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THE LATEST THEORY ABOUT MASONIC CHARITY.

WE trust none of our readers will be led astray by the new theory just promulgated as to Masonic charity. It is impossible to imagine an argument more mischievous in its tendencies than one employed by our Masonic contemporary last week. We may go further and add, that a mischievous argument was never enunciated at a moment more inopportune. On Wednesday next will be held the annual Festival of our Boys' School. Every effort is being made to secure a great financial success on this important occasion. The greatest activity is being shown by the Secretary and his colleagues. There is a larger body of Stewards than in any previous year, and they are leaving no stone unturned to out-do their predecessors. At this very time, when all are hoping these efforts will be crowned with a magnificent success, when it is obvious to the meanest intellect that our Boys' School is not equal to the demands made upon its resources, that it might do more good if its funds were more certain, and that the harder we strive to build up for it a permanent income the more secure against accidents will be its position; at this very moment, we say, our contemporary speaks in terms the most disparaging of Masonic benevolence being confined only to Masonic objects. It calls it a "narrow view," which far too many hold, that "Masonic benevolence is meant only for Freemasons." It was suggested at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge that, instead of voting a large sum of money for a certain purpose, "something might be better done for the Asylum or the Boys' School." But our contemporary has always felt "there was a certain amount of truth" in the objection "that Masonic benevolence had somewhat of selfishness about it if you confined the liberality of the Order to Masons alone." It is fain to admit that, "primarily, of course, we are bound to do so," but every now and then it thinks there are occasions when "we are to evince our good will towards humanity at large, towards religion, towards local distress, towards national objects, towards æsthetic improvements, and, we will add, towards church restoration." We infer, accordingly, that one of these occasions when the Order may justly neglect their "primary" duty is the erection of a memorial to the Grand Master's visit to India. We shall best evince our respect for him, and the Order over which he presides, by neglecting what "primarily, of course, we are bound to do," in favour of something else, which is not of "primary" importance. And, we repeat, the time selected for the enunciation of this singular doctrine is just ten days before the anniversary festival of one of our charitable Institutions. This is one of three festivals occurring annually. When these come round, each in their turn, it is a duty enjoined on us, equally by the teachings of Freemasonry, the obligations we have taken, and the dictates of common sense, that we should concentrate all our efforts on improving their financial resources. It is a fact, as patent as the sun at high noon, that large as are the annual subscriptions to these Charities, they might profitably be larger still, for then the Charities would be capable of a greater amount of good. It is equally a fact that the extent of Masonic indigence is greater now than ever it was before. We pointed out, last week, the marked disproportion existing between the number of vacancies and the number of candidates at the last three elections to the Boys' School only. In April, not only was every vacancy filled, but the number of pupils was increased. Yet over forty

approved candidates were left out in the cold, and remain at this very time a burden upon the already sorely-taxed resources of their parents or guardians. When our contemporary has quite recovered from the supreme difficulty of forming its latest apology for an opinion, it will probably be able to recognise that, under these circumstances, a substantial addition to the permanent funds of the Boys' School is by no means a narrow-minded or selfish plan to advocate. An increase in the number of its pupils would be a serviceable as well as a handsome way of commemorating the Prince of Wales's visit to India. We feel the deepest sympathy for our contemporary, who finds itself on the unpopular side in this question. We are aware the views of the majority are not necessarily the truth, but in the instance before us we prefer the narrow-minded selfishness of the many to the all-round magnanimity of the few. We see something reasonable as well as tangible in the former, something consistent with the "primary" duties of Freemasonry, with its ordinary teachings, and with the teachings of common sense. On these grounds, and apart from others previously enumerated, we rejoice that Grand Lodge has decided against Bro. Havers's views. We do not think its acceptance, by an overwhelming majority, of the Rev. Bro. Simpson's amendment is subject matter for regret, even "as before the outer world just now." On the contrary, we think Grand Lodge has acted in perfect harmony with the true principles of Masonry, and that cannot be a matter for regret.

We readily admit that "the argument that we ought to do something specially for our Masonic Charities does not exclude the propriety of doing something for something else, which the Grand Lodge might approve of, and which, as Freemasons, we ought to feel it to be our duty to do." If this is meant to indicate any ulterior project, such as that Grand Lodge should vote something for our Charities, and "something for something else;" by all means let a proposition embodying such a plan be submitted at the next Quarterly Communication. We shall be prepared to discuss it when due notice is given. But we hardly think a whole week's laborious thought was required to enunciate an idea so simple. We admit also there is some force in the argument that as Grand Lodge recently voted a hundred guineas toward the Palestine Exploration Fund, it might justly have voted £1,000 towards the completion of St. Paul's. But this latter proposition emanated from Bro. Havers, and he, in the early part of last year, had emphatically laid it down that Grand Lodge funds were intended only for Masonic purposes. Thus Bro. Havers was "hoist with his own petard." This important little fact our contemporary has, unintentionally, of course, overlooked or forgotten. There is no doubt Grand Lodge, in the face of its previous vote that Masonic funds were only for Masonic purposes, stultified itself when it granted the hundred guineas toward the Palestine Fund. It were monstrous indeed if we questioned the propriety of its latest dictum, which is, in fact, a deliberate return to its original views. However, we leave Grand Lodge to explain its own inconsistencies, and pass to the concluding utterances of our contemporary. It considers "the best solution of all now, for this difficulty, as perhaps the '*dignus vindice nodus*' will be simply to confine the resolution to a record of our grateful thanks for our beloved Grand Master's safe return." This were most impolitic. In the first place there is no difficulty to solve. Grand Lodge has determined to commemorate the Grand Master's visit to India, and his return home. A committee will inquire and report as to the fittest memorial of so auspicious an event, and Grand Lodge will either accept

such report or reject it in favour of some other and still worthier proposal. This appears to us to be a plain, straightforward way of dealing with the matter. The movement is the movement of the Craft, which has made known its wishes through Grand Lodge. It will not be too late or come with "a halting grace" in September. The grace of the whole thing lies in the determination to commemorate, not in the nature of the memorial, which, after all, is a matter of opinion only. And having advocated a particular proposition unavailingly, it appears to us to be a great piece of churlishness for any one to turn round and say to those who have prevailed: We admit your proposal is in accordance with the primary duties of the Order, that it is more popular than ours. We think, however, you have made a great mistake; this being so, and as you, the majority, have rejected the kind of memorial which we, the minority, advocated, let us have no memorial at all. Such a suggestion might very reasonably have emanated from a certain personage in *London Assurance*, but it augurs ill for the wisdom of Masonic journalism when it is made with a solemnity the most painful, and after a week's agony of mind the most intense.

We are sorry so elaborate a preparation should have ended so ridiculously. We looked for some very imposing result, and we have an article, one-half of which is devoted to self-praise, while the other half, when it states nothing mischievous or inopportune, is—and we say it with becoming respect—the most pitiful display of nonsense we have ever read. It is mischievous to lay it down that a primary duty may be lightly regarded at any time. It is wrong to attribute Masonic benevolence to selfishness, and narrow-mindedness, under any circumstances, but especially inopportune is it to question the sterling character of our benevolence just a few days before one of our most important festivals. It is just then we most need the co-operation of the whole Craft, and some, if they are told it is selfish and narrow-minded to give only to Masonic Charities, may close their ears and draw tight their purse-strings against every appeal for contributions rather than be thought selfish and narrow-minded. As to the other utterances of our contemporary, we have shown they are unfounded, or uncalled for; more than this is not necessary. It only remains for us to add that, while its language more than justifies the remarks we have made, we do not for a single moment imagine that our contemporary means what it says. It is far too anxious to promote the well-being of Freemasonry to intend anything detrimental to its own interests. When it has fully recovered from the recent strain imposed on its intellectual energies, it will, doubtless, recognise the errors it has unintentionally committed.

MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 33).

A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.

"O, your desert speaks loud; and I should wrong it,
To lock it in the wards of covert bosom,
When it deserves, with characters of brass,
A fortified residence 'gainst the tooth of time,
And razure of oblivion."

MANY a civilian who has never fought elsewhere than in the peaceful struggles of social life has just as much claim to the title of a soldier of fortune, as any of the brilliant throng of military men who have achieved eminence without the aid of any other weapons than their swords. The fight for existence in a community like ours is always severe, and none but the robust in body and mind may hope to achieve success. Courage, perseverance, and industry, combined with talent, will help a man to the highest stations in life. "Luck" or "chance" have little to do with a man's social condition, but every "human failure" who lounges at a street corner, or wears out the remnant of his wretched existence as a mere drudge of the desk, is almost sure to point out his successful rivals as the favourites of fortune. The "human failure" declares that the successful men who have passed him in the world's race have been exceptionally favoured, while his merits and his labours have been unrecognised. Those amongst us who are accustomed to observe are fully assured that the men who succeed are not, as a rule, able to boast of much aid from the fickle goddess. They had the good sense to make their opportunities; they were observant enough to wait and watch for that flood tide in their affairs which should bear

them far beyond the drones who "cared not how the metal of their minds was eaten by the rust of idleness." In the course of a busy career it has been our fate to be acquainted with many persons who have been the architects of their own fortunes. Most of these successful men have exhibited marked and conspicuous ability; they had all the shrewdness of the citizen of the world, ability to read the minds of those with whom they were associated, and that fine tact and foresight which are so invaluable to a man of business. No difficulties daunted them, no trials were too severe for their highly tempered patience, and they won because they were masters of that "high chess game whereof the pawns are men."

The brother, whose firm and well-cut features are at this present writing vividly before our mind's eye, is one of the many champions who have carved out a career without any aid from fortune or friends. He has fought a good fight, and has conquered. His career has been a chequered one, but he can look back with satisfaction upon his battles with the world, and may fairly boast that he owes his present position to his own sturdy arm and clear and active brain. His march up the hill "difficulty" has been trying and tedious, but while the second rate men were sliding slowly down, his firm foot yielded no step of the advantages it had gained, and his march was ever onward and upward. He was born at Plymouth in 1824, of a good family, in which town his father was settled as a merchant and ship broker. He received his education in the place of his nativity, and at an early age he was sent up to the metropolis to prepare himself for a commercial career. He learned the first rudiments of trade in one of those great establishments which yearly absorb some of the best and brightest of our provincial youth; and after gaining some mastery of the mysteries of buying and selling, he entered the service of a great firm in the stationery trade and assumed the management of a department. He remained here some time, and we next find him located in his native town in the office of the leading journal of the locality. In this position his literary tastes had some chance of development, and he soon acquired a knowledge of all the mysteries of journalism. He here acquired, also, a perfect mastery of his pen, in proof of which we may refer to his admirable letters on some abstruse points of Masonry which attracted much attention some years since. But our brother did not find journalism a royal road to wealth, and in 1845-6 we find him actively engaged in honourable work connected with the then budding railway system of these islands. At this period he entered the service of an eminent firm of contractors, who were employed in the construction of a line of railway in the south-west of England. His duties were arduous, but he brought a willing mind and untiring industry to bear upon his work, and had the satisfaction of learning that his zeal and intelligence were highly appreciated by his employers. He was afterwards actively engaged in important work in connection with the laying of the service pipes of the Great Central Gas Consumers' Company, and when he resigned his post for a better one, he received from the firm a high testimonial of his sterling worth as an able and conscientious employé. For a period of six years he was in the office of a gentleman at Clapham; in due time he became the head of the concern, and in this position he still remains. He has largely developed the business to which he succeeded, and at the present moment he is widely known, for his high business qualities, for his steady attention to the interests which are committed to his charge, and for his urbanity and sound sense. He married at an early age, an example which was followed by his eldest son, and he has the pleasure of seeing his grandchildren growing up around him, carefully instructed in those principles of integrity which will tend to make them good and successful citizens of the world. Recently four generations of the family were present at his hospitable board. It was an occasion for just and natural congratulation, and when the health of the good old great grandfather was drunk, some pleasant tears, "the rain-drops of the soul," were mingled with the generous wine.

Our brother's Masonic career has been a remarkable one. He was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge (No. 25), in the year 1857, and afterwards joined the Panmure (720), of which he is a P.M., and for five years he was its Secretary. He was the originator of the Macdonald Lodge (1216), and here he again passed the chair. He is the founder, and was first W.M. of the Great City Lodge (1426), and he was I.P.M. on the memorable occasion

when Lord Mayor Stone and many other Masonic celebrities paid it a visit. He is an honorary member of Lodges 70, 105, 421 and 771, and has served the Stewardships of the Charities; is Life Governor of the Boys' School, and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is an eminent Mark Mason, and acknowledges Kent as his Mother Lodge. He is Founder and P.M. of the Macdonald (104), and likewise of the Panmure (139). He is an Honorary Member of 8, 50, 118, 129, 164 and 176, Past Grand Overseer, and Past Prov. Grand Mark Secretary of Middlesex and Surrey. As a Royal Arch Mason he is equally conspicuous. He was a member of Robert Burns (25); Founder, P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Panmure (720), and was M.E.Z. for three successive years of Windsor Castle Chapter (771). He is a Royal Ark Mariner, P.N.; and of the Cryptic Degrees he is Royal and Select Master. He is, further, the originator and Past Sovereign of No. 14 Red Cross Rome and Constantine, and M.W.S. of St. George's Chapter of Rose Croix. He was one of the promoters and directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall, which is likely to prove a great success, since it affords to the Craft of the locality, the members of which gladly avail themselves of it, the accommodation which was so greatly needed for Masonic business. His pen has been ably employed in the advocacy of a scheme for making the ritual of the Craft uniform. His able papers on this subject may still be read with pleasure and profit, and although he has not carried his point, he has indicated the form and direction which any reforms of the ritual should take. His suggested Lodge of Preceptors, which would practically be a College, or perhaps, a University, having for its object the scientific instruction of members, is a brilliant idea, but huge difficulties lie in the way of its realisation. Uniformity is certainly desirable, but some experts, whose opinions are worthy of all respect, declare it to be impossible of achievement.

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

WE learn, from the *Masonic Advocate*, that the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was held in the new Grand Lodge Hall, Indianapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th ultimo. The Hall will accommodate about eight hundred, and was nearly filled at the opening, there being a full representation of subordinate Lodges and a large number of visiting brethren. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Daniel McDonald, Grand Master. The standing Committees having been announced, the G.M. then read his address, which was generally interesting. He reported having arrested the charters of four Lodges, having granted fifteen dispensations for organizing new Lodges, dedicated eleven Masonic halls, and laid four corner stones with Masonic ceremonies. A mass of valuable statistical information had resulted from a circular letter sent out to all the Lodges, and a series of important decisions were reported. The Grand Treasurer's financial statement showed—Receipts, Dols. 34,589.93, including an opening balance of Dols. 13,249.38, and Expenditure, Dols. 19,189.08, leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year of Dols. 15,400.85. The Building Committee for the erection of the Masonic Temple and Grand Lodge Hall reported these buildings completed and accepted. To accomplish this a hundred thousand dollars had been borrowed, and fifteen thousand more were required to meet the remaining liabilities. On Wednesday, after a large amount of business, locally interesting, had been transacted, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was announced. Of these the principal are, Frank S. Devol, New Albany, G.M., Andrew J. Hay, Charleston, D.G.M., Robert Van Valzah, Terre Haute, S.G.W., B. S. Sutton, Shelbyville, J.G.W., Charles Fisher, Indianapolis, Grand Tres., and John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Sec. The Officers having been installed, and the usual standing Committees appointed, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 4 p.m.

The swimming races at the Crystal Palace, on Monday last, under the management of Bro. Hadley Prestage, were a gigantic success. The programme was, if anything, too long. Our worthy Bro. Sir John Bennett presented the first prize, a very handsome watch. Bro. R. L. Sturtevant (Sec. Temple Mark, &c.) in the absence of "Father Time," presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

SPEECH day, and the distribution of prizes, will be held under the presidency of the members of the Supremo Council 33° of England, on Monday. This body has ever been a most liberal supporter of our Masonic Institutions, and we trust its appearance this year will be effectively and numerously supported by the Craft. The programme of the day's proceedings will open with "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which will be rendered by the choir, and the overture to Ralf's "*Les Pêcheuses de Procida*," arranged as a duet. After these will be presented the prizes to the first, second, and third classes, and then, after a song, "Speed on, my bark," by G. L. Lyon, and "The Men of Harlech," by the choir, will be performed Mr. Thomas J. Williams's Farce of "*Ici on Parle Français*," the several characters being enacted by W. Beaumont, W. R. Jones, R. Bryant, W. R. Parker, E. E. Oates, E. T. Sage, and W. S. Sparkes. After another song, Mendelssohn's "O forest, deep and gloomy," and a duett, "Broken Spells," the prizes to the fourth, fifth, and sixth classes, as well as the Special Prizes presented by private donors, will be given away. A selection from Moliere's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, in which C. D. Green, E. T. Sage, H. Bowler E. E. Oates, W. R. Jones, and W. S. Sparkes will take part, will follow, after which further Special Prizes, comprising Bro. Captain Wordsworth's for elocution (to be awarded on the day itself), and Dr. Morris's series, will be distributed. A piano solo, by Daniel G. Doswell, and another duett of Mendelssohn's, "I would that my love," will come next, and then the series of Special Prizes presented by the House Committee will be given. Scenes from a German play, *Der alte Leilkutscher Peter des Gritten* will be played by F. E. Ladd and C. D. Green, and then follow more part songs, including the familiar "Hardy Norseman," and the "National Anthem." The Silver Medal for good conduct, presented by the Institution, has been adjudged to Henry Giles Shaw, and the Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, to William Harbottle Packwood. Prizes have also been given to the fourteen pupils—out of eighteen who entered—who passed the Cambridge Local Examination in December of last year. These prizes are awarded from the fund founded by Bro. W. Winn, Vice-Patron, and the recipients are the following: William Beaumont, distinguished in English; Robert Bryant, distinguished in Mathematics; and Henry Giles Shaw, who took First Class Honours; William Ramsay Parkes, Second Class, and William Hillier Sutton, Third Class ditto; and Charles David Green, Frank Harvey, Frederick Edwin Ladd, Francis Dalrymple Lane, Frank Lond, Edmund Ernest Oates, William Harbottle Packwood, Edward George Leigh Sweet, and Charles Martin Heward Uwins, who satisfied the examiners. The Band of the Institution will play a selection of music throughout the afternoon. We trust the weather will be as brilliant as it is at the moment of writing. As to the programme, we have no doubt it will be efficiently carried out; indeed, we have already expressed our belief that the occasion will be a great success, of which the managerial and educational staffs, and the boys, as well as the Festival Stewards and other visitors, will have every reason to be proud. Especially gratifying will it be to the very able head-master, Dr. Morris, and the energetic Secretary, Bro. Binckes.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertford will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, the 8th of July, at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park. The Rt. W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, will preside.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to announce, this week, the decease of Bro. H. Nye Chart, who has been so well known as Manager of the Brighton Theatre for almost the last twenty years. Brother Chart, who was deservedly respected, had been in failing health for some time, and expired on Sunday last. His funeral will take place this day (Saturday), at the Parochial Cemetery, where, by his express wish, he will be laid by the side of his brother, the late Mr. Tom Chart.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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OLD TIME INTEREST IN CRAFT MASONRY.

We cull from Riley's "Memorials of London and London Life:"

In the twenty-sixth year of King Edward I., 1098.—Account of the reconciliation of two Master Masons before the Mayor and Aldermen: namely, Master Simon de Pabingham and Master Richard de Watham, Masons—both appearing to be French—who were then reconciled as to certain abusive words which had before passed between them. They agreed if either of them should be able to give information against the other, that he had, by the same abusive words, or in deed, committed trespass against each other; and such person should, in the faith of two trustworthy witnesses, be found guilty thereof, he should give one hundred shillings toward the fabric of London Bridge; if refused, the Chamberlain should cause said amount to be levied.

Now, don't you say that that was doing very well for Masons four hundred years before America was discovered?

We note, further, that, in 1353, Edward III. issued proclamation to correct the evils of a strike of the workmen who left their places at the works on the Palace of Westminster; that they should be returned to their work; and that those who secured them to work at other places should be imprisoned in the Tower.

Also that, in 1356, thirtieth year of Edward III., divers disputes and dissensions between Masons who were hewers, on the one hand, and the light Masons and Setters, on the other, came before the Mayor of London. This reference to him, it was stated, was made because their trade had not been regulated in due manner by the government of folks of their trade in such forms as other trades are. Thereupon, to allay dispute, to nurture love among all manner of folks, in honour of the city, and for profit of the common people, all the good folks of said trade were summoned before the Mayor and Aldermen, to have from them good and due information how this trade might best be ordered and ruled for the profit of the common people.

Representatives of each branch of the Masonic workers attended, and gave evidence under oath; viz.: *For the Light Masons and Setters*—Thomas Hardegray, John Wylot, John de Eston, Simon de Barton, Richard Joy, and Richard Conwayth. *For the Mason Hewers*—Walter de Sallynge, Richard de Sallynge, Thomas de Brodono, John de Tyrintone, Thomas de Gloucestre, and Henry de Yeorleo.

Being thus named by the historian, it may not be out of place to remark that at least one set of the parties were French Masons.

The trial resulted in declaring a rule of government: That there should be no interference with each other's apprentices; that every man of the trade may work, if he be perfectly skilled and knowing to perform such work (this to be determined by the overseer) and if convicted that he does not well and perfectly know how to perform such work, for the first time, fined one mar; for the second, two; and for the third time he shall be forewarned the trade for ever. No apprentice or journeyman to be at the work, except in the presence of the Master, before perfectly instructed in their calling, under a fine. No apprentices to be taken for less than seven years, according to usage. The Master to oversee day-workers, who are to be paid as they deserve and are skilled, and not outrageously. If rules are not observed, complaint to be made to the Mayor, so that other rebels may take example, and thus be ruled by the good folks of the trade.

In 1396, twentieth year of Richard II., they had their Young England for the serving men. The Young Saddlers formed a fraternity, and had their yearly meeting on the 15th of August. It was determined that there should be no "covins," under feigned colour of sanctity; but that they should continue under government, as before, of the Master Saddlers. "Youthful ambition is the parent of much excellence; while subordinate to reason and duty, it is an honourable energy in the Spring-time of life, when the buds of expectation are incessantly shooting."

There comes somewhat of a change in the relation of dependence of the Guilds to the municipal corporation in 1415, third year of Henry V. It was decreed that no officer of the city should hereafter, as heretofore, receive a hood or vestment each year from the different crafts of the city, but only of that craft and fraternity of which he had been made free.

WHENCE CAME WE AS MASONS?

We answer, Masonry is the product of evolution—a growth from old-time roots. Trueman Smith, in the introduction to his valuable treatise on "English Guilds," gives a view of the manners, morals, and language of the time.

"The ancient principle of association is more than a thousand years old. It was a part of the essential life of England, which always worked well till forcibly meddled with. It was in this spirit that the early fathers met together, prayed together, aided one another. It was their faith in law-abidingness, their liberty, and their charity.

"It was the English guild, an institution of local self-help, which, before the poor-laws were invented, took the place in old times of the modern friendly or benefit society; but with a higher aim, while it joined all classes together in a care for the needy and for objects of common welfare, it did not neglect the foremost, the practice of religion, justice, and morality.

"'Guilds' were associations of those living in the same neighbourhood, and remembering that they have, as neighbours, common obligations. They were quite other things than modern partnerships or trading companies; for their main characteristic was to set up something higher than personal gain and mere materialism as the main object of men living in towns; and to make the teaching of love to one's neighbour be not only accepted as a hollow dogma of morality, but known and felt as a habit of life.

"If we go back to the darkest and most troubled period of the Middle Ages, we shall find, even at a very early date, sworn secret societies associated together for purposes of offence or defence, not only against enemies from without, but also against those from within, especially the great landed proprietors, who were becoming overbearing arrogant and powerful.

"Soon after the rise and aggrandisement of the cities, with the influx of a host of freemen, and the developments of trade and commerce, similar sworn fraternities or guilds were formed also in the walled towns. At the head of these protective guilds was a president (alderman, meister, maitre, master). New members were required to be vouched for by some brother of the fraternity; all matters relating to the affairs of their trade or occupation were concerted and regulated at their regular assemblies; the sons of members were peculiarly privileged, as concerned their admission, &c. There were general rules common to all the guilds. In the course of time the city guilds became more exclusive, and the ordinary workmen, who were debarred from their association, then formed similar societies among themselves.

"We have written Constitutions of them early in the twelfth century."

The German or Gothic style passed from France into England, 1174-1185—cathedral, Canterbury; back into Germany, 1212—cathedral, Magdeburg.

At this period science had a mystic bent, that had by the Crusades been imparted to the whole life of the Middle Ages. Arabic and Hebrew wisdom, with their interpretations of the Old Testament, gave their peculiar philosophic gloss to even architecture and the secret work of the artificer.

The privileges conferred upon the Freemasons, the usefulness of their services, and the great wealth which they obtained, tended to swell their numbers greatly. People in all countries sought admission into their ranks; in fact, no man could work as a mason without being a member of one of these guilds. Thus a knowledge of architecture was diffused from Italy, wherever the Latin Church spread.

As architecture gave dignity to the rites of religion also, the clergy joined the Freemasons, that they might know how to practice the art. Bishops, abbots, and simple priests gave designs for churches and other ecclesiastical buildings, while the inferior clergy executed the artificers' work; and by these many of the earliest structures were raised. Whilst war was the pastime of kings and the employment of the people, the clergy, in their monasteries, were the industrious bees of the community. Often, when a new church was required, the abbot or superior gave the plan, and, while some of the monks raised walls, others among them wrought the sculptures.

It is no wonder that architecture spread, when it was patronised by powerful kings, carried on by a learned clergy, and regarded as a holy work.

Freemasonry was at its height in the tenth century. An idea became prevalent among Christians that Christ would reappear on earth 1010 years after his death upon the cross, and that the world would come to an end. For many years preceding, then, very few churches were built, and those which existed were suffered to fall into decay. But when the time had passed, and the idea proved to be a delusion, people aroused themselves from this fear of death, and desired churches, that their souls might be saved. Then the Freemasons scattered themselves far and wide. Strong in their union, protected by the great and powerful, receiving asylums in the religious houses, finding work to be done everywhere, they poured out of Italy through the West, proceeding farther and farther, advancing from country to country, from Italy to Germany, from Germany to France, from France to Belgium, and from these places crossing the sea into England.

But as civilisation rose Freemasonry fell. The Pope's power was diminished, native skill increased, the natives of each country asserted their right to work, and native sovereigns regarded these foreign workmen with jealousy. The secret signs and practices of the Freemasons brought suspicion on them; they were deprived of their privileges in some countries; they were expelled from others; and, as their services were no longer indispensable, the clergy and laity withdrew their patronage from them. At length the Freemasons ceased to be architects, and the guilds expired.

LEGEND OF STRASBURG CATHEDRAL.

There is a quaint old tradition which comes down to us from ancient times, tottering under its load of age, and replete with the superstitions of the past.

On the borders of Alsatia there lies a great city, dating its foundation far back to the old Roman days, and rich in those architectural relics of the olden time which are ever so dear to the antiquary.

"Quaint offspring of centurial years, the town of Strasburg stands,
Rich in the lore of a mighty past, in legend and in story;
Rich in high-hearted men, honest sons—a country's truest glory;
Rich in its old Cathedral Church, with clustering ivy spread,
The Santa Croce of the land, where sleep her noble dead."

The story runs that, once in every twelvemonth, on the eve of St. John, when the quiet burghers of that ancient city are wrapt in peaceful slumber, and when the hour of midnight clangs out from the loud-tongued bell which hangs in the old Cathedral tower, the spirits of the stone-masons by whose hands the sacred pile was erected arise from the tomb and once more re-visit the scene of their former labours. Up from the dark and gloomy crypt, along the columned aisles and vast dim nave, across the white-gleaming marble floor, checkered with ghostly shadows that stream from picture oriel, past the stone-carved statues that keep watch and ward with their swords and sceptres, comes the long train of death-like, night-wandering shadows. Clad in their quaint old mediæval costume, the masters with their compasses and rules, the craftsmen with their plumbs and squares and levels, the apprentice lads with their heavy gavels, all silently greeting their

companions, old and dear, with time-honoured salute and token, as of yore.

While the last note of the deep-monthed bell is still trembling in the air, reverberating from arch to arch, and dying away amid the frozen music of the traceried roof, forth from the western portal streams the shadowy throng. Thrice around the sacred edifice winds the waving, floating train, brave Old Erwin himself leading the way; while far up above, above the sculptured saints who look down upon the sleeping city—up where, at the very summit of the feathery, fairy-like spire, the image of the Queen of heaven stands—there floats a cold, white-robed female form, the fair Sabina, Old Erwin's well-beloved child, whose fair hands aided him in his work. In her right hand a mallet, in her left a chisel, she sits among the sculptured lace-work of the noble spires like the Genius of Masonry. With the faint blush of dawn the vision fades, the phantom shapes dissolve, and the old masons return to their sepulchre, there to rest until the next St. John's-eve shall summon them to earth.

Abbe Grandidear, in his "Essay on the Cathedral of Strasburg," written in 1782, gives this account of the Craft:

"The Masons of those fabrics and their pupils—spread over the whole of Germany—to distinguish themselves from the common workmen formed themselves into the fraternity of Masons, to which they gave the German name of *Hutten*, which signifies Lodges; but they all agreed to recognize the authority of the original one at Strasburg, which was named *Haupt-Hutten*, or Grand Lodge.

"The different Masters of the individual Lodges assembled at Ratisbon, where they drew up, on the 25th of April 1459, the Act of Fraternity, which established the chief of the Cathedral of Strasburg and his successors as sole and perpetual Grand Masters of the fraternity of Freemasons of Germany. In 1498 Emperor Maximilian confirmed their privileges in a diploma, which was successively renewed by Charles V., Ferdinand, and successors.

"Their Lodge as tribunal judged, without appeal, all cases brought before it, according to the rules and statutes of the fraternity which were renewed and printed in 1563. The members of the society had no communication with other Masons, who merely knew the use of the trowel and mortar. They adopted for characteristic marks all that belonged to the profession, which they regarded as an art far superior to that of the simple laboring mason. The square, level and compasses became their attributes. Resolved to form a body distinct from the common herd of workmen, they invented, for use among themselves, rallying words, and tokens of recognition, and other distinguishing signs. This they called the sign of words, *das wortzeichen*, *le salut*, *der gruss*. The Apprentices, Companions and Masters were received with ceremonies conducted in secret. They took for their motto—'Liberty.' They were a fraternity, and practiced a secret art, or technology.

"The Freemasons carried the architecture of their country throughout the whole of Europe. They indentured their apprentices—initiated only those who were to form members of their body; they bound them to secrecy by imposing oaths; they carefully concealed, and even destroyed, documents which might disclose their knowledge; they formed a secret language that they might describe their art to each other without uninitiated persons understanding them; and they formed a code of secret signs that they might recognize each other as Masons, though personally unknown to each other, and keep strangers from getting into fellowship with them.

"The Lombard kings having been very zealous in spreading the Christian religion, the Freemasons were largely employed in filling their dominions with churches and monasteries. They spread into other countries in search of work. They became troops of labourers following in the tracks of the Christian missionaries, and building the churches required for the converts; in fact, no sooner did a missionary reach a remote place to convert the inhabitants than a troupe of Freemasons appeared, ready to raise a temple in which they might worship. As an edifice advanced, they sent for more of their brethren; and being authorized by the Pope, backed by kings, and upheld by public opinion by the sanctity of their work, they demanded and obtained materials, carriages, and manual assistance from the neighbouring gentry. They also imposed conditions on the parishes in which they laboured; thus a covenant was entered into between a Lodge of Freemasons and the churchwardens of Parish Suffolk, in the reign of Henry VI., that each Mason be furnished with a pair of leather gloves and a white apron; and that a Lodge, properly tiled, should be built for their meetings at the expense of the parish."

Bro. M. Syers announces his annual benefit at the "Oxford," for Thursday, 6th July, on which occasion Miss Kate Vaughan, Messrs. J. H. Milburn, G. Leybourne, Lieut. Cole, F. Jonghman, Ella Wesner, and several talented artistes will lend their assistance. A grand military band has been selected for the occasion. Bro. Syers is gradually recovering from his recent indisposition, and hopes to be present.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Self Protection.—Alterations of heat and cold, aided by the use of unripe fruits and unsound vegetables, always beget a tendency to diarrhoea during summer. To prevent unpleasant consequences, the first feeling of distention, nausea, rumbling of the bowels, or sensation of relaxation, should be promptly met by some such corrective as these Pills, which will remove the present symptoms, and avert their progression to choleraic dangers. With ordinary vigilance, there is no fear of contracting the prevailing epidemic if Holloway's medicine be taken when disordered digestion first manifests, nor need there be any alarm of a sudden outbreak of this formidable disease in any household where these innocent Pills have purified, cooled, regulated, and strengthened.

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FREEMASONRY EXPROBRATED, BY A CLERGYMAN IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

"Neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbidde n them that would, and casteth them out of the church.—3 John x. .

SIR,—It is generally understood that Freemasons in England have an *Annual* Provincial Assembly, consisting of members of their fraternity residing in one or two counties. And this year, 1876, the Freemasons of Lincolnshire met on the 6th day of June, at Brigg, under the Presidency of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans. As Freemasons always open and close their assemblies with prayer, it was not very remarkable that some of the Freemasons of Lincolnshire should express a desire to unite in prayer in the service of the Church of England on the day of the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Brigg, in the church of that town, and have the benefit of a sermon preached to them, as is usual, by a clergyman of the Church of England, who is also one of their Society. I repeat that this is usual, for the writer of this epistle has attended such a service in York Minster, and, if his health had permitted, might have done so last week in Peterborough Cathedral. But the Rev. Wm. John Wylie, of Brigg, is gifted with penetration far exceeding many of his clerical brethren, if not approximating to omniscience. He, like his holiness the pope of Rome, has espied, in the fraternity, if not actual ungodliness, consummate infidelity. Consequently, so far as the town of Brigg is concerned, the gates of Zion may stand open night and day to returning prodigals, but these Freemasons, *pessimi sentium*, the worst of souls or criminals, they shall not, as members of their fraternity, have the privilege, at Brigg Church, accorded to convicts elsewhere, to join in the House of God in prayer and praise; nay, they shall not be addressed in church by a Priest in Holy Orders who has any connection with such a curious sodality, if not degraded fraternity; an omnium gatherum of Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Christians. And if the anathema be not openly enunciated, the baneful effects of the greater excommunication were to be enforced on the fraternity of Freemasons on the day of their convocation at Brigg, the 6th of June in 1876. As a brother clergyman, I yield in nothing to Mr. Wylie in my attachment to and connection with the Church of England. I shall forbear to enter now into a defence of Freemasonry, which has for its objects, *inter alia*, unity and godly love, endeavours to do good, and to aid the distressed, to help those to right who suffer wrongfully, support the widow, and succour the orphan. But, instead of the argument *ad rem*, I will now employ the argument *ad hominem*. Is not that influential sidesman of Brigg Church, by whose endeavours, influence, and purse, in common with others, a peal of bells were recently placed in Brigg Church, a well-known, distinguished, worthy Mason, and a worthy churchman? a man of piety and Christian liberality.

Again, is not Mr. Wylie's neighbouring clergyman the Master of the Brigg Lodge of Freemasons? Mr. Wylie must admit that this clergyman is equal to himself in piety and orthodoxy. So are other clergymen in Lincolnshire, belonging to the Society of Freemasons—which is tabooed by Mr. Wylie—his equals, if not superiors in ability, learning, and loyalty to the Church of England, as well as to their Order. No clergyman by his connection with the Order of Freemasons would deviate in his teaching one jot from the Articles or Liturgy of the Church of England, and since the validity of his orders cannot be impeached by Mr. Wylie, or the title "reverend" be impugned, what more does this Rev. divine require? The days are past, even at Ouston Ferry, and at Brigg, these little towns in a nook in Lincolnshire, for a priestly onslaught on the civil or religious rights of the laity. It will answer no good purpose for the clergy to assume to have dominion over the faith of their flock or hearers, for this is essentially little popedom; but rather to be the helpers of those to whom the clergy are called to minister in holy things.

But when a clergyman assumes to be the censor of his clerical brethren,—and certainly in this case Mr. Wylie has done so by implication, however unintentionally,—he must not be surprised if he receives the retort, "Take heed to thyself and to thine own ministry, which thou hast received from Christ Jesus;" and if his clerical brethren should, in charity (as I sincerely do), pray that henceforth, in the exercise of his ministry, he may be characterized with the spirit of liberality, and love, and of a sound mind.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., Vicar of Loughton, near Gainsborough,
W.M. of 1232 at Bourne, P.P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

14th June 1876.

THE PERPETUATION OF MASONIC ERROR.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I have been not a little amused these last few days at the fervent inconsistency of your London Masonic contemporary. In the early part of the year you published a leading article on "the Antiquity of Freemasonry." In the course of it reference was made to the famous MS. which is said to have been signed by King Henry VI., to have been seen—at least a copy of it—by Leland, by him preserved in the Bodleian Library, and to have been recopied and

published at Frankfort in 1748. Now, as you are aware, the authenticity of this MS. is rejected, the fact of Leland having ever seen a copy of it is doubted, and the statement of its publication at Frankfort in 1748 is denied. The week following the appearance of your article, your contemporary published a leader bearing the title I have given to this letter, "The Perpetuation of Masonic Error." In it the Masonic scribe, whoever he may have been, took you roundly to task for your exceeding simplicity in attaching any value whatever to this unfortunate MS. and its history, real or fictitious, as the case may be. Your contemporary observed that the "avermment," that the date of the MS. in question was practically 1445, "on the part of a Masonic writer in 1876," was, "as Talleyrand said of a mistake, 'worse than a crime.'" It was "an insult practically to the critical studies of our period," it was "in itself absolutely incorrect and unhistorical from beginning to end," and demonstrated that your "Masonic scribe, whoever he may be," had "not mastered the first rudiments of Masonic archaeology." It proceeded: "In Germany such a remarkable assertion will be simply laughed at. Indeed, we have never seen more errors in a short statement."

Now I have no intention of entering the lists against you or your contemporary. I may remark, however, there is no very violent improbability, and nothing that outrages common sense, in the avermment that Henry VI. signed the MS., that Leland saw a copy of it, and that it was recopied and published in 1748 at Frankfort. All this may never have taken place, and your assertions may be worthy of the ridicule so plentifully heaped upon them. This, however, concerns me not at this moment. I read your leader and your contemporary's, and if I am not sufficiently bewildered between the pair of you, it is my misfortune, perhaps, but certainly not my fault. Judge, however, of my surprise, when I read, a few days back, in the columns of your contemporary, the following statement, apropos of a part of Bro. Havers's motion. "St. Alban is, in all our legends, identified inseparably with the first effort of our operative Order, and all our later Masonic MSS., from the 16th century at any rate, mention St. Alban and the provincial Vernlamium." If your "avermment" about the MS. referred to was worthy of so severe a condemnation, what shall be said of your contemporary's "avermment" about the inseparable identification of St. Alban "with the first effort of our operative Order." I imagine "the first effort of our operative Order" must have been the erection of a mud-cabin or some similar protection against the weather. The first effort I have read about is the city that was built by Cain's son Enoch, as mentioned in an early chapter of Genesis. But this happened before the Deluge, and I think St. Alban can have had nothing to do with that: there is no evidence, at least, that he had. The Tower of Babel is a later effort of the operative Masons, but even that was built considerably over two thousand years before the Christian era, whereas St. Alban flourished towards the end of the third century after it. A still later effort of the operative Mason was the building of King Solomon's Temple, but I was not aware that the wise King of Israel and our British proto-martyr to Christianity were contemporaries. If I confine my attention to Britain, I find among the earliest efforts of our operative Order the erection of a chain of forts by Agricola, to keep in check the northern barbarians, then the building of Adrian's wall, and then came that of Severus, but all these were anterior to St. Alban's time. If I narrow the circle of my inquiries to St. Alban himself, I am able to learn that he lived in the reign of Diocletian, and that he was put to death for his attachment to Christianity, but the year of his death is variously stated. As regards the Abbey which bears his name, that was built in Saxon times, a few centuries after his martyrdom, I presume, by operative Masons, but I see nothing in that to identify St. Alban with "our operative Order." I wish I could. A few such interesting fables might be worked up into a very readable volume, and would create almost as much excitement in our nurseries as ever did the stories of Mothers Hubbard and Goose.

But "all our later MS., from the 16th century at any rate, mention St. Alban and Vernlamium." Now then, we read, "That great and interesting cathedral contains mementoes both of Alban and Amphibalas, and no history of our operative forefathers can be complete without recognition of the early connection of Alban with the operative guilds." It comes to this, then. Alban is mentioned in a number of MSS. of comparatively recent origin, and having a greater or less value. Therefore, no history, &c. is complete without mention of his connection with the operative guilds. No history of Rome is held to be complete which omits the story of Romulus and Remus being suckled by a wolf, but no sane man believes the story, and certainly no sane man now-a-days would dream of presenting £1,000 to the shrine of Mars merely because history recorded such an absurdity. Centuries hence people may be erecting monuments to the sea-serpent, because its frequent appearance during the season of "big gooseberries" is mentioned in "the daily papers." Of this epoch there always have been and always will be a number of simple folk ready to believe anything they have had told them or seen in print or MS. I have no objection to include St. Alban, Euclid, Pythagoras, King Solomon, Noah, and, if need be, Adam, among the Grand Masters of our Order, whether operative or speculative, but I shall only do so in the nursery. If the Germans have been laughing at your "avermment" about the MS., &c., &c., what will they do about this absurd rignarole which your contemporary has now served up to its readers?

Fraternally yours,
"Q."

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Through the diaphonous scumble of your Masonic Portrait in a recent number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, entitled "A Shining Light," one cannot fail to recognise a generally faithful transcript of the worthy Secretary of the Frederick

Lodge of Unity, Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.J.W. But there is one error in it, and as this called forth some animadversions from our excellent Treasurer on the occasion of the last meeting of the Lodge, I take the liberty of putting a touch or two to the Portrait. The Lodge has never been resuscitated, for the simple reason that it has never been moribund. To Bro. Magnus Ohren it is much indebted, not only for important services rendered in his official capacity, but also for the introduction of a large number of men of high intelligence and good social position. At no period of the history of the Frederick Lodge has there been any want of vitality. Bro. Ohren has therefore increased its prosperity, augmented its numbers, but there never was in the Lodge any symptom of decay. Apologising for trespassing on your space,

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

H. E. FRANCES, P.P.G.S.D., D.C. 452.

LODGE REPORTS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an editorial in a late number of your Masonic contemporary attention is called to the manner in which Lodge proceedings are made public. About a year ago I endeavoured, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, to impress upon reporters the necessity of caution, and the importance of keeping within the veil. Details, however apparently insignificant in themselves, might nevertheless tend to the betrayal of matters which should be carefully and jealously guarded. I was glad to perceive that in many cases the hint was acted upon. There was a marked improvement in the style of the reports. They were conspicuous by the absence of "over publication of detail, uninteresting repetition of common place and well-known Ritual formularies" which the writer of the article alluded to points out as dangerous. Of late, however, the tendency to over-communicativeness has assumed some of its former proportions. We are far from observing obligatory reserve, and too frequently from being guided by common and extremely necessary prudence. Turning to the reports in the same publication, I find them replete with the evil which is so strongly deprecated. They might very advantageously be modified. We are not justified, neither is it consistent with the tenor of our Masonic duties, in presenting to the outer world a vivid and minutely defined picture of the mode in which the ceremonials of the various degrees are conducted. To the initiated the barest statement of the names of those who had passed through the ordeal of any of the ceremonials is amply sufficient, as the method of procedure is quite as familiar to the reader as to the writer, and the recital thereof therefore entirely superfluous. Not only is the prevalent custom to particularise injudicious, needless and unnecessary, but, as experience teaches, very often injurious. A shrewd impostor, perusing Masonic records as they appear from week to week, could easily gather sufficient knowledge of the routine of the Lodge room to succeed in his pursuit of deception, and, if possessed of plausible and insinuating address, would have no great difficulty so far to hoodwink the incautions and careless as to penetrate into the Lodge itself. As one of the results of this laxity, which cannot be too strongly deprecated and condemned, we have periodical complaints of tricks played upon the unwary, and of successful deceit, which diverts charity from its legitimate course into the pockets of the trickster, whose audacity and vicious acuteness enables him to transmit the flimsiest materials into current coin of the realm. Without any desire to dictate or censure brethren who from a sense of duty take the trouble to forward reports, I would exhort them to exercise greater care, and cease to travel in such fearfully dangerous proximity to the boundaries of our landmarks, bearing in mind the ease with which, in an unguarded moment, they might be overstepped. Information intended solely for the Masonic public can be, with but little effort, so wrapped up as to be perfectly intelligible to those interested and remain profoundly mysterious to the rest of the world. There are numerous incidents in the course of a Masonic meeting in Lodge which, without much harm, might perhaps be openly discussed. But if reports were chiefly restricted to the proceedings of what is understood to constitute the fourth degree, although not quite so instructive, they would be devoid of danger, and most probably prove much more interesting and often more amusing to the general reader. It is for the conductors of a Masonic publication, upon whom, after all, the weight of responsibility rests, to omit all objectionable matter, and expunge statements likely to lead to over-publicity. There is always a class of individuals on tip-toe of expectation to catch their fellows tripping, and ready to turn the follies of others to their own profit and advantage. As Masons, we are strictly bound to reticence, and to perform our appointed tasks with that silence and circumspection which has always been deemed essential to the very existence of the Order. It were better to suppress publicity altogether than bring discredit upon ourselves by furnishing matter for gossip, and possibly, though perhaps unwittingly, violate our obligations.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following from Burke's *Peerage and Baronetage* (Ed. 1864), setting forth the titles, &c. of the Dukes of Athole and a few particulars respecting the two who were Grand Masters of "Ancients," will doubtless interest your readers, and especially Bro. Constable.

Athole, Duke, Marquess, and Earl of (Sir George Augustus Frederick John Murray K.T.), Marquess and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardale, Viscount Glenalmond, Balquhidar, and

Glenlyon, Baron Murray of Tullibardine, Lord Belvenie and Gask, in the Peerage of Scotland; Earl Strange, Baron Strange, and Baron Murray of Stanley, co. Gloucester in the Peerage of England; Baron Glenlyon, of Glenlyon, in that of the United Kingdom; hereditary Sheriff of Perthshire.

John Murray, 3rd Duke, succeeded his uncle, the 2nd, in 1764 (being eldest son of the Pretender's Lord George Murray, who died in 1766, and was fifth son of first Duke); m. only surviving daughter and heiress of James 2nd Duke in 1765, disposed of sovereignty of Isle of Man to British Government for £70,000, reserving, however, their landed interest, on payment of £101 15s 11d annually, and rendering two falcons to the Kings and Queens of England on days of their coronation—died 5 Nov. 1774.

John Murray 4th Duke s. 5 Nov. 1774—m. (1st) 26 Dec. 1774, Jane el. dau. of George 9th Earl of Cathcart, (2) 11 March 1794, Marjory el. dau. of James 16th Lord Forbes and widow of John, Lord Macleod, (she died 3 Oct. 1842). Created a peer of United Kingdom in dignities of Baron Murray of Stanley and Earl Strange—18 Aug. 1786 and inherited Old English Barony of Strange on death of his mother in 1805. A.K.T. and F.R.S.: disposed of rest of property and privileges in Isle of Man for £409,000: died 1830.

Creations: Baron Murray 25 April 1604. Earl of Tullibardine 10 July 1606. Earldom of Athole, granted to Sir John Stewart, eldest son of Sir James Stewart, called the Black Knight of Lorn, and his wife, Jane, dau. of John, Duke of Lancaster, and Queen Dowager of James I. of Scotland, 1457, and confirmed to John Murray, eldest son of Lady Dorothea Stewart, eldest dau. of John, 5th, and last Earl of Athole of that line, by William, 2nd Earl of Tullibardine, by patent, dated 16 Feb. 1622. Marquess of Athole, 7 Feb. 1676. Duke of Athole, &c. 30 June 1703—all in Scotland. Baron Strange, by writ 1628, in peerage of England. Earl Strange, &c. in peerage of Great Britain 18 Aug. 1786. Baron Glenlyon in peerage of United Kingdom, 9 July 1821.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES. LLANIDLOES AND NEWTOWN.

THE province of North Wales and Shropshire has of late years, under the rule of so popular and genial a chief as Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, increased in strength at a very rapid rate. During last week two more Lodges were added to the roll, making a total of 21, the R.W.P.G.M. having been present at the consecration of 17 of them. We may add that next year he will have completed his quarter of a century as a ruler in the Craft, and at the present time there are only two Provincial Grand Masters who have ruled over a province for a longer period than Sir Watkin, namely, Dr. Bowles, the R.W.P.G.M. of Hereford, and John Fawcett, Esq., the R.W.P.G.M. of Durham.

On Thursday, 8th June, an especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Llanidloes by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., for the purpose of consecrating the Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582, which was attended by a goodly array of officers and brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. At the roll call of Lodges it was found 9 only were represented. The Bye Laws of the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association were confirmed. This Association is formed of subscribers to two funds; one by subscribing one guinea per annum enables the brother to become a life member of one of the London Charities in the course of five years, or sooner, if he is successful at the yearly ballot. The other fund is for the purpose of educating the children who are candidates for the London Charities until they are elected.

Bro. W. Blakeway, the S.P.G.W., brought up a communication by unanimous request from the Aberystwyth Lodge, No. 1072. Bro. W. Hamer W.M. congratulating the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire on the safe return of their R.W.P.G.M. to them in restored health. Bro. Salmon P.G.S.B. moved that this be entered on the minutes, and that the P.G. Sec. be requested to write thanking the W.M. of 1072 for the communication. This was seconded by Bro. A. Walker P.G.S. of W., and carried unanimously.

The Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582, was then consecrated in due form by the veteran of consecrations, Bro. Dr. T. W. J. Goldsbro' P.P.S.G.W., the Consecrating Officer appointed by the R.W.P.G.M., after which he duly installed Bro. W. Collender P.M. 998 P.G.S., the W.M. designate, who then invested the following officers:—Bros. Dr. W. A. Davies S.W., J. Kitto J.W., E. Hamer Treasurer, J. Kitto Secretary, W. W. Williams S.D., J. Hughes J.D., J. Russel I.G. The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, and partook of a banquet provided in the Market Hall by Mr. Russell, of the Trewythen Arms Hotel, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, interspersed with music, under the direction of Bro. J. B. Boucher, of Shrewsbury, P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. Dumville P.M. 152, S. Hazlitt S.W. 1432, Roscoe 268, Miller 1357.

On the following day, Friday, 9th June, another especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Public Rooms, Newtown, by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, for the purpose of consecrating the Cydwain Lodge, No. 1594.

The proceedings commenced at one o'clock, in the Public Rooms. About seventy brethren attended the consecration, many of whom came from long distances expressly for the purpose. Bro. Frederick Britton, the Worshipful Master designate, was formally presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Danily S.W. designate, Bro. H. N. Gilbank J.W. designate, and the other petitioning brethren taking their places. After the Lodge had been opened, Bro. Dr. Goldsbro' W.I.P.M. 998 Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, the Consecrating Officer, having addressed the assemblage upon the nature of the meeting, called upon Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Secretary, to read the petition and warrant. The Lodge was then consecrated according to ancient form.

About half-past three, the order of procession having been arranged by Bros. Salmon and G. Owen P.P.G.D. of C., the Order started from the Lodge-room at the Public Rooms, and proceeded along Broad-street, High-street, Lower Park-street, New Church-street, to St. David's Church, where a service was held. The brethren appeared in full Craft Masonic clothing and jewels. The route was lined with spectators, and the windows were also used extensively by the wives and friends of the brethren.

As the brethren marched up the church Bro. J. B. Boucher, P.G. Organist, played a march composed by him for the occasion, and dedicated by permission to the R.W.P.G.M. There was a crowded congregation present during the service.

The musical portion of the service was ably given by the choir of the church, assisted by Bros. Miller, Dumville P.M. 152, Hazlitt S.W. 1432 and Roscoe, who sang the solo parts of the anthem excellently. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. J. Williams, rector of Newtown, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Wynne Jones, formerly of Oswestry, and now Vicar of Llanllwchaiarn. The rector preached an excellent sermon from 12th Matthew 49 and 50.

There was an offertory at the close in aid of local and Masonic Charities, and £9 9s 1d was realised.

After divine service the brethren re-formed in procession and marched back to the Elephant Hotel, where upwards of fifty sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Bro. F. Britton P.M. 850 and 998, P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire, and W.M. of 1594 ("Cydwain" Lodge), who occupied the chair. He was ably supported on his right by Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; on his left by Bro. T. W. J. Goldsbro' M.D., P.M. 998, P.P.G.S.W.

The whole of the proceedings passed off without a hitch of any kind, and the consecration of "Cydwain" Lodge, No. 1594, will long be a red-letter day among the Craft in Newtown.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Apollo University Masonic Hall, Oxford. There was a very large assembly of brethren from the different Lodges in the Province. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., opened the Lodge, the Rev. H. Adair Picard, M.A., taking the Senior Warden's chair, while the Junior Warden's was occupied by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Cooper Smith. The Grand Junior Warden of England, the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, was present. Several important items of Masonic business were transacted. Among these were the report on the state of Freemasonry in the Province, which showed that the Order was making strong headway in the different districts, and the report of the charity committee, which, by centralising the votes that the different brethren in the Province had for the Masonic Charitable Institutions, enabled them to carry their candidates at each election. After this business had been concluded his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., Provincial Grand Master, was announced, and he entered the Lodge, attended by Bro. the Hon. R. H. Collins, C.B., and Bro. Walter J. D. Campbell, of Blythwood, his equerry. His Royal Highness then ascended the traditional chair of the Royal Solomon, and was received with a round of applause. The customary Masonic salute was given, and the Lodge again settled down to perform its business. Bro. Thomas Randall was re-elected Grand Treasurer for the Province for the 23rd year successively, and Prince Leopold then said that he had appointed Bro. Reginald Bird Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxford, an announcement which was received with general applause. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bro. Jules Buë, M.A., Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge, 340, Provincial Grand Senior Warden; Bro. H. Offley Wakeman, B.A., Fellow of All Souls' College, Worshipful Master of the Churchill Lodge, 478, Grand Junior Warden; Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, M.A., Worcester College, Worshipful Deputy Master of the Apollo University Lodge, 357, and Bro. the Rev. J. Spittal, M.A., Worshipful Master of the Cherwell Lodge, 599, Grand Chaplains; Bro. Alderman T. Randall, Alfred Lodge, Grand Treasurer; Bro. W. Peppercorn, Churchill Lodge, Grand Registrar; Bro. J. E. C. Bodley, Balliol College, Apollo Lodge, Grand Secretary; Bro. T. B. Brown, Marlborough Lodge, 1399, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. J. Reade, Bowyer Lodge, 1036, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. F. W. Ansell, Alfred Lodge, 340, Grand Superintendent of Works; Bro. C. G. Paget, Christ Church Apollo Lodge, and Bro. Gordon Campbell, B.A., Exeter College, Apollo Lodge, Grand directors of Ceremonies; Bro. J. Jenkin, Bertie Lodge, 1515, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. W. Parrat, B. Mus., Magdalen College, Apollo Lodge, Grand Organist; Bro. F. Dolley, Bertie Lodge, Grand Pursuivant; Bro. J. Chapman, Alfred Lodge, Assistant Grand Pursuivant; Bros. W. J. Douglas Campbell, St. Alban Hall, Apollo Lodge; W. N. Glencross, Exeter College, Churchill Lodge; F. Hodges, B.A., Exeter College, Churchill Lodge; H. H. Parry, T. F. Plowman, Churchill Lodge; and H. Harris, Bertie Lodge, Grand Stewards; and Bros. W. Stephens and G. Norwood, Grand Tylers. Ten guineas were voted to the Masonic Institutions, and ten guineas to the Oxford local charities, three guineas of the latter to the Radcliffe Infirmary. On the motion of Prince Leopold, seconded by Bro. Bird, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a vote of congratulation to the Prince of Wales on his safe return to England was unanimously adopted. The Grand Lodge was then closed, the customary banquet was afterwards held at the Clarendon Hotel, Prince Leopold presiding.

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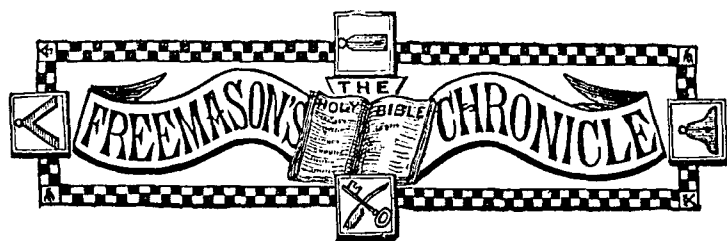
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OUR THIRD VOLUME.

WITH the present number is completed our Third Volume, and a few words as to our past career may not be out of place. We think it well, first of all, to express our thanks for the continued and increasing support extended to us by the Craft. Our progress may not have been rapid, but we flatter ourselves, with some reason, that it has been a sure one. We have earnestly striven to redeem the pledges we gave at starting. We have, of course, had, like every other Masonic Journal, our difficulties to contend with, and these have been neither trifling in character nor few in number. But we have gone on battling with them, and the fact that our circle of readers is an ever-extending one we consider is fair evidence that our efforts have not been entirely unsuccessful. We are anxious, of course, to obtain more support, and we shall do our best not only to retain the good opinion we have

gained thus far, but to earn for ourselves the sympathy and support of a still more numerous and influential section of the Brotherhood. And when we have gained these we need have little doubt as to the future. This, indeed, has been, and always will be, one of the principal subjects of gratulation—namely, the fact, that once we have obtained the support of a brother, it has only happened in very rare instances that he has withdrawn himself from the number of our friends and well-wishers. Any remarks we have to make as to the future we reserve for the new volume. Let it suffice, on the present occasion, that we thank the Craft generally, as well for its kind indulgence towards our shortcomings as for its warm commendation when commendation may have been deserved.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE has been, comparatively, little business in the House of Lords. The Cruelty to Animals Bill passed through Committee on Tuesday, but this is the only measure worth referring to.

In the House of Commons, on Friday last, Messrs. Burt and Macdonald presented a monster petition against the grant of further allowances to the Royal Family till a full statement of their present incomes were known. Weighty, in one sense, this petition, with its 102,000 signatures, undoubtedly was, for the honourable members had some difficulty in carrying it; but weighty, in the sense of likely to prove influential, we are certain it was not. We think Mr. Burt and his colleague might have saved themselves so much trouble. Certain protective duties in the island of Malta, special allowances to the Foot Guards, Summary Jurisdiction, the Audit of Army and Navy Accounts, and Supply, occupied most of the sitting. On Monday, the debate on the Elementary Education Bill of the Government was brought to an end, Mr. Mundella's resolution, which stopped the way, being disposed of by 309 to 163, and the second reading assented to by 356 to 78. On Tuesday, at the morning sitting, the Commons Bill was considered as amended. In the evening a motion of Mr. P. A. Taylor, on the subject of Flogging in the Navy, was defeated. A count-out occurred soon afterwards. On Wednesday, the Banns of Marriage (Scotland) Bill was defeated on its second reading. On Thursday, after a statement by the Prime Minister, as to the Eastern Question, the Jurors' Qualification (Ireland) Bill passed through Committee, and the second reading of the Prisons' Bill was in part debated.

Monday was the thirty-ninth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. On Wednesday, a State Concert was given at Buckingham Palace by command of the Queen, who has been enjoying rest in Scotland, and returned to Windsor on Thursday. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Connaught were present. Among the artistes Mdles. Zarè Thalberg, Albani, and Titiens, Madame Patey, Signor Campanini, and Mr. Santley. A second State Ball will be held on the 4th proximo. On Tuesday, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess entertained at dinner, at Marlborough House, Sir Salar Jung, G.C.S.I., the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge, and a distinguished party being present to meet him. On Friday, Prince Leopold presided as Grand Master at the meeting in the Apollo University Masonic Hall of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire. The Duke of Connaught has been gazetted Colonel-in-Chief of the 17th Lancers. The Duke of Edinburgh in command of H.M.S. Sultan, has arrived out at Malta, and would proceed shortly to join the fleet under Admiral Drummond in Besika Bay.

Weather of unusual brilliancy has attended the Horse Show held this week in the grounds of the Alexandra Palace. The animals, though fewer in number than at the rival display at the Agricultural Hall, more than held their own in the matter of quality. On Wednesday, the Four-in-Hand Club paid a visit to the Park and Show, the Duke of Beaufort having previously notified Sir Edward Lee, the manager, that their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught would be among the guests of the Club. The drags, to the number of fifteen or sixteen, reached the Park shortly after one o'clock, the Prince being seated on the Duke of Beaufort's, and his brother on that

of Lord Carington. Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had previously received orders to provide lunch, and this having been discussed, the Club and its royal guests witnessed the parade of horses and their jumping, and then returned to town at half-past four o'clock, highly gratified with their visit. Sir Edward Lee and Mr. Bertram were presented to the Prince by the Duke of Beaufort. As regards the show itself, we have said that as regards quality it was all that could be desired, and as it is held under far more favourable conditions as regards place than the Islington show, we doubt not in the course of time it will become the leading exhibition of its kind. The coaches to the number of four and twenty paid a second visit on Thursday.

The second Summer exhibition of plants, flowers and fruit at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, was honoured with a visit by the Princess of Wales and two of her children, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck and their children. About ten thousand people were present. The display was very brilliant. The orchids from the Earl of Londesborough, the pelargoniums from Messrs. Veitch, Bull, and Williams, and the roses of Messrs. Paul and Son of Cheshunt, and Mr. Charles Turner of Slough, were magnificent.

Oxford, which has recently been the scene of Masonic doings, has been gay this week after its usual fashion. This is Commemoration Week, when everybody entertains everybody, when every day has its appointed round of fêtes, and the famous old University city, in fact, does well nigh everything but study. The Freemasons were not behind their academic brethren in celebrating the occasion. Their musical fête, which had been entrusted to the management of a committee, with Prince Leopold in command, was a grand success. The invitations issued exceeded 2,000, and among the attractions were the performances of the Coldstream Guards Band, the Orpheus Glee Union, and the Hungarian Band.

Against these brilliant displays of festivity, we have to record a most deplorable conflagration at Ayr, by which a large factory was burned down, and some twenty-seven persons, with one or two exceptions young girls between 12 and 24 years of age, have lost their lives. The origin of the fire does not appear to be known. The fire at Brook's Wharf has broken out again more than once, but the brigade are fortunately able to prevent its extending to the neighbouring premises.

Among the deaths that have occurred recently, that of Sir Thomas Henry, the respected chief metropolitan magistrate at Bow-street, deserves to be recorded, for Sir Thomas was not only a magistrate of long standing and great experience, having had a seat on the bench for six and thirty years, but he was a most kindly, genial man, and was as dearly loved in private life as he was respected in his public capacity.

Further distracting news has come from the East. Certain of the Turkish Ministers have been assassinated, and the murderer, a captain or major in the army, having been taken red-handed, has since paid the penalty of his crime. This does not look hopeful for the new Sultan, to have lost two of his leading advisers just when their advice is most needed. We shall not pretend to discuss the question whether the crime was political or merely the act of a madman, or of private and personal revenge. It is enough that it weakens public confidence at a very critical time. As to what further steps the three Emperors will take, or whether they will take any, we are not yet able to say. The Prince of Montenegro has thrown up, it is said, the task he had undertaken, and that is a good sign. Servia seems in a more pacific mood, and has not resolved, single-handed, to dispatch the Turk. This is an act of prudence, if of nothing else, for the Turk is likely to prove a tough customer, as those who remember the events of 1853-4 know well enough. However, every day that is spent in deliberation is a gain, and we sincerely trust that peaceful counsels may prevail in the long run. The other foreign news is of no great moment. Our Government has refused, for certain reasons, to surrender certain persons whose extradition was demanded by the United States Government, but the question involved we do not doubt will form the subject of friendly discussion, and possibly of new treaty arrangements. A report was widely circulated to the effect that His Holiness the Pope was dead. We should have been sorry had it been so, but we rejoice to say that Pío Nono still survives, in health, and no doubt with strength enough to hurl a few more harmless maledictions at the heads of us poor harmless Freemasons.

Old Warrants.—No. 4.

No. 320 (Ancients) ; 405, A.D. 1814 (at the Union) ; 280, A.D. 1832 ; and 230 from 1863. (Now held at Devonport.)

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For 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, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four Thousand and Nine Hundred twenty and six, in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful The most Noble and Puissant Prince John Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathsay and Strathardale, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man, and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c.

(No. 320.)—Grand Master of Masons. The Right Worshipful William Dickey Esq. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Robert Gill Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Hanscomb Esq. Junior Grand Warden, (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster,) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren, viz. The Worshipful George Bowen, Esq. one of our Master Masons. The Worshipful Richard Baker, his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful George Davis, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, at the House of the said George Davis, known by the sign of the Acorn in Rotherhithe, and elsewhere, in or near the Cities of London or Westminster, upon the First and Third Tuesday in every Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful Occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren George Bowen, Richard Baker, and George Davis, (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, choose, and instal their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, choose, and instal their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Value.

Given under our Hands and Seal of our the Grand Lodge in London, this Second day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Nine, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Nine.

ROBERT LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. II. Letter L. Page 196. No. 320.

Let the within Warrant and Lodge No. 320, be transferred to our trusty and well beloved Brother Thomas Barry, one of our Master Masons, John McLaughlin his Senior Warden, and John Morgan his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge at the house known by the name of the Hotel at Kingsand near Plymouth Dock or elsewhere in the County of Devon, upon the first and third Wednesday in every month, and on all other times and lawful occasions, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Craft, Our said Brothers and their Successors always and at all times during the continuance of this Warrant, paying due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by whom these presents are granted, otherwise the within Warrant and these presents to be of no force or effect. Provided also that all, and every, the Members of the said Lodge be first, and at all times duly registered, pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided.

Entd. Let. K. Vol. 10.

THOS : HARPER, D.G.M.

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The present title and number, &c., are "The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 230, Devonport."

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am really very much obliged to Bros. Richard Spencer and James Homer Neilson for their replies to my query as to the whereabouts of the Grand Lodge of Munster records.

Bro. Neilson's communication is very valuable and interesting, and I trust he will succeed in inducing our illustrious Bro. Chatterton to publish these important records, about which nothing absolutely correct as to their contents is known.

If Bro. Chatterton cannot find time to do so, doubtless Bro. Neilson, or his friends, Hughan or Lyon, would oblige us by editing all these records.

I have sent my card to Bro. Neilson to satisfy his private curiosity as to my name and locality, and I hope soon to see him personally in our city of cities (Dublin).

MASONIC INVESTIGATOR.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.
TABLES OF THE LAW OF THE
FREEMASONS.

(Literally translated from the French of Brother JACQUES
ETIENNE MARCONIS, Paris, 1862.)

(Continued from page 371.)

BENEFICENCE.

Created in the image of God, who spreads happiness over all men, approach this infinite model by a constant will; throw incessantly over thy kind all the happiness in thy power, for all which the spirit can conceive of good is the patrimony of the Mason.

All beings which suffer have sacred rights upon thee; withdraw not from the piercing cry of misery which solicits thee, anticipate and reassure the timid unfortunate; poison not, by the ostentation of thy gifts, the sources of that living water where the unfortunate ought to quench their thirst; seek not the price of thy beneficence in vain applause, but in the tranquil suffrages of thy conscience; let that sordid passion, avarice, never soil thy character, and let thy heart ever raise itself above the cold and arid calculations which it suggests; let thy beneficence be active, ingenious, but always enlightened by a prudent wisdom. Let thy good-will extend to all nature, even the noxious insect has a right to live, crush it not without reason; be not cruel to animals, but, on the contrary, compassionate their sufferings, fear not ridicule in defending them against stupid brutality.

DUTIES TOWARDS THE NEIGHBOUR.

Be thou affable and officious towards all the world, edify by example, love thy neighbour, contribute to the happiness of others, permit not envy to rise for a single moment in thy bosom.

Be thou tolerant, for it is not just to seek to impose thy opinion upon men endowed like thyself with the faculty of reason.

Pardon thy enemy, avenge thyself, but by benefits; this generous sacrifice will procure thee the most pure pleasures, and thou wilt become the living image of the Divinity, who pardons with celestial good-will the offences of men, and pours down mercies upon them in spite of their ingratitude; remember that forgiveness is the most beautiful triumph over instinct. Mason! forget injuries, but never benefits.

Love, friendship, fraternity for all men, respect for all women, veneration for the aged, filial piety for fathers and mothers, tenderness for brothers and sisters, good will and gaiety for children, generosity for the unfortunate, and for the widow and orphan, in a word, humanity for thy kind, behold the culte which men owe to human nature.

MORAL PERFECTION OF SELF.

In devoting thyself to others forget not that which thou owest to thyself; endeavour by a firm and constant will to attain the moral perfection of thy Being; have but a single aim in this life; to acquire science by virtue, and virtue by science. Neglect not then to satisfy the wants of thy immortal soul; descend often into thy inner self to sound the most secret folds of thy heart; to know thyself is the grand pivot of Masonic precepts; thy soul is the rough ashlar, the brute stone, which it is necessary to chip; offer to divinity the homage of thy regulated affections and vanquish the passions.

Let the sublime idea of the omnipotence of God fortify and sustain thee; watch and pray; renew each morning the vow to improve in virtue, and when in the evening thy self-satisfied heart recalls to thee a good action, a victory obtained over thyself, repose thou then in peace in the bosom of providence.

Let chaste and severe morals be thy inseparable companions, that thy soul may be pure, upright and true.

Let modesty be thy law; pride is a most dangerous enemy, for it confines man in an illusory confidence in his own strength; consider not the boundary whence thou hast come, or thy course will be relaxed, but where thy journey has to terminate. The short duration of thy existence leaves thee hardly a hope of attaining the goal; strip away self love, a comparison with those who are behind thee is dangerous aliment, but submit to the goad of a virtuous emulation, and study the most accomplished models. The road to virtue is as easy as that of vice, it suffices to enter therein, the march will be easy if, in good hour, thou submit to temperance, without which there is no wisdom; temperance is a universal medicine, both to the physical and moral being; be sober, frugal, and moderate, and thou wilt thus overcome the evils of thy body and spirit.

DUTIES TOWARDS THE BRETHREN.

From the immense crowd of beings with which this universe is peopled thou hast chosen, by a free vow, the Masons for thy brethren. Never, then, forget that all Masons, of whatever country, religion, or condition they may be, in presenting the right hand in symbol of free fraternity, have sacred rights upon thy assistance and thy amity. Faithful to the vow of nature, which is equality, the Mason establishes again in his temples the original rights of the human family; they never sacrifice this principle to popular prejudice, and the sacred level assimilates all states. Respect, in civil society, the distinctions established or tolerated by Providence; but enter not our temples unless escorted by the virtues.

Blush not in public for an obscure but honest man, whom in the Lodge thou hast acknowledged as a brother, else the Order, in its turn, will blush for thee, and send thee back with thy pride to exhibit thyself upon the profane theatre of the world.

If thy brother is in danger fly to his assistance, and fear not to expose thy life for him; if he is in want cast upon him of thy treasure, and rejoice in being able to make such good employment of them; thou hast vowed to exercise benevolence towards men in general, but above all to the brethren who implore thee. It is in vain that thou wilt say to thy kind: there exists a Supreme God, if

thou are not thyself a friend and brother to thy species; it is in vain thou wilt say to the poor and the orphan: thou hast a father in heaven, if thou art not a father to them.

If thy heart, ulcerated by real or imaginary offences, nourishes some secret enmity against one of thy brothers, dissipate instantly the rising cloud, call some disinterested arbiter to thy aid, claim his fraternal mediation; but never pass the threshold of the Masonic temple without having disposed of all hatred and desire of vengeance. Thou wilt invoke the Eternal in vain to dwell in our Lodges, unless they are purified by the virtues of the brethren and sanctified by their concord.

DUTIES TO FRIENDSHIP.

If a friend is necessary to thee, choose him in good hour, for life is short; let him be the most worthy of thy acquaintances, he will be thy mentor. God guard thee from his descent to the rôle of complaisance, for he will then become the accomplice of thy passions, and be far from aiding thee to vanquish them. A true friend is a treasure, thrice happy he who obtains it. Be slow to tie the knots of friendship, but still slower to sever them.

The friendship of men is the true treasure of wisdom; one cannot attach too much merit to the love of it. Those who love mankind ought to serve them, to be useful to them, to tell them the truth. To serve mankind it is necessary to love good, to be useful to them it is necessary to will and to execute. Truth is the knowledge of good, to teach truth and to do good to mankind is to imitate the works of God.

O! divine friendship, celestial light, supreme felicity, union of human souls! come to form all hearts, come to purify, vivify them, animate them with the same sentiments of love, of fraternity, of benevolence, that the sweet bond may unite all men as one family of brothers and friends.

May love and friendship live in all souls, warm all hearts, and animate all spirits; and soon all men will give themselves to the virtues which elevate and perfect humanity.

DUTIES TOWARDS THE ORDER.

In exchange for thy admission into the Order thou hast abandoned a part of thy natural liberty; accomplish then strictly the new moral obligations required of thee; conform thyself to our Statutes and particular rules, and respect those whom public confidence have constituted the guardians of the law and the interpreters of the general vow. Thou wilt be a bad brother if thou shouldst misunderstand the subordination necessary in all society, and it will be obliged to exclude thee from its bosom.

Purify thy heart, sow in the world the word of life, instruct the ignorant, and relieve those who suffer; teach to mankind—thy brothers, hatred of vice and bad passions, the love of all the virtues.

Thy principal duty is to attack and destroy ignorance, misery, depravity amongst men, and bring the reign of God upon earth.

March, with the torch of reason, in search of virtue; its object is the elevation and ennoblement of the human spirit; show thyself unceasingly virtuous, seek constantly to alie wisdom and prudence; let the love of thy kind burn in thy heart; and hence, worthy of the Sublime Architect of the Universe, thou canst call thyself with pride the true child of light.

When the Masonic torch shall illumine the world, and Masonic doctrines be known amongst all people, then will be realised the sublime idea which is enclosed in our Symbols: but be sure that it is not in an agglomeration of wicked, jealous, and vindictive men, proud mediocrities, that our sublime institution will become strong and powerful.

FINIS CORONAT OPUS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, PUNJAB.

AT the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Wednesday, the 12th day of April 1876, at 7.30 p.m. Present—W. Bros. Major W. H. Mackesy D.D.G.M. in charge of District, Capt. John Chalmers S.G.W., James Wilkinson as J.G.W., Walter Adlard Past J.G.W., Charles H. Cheetham G. Treas., Henry T. Tanner C.E. G. Reg., George Davies G. Sec., Capt. A. Dunbar G.D. of Cers., Henry W. Warmington G. Purs.; Bros. W. J. Donaghey, W. Rosamond Stewards, George Read Tyler.

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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 1483, by W. Bros. Capt. L. W. Taylor W.M., and William Rosamond J.W.

INDUSTRY, 1485, by W. Bros. J. Wilkinson P.M., J. W. Lemarchand S.W., and G. W. Read.

The D.D.G.M. proposed that, the Minutes of the January Communication having been printed and circulated, be taken as read. This was carried. In the course of his address the D.D.G.M. remarked: Since our last Communication H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. visited Lahore, on which occasion he was pleased to receive a small Masonic deputation, and to accept an address and ornamental casket from District Grand Lodge, to which a gracious reply was returned. The Report of the Board of General Purposes shows that Masonry continues to flourish in the Province, and he recommended for acceptance the recommendations of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, and the Report of the Freemasons' Hall Committee.

District Grand Secretary then read the several reports, and the other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed at 9.30.

MASONIC HALL, LAUNCESTON.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

WITH the ceremony usual on such occasions, the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Launceston on Monday. The hall is being built by the brethren of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, who for some years passed have met at Parson's, King's Arms Hotel. Bro. the Rev. J. K. Lethbridge, P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, gave a capital site on the Tavistock-road, and on it Mr. W. Burt, of Launceston, will, under the direction of the architect, Mr. J. Hine F.I.B.A., Plymouth, raise a simple structure in the Italian style to contain a Lodge room, preparation and Tyler's room, dining room, and rooms for the porter in charge. The principal feature of the building will be an external porch. The hall is estimated to cost between £600 and £700, exclusive of the furniture and decoration, and towards this sum the Lodge has collected about £400.

The Lodge was opened at the King's Arms at three, and soon after a procession was formed. The band of the volunteers led, behind it was carried the handsome banner of the Lodge, and the brethren followed in Masonic clothing, the officers bearing the Bible, the articles of the ceremonial, &c. Amongst the brethren present were D. H. W. Horlock W.M., P. F. Simcoe I.P.M., J. P. Trood S.W., C. Parsons J.W., Rev. G. Ross P.P.G.C., Dr. Sedgewick P.G.C.E., Rev. E. S. T. Daunt C. D. Thompson Treas., J. Hawkins P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, E. Trood S.D., J. Kitto J.D., S. Couch P.M. acting as I.G., W. Derry Pearse P.M. P.P.S.G.W., W. T. Parsons P.M. P.P.G.S., P. D. Maddox P.M., W. R. Bray P.M., F. Thorne P.M., H. M. A. Sergeant, J. Short, Rev. W. S. Johns, J. J. G. Moore, Dr. Andrew, and T. Webber (Mayor of Falmouth) "Love and Honour," and J. Rowe, "One and All" (Bodmin). To the quaint tune of "O, who would not be a Freemason?" the procession slowly marched through the ancient south gate, down Exeter-street to the site. The brethren having ranged themselves on the platform round the stone, they were called upon by the W.M. to kneel whilst the Chaplain offered a prayer. The architect then presented the plans and received them again from the W.M., who said the brethren approved them, and asked him to see them carried out with the utmost precision and execution.

The W.M., addressing Bro. the Rev. G. Ross, remarked that the brethren of Dunheved Lodge had unanimously chosen him, as a distinguished brother in the Craft, and also as an old friend of the Lodge, and one who, perhaps, had done more than any for the good of Cornwall, to perform the very important ceremony of the day, which would mark an epoch in the Lodge and be remembered as long as Freemasonry lasted. It was, therefore, his pleasing duty, as W.M., to call upon him to lay a foundation stone upon which it was their intention to raise a superstructure for the carrying out of Masonic rites and the worship of Almighty God.

Bro. the Rev. G. Ross replied that a great compliment and a great honour had been conferred on him by selecting him to perform the interesting ceremony. It was also a very great gratification for him to be so called upon, because it had been his desire, through his long Masonic career, to see every Lodge have its separate dwelling, and thus put to silence those ignorant men who asserted that Freemasonry existed merely for conviviality, and could not exist without being associated with hotels and places of entertainment. Lodges when first formed, were greatly indebted to the proprietors of those places for accommodation, but as soon as they were in a position to do so, Lodges should come forward and build a hall, so that there should be no excuse for the false accusation. On this occasion, by the generosity of a reverend brother, whose absence he regretted, they were able to commence such a work on a beautiful and well adapted site, and the liberality of the brethren had furnished means for the raising on it a useful and ornamental building for the benefit of the Lodge. That Freemasonry had extended itself throughout the world was a matter of notoriety, and that it had the support of loyalty and of the intelligence of England, and of monarchs in distant lands, was a proof that there must be something sound and praiseworthy in it. In England they could boast that the Prince of Wales, their own Duke of Cornwall, was their Grand Master; that as rulers of the Order they could number eminent statesmen, Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and that the House of Commons included many who were proud to be called brothers. Monarchs had not deemed it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, to participate in their ceremonies, and be present at their gatherings. That this support had been extended from time immemorial was the best testimony of the soundness of the principles of the Order. The grand secret of it was the volume of the sacred law—the word of God, on which their foundations were laid, and as long as brethren adhere to its leading characteristics, brotherly love, relief and truth, so long would Freemasonry continue, and would increase more and more.

Directed by Bro. Ross, the W.M., the S.W., and the J.W. tested the stone with square, level, and plumb rule, and reported favourably. Bro. Ross expressing his confidence in their skill in the royal art declared well and truly laid the stone of a building which he hoped would be completed and used in brotherly love, peace and harmony. Advancing to the stone, Bros. Derry, Pearse, and Thompson poured corn, the W.M. oil, and Bro. Simcoe wine, with the customary brief declarations of the symbolism. Bro. Simcoe, as I.P.M., added a few well chosen words congratulating the Lodge on the commencement of a work calculated to have so important an effect on them; and afterwards apologising for the absence of Bro. the Rev. J. K. Lethbridge, said his inability to attend was the only drawback to the cheerfulness and joy felt on the occasion.

The W.M. next presented Bro. Ross with the handsome silver trowel he had used in the ceremony, requesting him whenever he saw it to pray for the success of the Lodge at Launceston and the Craft in general.

Bro. Ross accepted it as a testimony of their kind regard and esteem,

and spoke of the various charitable institutions of the Order—the Schools for boys and girls, the almshouses, and annuities for decayed Freemasons. With prayer by the Chaplain, the ceremony was brought to a conclusion, and the procession reforming, the brethren returned to the Lodge. In the evening the W.M. entertained the brethren at his residence, Ogbear Hall.

GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons in this province was held at Brigg, on Tuesday, 6th inst., under the most brilliant auspices. Soon after twelve o'clock there was a general muster of the brethren at the Corn Exchange. The following Lodges were represented: Nos. 272, 297, 362, 389, 422, 426, 712, 792, 838, 985, 1,010, 1,232, 1,286, 1,294, 1,301, 1,386, 1,511, 1,600, &c. About ten minutes to one o'clock the Provincial Grand Officers were admitted.

The Prov. G.M. was supported on his immediate right by the deservedly popular Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Major W. H. Smyth, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the hymn of invocation chanted, the Prov. Grand Secretary called over the roll of Lodges and Prov. Grand Officers, when it was found that all the Lodges in the Province were more or less strongly represented. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Boston, were then read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M. observing previously, that in accordance with a resolution passed at that meeting a handsomely illuminated address had been forwarded to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him upon his elevation to the dignity of M.W.G.M. of England. A letter acknowledging the receipt of that address had been received by Bro. James Fowler, Mayor of Louth. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Treasurer then submitted his financial statement, which proved that the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge were in a very satisfactory condition.

After the business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been transacted, The Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the jewels being bestowed in the following order:—Bros. Major W. H. Smyth D.P.G.M., W. Pigott, of the Ancholme Lodge, P.G.S.W., F. Watson, of the St. Hugh Lodge, P.G.J.W., the Rev. J. Lowe, of the Lodge of Harmony, P.G.C., C. M. Nesbitt, of the Lindsey Lodge, P.G.T., H. Watson, of the St. Hugh Lodge, P.G.R., F. D. Marsden, of the Lindsey Lodge, P.G.S., J. Sutcliffe, of the St. Alban's Lodge, P.G.S.D., J. Robinson, W.M. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, P.G.J.D., G. Nelson, of the Ancholme Lodge, P.G.D. of C., R. Nicholson, of the Olive Union Lodge, A.P.G.D. of C., W. S. Bladen, of the Yarborough Lodge, P.G.S.B., W. Mason, of the St. Hugh Lodge, P.G.O., J. Queenborough, of the Lodge of Harmony, P.G.P., F. Goodhand, E. Chamberlain, F. Smith and Field P.G. Stewards.

For the comfort and convenience of the brethren who had come from a distance to attend Grand Lodge, a spacious marquee had been erected for the purposes of the banquet, it having been deemed preferable to dining, as usual, indoors. A magnificent tent was obtained from Mr. Fussey, of Hull, and its appearance, when filled by the numerous company, was exceedingly picturesque. The chair was occupied by the R.W. P.G.M., his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, who was supported by the Provincial Officers, and a numerous assembly.

THE DRAMA.

St. James's and "Les Danicheff"—The Prince of Wales's.

AN original and powerful drama, from the pen of a Russian, named Pierre Kronkoffski, is now being performed by the Parisian Odéon company at the St. JAMES'S. *Les Danicheff*, as the piece is entitled, is based on the old Russian institution of serfdom. A Russian aristocrat, named Vladimir, in opposition to the traditions and wish of his family, has fallen in love with a beautiful serf. His mother, horrified at the idea of their marrying, forms a plot to prevent it. Having succeeded in persuading her son to join his regiment at Moscow, she compels the girl to marry her coachman, Ossip. The marriage is solemnized in due form, but the couple having acted under compulsion in the matter, agree to consider it as null and void. Eventually, after a passionate scene between the Countess and Vladimir, who returns to find out the deception that has been practised upon him, the difficulty is overcome by Ossip entering the priesthood, which, it appears, according to Russian law, has the effect of releasing the girl from her vows. The play is admirably performed, Madame Fargueil as the Countess, Madame Pétit as the girl Anna, and M. Marais as the young Vladimir, being especially fine. The French season at St. JAMES'S can hardly fail of being a success.

An important change of cast has taken effect at the THE PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE during the past week. Mrs. Bancroft, the charming and able manageress, has, we regret to say, been too unwell to sustain her character of Mary Netley, in Mr. Robertson's comedy of *Ours*, and her place has been supplied by her sister, Miss Blanche Wilton, a delightful little actress, second only to Mrs. Bancroft herself in the successful assumption of this impersonation. The sudden illness of Miss Ellen Terry, on Tuesday last, occasioned a further alteration in the cast, for Miss Kathleen Irwin, called upon at a few hours' notice to supply Miss Terry's place, appeared that evening in the character of Blanche Haye, and has continued in the part throughout the week. The performance of so important a part at such short notice, without a hitch or a break of any kind, must be regarded as a veritable *tour de force*. Miss Irwin is a charming actress, and her long absence from the London boards is much to be regretted on behalf of London play-goers.

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, 24th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
453—Chigwell, Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Mnswell Hill.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 26th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-square, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 27th JUNE.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Whentsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 28th JUNE.

Festival, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Alexandra Palace.
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.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'.

THURSDAY, 29th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
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.)
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
R. A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull.

FRIDAY, 30th JUNE.

933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 1st JULY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1253—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

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

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

TUESDAY.

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
M. M. 39—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

WEDNESDAY.

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

IRELAND.

MONDAY—178—St. John's, Lisburn.

SCOTLAND.

WEDNESDAY—6—St. John, Old Kilwinning, Caledonian Hotel, Inverness.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 51 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the meetings are at 8 p.m., unless otherwise expressed.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.

TUESDAY—56—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street.

R. A. 67—Cathedral, 24 Struthers-street.

WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill, Glasgow.

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

THURSDAY—324—St. John, Cumnock, Freemasons' Hall, New Cumnock, 7 p.m.
570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY—51—London Kilwinning, Black Bull Inn, New Milns.

153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw, 7.30.

189—St. Bride's, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas.

347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen, 7.30.

R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, 3 p.m.

458—St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby, 6 p.m.

544—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge.

R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, 7 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 19th June, at Bro. Guy's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. Morrison W.M., Hill S.W., Percy J.W., Powell Deputy Secretary, Crawley S.D., Stock J.D., Robinson I.G., Christopher Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Beckett Preceptor, and Hanes. Business—The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, including the traditional history, Bro Stock being the candidate. The sections of the degree were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Stock. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After Monday, the 26th inst., the Lodge will adjourn until the first Monday in September.

Macdonald Mark Masters Lodge, No. 104.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the "Mason's Hall," Coleman-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 17th inst., and was well attended, although several Officers were absent from illness and other unavoidable causes. The Lodge was opened by the W. Bro. Robert Berridge, supported by Bros. T. W. White S.W. and W.M. elect, N. Ritherdon M.O., the V.W. Bro. T. Meggy P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treas., the V.W. Bro. J. Stevens P.G.E.O. and P.M., W. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M., W. P. Collins S.D., N. J. F. Bassett I.G., G. Yaxley D.C., G. W. Verry W.S., J. K. Pitt, W. C. Hale, C. A. Heinmann, H. F. Partridge, W. Johnston, W. Grant, &c. The Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. F. Davison, honoured the Lodge with a visit, accompanied by the W. Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal P.G.D.C., and the W. Bro. James W. Smith, P.M. and P.G.S. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. John Gilbert Edgecombe, of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, who was unanimously approved of for advancement at next meeting, with other candidates already approved. A dispensation from the M.W.G.M. Master was then read, directing the W.M. and P.M. to instal into the chair of A. Bro. C. A. Heinmann, in order that that brother might have power to form a new Lodge in Japan, whither he was about to proceed. The V.W. Bro. Meggy, as Installing Master, in his usual careful and perfect manner, duly Installed Bro. T. W. White as Master of the Lodge, and at the same time gave effect to the commands of the M.W.G.M.M. by conferring the dignity of a W.M. of the Order on Bro. Heinmann. Both newly elevated brethren were saluted according to ancient custom, and good wishes expressed for the safety and prosperity of the intending traveller. The W.M. of the Lodge next appointed his officers in the following order, viz.: Bros. A. Williams S.W., N. Ritherdon J.W., E. Moody M.O., E. Drowett S.O., W. P. Collins J.O., the V.W. Bro. T. Meggy P.M. Treas., F. H. Cozens R.M., the W. Bro. Charles Hammerton P.M. Sec., N. J. F. Bassett S.D., G. Yaxley J.D., G. W. Verry I.G., W. C. Hale Org., J. K. Pitt W.S., J. Close D.C., H. F. Partridge C.S., and W. Grant Tyler. A request from the Provincial Grand Secretary for a nomination of a member of the Lodge for Prov. Grand Office was read, and the choice of the brethren fell on Bro. J. K. Pitt. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having called for the minute book of the Lodge, was pleased to make an entry therein commendatory of the working he had witnessed, and of the admirable manner in which Bro. Meggy had discharged the duties of Installing Master. Dues having been rendered, wages paid, and working plans deposited, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. As a rule we refrain from expressing an opinion on the catering of hotel proprietors, but in this instance it is but common justice to observe that if the dinner then provided is a fair sample of what the new proprietors of "Mason's Hall" intend to set before their customers on like occasions, both the Lodges meeting there and the hosts themselves will have much satisfaction in the result. Moderation in charge, excellence in quality of both viands and wines, attentive service, and regard for comfort are not so frequently displayed that when met with those qualities should remain unnoticed. After the customary toasts and a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated at an early hour, much pleased to know that the contemplated removal of the Lodge to other quarters is now no longer necessary on the score of want of accommodation for Lodge working and subsequent refreshment.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.

Bro. Hollands presiding. There were also present Bros. Geo. Pare S.W., Blackhall J.W., J. K. Pitt Hon. Treasurer, Triggs S.D., Rudderforth J.D., Fenner I.G., Christopher Tyler, E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, and a considerable number of other brethren. The proceedings were conducted with accustomed proficiency. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed by Bro. Hollands in a manner which gave great satisfaction to all present, Bro. Sayer acting as candidate. One of the sections of the degree was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Geo. Pare was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the fifteen sections will be worked at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, 111 Cheapside, on Thursday, the 29th of June, Bro. James Stevens P.M. will preside, and also that the fifteen sections are to be worked at this Lodge on the 5th July, when Bro. Thomas J. Barnes P.M. 933 will take the chair.

Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271.—The June banquet of this Lodge was held on Friday last, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. Gerard Ford W.M., supported by his Wardens, Officers, and several distinguished brethren, among whom were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. E. J. Turner, General Ford, brother of the W.M., &c. The regular business of the Lodge was transacted, and the brethren, 55 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Mutton. The regular Masonic and Loyal toasts were given and duly responded to.

St. George's Lodge, No. 333.—This Lodge held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, 14th June, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Bro. Alex. Thompson R.W.M. opened the Lodge with Bros. James Findley S.M., Jas. Forsyth S.W., R. Anderson J.W., A. Dunn Treasurer, A. McIntyre Secretary, T. Hill J.D., W. G. Hickson Tyler. There was a large attendance of members and visitors; a petition was presented on behalf of a gentleman, and there being no objection, at the request of the Master, his substitute, Bro. Findley, performed the ceremony in most excellent style. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. G. W. Wheeler passed three brethren to the degree of Fellow Craft. The R.W.M. announced his intention of calling an emergency meeting for Saturday, 1st July, that the brethren might be raised before the summer vacation of the Lodge.

The Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.—This Chapter held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, the 21st June, at Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. Present—Comps. Carmichael P.Z. acting as 1st Grand Principal, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 2nd Grand Principal, J. Mitchell 3rd Grand Principal, L. Mackesey G.S.E., Major H. Ramsay 1st G.S., D. Carmichael 2nd G.S., H. J. Shields Z. 143 3rd G.S., James Barker Grand Janitor. Business—Communication from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia about the reception of Comp. Alexander Hay as their representative to the Grand Chapter. Comp. Mackesey presented an interesting communication from the Grand Chapter of Philadelphia; also communications from Chapters 35, 36 and 130. The bye-laws of 139 and 160 were confirmed. Chapter 35 was ordered to be reported on the roll. A charter was granted for Agemem, Lima, to stand as No. 167. An application was received from Gibraltar for a charter, which was remitted to the Grand Committee.

Tyne Lodge, No. 991.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on 8th June, at Freemasons Hall, Willington, Quay-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. John E. Robson P.M. 48 acting S.W., J. Montgomery J.W., Ellison acting S.D., G. Redpath J.D., George Ridley Steward, Wm. Gladstone I.G., Geo. Heslop Tyler, W. Morton Secretary, M. Guthrie P.M. Treasurer. The following, with many distinguished brethren, were present, viz., Bros. G. A. Allan P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland, Nicholas Brown, Wm. Hardie 991. Past Master Bro. Charles Jarvis, occupied the chair of W.M., and initiated three candidates into Freemasonry in a highly creditable manner, and also explained the tools. There will probably be a Royal Arch Chapter attached to this Lodge shortly, in consequence of the very rapid progress Freemasonry is making in the district.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. James Greenfield I.P.M. acting W.M., Margrett S.W., Welch J.W., Ivey P.M. Sec., Stransom Treas., Newman (Steward) acting S.D., Hukins acting J.D., Danks I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Chancellor, Hurley, Egginton. Members—Bros. Wolfe, Bailey, Hawkes, Creed, White. Visitor—Bro. A. M. Yetts W.M. 414. Business—The I.P.M. announced that he had received a letter from the W.M., stating that owing to a pressure of business he was prevented attending the Lodge, and requesting him to conduct the ceremonies on this the last Lodge of the season. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. The acting W.M. stated that Bros. White and Creed were candidates for admission to the 3rd degree, he therefore put the usual questions to them, which were most satisfactorily answered, when they retired to be prepared. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, Bros. White and Creed were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the acting W.M. going through the proceedings in a most complete and satisfactory manner, the candidates appeared to be deeply impressed with the ceremony, which only required the musical accompaniment to render it fully impressive. The Lodge was resumed in the 2nd and 1st degrees, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, Bro. Margrett S.W. was declared to be elected. In returning thanks the S.W. and W.M. elect expressed the hope that the members of the Lodge would not regret the choice

they had made; he hoped, with the assistance of the P.M.'s and a good staff of officers, that he should pass through his year of office as satisfactorily as his predecessors had done. He alluded to the singular coincidence that on that very day ten years he was initiated into Freemasonry, 14th June 1866, he being the last of the four first initiates after the consecration of the Lodge. Bro. Stransom was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hemmings as Tyler. The notice of motion by Bro. Brown P.M., seconded by Bro. Egginton, was the next business on the agenda, "that the sum of £31 10s be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," which was carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was congratulated on being a Vice President of that Institution, to which he felicitously replied. Bro. Chancellor moved, and the W.M. elect seconded, "that a P.M. jewel, of the same value as that of his predecessors, be presented to the W.M. for his services during his year of office," this was carried by acclamation. The Lodge was adjourned till the second Wednesday in October, when the new Master will be installed. The following are the Stewards for the Installation Banquet, Bros. H. W. Ridley, Danks, Ferguson, and Newman.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—A regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 15th June, at the Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Bolton P.M. as W.M., and he was well supported by Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. Brown J.W., J. Wayland Hon. Treas., B. Picking P.M. Hon. Sec., W. Wobster as S.D., W. J. Page J.D., A. W. Fenner as I.G., F. C. Kinneer W.S., R. W. Goddard P.M., and a number of brethren, among whom were the following visitors:—R. Farquharson 99, Sam. Carter P.M. 766, Geo. Parks 157, Thos. Pottinger P.M. 77, Chas. Daniels J.W. 65. In the course of the evening Bros. Canfield and Vinacombe were raised to the third degree, Bro. Legg passed to the second, and Messrs. Chas. Henry Belsey and Arthur Lund were permitted to enter upon their noviciate as members of the ancient craft. Subsequently refreshment, in the shape of a substantial supper, was served, which was partaken of and enjoyed with considerable heartiness. After grace the toasts were speedily disposed of. Great regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of the W.M., and if sincere wishes for recovery have any influence, his restoration to health cannot be far distant. The presiding W.M., in speaking to the toast of the officers, took occasion to remark upon the excellent working and general Masonic abilities of Bro. D. Posener the S.W., who, he trusted, will be unanimously chosen as the future W.M., when the election takes place on their meeting in July. Arrangements are being made upon rather an extensive scale for the summer festival of this Lodge, Broxbourne having been selected as the favourite spot for the occasion, the W.M. hoped to have the pleasure of their society, and he also hoped nothing would intervene to mar anticipated enjoyments. Bros. Carter, Daniels and Farquharson returned thanks for the visitors. The latter brother intimated that he was a member of numerous Lodges; the special favourites, however, were situated at Melbourne and Ceylon. Some excellent songs were sung, one especially, by Bro. Lund, whose magnificent vocal powers were displayed to great advantage, being sustained by the skilful performance on the pianoforte of Bro. Farquharson, one of the visitors, who courteously offered to play the accompaniment. A very agreeable evening came, at length, to a close, the brethren being highly gratified, and the visitors loud in their expressions of hearty thanks for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had been received.

Dundas Lodge, No. 1255.—The annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Amongst the members present were Bros. Charles Godtschalk W.M., P.M.'s W. Boll, T. W. Triplett and S. B. Harvey; Samuel J. Hearle S.W., John Pearce J.W., T. Willis, H. Crimp, Thos. Smith, Pearce, Duggan, Hammond, T. Smith, and a large number of visitors, including R.W. Bro. Metham P.G.D. England, D. Prov. G.M. Devon, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.Wks., R. G. Bird W.M. 1550, J. Fly W.M. 1247, J. P. Rogers J.W. 1550. The ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. S. J. Hearle S.W., was admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Charles Godtschalk, and was a fitting completion to a year's work which has earned for him the honour and esteem of the Lodge over which he has so ably presided. The following officers were appointed:—W. Bro. Godtschalk I.P.M., Bro. John Pearce S.W., Henry J. Ham J.W., W. Bro. W. Bell P.M. Treas., W. Bro. T. B. Harvey P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Sec. and Representative on Committee of Petitions, — Smith S.D., W. H. Crimp J.D., Bro. Temple Willis I.G., Bro. Hammond D.C., Bro. Cann A.D.C., T. Smith Tyler. The Lodge decided upon increasing the initiation fee to seven guineas, and having received and adopted the Treasurer's accounts, adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. J. Watts. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, W. Bro. Godtschalk proposed the health of the R.W. Bro. Huyshe, Prov. G.M., and V.W. Bro. Metham, D. Prov. G.M. In doing so he stated it would be a difficult matter to find a word in the English tongue that had not been over and over again used, and justly used, in praise of our Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Huyshe. The well-known characteristics of that eminent brother, his kindness of heart and benevolent disposition, his zeal and true Masonic spirit, were ever bubbling forth to administer charity of heart in its most substantial form. In this good work he was aided by our worthy D.G.M., Bro. L. P. Metham, who was famed for his quiet yet active benevolence. The active part taken by him in the work of the province, his close connection with its charities, has earned for him the esteem and respect of the entire province. He therefore asked them to join with him in wishing to each of these brethren long life and happiness. V.W. Bro. Metham thanked the brethren for the manner in which their names were always received, and concluded by proposing the health of the W. Master. He had no personal knowledge of him, but was certain that a Lodge always so

careful in selecting their W.M. would be sure to make a wise choice, and that the new W.M. would try at all times to preserve the *prestige* of the Lodge. Bro. Hearle thanked the D. Prov. G.M. for his kindly notice, and the brethren for their confidence, which he would always endeavour to deserve. W. Bro. Gover proposed the health of the Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary were the founders of the Lodge, and had done much in assisting it to attain its present high position. The Past Masters had done their part well and efficiently, while their I.P.M. Bro. Godtschalk had not only done everything which could be expected in the Lodge, and for the Lodge, but had given valuable assistance to the province. He had been instant in season and out of season, and very much of the success of the Devon candidates was due to the zeal, energy and tact displayed by him whilst acting in London as representative for Devonshire. Bro. Charles Godtschalk on rising stated that if he attempted to reply to the toast as given by Bro. J. B. Gover, he should fail. He should leave the P.M.'s, the Secretary and Treasurer to take care of themselves, they being old and experienced Masons. He had, however, undertaken a duty at the request of the Lodge. At the expiration of a pleasurable year of office, this was one of the most gratifying tasks. This was, on behalf of the Lodge, to make a presentation to their esteemed P.M., Bro. Samuel Harvey. In doing so, he stated it was a pleasure to him from the fact of their having worked together in the Lodge, in having passed through the chairs together, he might say cordially and almost hand in hand. In making this presentation he should endeavour to give utterance to a few simple words of truth. They might be feeble, and not what the occasion deserved, yet they would not be mere praise and flattery, but the outspoken sentiments of one who had had ample opportunity of judging the qualifications of a brother who deserved to have those qualifications spoken of in terms far more eloquent than he could hope to use. He felt honoured in being the mouthpiece of the Lodge on this occasion. Bro. Godtschalk then placed on the breast of Bro. S. Harvey an elegant P.M.'s jewel, which was suitably acknowledged. V.W. Bro. Metham, in proposing the last toast, "Our distressed brethren," said it was a very important one. He was glad to be able to congratulate the Lodge of Dundas on what they had already done in the way of charity, and was sure he should not appeal in vain to them to continue in the same course. He particularly advocated the claims of our aged brethren and their widows, at the same time saying that whilst we should always take care of our own household, a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence. He was pleased to learn that the Lodge had recently given liberal sums to what was sometimes called outside the Order, but which was not really so; notably they had supported the South Devon Hospital and the Female Orphan Asylum. A very enjoyable day was spent, several of the brethren contributing appropriate music. Bro. J. Fly, whose talent is widely known and appreciated, gave some choice selections on the cornet.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The regular meeting of this summer Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday 17th. It being election night, there was a strong muster of the brethren; amongst those present whose names we were able to obtain were Bros. H. A. DuBois P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx. W.M., W. Hammond P.G.J.D. &c. Middx. I.P.M., E. Gilbert S.W., C. W. Fox J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middx. P.M. Sec., W. Mitchell acting S.D., J. B. Shackleton acting J.D., J. W. Baldwin I.G., H. Gloster D.C., H. Potter W.S., J. C. Woodrow P.M., D. Steinhauer, J. Greenwood, T. Stone, J. Howe, A. Rolingtron, F. Knight, J. Hernaman, G. S. Streeton, C. Lacop, W. Stanton. Visitors—B. Sharp P.M. Mariners 168, Rev. T. W. Cave Sec. Acacia 1309, R. W. Martin Jordan 201, and E. Beckwith 1423. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. Messrs. W. Blackely and W. T. Trehearne, who had been previously ballotted for, were initiated into the Order. The bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary and agreed to. The next business being to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken, the result being unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. Gilbert, who in well chosen terms thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him, assuring them it would be his earnest endeavour to discharge those duties to their satisfaction. Bros. S. Wickens P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert P.G.T. Tyler. W. Mitchell, W. Stanton, and J. B. Shackleton were appointed Auditors in addition to those provided for in the bye-laws of the Lodge. A notice of motion by Bro. F. Walters, that the sum of five guineas be spent in purchasing a P.M.'s jewel, to be presented to Bro. H. A. DuBois, was met by an amendment from Bro. Gilbert, that the amount be increased to seven guineas, seconded by Bro. Stanton, and carried unanimously. Bro. J. C. Woodrow was nominated for office as A.S., J. Symes as C.S., and G. Short as S. Nothing else offering the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to the third Saturday in July (installation). The brethren afterwards sat down to one of those capital banquets for which this Lodge is so famous. After grace, the W.M. proposed, in rapid succession, the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and our R.W.P.G. Master, Col. Francis Burdett, from whom a letter had been received, expressing his regret at not being able to attend, military duties requiring his presence elsewhere,—and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, the latter being responded to by Bro. Hammond, who also proposed the health of the W.M., complimenting him on the very able and creditable manner he had discharged his duties as W.M., and also on the success that had attended his year of office. In reply, Bro. DuBois said he was not going to make a speech, but on this, the last occasion he would have to address them in that capacity, he felt bound to return them his sincere and heartfelt thanks for their unvarying kindness and courtesy towards him. His success was in a great measure due to their active co-operation, and he hoped the brethren would also support the W.M. elect during his year of office, reminding them that Bro. Gilbert had served nearly every office in the Lodge, and would, he felt certain,

prove to them he was "the right man in the right place;" he would therefore propose the health of the W.M. elect. The toast, we need scarcely say, was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Gilbert hoped he had not been over praised, but he was one of those who thought, if a thing was worth doing at all, it was worth doing well, and as they considered he had done his duty in the minor offices, he hoped he might be enabled to uphold, with their assistance, the dignity of the Lodge, and the proud position they held as one of, if not the largest Lodge in the province. The W.M. next proposed the health of the initiates, which was severally replied to. The next, being that of the Visitors, was very ably responded to, particularly by Bro. Cave. "The Officers" brought the veteran Secretary forward again to reply, who also gave the E.A. song. Bro. Woodrow caused considerable merriment by his excellent rendering of the "Vagabond." The Tyler's toast terminated another very enjoyable meeting at "Happy Hampton."

Felix Lodge, No. 1494.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Saturday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. F. S. Knyvett, Grand Steward, W.M., Edward B. Grabham I.P.M., F. B. Archer S.W. W.M. elect, Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B. acting as J.W., W. G. Moore P.M. S.D., T. S. Archer J.D., E. A. Woolley I.G., G. Hancock P.M., Past Provincial Grand Deacon Somerset, D.C., and the following Visitors—Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer Middlesex, W. R. Pullen, East Medina 175, J. Whitmore, M.D., P.M. Royal Athelstan 19, A. R. Marten, Past Grand Steward, P.M. 58, J. Keates Eden Lodge, Limerick, F. Knyvett 160, H. Thorne P.M. 165, W. W. Aldridge P.M. 165, Thos. Yeo 167, J. Brockett Sorrell P.M. 176, J. Brockett Sorrell jnn. J.W. 176, E. H. Smithett 180, E. G. Fox P.M. 235, T. D. Boulton, Past Grand Steward, 259, T. Wilkinson Secretary 271, H. T. Wendfordesley 442, W. Croucher 534, T. E. Woollard 1293, P. Dickinson S.W. 1293, W. F. Taunton 1385, T. W. Ockenden D.C. 1572. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Several communications from brethren, expressive of regret at not being present, were read. Bro. Sharon Grote Turner (Lodge of Antiquity, No. 21) was elected a joining member. Bros. Getty, Hunter, Twinberrow, and Young-husband were raised to the third degree, by the W.M., after which Bro. Francis Bradley Archer was presented by Bro. Grabham P.M., Provincial Grand Steward Middlesex, to the W.M. for Installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Knyvett W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Archer being installed into the chair, and saluted according to ancient custom, he invested Bros. Knyvett I.P.M., Grabham P.M. Secretary, Berridge Grand Steward S.W., W. G. Moore P.M. J.W., T. S. Archer S.D., E. A. Woolley J.D., J. Melville Curtis I.G., G. Hancock P.M. D.C. There being no further business before the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by Bro. Archer W.M. On the removal of the cloth, grace was beautifully sung by Bros. Sealy, Hunter, and Taunton, and the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., in returning thanks for the Grand officers, congratulated the W.M. upon his present position. It was with sincere pleasure he had witnessed the prosperity of the Lodge under the Masterships of Bros. Grabham and Knyvett, and he had little doubt that it would continue unabated under the rule of the present W.M., who had shown considerable ability and tact even the short time he had occupied the chair. Bro. H. G. Buss, in responding for the Prov. Grand Officers, expressed his regret that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, was not able to be present on this occasion. He was exceedingly gratified on his last visit to find the Lodge in its present state of efficiency, and felt assured that it would still continue to prosper. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Knyvett I.P.M., who spoke of the valued services which Bro. Archer had rendered, and the pleasure it had afforded him to instal into the chair of the Felix Lodge a brother who would continue to maintain the dignity and high position which the Lodge held in the Province of Middlesex. The toast was very enthusiastically received, and Bro. Archer in responding said that he would do his utmost to keep the Lodge in its present state of prosperity, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drank. Bro. A. R. Marten, Past Grand Steward, P.M. 58, responded for the visitors. The toast of the Past Masters, Bros. Grabham and Knyvett, was duly acknowledged by the latter, and that of the Officers by Bro. W. G. Moore P.M. J.W. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. It is due to the musical brethren of the Lodge to say their efforts to please were highly appreciated, and contributed very much to the success of the evening.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. The W.M., Bro. B. Swallow, occupied the chair, Rev. P. M. Holden S.W., — Morrell J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Phillips S.D., Turner J.D., Shand D.C., Hutchinson Steward, W. C. Parsons P.M. I.G., Potter P.M. Tyler, and Bros. Swagman, Gardner, Waugh, Bishop, Willis, Handcock, &c. The Lodge was opened; the business consisted in raising Bros. W. Bonham, Pike, T. C. Bonham, and Riley; Passing Bros. Docker and C. T. Green of Elliot Lodge, No. 1564, and initiating Mr. H. E. Bonham. The various ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered by the W.M., who was ably assisted by the Wardens and Officers. It is in contemplation to limit the number of brethren; with this view, to raise the initiation fee to £12 12s. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicoll. The W.M. presided in his accustomed genial manner, and proposed the usual toasts, which were duly and eloquently responded to. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs and recitations, thus contributing to the enjoyment of the evening.

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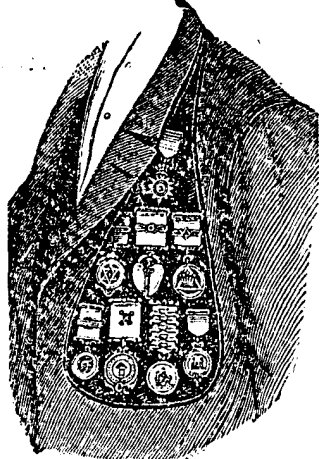
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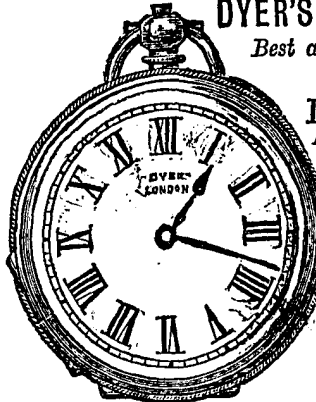
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