton, Gibson, Somers, J. Pinder, Kench, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Wright, S. Foxall, J. Hervey, H. G. Buss, Pendlebury, &c.

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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If you have no other correspondent replying to "A Country P.M." I shall be glad to do so, as I think his letter important, and one that should be fully answered. First, then, let me inform him that the W.M. of a Lodge has the power to carry out the duties of his Office in any way he deems proper, provided it be not contrary to the usages and established customs of the Order, or against the Book of Constitutions. If, however, he commits any breach of the Masonic Law he renders himself liable to impeachment before the Grand Master if a London Lodge, and before the Prov. Grand Master if a Provincial Lodge.

Secondly, it is *not* the privilege, and certainly not the duty of the I.P.M. (or any other P.M.) to take upon himself any duty when the W.M. is present, unless appointed to that duty by the W.M.

It is the privilege of the I.P.M. to take the chair in the absence of the W.M., and in the absence of both, then the senior P.M., and so through the P.M.'s in seniority; but if the W.M. invites a visiting Brother to perform any of the ceremonies, he has a perfect right to do so, although, out of etiquette, he would no doubt ask the sanction of the P.M.'s, and possibly state his reasons for that course. I have seen this done in Lodges, and have myself, as a visitor, assisted in the ceremonies, and only last week a visiting Brother to a Lodge with which I am connected, at the request of the W.M., performed the ceremony of raising, in a manner not often seen even in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, to the great gratification of all the members.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.P. Grand Jr. Warden for Surrey.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to "A Country P.M.," I beg to say that the Master of a Lodge has the unquestionable right of inviting any qualified Brother to perform the duties of the chair. But it is an act of courtesy to the members of the Lodge for the W.M. to inquire if any Brother has an objection to his wish.

I see, by the report of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, in your last issue, that the W.M. adopted the course referred to above, and he is certainly to be commended for his conduct. Brief as this reply is, I feel it is fully all that need be said.

Yours fraternally,

A LONDON P.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to offer a few remarks in reply to "A Country P.M." in THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 20th inst.

In the Book of Constitutions, p. 78, Clause 6, Edition 1867, are contained the whole law upon the matter in question. We there find "If the Master * * * be incapable of discharging the duties of his office," the S.W., J.W., the I.P.M. or S.P.M. "shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge," and "in the Master's absence the I.P.M., or if he be absent, the S.P.M. of the Lodge present shall take the chair." Here note two points, the reference to incapability is limited, in the first instance, to summoning the Lodge, and by whom that duty is to be performed. In the second instance, incapacity caused by absence limits the duties of the chair to the I.P.M. first, and if he is absent, to the S.P.M. of the Lodge present.

The Book of Constitutions does not limit the power and discretion of the W.M. when present. Should he feel himself unable to perform the duties of initiation, passing and raising. He is simply restricted by the paramount duty to provide a legally qualified person to fill the chair for him, and is himself responsible for the proper performance of every ceremony so performed. Courtesy, kindness, brotherly feeling, and due regard to the wishes of the P.M.'s of his Lodge, and the brethren generally, would dictate his offering the honour first to his I.P.M., and in his absence to the S.P.M. present, in preference to inviting an Installed Master not a member of his Lodge.

I can readily conceive such a case arising, as that a special pleasure may be given to a candidate, or to his proposer, or to the Lodge, by asking an Installed Master from another Lodge to perform the ceremony, without being intended to slight or offend the P.M.'s of his own Lodge, and would suggest the possibility of such being so in the Lodge referred to by "A Country P.M."

It is, I fear, often thought by brethren that the W.M. when in the chair can be questioned and influenced by the authority of one or more brethren as to his discharge of the duties of the chair. Bro. Dr. Oliver says, p. 174 "Masonic Jurisprudence," "The Master's authority in the Lodge is despotic as the sun in the firmament." Also, p. 167, "As to placing another qualified brother in the chair, that is beyond the power of the Lodge," so also in the Charge to the Initiate in 1st degree! "So must your obedience be proved * * * by a perfect submission to the Master."

In conclusion, I will quote the words of advice given by Bro. Dr. Oliver bearing on this point, p. 150, "Masonic Jurisprudence," "Such

being the power of the W.M., and the entire subordination of the brethren, it will be evident that the greatest care and circumspection ought to be used in the choice of a brother to fill that important office * * * he ought to be trusty, of good repute, skilled in Masonic knowledge, a lover of the Craft, courteous in his manners, and firm in principle."

I fear I may have trespassed too far on your space, but having a sincere desire to help a brother in trouble, I hope you will accept my intention as ample apology; and I remain,

Yours fraternally,

P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the question raised in your last issue by "A Country P.M." as to whether a W.M. has "the power to invite any other Installed Master, not a Member of the Lodge, to perform" the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising "for him, when his I.P.M. and several other P.M.'s (all able and willing to do the work) are present," permit me to offer him the following by way of solution. It is stated at p. 165 of Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence" that "should he (the W.M.) feel any embarrassment in working the ceremonies, he may call on any qualified Brother, whether a member of his own Lodge or not, to assist him. In all such cases it is advisable for the ceremonies to be performed by a Past Master of the same Lodge." It follows, if this ruling be correct, that while it is advisable, it is not obligatory that the W.M. should seek the assistance of a P.M. of his own Lodge in performing the duties of the chair. The P.M.'s of a Lodge whose W.M. should habitually invite a visiting P.M. to assist him, would have grounds for complaint, on the score of courtesy, but not on the score of law. A W.M.'s abstention from the performance of his official duties, that is, his virtual absence from the Lodge, and his actual absence are hardly, it seems, to be looked upon as parallel cases. The Constitutions provide that, in the W.M.'s absence, the I.P.M. shall take the chair, or in his absence the Senior P.M. present, and so on, see p. 78, section 6. The case of abstention from duty, whether partial or complete, as stated by "A Country P.M.," I do not find anywhere provided for. For my own part, I think a W.M. should, as a matter of simple courtesy, invite one of the P.M.'s of his own Lodge to perform for him any part of his duties. Or should he desire the assistance of a visiting P.M., I would suggest his following the example of Bro. Masterman W.M. of Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452, as described in your last week's report of a recent meeting of that Lodge. I give your own words:

"Bro. Masterman then rose, and stated that, in consequence of domestic affliction, he did not feel quite himself, and if the Past Masters of the Lodge would kindly grant permission, he would ask his esteemed friend, Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, to work the ceremony of raising in favour of Bro. Frederick Cassell, who was that evening a candidate for the sublime degree. This request was graciously acceded to by the several P.M.'s present, and Bro. Constable took the chair."

I do not like to picture to myself in a Lodge of Masons any member showing wilful discourtesy towards another, and least of all the W.M. towards his predecessors in the chair. Yet I think a W.M. would be guilty of such if he did not first of all invite their assistance, or else do as W.M. Bro. Masterman did, request them to waive their privilege by courtesy in favour of a visiting P.M.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"Q."

SYMBOLISM.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following will, perhaps, suffice in some measure to make apparent to "ENQUIRE'S" mind what is the application of the 47th proposition of the 1st book of Euclid to Freemasonry. It is from Vol. I (*Masonic Institutes*) of the *Remains of the Early Masonic Writers*, edited by Dr. Oliver. The essay from which it is extracted is the very first in the book, on "the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry," the writer being anonymous, and there being no date attached. Having stated the nature of the proposition, its delineation on the Master's tracing board, and the name of its reputed author, Pythagoras, who regarded it as the *foundation of geometry*, the nameless writer proceeds to apply it as a symbol of Freemasonry.

"As," writes he, "the figure above mentioned depends on the connexion of the several lines, angles, and triangles which form the whole, so FREEMASONRY depends on the unanimity and integrity of its members, the immutability of the principles upon which the society is established. The position is clear, and therefore, in a syncretical sense, we demonstrate that some of our brethren, from their exalted situation in life, rolling in their chariots at ease, and enjoying every luxury, pleasure, and comfort, may with strict propriety be considered as standing on the basis of earthly bliss, emblematic of the greater square, which subtends the right angle. Others, whom providence hath blessed with means to tread on the flowery meads of affluence, are descriptive of the squares which stand on the sides which form the right angle. The several triangles inscribed within the squares are applicable to those happy beings, who enjoy every social comfort, and never exceed the bounds of mediocrity. Those who, by application to peculiar arts, manufactures, and commerce, from their several productions, not only add to the wealth of the nation, and to the happiness of the exalted, but have the heartfelt satisfaction of administering to the wants of the indigent and indastrious, may, with strict justice, be compared to the angles which surround and support the figures, whilst the lines which form it remind us of

those unfortunate brethren, who, by a series of inevitable events, are incapable of providing the common necessities of life, until aided by our cheerful and ever-ready assistance.

"Hence, from the corollary we draw an axiom in Masonry; for by connecting the several lines together, and bringing the unfortunate and industrious into compact with the affluent and exalted, we form a figure descriptive of the true basis on which our ancient brethren raised the superstructure of FREEMASONRY. A basis which no mortal power can shake; THE BOSOM OF ALL GENTLE CHARITY; that heaven-born virtue, is the attribute divine of GOD OMNIPOTENT; a sublime emotion, that fully demonstrates the existence of our spiritual being, and animates us to this glorious certainty of immortality.

Bro. Dr. Mackey, in his *Lesson of Freemasonry*, under the head of the "Forty-seventh Problem," and in reference to the sacrifice to the Gods which Pythagoras is said to have offered for joy at the grand discovery he had made, says: "The devotion to learning which this religious act indicated in the mind of the ancient philosopher has induced Masons to adopt the problem as a memento, instructing them to be lovers of the arts and sciences." He then proceeds as follows:—"The triangle whose base is 4 parts, whose perpendicular is 3, and whose hypothenuse is 5, and which would exactly serve as a demonstration of this problem," $[4^2 + 3^2 = 5^2, \text{ or } 16 + 9 = 25]$, "was, according to Plutarch, a symbol frequently employed by the Egyptian priests, and hence it is called by M. Jomard the Egyptian triangle. It was, with the Egyptians, the symbol of universal nature, the base representing Osiris, or the male principle, the perpendicular, Isis, or the female principle, and the hypothenuse, Horus, their son, or the product of the two principles. They added, that 3 was the first perfect odd number, that 4 was the square of 2, the first even number; and that five was the result of 3 and 2." Much is added respecting the uses to which the Egyptians are said to have put this forty-seventh proposition; but though very interesting, it is not material to the object of "EXQUIRER'S" question.

For the reason why it forms a part of a Past Master's jewel of office, I offer the following suggestion, for which my fancy is my only justification. As the proof of the problem depends on the just connexion of the lines, angles, and triangles which form the whole figure, so the value of the Past Master's degree, of which it is the emblem, depends on the just connexion of the several degrees of Craft Masonry. The P.M.'s degree is the completion or perfection of those degrees.

I may add that Oliver, in a footnote to the first passage I have quoted above, says, that this expressive symbol was used immediately after 1717 as a Mason's signature or mark. It was not adopted as the cognizance of a Past Master till after the Union in 1813. Bro. Mackey, under "Past Masters," says that the P.M.'s jewel was formerly in England the square on a quadrant, and that in the United States it is "a pair of compasses, extended to sixty degrees on the fourth part of a circle." Under the Scotch Constitutions—see p. 61 of edition 1874—a P.M.'s jewel is "the Compasses, Square, and Segment."

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

A THANKOFFERING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The *Daily News* of to-day (26th May), quotes a paragraph intimating the intention of a Past Grand Officer to move, at the next Quarterly Communication, "That as a Thank-offering on this occasion, this Grand Lodge vote from its funds the sum of £1,000, which, together with the offerings made at the service in St. Paul's, shall be devoted to the benefit of such charitable object in India as may be recommended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

If Grand Lodge determines to make a thankoffering at this particular time, let it take the form of a contribution to one of our own charities—say the Boys' or Girls' School; the former has scarcely any invested funds, and a large outlay. Close upon £10,000 is being incurred in enlarging the latter. Any Grand Lodge contribution towards either of these institutions might appropriately be described as the "Prince of Wales's Indian Commemoration Gift." If our Rev. P.G. Officer took a more active part in the management of our own charities, he would be better able to gauge the extent of their necessities.

J. CONSTABLE P.M. 185.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

From the "BERKSHIRE CHRONICLE."

ONE of the largest Masonic gatherings that has ever taken place in this province was held at Reading on Tuesday, 16th inst., the Berks and Bucks Provincial Grand Lodge being convened at the Albert Hall, Friar-street, which had been suitably prepared for the purpose. Members of the two Lodges in Reading, augmented by numerous arrivals from the Lodges at Abingdon, Maidenhead, Newbury, Windsor, Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Buckingham, Newport, Pagnell, and visitors from other provinces, assembled at the Hall, at one o'clock, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, entering the Hall in procession, were received by the general body of Masons with the accustomed honours. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presided, supported by his Deputy, the Rev. J. S. Browarigg, and the Grand Officers, among whom were Bros. Moxhay, Biggs, Weightman, Hodges, R. Bradley,

Williams, Woodhouse, Balley, Brown, Winkfield, Powell, Ivy, Burns, Carter, Hurley, Botly; Revs. Fraser, Campbell and A. Robins, and others well known in the province as "expert" Craftsmen. The visitors included Bros. Mercer Past Grand Master of China, Goldney, M.P., Deputy Grand Master for Wilts, Toomer, Wilts, Dewe, Hants, Birch, Middlesex, &c. We also noticed present Bros. Baker, Ballard, Powell, Clare, Morland, Shepherd, Tomkins, Barrett, D'Almaine, Gooch, Palmer, Reeve, Tolley, Glover, King, Nowell, Westfield, Frazer, Huckdale, Dent, Danks, Mount, A. Welch, Parry, Albury, Blackwell, Stransom, S. Bradley, G. Cosburn, Cave, Flanagan, Major Stevens, Ferguson, Ravenor, Knight, Wheeler, Jarman, Christian, Beale, Margrett, Oades, Cotterell, Newman, Pollard, Balding, &c., in all rather more than one hundred.

The roll having been called, and the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Aylesbury last year read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the finance report, Bro. Chancellor, the Treasurer, being absent, in consequence of indisposition. The Provincial Grand Secretary also read the reports of the Charity Committee and the Lodges in the province. The members now numbered six hundred and thirty. There had been eighty-nine initiations during the year, and the joining members numbered thirty-nine. The balances in the Lodges amounted to upwards of £800.

The Prov. Grand Master said it was highly gratifying to know that there had been a steady increase during the past twelve months. He hoped that those Lodges which had not yet given their support to the Provincial Charity Fund would see the propriety of doing so. Hitherto the amount voted from the Grand Lodge Funds to the Charity Fund had been twenty guineas, but as the number of Lodges had been latterly increased the demand upon the Charity was likely to become greater, and he therefore thought they might safely increase the grant to twenty-five guineas. He accordingly proposed a motion to that effect.

The Deputy Grand Master said that as the primary object of their institution was charity there was no reason why they should hoard up their funds, and he felt they would be perfectly justified in augmenting the grant to the Charity Fund year by year as necessity may arise. He therefore seconded the motion, which was put by the Provincial Grand Master, and adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master then moved that £73 10s be transferred from the Charity Fund in grants of five and seven guineas each to those Lodges who had made substantial contributions to the Fund.

This proposal was seconded by Bro. Williams, and carried.

Bro. Chancellor was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, being proposed by the Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master then proposed, and the Prov. Grand Master seconded, a resolution which had for its object the more effectual disposal of the votes for the various Masonic institutions held by the Lodges and individual members, and this was carried unanimously.

Bro. J. T. C. Winkfield P.M. 591, P.P.G.W., H. H. Hodges P.M. 795, P.P.G.R., and W. J. Powell P.M. 945, were respectively invested by the Provincial Grand Master with the Provincial Charity Jewel.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

H. H. Hodges P.M. 795 S.G.W.
R. C. Hurley P.M. 1101 J.G.W.
Rev. F. Campbell 574 G. Chaplain.
Rev. A. Robins 771 G. Chaplain.
Geo. Chancellor P.M. 1101 G. Treasurer.
H. Poynter P.M. 948 G. Registrar.
W. Biggs P.M. 574 G. Secretary.
Josh. Blowers P.M. 414 G.S. Deacon.
W. J. Powell P.M. 945 G. Jun. Deacon.
H. D. Gooch P.M. 631 G. Supt. of Works.
J. O. Carter P.M. 209 G. Director of Ceremonies.
John Palmer P.M. 1501 G. Assistant ditto.
Jno. Reeve W.M. 840 G. Sword Bearer.
P. Glover 574 G. Organist.
W. King P.M. 948 G. Pursuivant.
C. Nowell 771 G. Assistant Pursuivant.
F. Westfield Secretary 1501 G. Steward.
D. W. Frazer S.W. 1410 G. Steward.
W. Huckdale S.D. 1501 G. Steward.
M. W. Dent J.D. 1501 G. Steward.
J. E. Danks I.G. 1101 G. Steward.
R. C. Mount 414 G. Steward.
W. Hemmings G. Tyler.

The P.G.M. having expressed his thanks to Bro. Mercer and Bro. Goldney for having honoured the gathering with their presence, those gentlemen briefly addressed the brethren.

The P.G.M. then announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at High Wycombe, and the business of the Lodge was soon afterwards brought to a close.

At three o'clock the officers and brethren, numbering 80, sat down to a banquet at the Queen's Hotel, the chair being occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, who, on the introduction of dessert, introduced the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Royal Family, the P.G.M. expressing the joy that all must feel through the safe and happy return of his Royal Highness from his Indian tour.

The next toast was that of the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Past and Present.

The D.G.M. proposed the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. M.P., which was received with the greatest possible enthusiasm. The D.G.M. believed he was correct in saying that it was an established rule that the busiest men were always most attentive to business, and this was certainly true in the case of Sir Daniel Gooch, who was always engaged with business of importance, and there were few men who

transacted business matters more efficiently than Sir Daniel, and yet he found time to attend to his duties as Grand Master of this Province, besides which he attended the meetings of the Grand Lodge of England with great regularity (cheers). As a Province, they might certainly congratulate themselves on having at their head one who had distinguished himself, whether in the undertakings of everyday business or in his duties as a Mason (cheers).

The P.G.M., in returning thanks, observed that it had given him great pleasure to see the Provincial Grand Lodge so largely attended. It was true he had a great many engagements to occupy his time and attention, but supported and encouraged as he was by the brethren of this province he could not but discharge his Masonic duties to the best of his power and ability (cheers). They had heard from their able Secretary (Bro. Biggs) how the Lodges were progressing and also the support given to the Charities, and he could only ask them to continue in the same course, and he hoped that when they assembled at Wycombe next year they would have as much reason to be pleased with the results as on this occasion (cheers). The P.G.M. then proposed the health of his deputy, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, speaking of him as a zealous, active, and good Mason, who had rendered him great assistance in fulfilling his duties as P.G.M. (cheers). The P.G.M. also spoke in warm terms of the valuable services of the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, who for many years efficiently performed the duties of D.G.M., and whose name he associated with the toast.

The D.G.M. assured the brethren it gave him sincere pleasure to be of service to them, and said he had the fullest authority for stating that every Lodge in the Province was in a satisfactory state (cheers).

Bro. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., thanked the brethren for this renewed expression of their kind and fraternal feeling, and alluded to the great and beneficial change that had occurred with regard to Freemasonry in this Province during the past ten years, owing to the energy of Sir D. Gooch, and also to the circumstance that the Deputy Grand Master resided in the Bucks division of the Province. He hoped the prosperity which now characterised Masonry would not only continue but increase year after year (cheers).

The Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of the visitors, remarking that it gave him particular pleasure to couple with this toast the health of Bro. Goldney, who ably filled the position of Deputy Grand Master for the Province of Wiltshire—an office which he himself held for many years, during which he formed associations and friendships upon which he looked back with a great amount of pleasure (cheers).

Bro. Goldney, M.P., in thanking the brethren, said it not only delighted him to have been the guest of their esteemed Grand Master, but he was charmed with all he had seen and heard that day, and he hoped that Freemasonry would long continue to flourish in this Province. He was striving in his own Province to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, now their worthy Provincial Grand Master, whose excellent example was still producing good fruit in the Wiltshire Province. From time to time philosophers had attempted to establish a system of universal fraternity and love, and there had been religious movements for the purpose of attaining that end, but he knew of no institution so well calculated to accomplish the purpose as Freemasonry (cheers). If they would but endeavour to maintain the grand principles of their Order, and illustrate them in their actions, they would all become better men, and they would thus do much towards civilising and harmonising the whole of mankind. Speaking of the Masonic symbols, Bro. Goldney reminded the brethren that not many centuries ago men who advanced scientific truths became the objects of attack and persecution, as in the case of the great Bacon, and it was only by signs and symbols that men could in those days safely communicate great scientific principles to those who would appreciate and foster and encourage them, and therefore in Masonry they had, as it were, the foundation of those great pursuits to which, in these days, the world owed so much. (Cheers.)

The health of the Provincial Grand Wardens, past and present, having been proposed, was responded to by Bro. Hodges S.G.W., and Bro. Hurley J.G.W.

The Prov. Grand Master gave the health of the Worshipful Masters, Officers and brethren of the Reading Lodges, and other Lodges in the province, for whom Bro. Yetts, W.M. Union Lodge, and Bro. Brown, P.M. Grey Friars Lodge, responded. The P.G.M. thanked the Reading Lodges for the arrangements they had made for the P.G. Lodge. Bro. Brown explained that the W.M. of the Grey Friars Lodge (Bro. Freeman) had unexpectedly been called away on important business, which accounted for his absence.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Biggs, of whose indefatigable exertions in the cause of Masonry Sir Daniel spoke in the most eulogistic terms. (Cheers.) Bro. Biggs suitably responded, observing that for nearly twenty-five years past it had been his good fortune to be associated in Masonry with Sir Daniel. In Wiltshire he attained to the position of Senior Grand Warden, Sir Daniel being Deputy Grand Master. They left Wiltshire about the same period, and, on coming into Berkshire, he found himself again in office under Sir Daniel. He accounted it an honour of which any Mason might well feel proud to have served under Sir Daniel as he had done, and to have enjoyed for so long a period the confidence of such a goodhearted, honest, and straightforward Masonic character as Sir Daniel was known to be (hear, and cheers).

Then followed the toasts of "The Masonic Charities," "The Musical Brethren," "The Stewards," "The Master Masons" (for whom Bro. C. Stephens responded), "The Press," &c.

The speeches were interspersed by vocal music, and the proceedings were prolonged until past eight o'clock.

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THE consecration and dedication of this Lodge attracted to Marlborough, on Tuesday, upwards of 80 members of the Masonic craft, from Swindon, Salisbury, Devizes, Trowbridge, Bath, Newbury, Reading, and elsewhere. The company included the Right Hon. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, the Right Hon. Lord Ernest Bruce, M.P. (Keystone Lodge, Westminster), Rev. Sir J. Hayes, Bart. P.P.D. Grand Master (Berks and Bucks), Revs. C. Raikes Davy, T. F. Ravenshaw, and W. Martin (Past Grand Chaplains of England), Rev. — Gore, P.P. Grand Chaplain (Worcestershire), Captain Bradford P.G. Treasurer, Bros. H. C. Tombs, P.G. Secretary, Chandler P.G.J.W., Ward P.G.D.C., T. Chandler P.M., Fox, Captains Robert Bruce, Henry Bruce, and Merriman, Bros. Toomer P.M. 355, P.Z. 355, P.P.G.J.W., and W.M. Designate of the Marlborough Lodge, Fielder P.P.G.S.D. (Berks and Bucks), Burns P.M., Herbert P.M., Glover P.G.O. (Berks and Bucks), Rev. H. G. Gardener P.G. Chaplain, Bros. Lawson P.M., Joshua Brooke, James Carter, H. C. Church, C. F. Goodey, J. Hammond, and J. Blake Maurice (Marlborough), Savory, &c. The Grand Secretary of England (W. Bro. John Hervey), the Provincial Grand Master for Wilts., (the Right Hon. Lord Methuen), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Goldney, M.P.), and the Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.), had severally written to the Provincial Grand Secretary, expressing their regret that engagements in the House of Commons, and elsewhere, which could not be set aside, prevented them attending the consecration of the Marlborough Lodge, for which, however, they desired all possible success. Lord Harry Thynne opened the Lodge soon after 2 o'clock, and, in the absence of the Grand Secretary, who had been announced to perform the ceremony of consecration, his lordship appointed as officiating Master Bro. J. Terry, Past Master of several Lodges, P.G.D.C. for Hertfordshire, who is known as one of the most experienced and efficient Working Masons in this country. Under Bro. Terry's leadership all the ancient rites and ceremonies appertaining to the consecration and dedication of a Lodge were scrupulously adhered to, supplemented by solemn music, anthems, and chants. One of the most impressive points in the afternoon's proceedings was an admirable address on "Freemasonry," by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Towards the close of the programme, Lord Harry Thynne congratulated the brethren upon the fact that Marlborough had at last succeeded in forming a Masonic Lodge, and said he entertained no doubt but that, under the able and genial sway of Bro. Toomer, assisted by efficient officers, Masonry would flourish in that town. His Lordship said he had been told by a brother Mason, who had just returned with the Prince of Wales from India, that the Masonic feeling shown throughout the tour had been of the warmest kind, and that the Masons in different parts of our Indian Empire had availed themselves of every opportunity of showing their loyalty and fraternal feeling towards their royal brother, the most Worshipful Grand Master. The ceremony of consecrating and dedicating the Lodge having ended, a cordial vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Terry, who acknowledged the compliment. Bro. John Toomer was then installed first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and the following brethren were appointed to the several offices, and invested by the Worshipful Master with their collars, and other insignia:—Senior Warden, Bro. Hammond; Junior Warden, Bro. Carter; Treasurer, Bro. J. Blake Maurice; Secretary, Bro. Joshua Brooke; Senior Deacon, Captain Robert Brudenell Bruce; Junior Deacon, Bro. Goodey; I.G., Bro. J. Chandler; Tyler, Bro. Savory. At half-past 4 o'clock the company partook of a banquet at the Guildhall, the caterer being Bro. Carter, of the Aylesbury Arms Hotel. In proposing and responding to the toasts invariably given at Masonic gatherings, a great number of speeches were delivered. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Tombs) was heartily thanked for his arduous labours in connection with the event of the day, and in responding he assured the brethren it had been eminently a labour of love. The names of Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Tombs (who has recently raised the munificent sum of £320 for the charities of the Order), were coupled with the toast of The Masonic Charities, and in reply these brethren made eloquent appeals to the Masons of this Province to give a cheerful and ready support to the three great Masonic Institutions, namely: the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution. Towards eight o'clock the brethren began to disperse, the majority of the visitors leaving the town by train the same evening.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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W. M. STANTON.—Copies sent off as you requested. Song came duly to hand. Thanks for report.

M. SPIEGEL.—Much obliged. Shall always be pleased to hear from you.

W. J. S.—The Portrait shall appear in two or three weeks. Many thanks for the facts you have so kindly supplied.

W. M.—We will treat on the subject next week.

F. J.—The number you refer to has since been reprinted.

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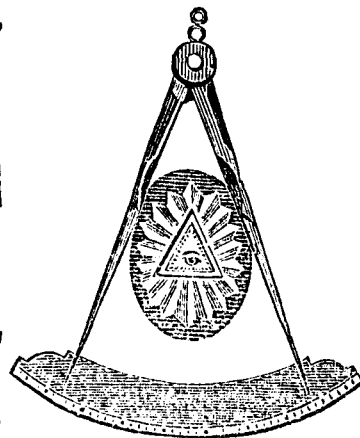
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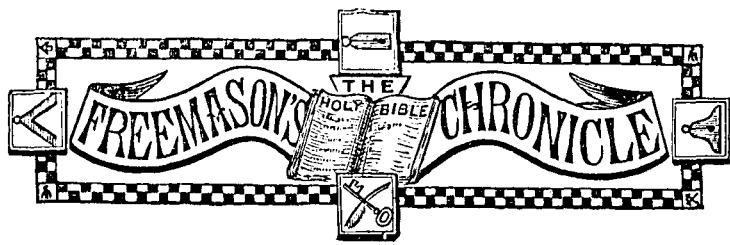
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords did not sit on Saturday. On
Monday the Earl of Derby made an important state-
ment, in reply to Earl Granville, on the Andrassy Note.
The second reading of a Government Bill for the purpose
of restricting the practice of Vivisection, was moved by
the Earl of Carnarvon, and agreed to after a debate, in
which most of the speakers recognised the necessity for
such a measure. On Tuesday, a Burials in Churchyards
Bill was rejected, on the motion, by Earl Grey, for its second
reading. Brief conversations on Railway Breaks and
Dover Harbour followed.

There being no quorum at the usual hour of meeting,
no business was transacted in the House of Commons on
Friday. A most unseemly exhibition occurred on Monday,
when the Ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin put a question to Mr.
Disraeli respecting the Fenian prisoners. Mr. Biggar, member
for County Cavan, spoke in such terms of the Duke of Cam-
bridge and the Prime Minister, that his constituents must
be ashamed of their representative. Mr. Biggar's proper
sphere is evidently a bear garden. He is out of place

among the gentlemen who compose Her Majesty's Com-
mons. Shortly afterwards the House took into its
consideration the Merchant Shipping Bill as amended.
An Amendment by Mr. Plimsoll, to prevent vessels carrying
deck cargoes, was carried over the Government by 162
to 143, and the third reading fixed for Thursday. On
Tuesday, a motion was made by Mr. James to inquire
into the funds of the City Guilds, but after a long debate,
in which Lord Mayor Cotton spoke out manfully for these
corporations, the motion was withdrawn. The House,
almost immediately afterwards, was counted out. On
Wednesday, the Employers' Liability for Injury Bill was
withdrawn after a lengthened discussion. On Thursday,
the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill passed through
Committee, and a motion by Mr. Fawcett on the Commons
Bill was rejected.

The Queen reached Balmoral on Saturday afternoon,
having left Windsor Castle the evening previous. For a
time there seemed a prospect of Her Majesty's journey
being postponed, as her grandson, the infant son of the
Prince and Princess Christian was taken suddenly and
alarmingly ill. She was present at the child's christening,
and, as the symptoms had abated, set out on her journey.
Unhappily a fresh seizure occurred soon afterwards, and
the little Prince died on Saturday morning, after a brief
existence of eight days. The funeral took place on Tues-
day, and was attended by Prince Christian, and the Hon.
Mrs. Wellesley as the Queen's representative. H.R.H. the
Princess Christian's recovery has been somewhat retarded
by this event. The State Ball, which was to have been
held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, is postponed, in
consequence, till Thursday, the 1st of June. On hearing
of the loss sustained by the Princess Christian, the Princess
of Wales and the Princess Louise both visited Her Royal
Highness, and passed some time with her.

The grand banquet and ball given by the City of London,
on Friday last, in honour of the Prince of Wales's return
from India, was a great success. For some time previously
Guildhall had been undergoing a state of preparation for
the important event, and those who had the opportunity of
witnessing the marvellous transformation the fine old civic
palace underwent must have had some doubts as to the
place in which they were. On arrival, their Royal High-
nesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were conducted
to the Library, which had been fitted up as a reception
room, and were received by the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs,
and the committee of the Corporation, amid loud applause.
The Town Clerk having first read the resolution of the
Common Council, proposing an address, the Recorder then
read the address itself, which was presented in a gold
casket to his Royal Highness, and by him acknowledged in
appropriate terms. The banquet was then served in the
Guildhall, where covers were laid for 550 guests. The
toast of the Prince and Princess of Wales was received
with acclamation. The banquet over, the distinguished
guests returned to the drawing-room, and the hall was
transformed into a magnificent ball-room, space being
marked off for the royal visitors, who were then conducted
in state to the place set apart for them, and dancing com-
menced. The Prince and Princess subsequently danced in
the other ball-rooms prepared for the occasion—one of which

was fitted up in Indian fashion—and charmed all present by their gracious condescension. They left about three in the morning, and even at that early hour the streets were thronged with people, who cheered them as lustily as did the greater crowds assembled to witness their arrival.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by command of the Queen, held a levee at St. James's Palace, on Monday. The Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge were present, and the Gentlemen-at-arms and the Yeomen of the Guard under their respective Captains, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot and Lord Skelmersdale, were on duty. A very large number of presentations were made. After the Levee, the Prince and his brother the Duke of Edinburgh went down to Portsmouth, where they were received by Admiral Elliott, Commander-in-Chief. They at once went on board the Sultan, the Duke's Ship, which sails for the Mediterranean to-day or to-morrow. About thirty guests were invited to meet His Royal Highness at dinner. The Prince slept on board, and on Tuesday, in company with his brother paid a visit to the Arctic Yacht Pandora, Captain Allen Young. They then lunched with Captain Carr-Glyn and the officers of the Serapis. Before quitting the ship the Prince addressed the men, in a short, genial speech, praising their behaviour during the voyage to India and back, and wishing them prosperity in the future, the response to which was a succession of hearty cheers from the men, who had swarmed up the rigging and side of the ship. After this pleasant little episode the Royal party returned to London.

The anniversary meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held on Monday afternoon in the Hall of the University of London, Burlington Gardens, under the presidency of Sir Henry Rawlinson. The Report was read, and this showed that the total number of ordinary fellows on the list at the end of last month was 3125, of whom 692 were Life Members. The accounts for the year ended 31st December 1875 showed Receipts to the amount of £7934 and some odd shillings and pence, while the Expenditure, exclusive of Investments and Balances, was a little over £6992. The expenses of the Livingstone search and Cameron Expedition would fall on the year now current, and it was expected they would reach about £3000. The Report having been unanimously adopted, the President presented the founder's Gold Medal for 1876 to Lieutenant Cameron, and in doing so congratulated him on the work he had accomplished, and especially on the number and accuracy of the observations he had taken during his journey. The honour having been suitably acknowledged, the Victoria or Patron's Medal was handed to Mr. Lowther M.P. under-Secretary for the Colonies, for transmission to Mr. John Forrest, on whom it had been resolved to confer it, in recognition of the services to Geographical science he had rendered by his many successful explorations in Western Australia. The medals offered to the chief public schools were then awarded, namely: in Physical Geography, gold medal, John Wilkie, Liverpool College; bronze medal, Walter New, Dulwich; Political Geography, gold, Thomas Knox, Haileybury; bronze, W. M. Milner, Marlborough. The address was then delivered, in the course of which it was announced that the Government had resolved to share the expenses of the Cameron Expedition, and that a sum of £3000 would shortly be handed over to the Society. The banquet was held at Willis's Rooms, the chair being occupied by the President, Sir H. Rawlinson, about a hundred and fifty gentlemen sitting down to dinner. The toast of the evening was the health of Lieutenant Cameron, which was enthusiastically received.

The annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund was held on Saturday, at Willis's Rooms, the chair being taken by Lord O'Hagan, who, at the last moment, kindly consented to preside in place of the Lord Chief Justice, whom indisposition prevented from attending. About 250 guests sat down to a *recherché* banquet, among them being Lord Houghton, President of the Fund, the Lord Mayor, Lieut. Cameron, Signor Salvini, Mr. Anthony Trollope, Sir J. Benedict, and Sir Joseph Whitworth. In the course of the evening, subscriptions were announced to the extent of over £1,100.

On Saturday, Lillie Bridge was the scene of the most successful athletic gathering of the year, the occasion being the Civil Service Sports, which were witnessed by somewhere about 20,000 people, the ladies being in strong force, especially as the day was a brilliant one. J. H. A. Reay won the mile and the 220 yards Challenge Cup, as well as the broad jump. A new feature was introduced,

and caused a considerable amount of amusement. This was the Tug of War, or what, in our schoolboy days, was known as French and English. In the final tug the India Office gained the day over the Post Office. On Tuesday, the London Athletic Club held their first summer meeting at the same grounds. The entries were very numerous, and the programme was very satisfactorily and punctually got through. W. Slade, the amateur mile champion, won the mile in 4 mins. 32 secs.

Now that the season is well advanced, we find not only that cricket is in full operation, but also that the different yachting Clubs are taking their opening cruises and preparing for their various matches. Polo, too, is looking up, so that there is no lack of amusement. On Saturday, the Coaching Club, younger brother to the Four-in-hand, inaugurated the season by a meet at the Powder Magazine, Hyde Park, and a subsequent drive to the Alexandra Palace. No less than thirty-four traps put in an appearance at the appointed hour, but several of them belonged to members of the Four-in-hand. After the customary parade, the line of coaches moved out by the Marble Arch, and thirteen of the number made the journey to Muswell Hill, and created no small amount of excitement among the visitors to the Palace, when the Club and its guests, including several ladies, sat down, to the number of seventy-five, to the very sumptuous luncheon which Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had provided. The pleasurable part of the day's proceedings being accomplished, the drags returned to town. The Four-in-hand had a meet on Wednesday, but the weather was unpropitious.

A serious accident occurred on Sunday on the Thames, just opposite the Houses of Parliament, no less than six lives being lost. A pleasure party had engaged a boat at Battersea to make an excursion down the river, and had made the return journey as far as Westminster Bridge, when they fouled some barges and swung against one of the mooring chains, tilting slightly to one side. One of the party, Mrs. Rayne, rose, in her fright, and two of her sons following her example, the boat capsized, and its occupants were thrown into the water. Two only were saved, by clinging to the chains, but the rest perished before assistance, which was rendered as promptly as possible, could reach them. Such accidents as this would never occur if people would only bear in mind that to stand up in a boat is wrong at all times, but especially at a critical moment, when the slightest movement is enough to settle whether the boat shall turn over or not. Had Mrs. Rayne sat still, the boat would have righted itself. People have no business to make excursions on the river if they are not prepared to act common-sensibly.

To-day being set apart for the public celebration of Her Majesty's birthday, the leading Ministers have issued invitations for the usual banquets. The Household troops will parade, as usual, at the back of the Horse Guards, and Royal salutes will be fired from the Park guns, the Tower, Woolwich, and at our different forts, &c. In the evening the illuminations, especially those at the West End, will doubtless attract the usual crowd of sightseers.

The attitude of England in reference to the proposals made respecting the *status quo* in Turkey at the Berlin Conference has caused no small amount of commotion in political circles, particularly in Berlin and Paris. Under these circumstances, What will happen next? becomes not only an interesting, but a somewhat serious question. Meantime, there is talk of Russia despatching ironclads to the *Ægean* Sea; a German squadron has sailed for the Mediterranean, and our naval forces in those waters are about to be considerably reinforced. As for the insurrection in Bosnia, &c., the demands of the insurgents rise higher and higher, and now we hear of their claiming to be made into an independent State. As for Turkey, she seems to be powerless. Money, the sinews of war, is not forthcoming, and even men for the army are said to be scarce. Let us hope that peaceful proposals may prevail, and for this reason it is satisfactory to know that the British government is observing a firm attitude in the present crisis. Politics are, to us, forbidden ground, but we all know that English interests in the East are far too important for any ministry to view the present troubles in Turkey with indifference. In the French Senate, M. Victor Hugo moved a resolution to the effect that a complete amnesty should be granted to the Communists now undergoing punishment for their crimes, but the motion was negatived by a large majority. At Rome, Sir A. Paget, our Ambassador, has held a grand reception, when everybody of consequence

was present, for the purpose of congratulating him on having been raised to ambassadorial rank. Two masters of the ceremonies were present from the King's palace, and an officer of rank attended from the War office to present the chiefs of the army. The assemblage was a brilliant one, all the guests being in full dress as at a reception by the King.

At the Levee, on Monday last, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton P.G.D. was presented by Bro. Lord Carrington.

The Victoria Park Swimming Club will commence operations for the coming season on Whit Monday. Entries for the events, which consist of a 200 Yards Handicap, 80 Yards Race for Boys, and a 100 Yards Race for Members, should be sent to Bro. T. Hadley Prestage, the Hon. Sec., 531 Hackney Road, by 1st June next.

We are requested to state that there is no truth in the rumour we recently copied from another journal, that the proprietors of the popular "Specialité Sherry," are forming their business into a Joint Stock Company Limited. Messrs. Felton and Sons have no idea of doing so.

LOYALTY LODGE, No. 1607.—We are sorry the appointment of Bro. C. J. Perceval, as S.D. of this Lodge, was omitted in our report last week.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will assemble on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at Dovercourt. Grand Lodge will be opened at 1.30, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M.

On Wednesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire will assemble, under the banner of St. Peter's 442, at St. Peter's College, Peterborough. Lodge will be opened at twelve o'clock, by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. After which the brethren will proceed to the Cathedral, service commencing at two p.m., when a sermon will be preached, and a collection made in aid of the Masonic charities and the building fund of St. Mary's Church, Peterborough. At the conclusion of the service the brethren will proceed to the church of St. Mary's, where the first stone of a new aisle will be laid by the Prov. G.M.

The thirty-two female candidates at the election last week to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution form two groups of sixteen each, the first consisting of eleven who were applicants for the third, and five who were applicants a second time; while the other sixteen had not previously been candidates. Ten of the former and eleven of the latter were elected; and of these ten, six were successful at their third, and four at their second attempt. The highest on the poll was No. 16, an applicant for the second time; Nos. 2 and 3 were first applications, and No. 4 a third application. Of the eleven unsuccessful, five were third, one second, and four first applications, while one first, No. 18, was withdrawn. Three of the older candidates scored less than ten additional votes, namely: No. 5, five; No. 10, nine; and No. 15, two. No. 2 increased her total by only 33, while No. 7, who had brought forward only four votes, was within four of being elected. One candidate obtained no support whatever.

A meeting of the members of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England, &c., will be held on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. Business:—To receive such candidates as may be in attendance.

Captain Smith, in his "Use and Abuse of Freemasonry," published in 1783, states the number and distribution of Lodges throughout the world to be as follows:—

Europe ...	...	...	...	1217 Lodges.
America ...	...	...	...	187 "
Asia ...	...	...	...	76 "
Africa ...	...	...	...	13 "
Total ...	...	...	...	1523

Estimating "these, one with another, at thirty members in each," he obtains as the total number of Masons at that time on the muster-rolls of the Order, 45,690. Now there are just over 1,500 Lodges under Grand Lodge of England alone, while in New York State there are over 80,000 Masons.

WARRANTS OF OLD LODGES.

We hope to succeed in publishing all the important Warrants of Lodges holding originally under the "Ancients," and thus complete the information lacking in Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813." All who have been privileged to secure copies of this work will be aware that the dates of constitution of the "Ancient" Lodges are left blank, just as in the Calendar of the Grand Lodge of England, excepting No. 19.

It is our intention to fill in all these blanks as far as possible, so that in a future edition of the "Memorials" Bro. Hughan will be able to add (with those he already has) the dates of warrants of the Ancients, and we hope the information we shall thus publish will prove useful in the compilation of Bro. Spencer's contemplated history of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England.

Transcripts of the Warrants of old Lodges are valuable for many reasons, chiefly, however, because the particulars of the origin of each Lodge so described, names of the first Worshipful Master, Wardens, and so on are noted.

We shall not confine ourselves to the "Ancient" Warrants, for the "Moderns," especially from 1722, shall receive due attention; but as for a time the "Seceders" will receive special notice it may be well to explain, for the benefit of all concerned, that frequently the places of meeting have been changed, and consequently the town named on a warrant may not indicate where the Lodge is now held.

We make use of Brother Hughan's "Memorials" as far as possible to supply the alterations in the numbers, but we cannot supply the changes in the places of meeting at all times, because of lack of information at present.

We shall be glad to be favoured with exact copies of any old warrants and particulars for publication, and fraternally invite the assistance and co-operation of the Craft to this end.

All communications in reference to this Department to be addressed

JOHN CONSTABLE,

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20th May 1876.

Old Warrants, No. 1.

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To all whom it may concern, We, the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions, granted by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, A.D. 926, and in the year of Masonry 4926; in ample form assembled, viz., the R.W. the Most Noble Prince John (the 4th) Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathsay and Stratharde, Viscount Balquider, Glenalvon and Glenalmond, Lord Murray, Belveny, and Gask, heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and The Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the county of Gloucester, Grand Master of Masons; the R.W. John Harper, Esq., D.G.M.; the R.W. John Bryant Roache, Esq., S.G.W.; and the R.W. Richard Humphreys, Esq., J.G.W.; with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the city and suburbs of London and Westminster, do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, viz., the W. Sir John Doyle, Bart., one of our Master Masons, the W. David Watson, Esq., his S.W., and the W. Thos. Le Lievre, Esq., his J.W., to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Guernsey, under the name and title of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, upon the second Monday of every month, and all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And We hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Sir John Doyle, Bart., David Watson, and Thos. Le Lievre (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chose, and instal their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with the dignities and powers of Free Masons, and such successors shall, in like manner, nominate, chose, and instal their successors, such installations being held as near St. John's Day as possible, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Provided the above-named brethren, and all their successors, always pay due respect to the R.W. GRAND LODGE, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or value.

Given under our hand and the seal of our GRAND LODGE in London this 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1807, and in the year of Masonry 5807.

ROBERT LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3, Letters C and E, 17th March 1762.

The present title and number, &c., are "Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, Guernsey."—J. CONSTABLE.

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, 27th MAY.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 29th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-square, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
M. M. 109—Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

TUESDAY, 30th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
673—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1228—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. (Instruction.)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.

THURSDAY, 1st JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.
412—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1282—Anchorage, Forester's Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Globe Hotel, Topsham.
1331—Aldershot Camp, Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.

FRIDAY, 2nd JUNE.

933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls-poud-road, N.
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1561—Morecambe, Atheneum, Lancaster.

SATURDAY, 3rd JUNE.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 448—St. James's, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TUESDAY.

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.

WEDNESDAY.

1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.

THURSDAY.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees.
531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent's-square, Hartlepool.
636—De Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.

FRIDAY.

1230—Barnard, Witham Institute, Barnard Castle.
1557—Albert Edward, White Hart Hotel, Hexham.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

THURSDAY—97—St. James's, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

During the Tourist season we purpose giving the places of Meeting of all the Lodges in the West of Scotland, thinking it may prove useful to our visiting Brethren. All the Meetings take place at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

R.A.—123—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.

TUESDAY—558—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street.

WEDNESDAY—R.A.—73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street.

THURSDAY—11—St. John, King's Arms, Mavbole.

" 149—St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.

" 167—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Beith.

" 165—Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

" 202—St. Clements, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.

" 320—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Ardrossan.

" 370—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Paisley.

" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnrad-road, Glasgow.

" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, 162 Kent-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—135—St. James', Crown Inn, Tarbolton, (Burns's Lodge.)

" 175—St. John, St. John's Hal., Cathcart-street, Greenock.

" 215—St. John, Averdale Inn, Strathaven.

" 217—Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Part, Glasgow.

" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struther-street, Glasgow.

" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 572—Thorntree, School-room, Thornliebank, 7.0 p.m.

SATURDAY—305—St. John Wordhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, 7.0 p.m.

" 458—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Busby, 6.0 p.m.

" 544—St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Bank-st., Coatbridge, 7.0 p.m.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.—The brethren of this celebrated and excellent working Lodge met on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. A. C. Sadler W.M., E. Nash G.S. S.W., A. J. Bristow J.W., Glover P.G.S. Treasurer, Stanley Robinson P.G.S. Secretary, Turner S.D., N. Smith J.D., and P.M.'s Bothamley P.G.S., W. Richardson P.G.S., Lupworth P.G.S., W. F. Nettleship, Grand Sword Bearer, and J. Richardson. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Jarvis was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. The audit meeting was fixed for the 15th July, at the Star and Garter, Richmond. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very excellent dinner and dessert was provided by Bro. Francatelli, superintended by Bro. Knill. The W.M. very genially presided, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, he said how gratifying it was to all in this great realm to see him return to his native country in health, and although he had been received everywhere with enthusiasm, none were more ready than each brother in the Order to do the same here. The toasts of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were given. Fifteen years since a member of the Lodge was chosen to fill the post of a Grand Officer, and since our last meeting one has been again selected to fill office; that one had been worthily selected; he referred to Bro. Nettleship, Grand Sword Bearer. (Loud Cheers). He would not only add lustre to this Lodge, but also to Grand Lodge. Bro. Nettleship, on rising, received a perfect ovation. In the course of a very eloquent speech he said he felt honoured by being selected to fill office in Grand Lodge; he felt it was an honour to their Lodge. He hoped that many other brethren would, on future occasions, have Grand honours. Bro. Bothamley I.P.M. rose and said, he had a pleasing duty to perform, that was to propose a toast he was sure would meet with a hearty reception,—the health of the W.M. (Cheers). He was pleased to see that merit had received its reward in their selection. It was very rare to see a brother on the first night of his installation perform the ceremonies of the three degrees in so perfect a manner. He regretted he did not possess sufficient eloquence to do justice to the W.M.'s merits and ability, and to recall to their mind the courtesy with which he had presided over them. Without further preface he would ask them to drink his health. The W.M. thanked Bro. Bothamley for the kind manner he had spoken of him; he hoped to discharge his duties to the best of his ability; while he had their support it would be sufficient for him. He could assure them he had their interests at heart. He had now to propose a toast which always gives a Worshipful Master a degree of pleasure, and no toast is received with greater enthusiasm. The toast was that of the Visitors. We are pleased to show them what is done in the Lodge, and at the banquet table we are also pleased to see them, and in the name of the Lodge, we give them a hearty welcome. Bro. Leadan P.G.D.C. Oxford, in a very eloquent speech, responded to the toast. He gave a description of the beauties of Masonry, and the principles laid down for our guidance. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters and the rest of the Officers, including Bros. Glover, Treasurer, Stanley Robinson, Secretary, Nettleship G.S.B. W.S. The Lodge was indebted to them for the valuable assistance rendered on every occasion. Bro. Glover P.G.S., Treasurer, returned thanks; he was proud to say the funds were in a prosperous condition. He was the oldest Past Master in the Lodge, and it was, this night, twenty-four years since he was initiated, and twenty years since he occupied the chair; he had seen many W.M.'s perform their duties, but never one better than the present W.M. He, in the name of the Past Masters, begged to assure the brethren that their services were always at the command of the Lodge. Bro. Nash S.W. responded for the Wardens, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. Montennis and Jarvis sang some very excellent songs. The visitors were Bros. Leadan P.G.D.C. Oxford, Fry, Grove 974, Styan 1216, W. Emden 1261, Pink 1593, Armstrong 1593, Rev. F. D. Barker 1253, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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, 25th May. Present—Bros. Salmonese W.M., Holland S.W., Hocking J.W., Ellis S.D., Briant J.D., Walker I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Austin P.M. Preceptor, and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of the 1st degree was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell being the candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Briant, and the 2nd and 5th by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lipscombe, of the Kent Lodge, was elected a joining member. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Salmonese, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair on this occasion, it being the first time at this Lodge of Instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, 22nd inst., at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. Crawley W.M., Tolmie S.W., Halford J.W., Morrison S.D., Percy J.D., Killick I.G., Christopher Tyler; P.M. Bro. Beckett Preceptor; Visitor, Bro. S. M. Harris 406. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Powell candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hill candidate. The 4th and 5th sections were worked by Bro. Beckett. Bro. S. M. Harris 406 was elected a joining member, and Bro. Dickinson was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. Barnabas Mark Lodge, No. 97.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th of May, at the Masonic Hall, Linslade, Bucks. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., McCubbin S.W., Williams as J.W., Morgan S.D., Poynter I.G., Deverell Tyler; P.M. Bro. Fountain. Visitor—Bro. Scriven 167. Business—After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. M. Rest, S.W. 948, which proving unanimous, he was admitted and regularly advanced to the degree of M.M.M., Bro. Fountain P.M. assuming the chair whilst the W.M. and his Wardens took the respective chairs of the absent O's. The election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and proved unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. McCubbin, as W.M. elect, Fountain P.M. Treasurer, and Deverell Tyler. It was carried unanimously that the retiring W.M. should be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his ability in working the ceremonies of the degree, and of his interest in Mark Masonry, in which sense that brother gratefully accepted the compliment. The new W.M. will, all being well, be installed by Bro. Howell on the second Thursday in August next. All business being transacted, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

St. James's Union, No. 180.—A convocation of this Chapter and installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Comps. L. Herf Z., Cameron as H., Smethett J., Reed P.Z. S.E., Knivett S.N., W. C. Parsons P.S., Gillard 1st Assistant, Pillin 2nd Assistant. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. T. Reynolds jun. of St. Paul's Chapter, Montreal, 374, was elected a joining member. Bros. W. J. Bishop. No. 180, and W. C. Crump were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. Reed P.Z. then installed: Comps. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., Smithett H., and W. C. Parsons J., in a very perfect and impressive manner. The ceremonies were worked most creditably, and the approbation expressed by the companions present shewed their appreciation. The newly installed Z. then invested Comps. Cameron as Treasurer, Reed P.Z. S.E., Knivett S.N., Gillard P.S., Pillin 1st Assistant, Annett 2nd Assistant. He then presented Comp. L. Herf, the retiring Z., in the name of the Chapter, with a very elegant P.Z. jewel, for the able manner he had conducted the duties of the chair. The valuable gift having been suitably responded to, the Chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and some very capital speeches were made. The toasts of the M.E.Z., P.Z.'s and officers were given, and also that of the Visitors, who were Comps. C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. 77, 177, and 733, E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, Barfield P.Z. 19, Belfrage 145, B Swallow 877, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. M. Emanuel Z., W. Littaur H., S. Pollitzer as J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus S.N., L. Jacobs P.S., and P.Z.'s H. M. Levy I.P.Z., S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, J. Lazarus, and Comps. Baum, W. H. Gilmar, L. Auerhaan, Bockbinder, P. Moore, J. Lyon, Gulliford, G. Ellis, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. S. Brown, of Great City Lodge, was balloted for, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, especial praise being due to the M.E.Z., Principals and Officers for their correct working. The election for Principals and Officers then took place, and the following Companions were unanimously elected:—M. J. Emanuel (who was absent through indisposition) Z., W. Littaur H., L. Jacobs J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., Phillips S.N., L. Lazarus P.S., Smith Janitor. Comp. H. M. Levy then proposed, and Comp. J. Lazarus seconded, that a sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter, and that that sum be augmented by the Companions, for the purpose of presenting Comp. M. Emanuel M.E.Z. with a testimonial on his retiring from the chair, in consideration of the efficient manner he had discharged his duties during his year of office. This was carried unanimously, and was subscribed to liberally. The resignation of two Companions was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed until November, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Keeping. The Z. then proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. S. Brown returned thanks for the toast of the newly

exalted. Comp. S. Pollitzer P.Z. in the course of his speech, in giving the toast of the M.E.Z., said it was the last time he would have an opportunity of proposing it. He must say that Comp. Emanuel had discharged his duty in the chair in every respect; in every office he had held he had also given evidence of his ability; he has his business avocations, but time and distance is nothing to him. He had done his duty, and in the name of the Chapter he wished him health and long life. (Cheers.) The M.E.Z. in reply, enumerated the various offices he had held in the Craft. He said it seemed like a dream, to rise from the other end to the highest office the Chapter could bestow, but he was pleased to hear their expressions of satisfaction that he had done his duty, not only in the Chapter, but also in presiding over them. The position of a P.Z. of a London Chapter carries great weight in every county, and he was pleased to inform them that shortly he hoped to be the possessor of Provincial Grand Lodge honours. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they were but few in number, but they held distinguished positions in the Order, and he, as well as every Companion, was pleased to see them. Comp. F. Walters P.Z., 1st Asst. Prov. G. Chapter Middlesex, returned thanks for the toast, and spoke of the excellent working of the Chapter, and the high qualifications of the P.Z., who had done good suit and service. He was pleased to see one among them who had received Grand Lodge honours. Comp. W. W. Morgan, 141, followed, he thanked the brethren for the hearty reception he had received. He was pleased to see the great unanimity of feeling that existed amongst the Companions; while that feeling lasted the Chapter must flourish. Comp. Skinner, 177, also returned thanks. Comp. H. M. Levy I.P.Z. responded for the toast of the P.Z. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. elect, and the newly elected Principals and Officers. He regretted the absence of the former Companion, through indisposition; he spoke of the qualifications of the H., the J. and the P.Z.; the S.E., Comp. Dickinson, had ably discharged his duty for two successive years; the books were never better kept, and every detail was satisfactorily carried out; his services were fully appreciated by every member of the Chapter, and he hoped to see him in due course occupy the chair of M.E.Z. Comps. W. Littaur, Jacobs, Dickinson, and Phillips severally returned thanks. During the evening Comp. Morgan artistically delivered a recitation. Comp. Dickinson also contributed to the harmony. The Companions separated early.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, 193.—The Lodge met as usual, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Hollands W.M., Sadlier S.W., Sayer J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treasurer, J. K. Pitt Secretary, Blackall S.D., Rudderforth J.D., Pelton I.G., Christopher Tyler. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, and upwards of twenty brethren. The Lodge having been opened, minutes read and confirmed, it was raised to the higher degrees, and the third ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Bagg acting as candidate. The W.M. acquitted himself so well of his rather difficult task as to elicit the hearty approbation of the assembly. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge having been lowered to the 1st degree, Bros. Macarthy, Benson and Bagg were unanimously elected joining members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Blackall will preside on the next occasion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, 20th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. McCarthy W.M., Powell S.W., Read J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., H. P. Isaac S.D., Huggins J.D., Lemann I.G.; P.M.'s, Bros. Mackey 861, and Purday 861; Visitors, Bros. S. Holness 1471, Lemann 1572 and Wassenberg 188. Business—The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. Stock worked the 1st section of the 3rd lecture. Bros. Mackey, Purday, S. Holness, Lemann and Wassenberg were elected members, and Bro. Powell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Athol Lodge, No. 413.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, 23rd inst., to receive a deputation from the P.G.L., consisting of Bros. J. Baird Acting P.G.M., A. McTaggart D.M. P.G.S., J. Gillies P.G. Treas., J. Miller 87 P.G.J.D., J. Balfour P.G.D. of C., John Miller 413 P.G.D. of Music, J. Allison P.G.J.D., J. Ritchie P.G.A., D. Reed P.G.I.G., and J. B. Hardie P.G.T. The report was of a highly satisfactory nature, the minute book was most admirably kept, and though there had been 22 initiates during the year there had not been one emergency meeting called, and the requirements of the Constitution had been fully carried out. The Acting P.G.M. said his only regret to-night was that Bro. Neilson was still too unwell to be amongst them, but, as the next best thing, he would read them a letter he had addressed to all the Lodges in the Province. Bro. Louttit expressed the pride he felt at listening to such a favourable report, and it should be no fault of his if they were not able to give as good a one next year for his term of office. The deputation then retired, and for the first time for twelve months the Lodge proceeded to work an emergency meeting, by initiating Mr. John Mackey and passing thirteen other brethren to the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. Louttit was assisted in this work by Bro. D. Leeds S.W., A. Holmes J.W., P. Agnew Treasurer, Wm. Grimbly J.D., and R. Gardener Tyler. Both the degrees were ably and fully worked, and all were pleased with the visit of the deputation.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—Held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 25th May, when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. Davis W.M., Farwig S.W., T. O. Davis J.W., Allcott (Hong Kong) S.D., Blundell J.D., Holden I.G., T. Cull Sec., Mander Preceptor, Woods, S. Lloyd, Letter, Bull, Fife, Docker, Watts, Willis, Harvey, T. Lloyd, Belfrage, Bentley, Gardiner, Dutton, &c. Lodge opened, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the first lecture were worked. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th

sections were worked. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, and the 3rd section worked. Lodge resumed, and Bros. Fife 879, Docker 1563, and Woods 145 were admitted joining members. The Secretary announced that the Benevolent Association now numbered 35 members; also that the 15 sections would be worked by the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, on the 30th inst., at the invite of the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction.

Thorntree Lodge, No. 512.—This Lodge held its bi-monthly meeting on Saturday, the 20th inst., at Thornlie Bank, on which occasion they were favoured with a visit from the P.G.L. of Renfrewshire East. The deputation consisted of Bros. Caldwell D.P.G.M., Gilmore P.G.S.W., McPherson P.G. Treas., and McLeod. They were accompanied by deputations from both the Paisley Lodges, amongst whom we recognised Bros. Andrews R.W.M., McLeod I.P.M., Fisher J.W., and Somers of 129, Bro. Anderson I.P.M. 370, and J. Campbell I.P.M. 128. The deputation expressed themselves as highly pleased, not only with the excellent way in which the books were kept, but also with the general efficiency of the Lodge. Bro. R. Scobie then proceeded to initiate two gentlemen in a most careful manner. He was ably assisted by his office-bearers, Bros. R. Fletcher S.W., R. McEwan J.W., Jardine T., E. Schindler Sec., R. Hustin S.D., Water J.D., and Bently I.G., Bro. J. Clugston carefully Tying. The Lodge was then called to refreshment, when, after "The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Three Grand Lodges" had been given, the Master said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to couple the toast of the P.G.L. with so good a Mason as Bro. Caldwell. He (the Master) made a point of attending the Quarterly Communications, and he always found Bro. Caldwell at his post. Bro. Caldwell expressed the gratification he felt at being present. He had congratulated the Lodge earlier in the evening, but now, after seeing the excellent way in which the initiation had been conducted, his only regret was that Col. Campbell had not been present to see that in what was called a country Lodge they could work equal to any in the towns. He gave them the R.W.M. Bro. Scobie, in reply, gave a history of the formation of the Lodge, and regretted that Bro. Horner, their P.M., was not present, because he was really the Father of the Lodge: he not only acted as Master, but actually made all their working tools and jewels, and presented them to the Lodge. He thus left him an easy task, but during the three years he had occupied the chair it had been his constant endeavour to follow in the footsteps of so worthy a predecessor. In response to toasts from the chair, the R.W.M. of St. Mirrens 129, and Bro. Anderson of 370, replied for their respective Lodges. Bro. Wheeler's health having been proposed, in flattering terms, he replied, saying he was glad if at any time, from having had a little more experience, he had been enabled to fulfil a Masonic duty, by imparting a little light. It was always a pleasure to attend such a well-conducted Lodge, and gratifying to find that, last year, 22 fresh candidates had found shelter under the Thorntree. While it was officered as at present it would remain green and flourish.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795.—The first meeting of the season of this country Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. as W.M., H. Turner S.W., C. Gammon P.M. Treasurer as J.W., H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, Deacon S.D., Nowell J.D.; and P.M. Bro. C. N. Harvey, and several brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several candidates, whose names had been placed on the agenda paper, were not presented. After the Lodge was closed, a very excellent banquet was prepared. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren returned to town early.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. Bros. J. R. Gallant W.M., Cusworth S.W., Harper J.W., G. Sinclair Treasurer, W. H. Main Secretary, Stead S.D., S. George J.D., J. Taylor Steward, Speight Tyler, and P.M.'s J. Emmens P.G.P., Atkins, Salisbury, and T. Bartlett. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Chance and Pierpoint were raised to the 3rd degree, in a very able and perfect manner. Bro. Sinclair announced his intention to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Boys' School. It was proposed to have a summer banquet at the Alexandra Palace. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Those of the W.M. and P.M.'s were given. Bro. Chinnery 145 returned thanks for the visitors. Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer, returned thanks for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Cusworth for the Officers. Some very capital harmony emanated from Bros. Hubbard, Wicks and Brown. Bro. Pitt 890 was also present as a visitor.

The New Concord Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening, at 8, at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge met at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 23rd May. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., P.M. Ashburner S.W., Cambridge J.W., Weige S.D., Barker I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Worsley Secretary, and other brethren. It being the fourth Tuesday in the month, the W.M. worked the three degrees, Bro. Worsley acting as candidate. The working was admirably done, considering that Bro. Smith, the W.M., has not taken office in any regular Lodge, and also considering that he is a very young Brother in the Craft.

Upton Lodge, 1227.—This Lodge met on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the "Spotted Dog," Upton, Essex. In the absence of Bro. Alfred Holtham W.M., Bro. R. Bolton P.M. occupied the chair.

There were also present Bros. David Posener S.W., G. B. Brown J.W., J. Wayland Treasurer, B. Peeking P.M. Secretary, W. J. Page S.D., W. Webster J.D., A. W. Fenner I.G., G. Gullock Tyler, and an average number of members. As a considerable amount of work had to be disposed of, the Lodge was called at 2:30 p.m. Upon the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Key, Sullivan, Percy and Clark were raised to the degree of Master Masons, Bros. Vinacombe and Caulfield were crafted, and Mr. David Legg was admitted to the Order in due form, according to ancient custom. A notice of motion to rescind Bye-law No. 7, which limits the number of members to fifty, given by Bro. David Posener at a previous meeting, was then fully discussed, and eventually carried. Refreshment was then served, after which the usual toasts were briefly given, and responded to. Bro. Rogers, a visitor, expressed his thanks for having been permitted to enjoy a very pleasant and happy evening, and trusted to have future opportunities of being present at their gatherings. Various songs enlivened the proceedings, at which Bros. Engel, Brown, Rogers, and Fenner especially distinguished themselves.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Lodge room, Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., Haselgrove S.W., Randall J.W., Saunders Sec., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Catler as I.G., Day Tyler; Bros. Benning, Gard, Crew, Beart, &c.; Visitors—Bros. Holmes, Doherty 228, Higgins 475, Rest 948. Business—The Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. C. S. Benning as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Crew was entrusted; it was then opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Crew was raised, with that impressiveness of ritual and perfection of working for which the officers of this Lodge are notable. All other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Saunderson's, Sugar Loaf Hotel, where they did ample justice to the host's well prepared supper.

Felix Lodge, No. 1494.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Saturday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. F. Sumner Knyvett W.M., F. B. Archer S.W., Robert Berridge J.W., Edward B. Grabham I.P.M., Prov. G.S. Middlesex, Secretary, W. G. Moore S.D., E. A. Woolley I.G. Visitors—Bros. Lient. Col. Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, S. E. Turner, Lodge of Antiquity 2, T. E. Woollard, Burdett Lodge 1293. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. John Westson was then initiated into the Order by the W.M., after which Bros. Getty, Hunter, Twinberrow and Youngusband were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. Belward and Sadler were raised to the 3rd degree, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a manner which reflected the highest credit on the Lodge. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the unanimous choice of the brethren falling upon Bro. F. B. Archer S.W., a brother who is exceedingly popular in the Lodge, for his amiable qualities and high Masonic attainments, and whose year of office will be looked forward to with the most pleasurable anticipations. Bro. Archer having acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, Bro. D. Nicholson P.M. 19 was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Y. Laing P.M. 45 Tyler, for the ensuing year. Bro. Grabham I.P.M. then rose, and proposed that the best thanks of the Lodge be accorded Bro. Knyvett W.M. for the able, courteous, and efficient manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during his year of office, and, as a slight mark of respect, the brethren present him, at the next meeting, with a P.M. jewel of the usual value. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Archer S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the work of the Lodge was carried out, and congratulated the W.M. upon the success which had attended the Lodge since its formation. He then gave the members a few valuable suggestions with regard to the admission of initiates and joining members, his remarks being received with great acclamation by the brethren; he then took his leave of the Lodge, expressing regret that other more pressing engagements prevented his remaining to the banquet. This was presided over by the W.M., and after the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The health of the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, past and present, were proposed by Bro. Grabham I.P.M., and acknowledged by the W.M., Bros. Knyvett and Berridge J.W. (Grand Stewards for the year). The health of the W.M. was proposed, and received in the most cordial manner. Bro. Knyvett briefly acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Weston and Sealey responded for the Initiates, and Bro. Woollard for the Visitors. The W.M. next proposed the I.P.M., Bro. Grabham, who cordially thanked the brethren for all the kindness received at their hands, and congratulated the Lodge upon having elected their much esteemed brother the S.W. as their W.M., and predicted a year of great prosperity for the Lodge. Bro. F. B. Archer, W.M. elect, was the next toast proposed, and it is needless to say how very heartily this was received by the brethren. Bro. Archer assured the Lodge that he would do all in his power to maintain the high position which the Lodge had attained in the two years of its existence, and that he would endeavour to emulate the example of the two Past Masters, Bro. Grabham and Bro. Knyvett, who had preceded him. Bro. Berridge J.W. having acknowledged the toast of the Officers, the Tyler's toast was then proposed, and duly responded to, the brethren separating after spending a most enjoyable evening.

There is a Lodge of Prudent Brethren in London. There are some American Masons who might be benefitted by association with that kind of Lodge—for example, those who "have no time to read." And those who can afford almost anything but a subscription to a Masonic periodical.—*American Paper.*

FAREWELL MEETING OF SIX LODGES AND TWO CHAPTERS.

GLASGOW Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, met, for the last time, in their hall, 170 Buchanan-street, on Friday, 19th May, at 6 p.m. The Lodge was opened by Bro. R. Prout R.W.M., with Bros. McLeod I.P.M. of 129 Paisley, G. W. Wheeler 73 acting J.W. There being two candidates, Bros. N. C. Bostick and McNair, for the 3rd degree, Bro. Prout requested Bro. T. M. Campbell, P.M. of the Clyde, 408, to perform that ceremony, which he did in an elaborate manner. The Lodge was then called from labour, and placed under the charge of the J.W. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been done full justice to, Bro. Prout said: Having toasted our own Provincial Grand Lodge, I have now much pleasure in giving that of the Province of Renfrewshire East. Bro. J. Andrews, R.W.M. of St. Mirrens, Paisley, briefly replied, as did also Bro. J. Peters R.W.M. 156 and P.G.J.W. of Renfrewshire, who thanked the Glasgow brethren for their kindness; they were progressing so well under Col. Campbell, the P.G.M., that they hoped soon to see him on the throne as G.M.

Bro. McDonald, R.W.M. Thistle and Rose, proposed prosperity to Kilwinning, No. 4, in their new location; it was an old and much respected Lodge, and an old Lodge, with a young and energetic Master like Bro. Prout, would be sure to succeed, let their location be where it might.

Bro. Prout acknowledged the compliment; they would have much preferred to have remained in that hall, where they had passed many happy hours during the last 13 years, and on the decoration of which they had spent large sums of money, but as it was only a lease they had, and it was up before he was aware they were to leave, he found the place had been taken over their heads, and, in common with the other Lodges and Chapters meeting there, they had suddenly to look for a new home. He hoped the day might yet come when they should again have a hall of their own, when he had no doubt some of their old tenants would be glad to again take part with them, like chickens coming back to the old hen. He would now ask them for bumpers for the six Lodges and Chapters who had met in that hall, and he would ask the representatives of each of those bodies to reply.

Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M. 73, replied for his Lodge, stating that in that hall he first saw Masonic light, and there, five years since, he had presided as a Master. His Lodge was sorry that their connexion with No. 4 was terminating, but though no longer tenants they hoped to see them sometimes as visitors.

Bro. N. Cameron, Treasurer of 103, was sorry that the R.W.M. of his Lodge had been unable to take part in the closing celebration, the more so as his forte was not speaking, but only taking care of the money after others had talked to get it.

Bro. J. B. McNair I.P.M. replied for the Union, 332. They had always sat there on most amicable terms, not only with the Kilwinning, but also with the other Lodges meeting there, and the friendships there formed he trusted would be lasting.

Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M. of the Clyde Lodge, could only reiterate the sentiments of the preceding speakers, and hope that the members of the Kilwinning would come to see him in his new home, in order that the Clyde might requite them for their hospitality of to-night. And, as the 2nd Principal of Chapter 69, he need not repeat himself, but only regret that their new 1st Principal had had to leave early, as he could have done justice to the subject.

Comp. G. W. Wheeler, Z. of 73, said he deeply regretted that the bodies who had been working together so harmoniously there had been compelled to separate. He could not forget that in this hall, under that splendid painted canopy, he had been told what the true Masonic word was. Under that same canopy he had been exalted. He little thought he should ever preside over such a body as he now had in Chapter 73. Whatever he knew about Masonry, here he learned its first lessons, and anything he had been enabled to do must always be associated in his mind with this hall. True, he had worked in England and in Ireland, and during the last year in the provinces, and next, he had been privileged to personally exalt 50 into Royal degree, and had assisted in the exaltation of 35 others, and he could not take a farewell of the foundation of his labours without feeling regret. He must also bear his testimony to the good qualities of their host of to-night, Bro. R. Prout, and also of his predecessors in that chair, and could most cordially wish prosperity to Kilwinning, No. 4, in their new habitation. (Cheers.)

It was then announced that the deputation from the St. Vincent Lodge, No. 553, had arrived. Bro. M. R. McDougal R.W.M., D. Stark D.M., and eighteen of the brethren, were then admitted, and received with all the honours. The R.W.M., in accordance with the old, but now seldom used, custom, resigning the chair and gavel to the head of the deputation, and Bro. Holms leaving the S.W. chair for Bro. Stark, while Bro. G. W. Wheeler handed over the control of the Lodge to Bro. Best, to act as J.W. Bro. Prout then proposed prosperity to St. Vincent's Lodge, and begged to assure them that in coming out West to meet them they were not coming in a spirit of rivalry, but only of pure friendship. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. McDougal said: He fully reciprocated the kind expression of feeling evinced by Bro. Prout, and it was to show that the St. Vincent's were actuated by the same friendly feeling that, although it was late now, their Lodge decided, as soon as their own special business was over to-night to come over to say how glad they would be to welcome them out West. The only thing was, that their Hall in the West was only a temporary one, and would contrast very unfavourably with the splendid one in which they were now assembled. However, as he had said, it was only a temporary one, and St. Vincent's hoped, in a very few weeks, to be able to announce that they had secured more eligible premises. The Lodge was now united in itself, and success was certain. (Cheers.) Bro. Stark proposed "The Office-bearers of No. 4." Without good officers no Lodge could succeed; with them and a good Master success was certain, and no one would

rejoice more at the prosperity of the old Kilwinning than the young St. Vincent. (Cheers.) Bro. McDougal having called on Bro. Prout to delight them with a sketch of his powers as a ventriloquist, Bro. Prout said he had been so unwell this last week that he had determined not to try his hand in that direction to-night, but to oblige the visitors he would give a slight sketch of "The Interview between Paddy and Scotty," which he did, to the great gratification of all present, and then resumed the chair. "Absent Brethren," and the last toast were then given, and the happy meeting terminated. Some excellent songs were given by our professional brethren W. H. Porter of 73, and J. Huxter D.M. of the Dramatic. Bro. Bostock, the "Comic King," also sung three songs, while the admirable readings and songs of amateurs were especially good. We may mention Bros. Clark, Riddle, Prout, McInnis, two Brothers McNair, and Smith.

MASONIC FOLLIES.—1. To think that the more a man eats the fatter and stronger he will grow—that is to say, the more members a Lodge takes in, the stronger and compact it will become. This is a folly ripe and rotten. 2. To believe that the more studies pupils take at school, the faster they will learn—that is to say, the more degrees a Mason takes the more Masonry he will know. This is a folly of the londest sort. 3. To conclude that if exercise is good for the health, the more violent exhaustive it is the better—that is to say, the more Lodge ceremony it can go through, the more kindly the placid impulses of Masonry affect the soul. This is a folly broad and deep.

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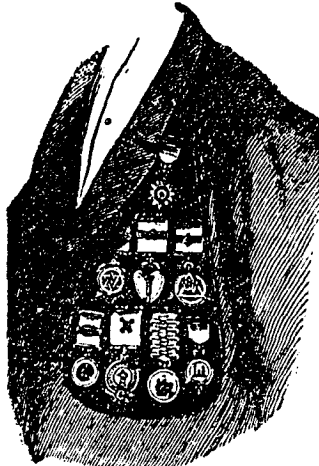
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